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## First Baptist Church Disaster Relief



The First Baptist Church of Gorman has set up a Fire Disaster Relief available for those in need. These items available are: Clothing, Shoes, Food and Water, Sheets, Blankets, Towels, Pillows, Personal Care Products, Cleaning Supplies, Diapers, Formula, Toys, Household Items and much more. We also have a bulletin board listed with larger items such as furniture, tables, beds, appliances and more. These larger items can be delivered. If there is anything that we have not listed that is in need, please let us know and we will get them!! The First Baptist Church has also set up a Fire Relief Fund for the victims of the disaster in Eastland County. If you would like to make a donation please send funds to:

**FIRE RELIEF**

c/o First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 160, Gorman, Tx 76454  
or  
Come by First Baptist Church located at:  
218 W. Ross, Gorman, Tx 76454, (254) 734-2420

## "Seed Money" Planted By American State To Help Firefighters In Stricken Areas



Pictured above are (l to r) - Jim Bruton - ASB - Gorman Branch, Gorman Fire Chief Gene Foster, Robert Ervin, Mayor of Gorman and Billy Don Simpson, Asst. Fire Chief. The Gorman Fire Department mentioned that they are very appreciative of the donations made to them in the past, present and future.

American State Bank, which led a drive one year ago to aid disaster victims halfway around the world, is now moving to help stricken communities here at home.

Wildfires—generated by high winds, high temperatures, and drought conditions—have charred thousands of acres in Texas, with the loss of hundreds of structures and at least three lives. As the flames continue to burn, ASB is planting "seed money" to support the volunteer fire departments in six key communities.

Checks for \$1,000 each will go to those departments in Cisco, Early, Comanche, Gorman, Cross Plains, De Leon and Carbon.

ASB hopes the checks will be just a start toward meeting the region's needs. The bank encourages individuals and organizations to help in any way they can. Contributions may be made at any branch of American State Bank.

## Additional Emergency Assistance for Local Citizens

There is additional assistance being offered to area residents. Karen Pena and Cliffla Vaughn are heading up efforts to provide emergency food needs and additional resources to those affected by the fires.

This includes: all those who lost property, or were affected monetarily by the fire, persons who took off work to fight the fires, people who were evacuated from the affected area.

"This can be long-term assistance and not limited to food," Karen Pena stated. They can put you in contact with other agencies set up to help everyone move through the recovery process.

For more information contact: Karen Pena at 734-4500

Methodist Church at 734-2547  
Cliffla Vaughn at 734-3619

## Relief Efforts For Fire Victims In The Carbon-Kokomo-New Hope Area

There will be a Community Bulletin Board in City Grocery starting this week for those of you who want to donate items to the victims of the fires over the weekend.

The Board will be divided into the following categories:

Furniture; Clothes (broken down into men's, ladies', children's, babies'); Toys; Bedding/bath; Appliances; Kitchen needs (utensils and non-perishable items); Misc.; Real Estate available (either to rent or use for a period of time); Transportation (to help deliver donated items).

There will be 3x5 forms provided at the board. Please use these so that all the vital information is available for the victims that might need your items. You can also submit an item for donation by e-mail to gdc@cctc.net.

There will be an EMERGENCY RELIEF fund set up at American State Bank in the next few days as well. This will be divided among all the families that were affected by the fires.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are a family that was hit by the fires, please be sure you let us know of your specific needs. Let us know your sizes of clothes and shoes, etc. That way, we can help match the donations to specifically meet your needs.

Please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or City Hall at 734-2317 for questions, or other ideas of support. You can also e-mail me at gdc@cctc.net.

## Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc., of Nashville, Tennessee Provides Much Needed Support for Eastland County Wildfire Victims



Disaster Relief for the victims of those affected by recent wildfires may be found at the Gorman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 419 N. Kent in Gorman. On Saturday January 7, a transport load of disaster supplies and materials were furnished and sent by the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee.

All those affected in any way by the fire are urged to come to the hall to receive disaster supplies. All items are new, boxed and labeled. The basic item distributed is a family food and supply box that contains staple items which can sustain a family of four for five days. Those who need supplies are urged to take as many as they need. If they have no room to store them, you may return as often as necessary, or store them in a friends house if necessary. These supplies are sorted by function: i.e., food, bedroom, men's, women's and children's clothes, baby materials of all kinds, toys, cleaning supplies and daily needs.

It has been said in a national newspaper "when this organization's semi arrives into a church parking lot, those that don't know already will soon learn that competent, dependable help has arrived." The people in Gorman found this to be true last Saturday. During its 14 year history, the Nashville based, church supported relief agency has become a welcome and well received fixture at the site of fires, floods, tornadoes and other disasters nationwide. This agency distributed nearly \$11 million dollars of aid in calendar year 2005 and played a major role in the Gulf Coast and Katrina relief effort.

Coordinating relief efforts here is Gene Foster, an elder of the local Church of Christ. When news of the fire went nationwide, Louise Scitern Tinkler of Abilene and native of Gorman, was contacted by friends Kirby and Nell Ball of Thomasville, North Carolina who are supporters of the organization. Immediate response was then given to Gene Foster when he called Nashville to make arrangements for relief for wildfire victims in this area. Since the Churches of Christ are nondenominational, local congregations in and around Tennessee furnish and obtain the supplies and distribution is made through local congregations where disasters occur. This Disaster Relief nonprofit corporation was started in 1989 with the advent of Hurricane Hugo. The ministry was started by two local elders in Nashville and has grown to a nationwide and international operation.



Many thanks to members of the congregation and community for the huge job of off loading the supplies last Saturday. Special thanks to Mr. Shawn Boles and the students of Gorman Schools, to De Leon Church of Christ representatives Jonathan Gilbert and Tresa Gilbert; to Reyes Hernandez, Adelia Martinez and Alfredo Escobar for their valuable help. All churches in Gorman are involved in relief efforts of many kinds and many thanks are extended to representatives of other churches and congregations in town for coming by so relief efforts can be coordinated.

Please help to spread the word that this help is available. Even if your home was not completely destroyed, if you are affected by the fires, please come and get the relief that is here for you. It will help to have this basic help so you can reallocate your resources to make a comeback from this disaster. Friends are urged to come by and pick up supplies for those who are in the process spending their days trying to get their lives back together. The hall will be open all day and numbers are posted on the door if you need to come after hours. Do not hesitate to call day or night!

Carbon Fire Department  
Carbon Community and Area

## AARP Drive Safely Class

Jan. 12 and 13.....12:30 til 4:30 both days

First Baptist Church  
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## Card Of Thanks

Our heartfelt Thank You for Help From hundreds of friends and strangers as we worked to stop the raging grass fire New Year's Day. To each and everyone who came to our aid and helped prevent loss of life and more property damage, please know you are appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you. Please support your Local Fire Department. Let's All Continue To Pray For Rain.

## BENEFIT BAKE SALE

To Benefit Gorman Fire Department  
from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 13th  
at the Whistle Stop in Gorman

## Together Against Drug Abuse Kicks Off

Together Against Drug Abuse kicks off Friday, January 13, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. at the High School Auditorium. Together Against Drug Abuse is a Masonic program to help young students make correct choices when confronted with the temptation to use alcohol, tobacco, prescription or hard drugs. With the help from teachers, parents, law-enforcement officers, local and state community leaders, local masons and Masonic lodges, and the local business community, we can help them fight a program they cannot fight alone.

