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(AFTER)EASTER TREASURE HUNT SUNDAY AT 2:30.

Due to Community wide garage sale, track meet, softball, volleyball and baseball, we will have the Treasure Hunt on SUNDAY April 22, at 2:30. City Park Thanks Ina

The Gorman Scouts are planning to have a garage sale to raise money for Relay for Life and Summer Camp. From 8 to 2 at the Methodist Church. We will also be having our Raingutter Regatta Races from 10-12. Please join us for the fun. If you wish to donate items for the garage sale please bring it by 7:30 that morning. For more information contact Lori Lewis 254-592-5158.

"Facing The Giants" To Be Shown At New Hope Baptist

"Facing The Giants" will be shown at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday evening, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Grant Taylor and his high school football team, the Shiloh Express, have never had a winning season. Faced with crises seemingly impossible to be overcome, Coach Taylor is ready to give up. However, his perspective changes after a challenge from an unexpected visitor.

Former NFL coaching great has called "Facing the Giants" a great movie that every family in America should see.

Join us for this truly "family film". Admission is free.

Panther Baseball

District Results as of Monday, April 9th:

- March 6 - vs. Albany 4 - Panthers 2
- March 9 - vs. Baird 6 - Panthers 4
- March 14 - vs. Eula 8 - Panthers 1
- March 12 - vs. May 2 - Panthers 8
- March 20 - vs. De Leon 6 - Panthers 7
- March 23 - vs. Ranger 0 - Panthers 5
- March 28 - vs. Cross Plains 17 - Panthers 7
- April 2 - vs. Albany 2 - Panthers 1
- April 3 - vs. Baird 4 - Panthers 1
- April 6 - vs. May 10 - Panthers 7
- April 9 - vs. Eula 12 - Panthers 1

Coaches Comment: I am real proud of this team and its improvement. There has been a couple of games that we did not play well, but they have never quit.

We have a long way to go but with hard work and the backing of all of you, we will continue to get better.

Rock Bluff Cemetery

The annual cleaning will be Saturday April 21. Come for visiting, lunch, and a short business meeting. Bring chairs, lunch, and tools. Jerry and Wanda are still seeking information for the book about the people of Rock Bluff, so bring any pictures or information you wish to share.

Rock Bluff Cemetery Association
Jerry and Jan Grisham
840 Burleson
DeLeon, Texas 76444

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working is set for Saturday, May 5th. Dinner will be spread on the ground around noon. Bring Basket Lunch and enjoy fellowship. Ice, plates, cups, mapkins and silverware will be furnished by the Cemetery. Make Plans To Attend.

Happy Anniversary
To my little girl
"Cracker Jack"

April is Clean-Up Month

Just a reminder that April is Community Clean-Up month

- Sat April 21 Community Garage Sale
- Sat April 28 Bass Lake Clean up

Curb-side pickup will get all those items that won't fit in the blue polycart. Please do not put paint, tires, or batteries in the curb-side pickup.

The Great State Trash-Off will be all those organizations that committed to a section of Highway. However, if you or someone you know needs to fulfill community service hours, this would qualify!! The same applies to the Bass Lake Cleanup we will be hosting on Saturday April 28.

If you have community service hours you would like to get done, please contact Lori or Jessica at the Gorman EDC at 734-3933 or gedc@cctc.net.

Hope to see YOU there!!

Ranch Rodeo - April 28th
Start Time 6:00 p.m.
Located on Hwy. 8 at Burgess Arena
Contact Marco Herrera at
254-734-4350 for more info.

2007 Gorman Panther Baseball Camp

June 4 thru 7 - Monday thru Thursday at Gorman High School Baseball Parks from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost of the camp is \$30.00 per student.

Camp will cover all phases of baseball with individual instruction. We will also have skills and competitions in each age group. Awards given out 11:00 to 12:00 Thursday (parents be there).

Camp is for kids 6 years old to the this year's 8th Grade Boys.

Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. at Gorman High School Baseball Field on Monday, June 4th.

Camp open to all area baseball players.

Gorman ISD Honor Roll

Honor Roll for Fifth Six Weeks:

FIRST GRADE

A

Trent Fenley, Kade Sparger, Stratton Thompson, Jacob Ervin, Connor Kehl, Danette Lara, and Sara Woodall.

A-B

Jessica Ramirez, Ike Torrez, Kaiden Petree, Isaac Segura, Colin Simmons, Allie Grumbles, Dianna Rainey, Zakary Snider, Colton Wheeler.

SECOND GRADE

A

Izrael Herrera, Talee Jones, Mayra Ramirez, Bradi Campbell, Sydney Casey, Kayce Dodd, Ricardo Olvera, Samuel Rainey, Carissa Cole and Katalina Landa.

A-B

Shawn Reyna, Dayanna Palacios, Kestan Pierce, Kendle Coan, Audriana Segura, Jonatan Rivas, Alex Rainey and Dylan Walton.