The program brings leaders from the business community, local law-enforcement officers, local and state leaders and masons together in their communities to help their children, grandchildren and children in their community to give them insight to what happens to them if they make bad choices now and in the future when confronted with the use of these drugs.

The program is designed for students in the fifth grade. Our program is designed to be presented to the students by a uniformed law-enforcement officer in their school and their room. The officer will present the program every week starting the 13th day of January 2006 until the second or third week of May. The instructor's manual has enough material to make about fifteen sessions in the classroom. The lessons are assisted by work problems in the manual and video tapes. Each student will receive his/her own T-shirt with the logo on the front to wear to class the day the officer presents the program. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate with his/her name. The certificate is nice enough to frame and keep and is signed by the officer teaching the class and the school principal.

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, Miers Butane, Rons' Pump Service, Smith's Service Station, T.J. Clark Construction, ZJ's Steakhouse.

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## Proclamation Issued To Protect County Citizens and Property

Eastland County has been ravaged by fire, fueled by high winds and low humidity. The Proclamation was put in place for the protection of the citizens and their property in Eastland County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood. Welding will be permitted if the proper precautions are taken.

1. The individual welding must have a spotter.
2. Two wet extinguishers must be available.
3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
4. Must have water sprayer available for use.
5. Must wet down sufficient area (and rewet as often as necessary).
6. By February 1, 2006, a permit will be required in addition to the above. Details will be forthcoming when the permitting system is in place.

The safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgement if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency, put it off until a later date.

We are in a disaster situation, violators may be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, with a maximum fine of \$500. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cathy Jenitho, Eastland County Clerk

## Household Shower

The Bride of Christ Full Gospel Church is giving a Household Shower to Mike and Tammy Perez, who lost everything in the fire on New Year's Day. Shower is set of January 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the Church. Please call Denver Rainey at 734-5131; Mary Perkins at 893-2672 or Rose Marie Allen at 734-4074 to pickup any items. Thanks

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.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, JANUARY 18TH FROM 9 - 11 A.M.**

**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.

**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.



# KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

My, OH, My, What Can I say? I can't find words to describe what our community, as well as other communities, have gone through since the raging fire came roaring thru on Sunday, January 1. I'm so very thankful that my home didn't burn and my heart breaks for those who lost everything in their homes that burned. There were many barns and out buildings that burned, including mine, and so many acres of coastal fields and pasture land, and some cattle. But praise the Lord there were no deaths or serious injuries that I've heard about. Some just barely got out of the path of the fire in time to escape injury.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone, neighbors, friends, firemen, and perhaps even strangers, that helped us all in so many ways. And a special thanks to those who let us come to their homes to seek shelter until we could return home or find other living arrangements. And we appreciate all who came by or called to offer help and comfort, and for all the prayers that were prayed for us. You will never know just how much that meant to us. When I speak of us, I mean the whole community. I know that everyone is grateful for the help that has been given through the churches in Gorman and Carbon and other churches and agencies and individuals. We know that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46). I believe that God sends his help through those who help each other. Many will have to find new homes so we must continue to offer our help and prayers.

Once again our community is left without a church building due to the fire, but the church (the people) is united in faith and will work together to build a new church house, just as we did when our church burned on December 29, 1969. We had worship service in the home of Bobby and Mary Jane Little on Sunday, January 8. Bro. Frank Shirley of Gorman brought a very timely message assuring us that God's grace is sufficient, and strong faith will bring about God's grace. Woodrow Browning led the singing with Daryl Hirst at the keyboard. There were many testimonies, along with some tears, testifying to God's goodness and our thankfulness that God is with us at all times. Bro. Shirley's wife, Beth, also attended the service.

Following the worship service, there was a discussion period about how to start plans to rebuild the church building with Joe Bond acting as moderator. Ideas and thoughts were presented for us to think about this week. Sunday services on January 15th will be held at the Bobby Little home with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a.m. and worship service at 11:00. I have

not learned who will be bringing the message, but I know it will be a message from God's Word. Visitors are welcome to come and worship with us.

The Community Center burned also, and the Historical 4-H Building was badly damaged.

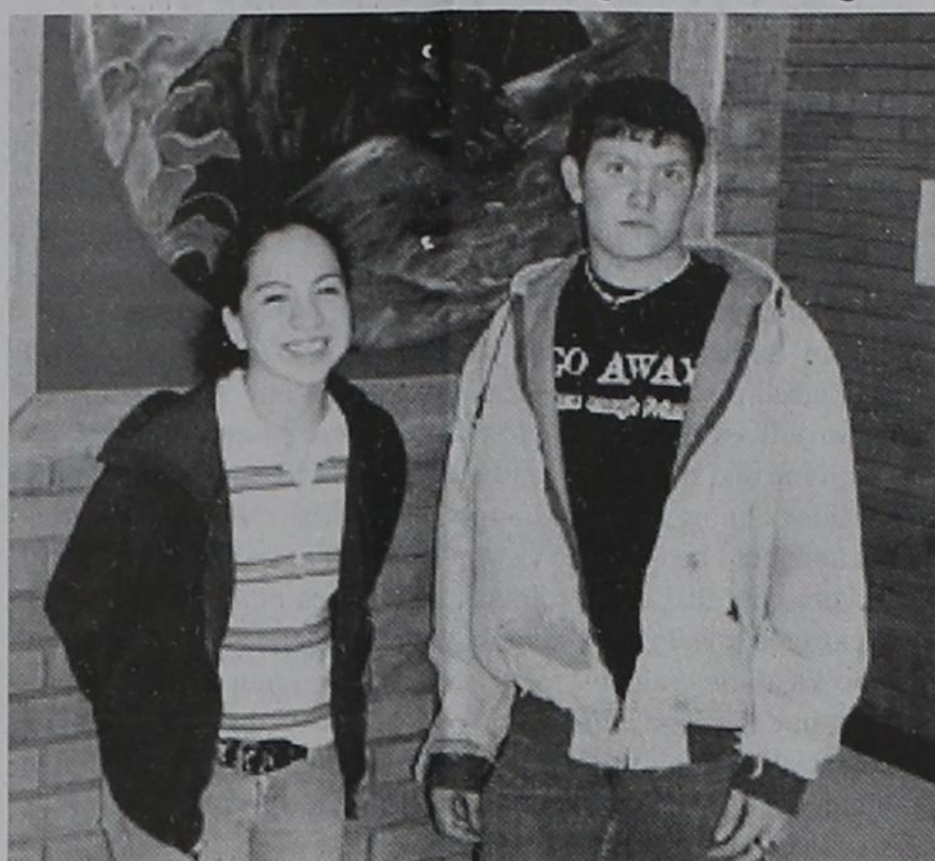
Wordene Wharton Hawthorne died in a fire at her home in Dallas on January 3, 2006. Her funeral was held at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Gorman on Sunday, Jan. 8 with burial at the Simpson Cemetery at Kokomo. A great nephew, Dr. Jimmy Nelson held the funeral service.

Wordene was the daughter of the late Clint and Susie Wharton. She is survived by two sons, Clint Hawthorne of Dallas and Clay Hawthorne and wife, Paula of Athens, three granddaughters and four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, including Betty Strube of Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, Clydie Jordan, Edrie Gothard, Lila Lovell and Faye Crawley, and one brother Garland Wharton.

We extend sincere sympathy to her family.

Dinner on Sunday was served to the family in the home of Larry and Betty Strube, and they wish to express special thanks to the members of the Eastland Church of Christ and to all others who brought food.

## Panther Paw Student Recognition Program



Cecilia Olivares and Chance Underwood are the winners of the Panther Paw student recognition program. They were selected from over 80 students who were chosen by the staff and students for their positive contributions to the school. The prize was \$100.00 for each student in gift certificates purchased from local merchants. Congratulations to Chance and Cecilia for making our school a better place!

## Gifted and Talented Coordinator Needs Nominations

Estimados Padres, Nuestro testamento distrito escolar está dirigiendo un programa para los estudiantes con el potencial en académico y las habilidades del pensamiento creativo-productivas en las calidades K-6 durante el próximo

Gorman ISD  
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(254) 734-2617

año escolar. Cualquier niño en el K-6 que usted cree es un intelectualmente el aprendizaje dotado es elegible ser nombrado. Aquellos nombrados pasarán por un procedimiento de la granza. No debido a las pautas estatales, todos nombraron que los estudiantes reunirán los requisitos de la admisión.

Si usted desea nombrar un niño, por favor haga para que venga a la Oficina Elemental y completando el formulario apropiado. Cualquier nominación debe hacerse antes del 25 de enero de 2006.

Finalmente, por favor sea consciente que si usted o un maestro nombran a su niño, la comprobación especial se necesitará para completar el proceso de identificación.

Atentamente,  
Kristin Matteson  
El Coordinador dotado y Talentoso

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## January Is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Gorman ISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge local trustees' unfailing commitment to our communities and schools.

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, especially in today's climate of change and economic uncertainties. It's a huge responsibility, one which has an effect on virtually every aspect of our schools. In January, we encourage our community to help honor the contributions and dedication of our local school board members. These locally elected citizens, who work without pay, make decisions that influence and direct the education of our youth," said Superintendent David Perry.

"Our board is one of 1,039 district and county school boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of our public schools, meaning that decisions are made by local leaders who understand the community's unique culture, values, and challenges," said Perry.

"Take a moment to thank our local school board members for making the time to share their vision and voice about the future of our children. We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities," he said.

The men and women serving Gorman ISD are Bobby Rich - 14 years, Melinda Harrington - 5 years, Beth Underwood - 5 years, Jeff Seaton - 4 years, Mark Simmons - 3 years, Larry Thompson - 1 year, and Daryl Hirst - 1 year. "It was their unity and desire to work as a team with the superintendent that made me want to come to Gorman", said Mr. Perry.

Mr. Perry said, "Gorman is fortunate to be blessed with such a dedicated board that focuses on the needs of the district and community with every decision they have to make. This group of men and women really love the children and the community they serve and I am proud to be associated with them".

Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-6 during the coming school year. Any child in K-6 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before January 25, 2006.

Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Matteson  
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

## CITY MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2006

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

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:40 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read, with one type-o correction. Tony made a second, motion carried.

Tony made the motion to approve the bills for payment, but to hold off on the Dr. Byrd bill. Joe made a second, motion carried.

Lori Dodd was present on behalf of the EDC. She told the commission that there was a Leon - Bosque grant that could be applied for that would work in conjunction with the Texas Yes! Grant. She briefed the commission on some of the efforts being sought for fire disaster victims.

Mayor Ervin expressed the need to restore at least one of the wells owned by the City. More information must be sought before doing this. There was more discussion about stop signs or blinking lights being installed @ Roberts / Kent streets.

The Commission still stands very firm on the clean-up efforts. And will support the officials enforcing ordinance, and anything that could potentially be a fire hazard.

Glenn Stiem will be attending Certified Pool Operator's certification.

The Commission asked Lori to check and see if a grant could be found to purchase a new siren warning system.

Also Glenn will have the part-time help to start mowing the city lots, and rights of way that need any mowing attention.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Tony, motion carried, time was 7:30 p.m.

## Jessie Calvin McCulley

Jessie Calvin McCulley, 85, of Eastland, Tx passed away on Saturday, January 7, 2006 at Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland, with Dr. T. Shawn Brewer officiating. Burial will be in Eastland City Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland, Tx.

Mr. McCulley was born on May 21, 1920 in Gorman, Texas to Clayborn "Clay" and Ida L. Capters McCulley. He met and married Lorene Hodges on December 29, 1941 in Comanche, Texas. Mr. McCulley served in the United States Army in the infantry as a tech sergeant during WWII. After his discharge they moved to Goldsmith, Tx and Odessa where he played semi-pro baseball and later worked for El Paso Natural Gas starting in the yard and progressed thru the ranks and retired in 1982 as a shift foreman. They moved to Eastland in 1980. He was a member of the Odessa Temyly Baptist Church in Odessa and currently a member of First Baptist in Eastland. He was involved in his son's sports activities including coaching little league baseball, a Boy Scout Leader and he enjoyed woodworking and fishing and was a mentor to many children and young adults.

Mr. McCulley is survived by his wife of 64 years Lorene McCulley of Eastland, sons Timothy McCulley of Cordell, OK, and Jessie D. McCulley of La Porte, Tx.; 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; sisters, Bonnie Overstreet of Petersburg, Tx and Elizabeth Bingham of Gorman, Tx and Fay Perin of Sundown, Tx.

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**\$18,000** + TT&L

**2003 Chevy Suburban 1500 LS**

Summit White w/Gray Int., 4 Sp. Auto, V8, 2WD, PW/L, Tinted Windows, Cruise, 3rd Row Seating, Power Adjustable Pedals, 6 Disc CD, DVD, 35K Miles - Stock #5965A

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**2003 GMC Yukon XL Denali SLT**

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**2005 Chevy Trailblazer LS 4X4**

Silverstone Metallic w/Light Gray Int. 6 cyl., 4 Sp. Auto, Tinted Windows, Bucket Seats, Cruise, Dual Climate Control, Daytime Running Lights, Alarm, Power Heated Mirrors, 13K Miles - Stock #6235

**\$17,995** + TT&L

**2005 Chevy Malibu LS**

Driftwood Metallic w/Neutral Cloth, V6, 4 Sp., Auto, CD, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, 18K Miles - Stock #6236

**\$13,995** + TT&L

**2002 Chevy Tahoe LT**

Red w/Tan Leather, 2WD, V8, Power Front Bucket Seats, Radio w/CD & Cassette, Cruise, PW/L, 78K Miles - Stock #6010A

**\$14,500** + TT&L

**2002 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab**

SLT, Gray w/gray Cloth, 2WD, Radio w/Cassette, Cruise, Tilt, PW/L, Split Bench Seat, Auto, 73K Miles - Stock #6263

**\$11,500** + TT&L

**2000 Chevy 2500 Ext. Cab**

4X4, Pewter w/Gray Cloth, Flatbed, V8, 4 Sp. Auto, Cruise, PW/L, Radio w/CD, Power Seats, Split Bench Seating, 79K Miles - Stock #6215B

**\$14,500** + TT&L

**2005 Ford F150 Reg. Cab**

XL, Green w/Charcoal Cloth, V6, 2WD, 5 Sp. Auto, 5K Miles - Stock #6045A

**\$13,950** + TT&L

**2001 Chevy 1/2 Ton Reg. Cab**

White w/Graphite Cloth, V6, 2WD, 5 Sp. Manual, Radio w/Cassette, Cruise, Rubber Mats, 51K Miles - Stock #6148B

**\$7,995** + TT&L

**2001 Mazda LX**

Black w/Tan Cloth, V6, 4 Sp. Auto, Radio w/CD, Cruise, Tilt, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, 4 Sp. Auto, Radio w/Cassette, 68K Miles - Stock #6114B

**\$11,995** + TT&L

**2000 Chevy 3500 Reg. Cab**

4X4, Single Rear Wheels, Pewter w/ Gray Cloth, V8, Tilt, Cruise, 4 Sp. Auto, Radio w/Cassette, 68K Miles - Stock #6114B

**\$11,995** + TT&L

## RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

January 3, 2006

### Responding to Grass Fires

Instead of remembering Christmas 2005 as a time spent with family celebrating their faith, many residents in the 19th District will only remember this holiday season for the devastating grass fires that raged through the region, destroyed homes, and, in some cases, took the lives of their neighbors.

Last Wednesday, I traveled to Cross Plains to get a first-hand look at some of the damage caused by the fires. I also had the opportunity to speak with residents who were affected by the fires. From what I learned on my tour it is clear that the costs of these fires will prove to be immeasurable for many Texans. I am encouraged, however, by the initial responses by the state government and the local communities who have rallied to help those in need.

Governor Perry has also visited the area. In addition to the emergency declared by the state government, he has also requested a federal emergency declaration for Texas. This would mean additional resources would be available to combat the fires, respond to this disaster, and help families and businesses affected by this emergency. To help this process move along as quickly as possible, I have sent a letter to President Bush supporting Governor Perry's request. In a show of Texas unity, 14 other members of our state's congressional delegation signed on to the letter as well.

These post-Christmas fires are not isolated incidents. High winds and severe drought have created conditions that caused 1,946 fires which consumed 112,319 acres in 2005. And it is a real possibility that more fires could be in store for our area as these conditions persist into 2006. With that in mind, I will continue to work with Governor Perry and my colleagues in Congress to get needed relief to the devastated regions. I also encourage everyone to do what you can to fire-proof your homes. Additionally, this is a good opportunity to take another look at your emergency response plans so that your families know exactly what to do in case of a fire.

When rough times have fallen upon our state in the past, Texans have always come to the aid of their neighbors. The compassionate response to the fires has proven that this community spirit is alive and well, and, once again, we will make it through together.

## CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

### EXPLORATION, DISCOVERY AND AMERICA'S FUTURE

Among the bills that received final approval from Congress in the hours before it adjourned for the year was legislation to authorize continued funding for NASA. It was the first time in five years Congress has spoken so emphatically in support of the vision for the next generation of space exploration and research, including affirmation of the goal to put a permanent base on the moon.

The authorization bill provides a policy blueprint for NASA. I believe it is significant that an overwhelming number of my colleagues in the House of Representatives and the Senate recognized that the pathways of exploration and discovery outlined in the legislation merited their endorsement.

By supporting the bill, Congress has placed a stamp of approval on completion of the International Space Station and on moving forward with the transition to a new generation of crew exploration vehicles. In addition, NASA now has Congressional guidance on its activities related to research, science, education and aeronautics.

But perhaps most important, passage of the legislation -- and the implicit support for the science and engineering expertise contained within it -- may be seen as evidence of Congress' determination to address one of the most important challenges looming in front of our nation.

America's preeminence since World War II has rested upon the bedrock of its economic dominance. Our economy, in turn, has depended upon a continued flow of technological and scientific advances for its strength. Increasingly, the edge that we have enjoyed in such a crucial area is being challenged by other nations. If we do not meet this challenge, not only will NASA's leadership be at risk, but so will America's.

Thankfully, leaders from our political, business, scientific and academic communities are beginning to tackle this problem. The National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine, have created the "Committee on Prospering in the Global Economy of the 21st Century." The committee is expected to soon release the final version of its study "Rising Above the Gathering Storm."

The committee cites a number of what it terms "worrisome indicators" that point to the decline in educational emphasis on science and mathematics. For example, in 2004, China graduated about 500,000 engineers and India 200,000. Here at home, we had only 70,000 such graduates.

U.S. 12th graders have performed below the international average of 21 countries on a test designed to measure general knowledge in mathematics and science. In 2007, for the first time, the most advanced high-energy particle accelerator will not be in the United States. In a prepublication summary, the committee notes that it is "...deeply concerned that the scientific and technical building blocks of our economic leadership are eroding at a time when many other nations are gathering strength." The committee urges our nation to "...prepare with great urgency to preserve its strategic and economic security."

My colleagues and I are ready to act on a number of the recommendations made by the committee. This issue is not political; it is not partisan. There is already emerging in Congress a willingness to embark on a serious effort to ensure that America maintains creative leadership in the world.

We will make an effort to recruit annually 10,000 science and math teachers in middle and high school, offering four year college scholarships as an incentive. New training and education programs will be developed to strengthen the skills of current teachers and additional federal resources will be allocated for research activities in the hard sciences.

I will continue to write about this important initiative as the year progresses. Few policy debates will be more important to our country's security and our children's future. As Chairman of the Space and Science Subcommittee in the Senate, I intend to push for America's leadership and superiority to continue through this century.

## Letter to the Editor

I felt compelled to write a letter to thank all the men and women of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department and the citizens of Gorman in general. As a new member of the community I had only seen a small part of the scope of the generosity and compassion the people in this town have for each other. But after witnessing it first hand the last couple of days, I had to write and say how much all of you have affected our lives. As I stood and watched helplessly as the fires raced toward my home, I watched in amazement as our firefighters constantly placed themselves in harm's way to not only save homes but also to save lives. Then to add to that countless people stopped by to check on me and my family and our welfare. I know most of these people do not know me or my family. I knew there were a lot of good people here but I had no idea to what extent. I am so proud to be part of a community that cares so much about each other and will go to ANY extreme to help out a neighbor. And to Gene and his crew, you have no idea how valuable you are to this community; not only as firemen, but as friends. For all of you who played a part in helping all of us deal with this crisis, I wanted to say thanks. I say this knowing that a mere thank you will never be enough!!

Rick Panter  
Principal  
Gorman High School

## Belinda Segura Selected To Receive A&M Scholarship

Belinda Segura, an English teacher at Gorman HS has been selected to receive a scholarship from Texas A&M University. This scholarship provides the necessary preparation for Mrs. Segura to become certified as an ESL instructor. ESL certification allows a teacher to work with non-English speaking students to improve their English skills and academic performance. Mrs. Segura is a first year teacher at Gorman HS and is also Student Council sponsor.

## Fashion FORECAST

### Cowboy Boots Are Stepping Out In Style

(NAPSA)—If you haven't already noticed, America is having another "Urban Cowboy" fashion moment.

This summer you could see trendy women of all ages stomping down often sweltering city streets in cowboy boots and miniskirts. And, as the weather turned colder, the only thing that changed was that the cowboy boots suddenly had slim-fitting pants tucked inside them.

"Whether your style is Bohemian or you opt for a more classic look," says fashion expert Anne Crays, "cowboy boots meet your needs."

Of course, the boots have come a long way in the 25 years since a very young John Travolta and Debra Winger vied for on-screen bragging rights over who could ride a mechanical bull most provocatively.

Today, even fashion designers like Dolce & Gabbana have joined stalwarts like Justin, Dan Post and Laredo in turning out cowboy boots with everything from classic carvings to painted flowers—along with more utilitarian styles.

Fortunately, finding boots in the size and style you like can be easy with Web sites like Shoebuy.com, which has more than 250 styles for men, women and children.

It also offers free shipping, free returns, a price guarantee and live customer service.

One thing that hasn't changed over time about cowboy boots is the celeb connection. Seen wearing them, on and off screen, lately:

- Jessica Simpson in "Dukes of Hazzard."
- Gwyneth Paltrow in "Proof."
- Kate Moss, Paris Hilton, Mary Kate Olsen and Sienna Miller roaming cities from New York to London.

For more information, visit [www.Shoebuy.com](http://www.Shoebuy.com).



Jessica Simpson is among celebs helping make cowboy boots hot.

## Fire Danger and Civil Emergency Messges

With the warm, dry, and occasionally windy pattern continuing over north Texas, we will see several episodes of increased/critical fire danger over the next week. The first system to affect us will move across late Saturday and Sunday. As with the past several systems, it will pass to our north. Primary impacts, again, will be increased southwesterly winds (sustained around 20 mph with higher gusts), relative humidities from the low 20s over our eastern counties to the lower teens out west, and high temperatures in the upper 70s to lower 80s.

Looking further into the future, a system will move across on Tuesday, but the strongest winds should occur after the front passes. A more powerful system moves across the plains during the day on Thursday and Friday. Winds could be quite strong with this late-week system, but fortunately, humidity values may be a little higher than over this weekend.

With the continued possibility of fires threatening lives and property, today we have instituted a system to use our Civil Emergency Messages (CEM) to help notify people when evacuation orders are issued. The CEMs will be issued at the request and discretion of Emergency Managers, Mayors, County Judges, or their designees. The CEM is the same product we use to broadcast Amber Alert messages, or information concerning major hazardous materials events. Most importantly, the CEM will trigger the tone alarms on NOAA Weather/All Hazards Radio receivers, alerting people to the danger in their county.

The rapid movement of the fires last weekend emphasized the need for preparedness and fast action by those in harm's way (very similar to those in the path of a tornado). This also is a scenario in which the NOAA Weather/All Hazards Radio may play an important role. While we hope this capability is not needed, we will stand ready to assist if the threats and conditions materialize.

If you have any follow up questions, feel free to contact us.

Regards,  
Gary W.  
Gary Woodall <[gary.woodall@noaa.gov](mailto:gary.woodall@noaa.gov)>  
WFO Fort Worth, TX  
National Weather Service

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF \$19.4 MILLION IN GRANTS

TEMPLE, Texas, January 10, 2006 — Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$19.4 million is available to develop value-added agriculture business ventures which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy to support long term solutions to high energy costs in rural Texas.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

"This grant will help agricultural producers become more profitable through value-added agricultural business opportunities," said Daniel. "In addition, priority consideration will be given to those grant applications that have at least 51% of project costs dedicated to activities for a bio-energy project."

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Eligible applicants applying under the renewable energy category must include biodiesel, ethanol or wind energy production, or the use of biomass to generate energy. The maximum award for the planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for the working capital grant is \$300,000. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than March 31, 2006. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant Program and the upcoming regional training seminars, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist at (254) 742-9775.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting the web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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## EDC TALK

There has been so much going on this past week. Friends and family that we love dearly are sifting through rubble to find remnants of their belongings. Some have already had dozers come in and level to re-build; some are still looking at the remains and wondering grievously... what has happened?

The outpouring of the community and the state of Texas has been great. Phone calls and e-mails from hundreds of miles away offering assistance in varying forms. Truly, we have run out of room to store the generosity... and herein lies the problem. We are lacking in storage to house these items until the victims actually know what it is they need. Many are still in shock; many don't know where they are going to be living in the next few days, weeks, or months. How do they know if they need a gas stove or an electric stove? Twin beds or room for a queen? A closet or dresser to store the clothes they have generously been given is going to be needed before they can receive them.

If you are wanting to bless these families, but don't even know where to find them stay patient. The county judge, Red Cross, and others are desperately trying to find everyone, find out their specific needs and gather these folks to one place and visit with them directly. At that point, we can distribute a notice to our community and others concerned with helping of specific needs for specific families.

But if you are wondering about what to donate, if you think of your favorite 'creature comforts', those are the things they will be needing. Small electrical appliances, make-up and curling irons for the ladies, musical instruments... those sorts of things would be greatly appreciated.

God bless every one of you for your sacrificial giving. A smile, a shoveler, and a shovel have been as appreciated as much as any of the above.

## CARD OF THANKS

So many doing so much - one goal - to stop a raging grass fire and thereby prevent loss of life and property. Thankfully, there were no fire-related deaths Sunday and Monday as we continue our fight to control the fire, helping our neighbors and see to the immediate needs of those who lost their homes. Our losses are great - 42 homes gone - over 35,000 acres burned - personal treasures that will be remembered but not touched or seen because now only ashes remain - so many lives changed. Dear God, help us to remember to help each other as recovery and rebuilding begins.

The numbers are astounding - hundreds of fire fighters representing more than 40 departments, combined center and check-point personnel, dozer and grader operators, those who went door-to-door alerting residents of danger - at every turn a helping hand - many times strangers to those being helped - how can we thank so many for so much? The only way we know - help someone - return the favor - donate now to a Fire Department - tomorrow you may suffer your day of devastation.

Helicopters carrying water will forever have a special place in our hearts, but the fire fighters on the ground were truly awesome - our heartfelt appreciation to each of you - God Bless - Please Stay Safe.

John and La Tonne Rodgers  
Carbon, Texas

## Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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It is Monday, January 9, 2006. Last week is behind us and we can all be thankful that the fires appear to be over, though still smoldering in several areas. All of those adversely affected are in the process of dealing with insurance companies and all of the groups that have organized to help them. One thing is certain; we all have a different perspective regarding how vulnerable we are and how much we are not in control.

I read a story about heroes this morning and the people we place on pedestals and call stars. The story referred to movie stars and sports figures; political heavy weights and rich business people. It made me realize how much we take for granted our service men and women serving our country throughout the world in order to protect us and maintain our freedom. It made me think about our policemen and firemen that put their lives on the line for us every single day. It especially made me think about all of the people that pulled together during the wildfires, risking their lives to help others. There is no way that I can list everyone here in this article, but I want to thank you. You know who you are and even if no one has walked up to you and physically thanked you; I want you to know how much you are appreciated, not just by me, but the entire community and beyond. Keep on being heroes, our kids need your good example in which to follow!

While I am on my soapbox about heroes, this is School Board Appreciation Month. These are heroes of another kind with whom I am privileged to serve. They have the awesome responsibility of setting policies at Gorman ISD that will shape the future of our community. Please thank them when you see them for their commitment to the children of Gorman and the community. They are doing a great job!

Report cards are out! If you have not seen your child's report card, please ask them about it or call the school. If your child failed a class or even came close to failing a class, please call their teacher and arrange a conference so that you can work as a team to help your child be successful. All children can succeed!

District Basketball has begun. We play at home this Friday against Eula and Monday against Cross Plains there. Please come out and watch the Panthers compete. These kids work extremely hard and deserve your support.

We have a power lifting meet in the gym Saturday. It will be from 8:00am until around 3:00pm. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget the county stock show next week! There will be no school on the 19th and 20th.

If I missed any event that you would like to have seen covered, please let me know. It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the future.

David K. Perry  
Superintendent  
Gorman I.S.D.

## Forever

*It came upon us with blazing speed  
Giant and flaming spitting smoke and ash  
It enveloped everything within its path.  
Houses crashed, even churches could not escape  
The unquenchable beast that ate up the land.  
Animals fled, some made it to safety,  
Some were left blackened and blind and many fell to the glowing giant.  
So many men put their life on the line, they worked for hours  
To put out the flames, and in many cases they overcame.  
Now after the fire had died, and we look around to see its destruction  
We are sad the land is black, houses lie smoldering, burnt carcasses litter the ground.  
Those who lost homes look around in a daze, wondering what will happen next.  
Those who didn't feel relieved but guilty that they did not suffer the same fate.  
Yet all come together in brotherhood,  
Willing to give all they can to help those who've suffered;  
Churches and businesses open offering clothing and food,  
Cowboys come bringing horses and trailers  
Ready to help find and return wayward cattle  
Yes we are sad, but unbelievably thankful  
God has protected us.  
Miraculously, no lives were lost to the raging beast.  
God has provided the opportunity for us to join as one  
In love and compassion to help one another through these tough times.  
And God is showing through in every one of us  
In the firefighters who risked their lives to save homes and land  
In all who are giving more than they can without a second thought  
In the flowers that still stand in the midst of the black  
In the signs that remain with names of the citizens of Kokomo  
In the center of our small towns, where God is the answer  
And while we mourn, we continue to have faith  
That God will continue to protect us, to watch over us  
And to provide for our every need both today and tomorrow  
And forever.*

Lacy Majors

Lacy Pack Majors is the daughter of Ronnie and Jeane Pack of Carbon, Tx.

## Card Of Thanks

We would like to Express our deepest appreciation to everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness in the passing of our loved one, especially to Dr. Dan and Judy, Heritage Manor, Eastland Memorial Hospital, Church of Christ and Durward Webb.

The Family of  
Georgie Stacy

## SCHOOL MENU

Week of January 12 thru 18

### BREAKFAST

**THURSDAY** - Blueberry or Banana Nut Muffins, Juice or Milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice and Milk.  
**MONDAY** - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice and Milk.  
**TUESDAY** - Breakfast Crispos, Oranges, Juice and Milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk.

### LUNCH

**THURSDAY** - Chicken Pot Pie or Beef Stew, Salad, Crackers, Mixed Fruit, and Milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Hamburgers or Steak Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Pork-N-Beans, Buns, Chips, Mustard and Mayo, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.  
**MONDAY** - Spaghetti or Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Dressing and Milk.  
**TUESDAY** - Enchilada Casserole or Burritos, Chili, Cheese, Refried Beans, Salsa, Peppers, Spanish Rice and Milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Fish or Ham, Pinto Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Cornbread, Tartar Sauce and Milk.

## A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett

### BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."  
(Matthew 5:9)

The authenticity of anyone's claim to be a child of God, someone who truly knows the Lord, is proven through a lifestyle of making peace with folks. Anyone can find fault and cause divisions. But few go out of their way to make peace and find solutions that unite offended parties.

The Bible is very clear about strife and contention: "Where there is jealousy and strife, there is confusion and every evil thing." (James 3:16) Jealousy and strife are the open door to "every evil thing." Though our society may agree on the wickedness of child molesting, murder, or selling drugs, many of us are willing to let strife and jealousy run rampant in our own lives, marriages, churches, and communities with little concern. The Bible says that God desires jealousy, anger and strife to be more problematic than other sins because it opens the door to other sins.

A strife-filled life is an unhappy and unhealthy one. There's a heavy spiritual, emotional, and physical price to pay for allowing strife to exist in one's life. God created us to live in peace. But self-centeredness (a.k.a. "sin") has entered and robbed our lives and our world of the peace that God would give. Sin has made us blind to our own faults and turned us into fault-finders.

Jesus Christ is the world's greatest peacemaker. He came to restore peace between us and God. That's what He did at the Cross where He died. God is now willing to forgive and forget our misdeeds and is willing to let us start afresh on the ground of Christ's sacrifice. This is how God makes peace with us. It's the only way to deeply experience reconciliation with God.

Those who have truly met Christ and have been reconciled in peace to God begin to take on the nature of a peacemaker. Don't claim to be a Christian out of one side of your mouth and be feeding on strife and division out of the other. The Bible will just not support this! If there is someone you refuse to speak to or will not consider reconciliation with, then it would be wise to reexamine the legitimacy of your faith. Trying to justify jealousy and strife is a life of denial. The Bible says that God's children are peacemakers. (Questions or comments? Email dane@txol.net)

## Dublin Square Dance Club Offers Lessons

The Dublin Cloverleafs Square Dance Club will sponsor beginning lessons starting January 17, 2006. The Lessons will be conducted in the Community Building at the Dublin City Park from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights for 16 weeks.

In order to give you an opportunity to see if you like this fun activity, the first two lessons will be free with no obligation. You are not expected to know anything about square dancing. That's what lessons are for, and there will be experienced dancers there to help you learn. It is a fun way to get some good exercise, meet new people, and have a lot of fun in a nonsmoking, alcohol free environment.

The Dublin Cloverleafs are an area wide square dance club with members from Stephenville, Dublin, Comanche, Eastland, Cisco, Brownwood, Meridian, Carbon, and Lipan.

For More Information Call:

Arlene Thompson - 254-442-3805 (Cisco)  
Gerole Harris - 254-639-2301 (Carbon)  
Fred Tucker - 254-629-1956 (Eastland)  
Joann Ragan - 254-445-3816 (Dublin)  
Janis Shuss - 254-968-2028 (Stephenville)  
Ray Piner - 254-435-2240 (Meridian)

## Eastland County Livestock Show Slated January 18-21

The Eastland County Livestock Show is January 18-21, 2006, at the Eastland County Show Grounds on Highway 3101 north of Eastland, Texas. The public is encouraged to attend and support Eastland County's youth. The schedule of events is as follows:

### Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Pen assignments will be posted throughout the livestock barn. Exhibitors are responsible for penning their animals in the appropriate area. Show personnel will be on hand.

Exhibitors wishing to be eligible for showmanship awards must register by 7:00 pm.

All livestock must be weighed in and in its assigned place by 8:00 pm, except rabbits, which must be checked in Friday, January 20, between 10:00 am & Noon. Rabbits should not be brought onto the grounds before Friday morning. Exhibitors may bring their own cages.

### Thursday, January 19, 2006

8:00 am - Beef Cattle  
10:00 am - Dairy Cattle  
11:00 am - Broilers  
1:00 pm - Breeding Swine  
3:00 pm - Market Swine

### Friday, January 20, 2006

8:00 am - Dairy Goats  
9:00 am - Angora Goats  
10:00 am - Breeding Sheep  
11:00 am - Market Lambs  
2:30 pm - Meat Goats (market followed by breeding)

### Saturday, January 21, 2006

9:00 am - Rabbits (market followed immediately by breeding)  
4:00 pm - Buyers Banquet  
6:00 pm - Auction and Presentation of Awards

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers invite the public to our first annual Buyer's Banquet and the special auction. Please help us recognize and reward the hard work of our participants.

Due to safety concerns, the ECLRA has banned all electric heating devices. All other alternative heating sources must be approved by stock show personnel prior to their use. There also will be no hay, straw or similar bedding allowed on the grounds. The ECLRA reserves the right to implement any emergency measures to protect our exhibitors and guests due to safety concerns and the recent fires.

In accordance with ECLRA rules (SAR-3), all exhibitors with an animal in the premium sale must walk through the sale ring with an animal. ECLRA does not provide animals for the sale.

If any exhibitor or parent has any questions, he or she should contact a supervising ag teacher, 4-H leader or county agent.

## -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
January 9, 2006

### Fire Response and Recovery Efforts

The grass fires in Texas continue to be my primary focus. I mentioned last week that I had been to Cross Plains and sent a letter to President Bush urging him to declare an emergency in Texas. Since then, I have spoken with the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) David Paulison to get his perspective on the response and recovery efforts. And I've traveled a second time to Cross Plains and to Carbon in Eastland County as well.

In my conversation with Director Paulison, I was reassured that FEMA understands the urgency of the situation in Texas. FEMA has already provided grants to Texas to pay for firefighting costs, and the agency is currently on the ground assessing the damage from the fires.

On my return trip to the region this week, I was encouraged by response of the local communities and how quickly they are moving forward. I was especially moved by the donations and contributions that have been made to help our fellow Texans in need. It never ceases to amaze me how Texans don't wait for things to happen, they go ahead and make things happen on their own. A perfect example of this generosity can be found in an Eastland County teenager who raised \$2,500 in a bake sale and donated it to local fire victims.

Although progress is undoubtedly being made, the recovery process is far from over. I will continue to work with local officials and the federal government to help the individuals and communities affected by the fires get back on their feet.

### Good News for a Surging Economy

The economic numbers for 2005 are now in, and they tell a remarkable story. The addition of more than 400,000 jobs in November and December brought 2005's total job growth to more than 2 million jobs. Further good news out of the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that shows that the current unemployment rate is 4.9 percent, lower than the average of the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Another indication of a thriving economy is the strength of the stock market, which topped 11,000 for the first time since before the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Since President Bush signed the Jobs and Growth Act into law in May of 2003, more than 4.6 million jobs have been created. Texas has reaped the benefits from our surging economy as well. Over that same time span, 317,000 jobs were added in our state, including 17,300 in November of 2005 alone.

The Department of the Treasury has compiled a graph that shows this 30 month-long surge in jobs. Since pictures can speak a thousand words, I encourage you to follow this link to Treasury's website to take a look at the job growth since May 2003.

### Upcoming Stops in the District

I will be taking advantage of the House being out of session for most of January to make my way across the 19th District. Highlights of my trip include speaking at the West Plains Cotton Conference being held at South Plains College in Levelland on Thursday, January 12 and hosting a Coffee with the Congressman at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring on Monday, January 16 (3:00-4:00 p.m.).

--Randy

Previous Roundups can be found on my website at [http://www.randy.house.gov/newsroom\\_roundup.shtml](http://www.randy.house.gov/newsroom_roundup.shtml)

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### FOOD BANK

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

### Boy Scouts

Meeting Week  
Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.  
Methodist Church

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.

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.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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# Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

## Sin Is No Laughing Matter

Today, few people take sin seriously. It is commonplace for comedians to base their jokes on such sins as infidelity in marriage, homosexuality and drunkenness. Have we heard this type of joking so much that these things have become funny to us? Solomon said, "Fools make a mock at sin..." (Proverbs 14:9).

Sin is not funny, and it is too deadly to joke about. Sin entered the Garden of Eden and separated man from God. Problems, sorrow, suffering and death all come directly or indirectly as its results. One has to have a twisted sense of humor if he can stand by an open grave and laugh; yet sin causes death. To be eternally separated from God in a burning hell is not funny. Neither is sin funny because it brings this just punishment.

Let us remember always the terrible consequences of sin when we are tempted to smile at the wrong things. Perhaps some of us even need to clean up our jokes.

Remember... SIN IS A VERY SHORT WORD BEGINNING A VERY LONG SENTENCE! Sin is no joke!

# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday, January 9th at the Desdemona Community Center (former School Building). Fifteen ladies attended all from Desdemona and one special guest - Macy (age 4), daughter of Jim and Mitzi McGaha of Carbon. The next ladies social will be a Valentine Social on Monday, February 13 at the Desdemona Community Center hosted by Dorothy Roberts. Mark your Calendar and make plans to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Chelsea White celebrated her 18th birthday on Sunday, January 8 with a family meal at the Dublin "Our Place" Cafe. Those attending were her parents, Bruce and Renee White and brother, Cory of Stephenville, Larry and Gay Moore and Shorty Fox, all of Desdemona; Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagan and Scarlett of Stephenville and a friend, Jeremy.

Heather Caddell and son, Cain and Ted Williams of Fort Worth spent the past weekend visiting with her grandmother, Dorothy Roberts.

Evah Sparkman spent a few days this past week in the Stephenville Hospital. She is doing better and was able to attend Church on Sunday.

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth spent New Year's night in Desdemona with his father, Robert Brown. That was a bad night in our area with a fast moving fire coming to our area from the Southwest. Thanks to all of our local firemen and those area firemen who worked day and night to save as much as they could.

Bernard and Ann Keith visited a few days this past week in San Antonio with their daughter, Tami and Bill Sanders and daughter, Robyn.

Anna Brazell visited two weeks recently with her daughter, Elizabeth and David Nichols in Austin for the holidays.

Bernard and Ann Keith visited in Cisco with their friend, Oma Lee Holdridge. She has some heart problems.

Agatha (Genoway) Nance, age 90, of Stephenville passed away at the Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. Services were held on Thursday, January 5, 2006 at the Old Methodist church (Baptist annex) in Desdemona with burial in the Desdemona Cemetery.

She was born November 24, 1915 in Desdemona, Texas to Charles H. and Fannie (Cook) Genoway. She married Morris E. Nance on November 29, 1938 in Desdemona. His father was pastor of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Agatha Lee (Nance) Hendriksen of Wilmington, NC; two sons, Don Nance of Stephenville and Steve Nance of Breckenridge; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Morris Nance in September 1995; son, Charles Nance; two brothers, six sisters and a special niece, Bilye Richards.

Agatha attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1934. Morris graduated with the Class of 1935.

Her parents are early settlers in this area. They owned several acres of land known as the Genoway Addition in Desdemona. Her parents donated the land where the First Baptist Church is built and land for the Methodist Church were they were members for many years. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

## The Choices In Between

Some things of life are not to ponder,  
Give rise to questions or pause to wonder.  
Creation breathed life into thee  
And assured a home in eternity.  
Taxes are surely here to stay.  
Blessed mothers will childhood fears allay,  
Kin are those we cannot choose;  
Friends and sweethearts, we may win or lose.  
An array of choices still remain,  
The bread of life for loss or gain:  
To find a niche among the toils of men  
For daily bread and peace within:  
To live a life in rhythm with nature  
For health, vigor, and life's full measure.  
A life of worth, a lofty goal  
With faith in God and the benevolent soul.  
Choice and chance beget a lifetime mate,  
But the rings adorn the hand of fate.  
When nature's fury crushes young and old  
Or the storms of life unfold,  
And destruction makes the blood run cold;  
Choice, at times, is put on hold.  
Grief is never heaven sent,  
To punish innocence not God's intent.  
But as the fires and storms that forests raze,  
Leaving charred and blackened earth from blaze;  
Soon lush growth and beauty reappear.  
Nature takes and heals through tears and years.  
So life is not a utopian trip  
With never a roadblock nor a dip.  
Should bridges from the past be burned?  
Or serve the traveler for new roads to be learned?  
The choices made on our journey to eternity  
Will prove our worth and integrity.  
We must savor life with zest and valor  
For its fruits to have full flavor.

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The January Birthday party will be January 20, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. There will be resident honored for having January birthday. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Friends and relatives are welcome to come.

Some guests have been George Rodgers, Johnny Hoover of Abilene, Darlene Morris of De Leon, Billy Earl and Frances Simpson, Durward Webb, Larry Stogdill, Billy Don Simpson, Bryan and Robin Simpson, Burgess Simpson, Tami Underwood, Tacy and Madison Warren, Joy Campbell, Eunice Love and Christine Hammontree.

Residents were sad to learn that Joe Collins passed away on December 26, 2005. Joe was the Administrator at the Blackwell Hospital. Heritage Manor sends a "Deep Sympathy" to the Collins family.

Some visitors were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Kelly Johnson of Seminole, Billy Marble, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Mary Jeffs, Frances Warren, Howard and Pat Hagood, Bob, Debbie and Garrett Hagood.

Those going from the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 9:00 were James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker. The lesson was "Live in Love". Biblical Truth, Christians are so intact with love toward all people and react with all situations. Bible Passage Romans 12:9-21. Key Verse Romans 12:9. There were 18 residents attending. A resident led the Closing Prayer. Two guests were present Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some visitors were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, Scott, Heidi Forbes, Michael Forbes of Virginia Beach, Virginia, James and Mary Jesse of Fort Worth, Sylvia and Bubba of De Leon.

Recent guests were Thomas and Vicki Seay, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church

were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond, Kay Snider, Jimmy and Vera Lee Little, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Betty Little and Karen Patterson. All members sang. Special music was rendered by Woodrow and Helen, Karen, Glynda and Jimmy. Specials were "Amazing Grace" and "I'll Fly Away".

Some visitors were Kay Snider, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond and Brent Lasater.

On Friday Ina Smith, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew had BINGO for a large number. They enjoyed breakfast treats.

Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris of De Leon, Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers, Harold and Tody Zink, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger.

On Friday afternoon at 2:30 it was more "BINGO" with Ina Smith, Jason Killebrew and Jason Killebrew.

Some visitors were Clyde and Desha Johnson, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Elmer Morgan, Lynden Morgan and Lavona Morgan of San Antonio, Evora Morgan, Juanita Spence and Nita Jane Cardinal of Little Elm and Joe Beaty of Dallas.

Some guests were Emmery Gale Taylor of Bastrop, Dalton Taylor, Barbara Tucker, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Durward Webb.

Residents were happy to have Karen Guthery come and open the Beauty Shop for hair styling.

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Karen Patterson, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Jeff Killebrew of De Leon.

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'04 Ford Escape	Loaded, XLT, 18K, Warranty \$17,500
'04 Ford Taurus	Loaded, V6, 18K, Warranty \$11,900
'04 Ford F150 Reg. Cab	Auto, V6, 8K, Warranty \$15,500
'04 Ford F150 Crew Cab	4X4, loaded, 17K, Warranty \$26,500
'04 Olds Alero	4 Dr., loaded, 25K, Warranty \$11,500
'04 Pontiac Montana	Loaded, V6, 10K, Warranty \$15,900
2003 • 2003 • 2003	
'03 Chevy Monte Carlo	Loaded, V6, 38K, Warranty \$13,500
'03 Chevy Avalanche	Loaded, V8, 18K, Warranty \$21,900
'03 Chevy Suburban LS	Loaded, cloth, 47K, Warranty \$19,900
'03 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab	Sportside, loaded, V8, 51K, Warranty \$15,500
'03 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	HD, loaded, 34K, Warranty \$21,500
'03 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	4X4, loaded, 25K, Warranty \$19,500
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'01 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	4X4, LT, 149K, Warranty \$13,000
'01 Chevy 2500 X-Cab	6 Spd., V8, 4X4, 57K, Warranty \$17,500
'01 Dodge Neon	SE, auto, 38K, Warranty \$ 7,000
'01 Ford F150 Reg. Cab	4X4, V8, 34K, Warranty \$13,000
'01 Ford F150 Super Crew	4X4, loaded, 101K, Warranty \$14,750
'01 Ford F150 Super Crew	XLT, loaded, 61K, Warranty \$13,900
'01 GMC Sonoma X-Cab	V6, auto, 81K, Warranty \$ 9,750
'01 Mitsubishi Montero Sport	Leather, loaded, 89K, Warranty \$11,500
'01 Mercury Grand Marquis	Leather, loaded, 61K, Warranty \$11,500
2000 • 1999 • 1998 • 1997 • 1995	
'00 Buick LeSabre	Loaded, V6, 59K, Warranty \$ 9,950
'00 Ford Explorer	XLT, loaded, 71K, Warranty \$ 9,500
'99 Ford Conversion Van	Loaded, auto, 79K, Warranty \$ 9,250
'99 Lexus G5 300	Leather, loaded, 71K, Warranty \$16,900
'99 Chevy 3500 Crew	V8, 5 Spd., only 51K, Warranty \$12,500
'99 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab	Leather, 4X4, 120K, Warranty \$ 9,990
'99 Pontiac Montana	Loaded, LS, 55K, Warranty \$ 8,950
'98 Ford Ranger X-Cab	Auto, V6, 90K, Warranty \$ 6,995
'98 Dodge Dakota X-Cab	V6, 5 Spd., 53K, Warranty \$ 6,250
'98 GMC 1500 X-Cab	Leather, loaded, 97K, Warranty \$ 9,000
'97 Olds Aurora	Loaded, leather, 75K, Warrant \$ 6,750
'97 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	4X4, loaded, 90K, Warranty \$ 9,500

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