THIRD GRADE

A

Kourtney Seaton, Turner Whitten, Rylan Laminack, Jose Maldonado and Kodie Sparger.

A-B

Alfredo Montelongo, Yulissa Madera, Arlette Giles, Alexia Madera, Asahel Garcia, Ethan May, Cassidy Tolan, Garet Vaughn, Whitney Bryant, Hunter Childers and Kathryn Woodall.

FOURTH GRADE

A

Cheyenne Gibbs, Jacquelyn Rainey, Lauren Spivey and Lacey Wilson.

A-B

Mariela Sanchez, Chloe Cole, Britany Burns, Russell Morrison, Jarimma Silva, Madison Warren, Maty West, T. J. Trevino and Adriana Blair.

FIFTH GRADE

A

Melissa Ramirez, Zachary Carlton and Kinsey Johnston.

A-B

Connie Gonzales, Jessica Ledford, Haven Johnson, Rasha Rainey and Fabian Garcia.

SIXTH GRADE

A

Austin Marlow, Luis Limon, Sergio Garcia and Rachel Tucker.

A-B

Mario Silva, Tyson Underwood, Jenna Bullock, Skyler Henderson, BJ Ramirez, Jasmeen Ibarra, Viridiana Maldonado and Brandon Velasquez.

SEVENTH GRADE

A

Chelsea Griffin, McKinzie Osborne, Stetson Thompson and A. J. Vaughn.

A-B

Maria Garcia, Carlie Jackson, Raven Kehl, Karla Lara, Ally Little, Erica Madera, Cortney Shirley and J. C. Whitten.

EIGHTH GRADE

A

Jaime Johnston

A-B

Brice Campbell, Cecilia Olivares, Abigail Pacheco, Maria Raygoza, Stephanie Risueno and Steven Singleton.

NINTH GRADE

A

Chance Bryant, Erica Limon and

Both Panthers and Lady Panthers Qualify For Regionals

In just a little over a week the Gorman Panthers will be sending fifteen athletes to the Regional Track and Field Meet in Abilene. These fifteen athletes will be competing this Friday in a Qualifiers Meet in Glen Rose. This meet is basically a practice meet in preparation for the upcoming regional meet in Abilene. The seven girls all qualified this past week in the Area Meet in Graham. Brandy Carlton a junior qualified in three events. She took a First Place in the High Jump and 800 Meter Run. Brandy also will compete in the girls 1600 Meter Relay. Audrey Johnston qualified in the girls Triple Jump with a Third Place finish. She took second in the 200 Meter Dash. Audrey qualified in four events with to great legs on both the 400 M Relay and the 1600 Relay as well. Nicole Cogburn will be in the 100 Meter Dash. Cogburn will also run the second leg on the Spring Relay. Tecia Jones a junior will be running on both relays, the Sprint and the Mile Relay. Megan Lewis finished second in the 100 Hurdles and finished 4th in the 300 Hurdles. After what appeared to be a sure 2nd place finish in the 300 race Megan clipped the final hurdle and went down hard. Lewis showed great heart and got up off the track and dove across the finish line to capture the last qualifiers spot. Mary Powell will go to Regionals for her third straight year in the 3200 Meter run. The 3200 will be one of the toughest areas to qualify for state with several of the top runners in the state from this Region. Senior Crystal Thackerson did not make it out in the 3200 but has done a very good job running one of the legs on the Mile Relay.

The Panthers qualified seven last week and have another going as an alternate. Zack Fox and Tyson Swanner will both be competing in the Triple Jump. Fox finished 3rd and sophomore Swanner fourth. Fox will also run legs on the 800 Relay and Mile Relay for the Panthers. Senior Reji Sanchez will be on both relays. Sanchez ran an impressive leg on 800 Relay. Senior David Ibarra will be running the first leg on the 800 relay. Tony Perez has competed on the Sprint and 800 Relay but has been experiencing muscle pulls in his quads and will probably be an alternate for the Qualifiers Meet in Glen Rose this week. Hopefully he will be ready to go for the Regional Meet next week in Abilene. Junior Matt Underwood has qualified in both the 800 Relay and the Mile Relay. Underwood on his second leg in the Mile Relay ran an impressive backstretch this past week in Graham. Orlando Valenzuela a junior will be competing for a spot on both the relays. The top four will be running the relays in both events and two other sprinters will be listed as alternates. If you get a chance please come out and support these young men and women as they represent Gorman school and community.



Karan Kirk and Donna Grissom and Lisa Laminack

The kindergarten class opened the awards ceremony for the 5th six weeks by saying the Pledges to both the American and Texas flags as well as singing the National Anthem and Texas Our Texas. Congratulations for a job well done!



Eric Ryon.

A-B

Brittany Henderson, Laura Herrera, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado, Praxedis Raygoza, Kimberly Seaton, Cole Underwood and Brenda Velasquez.

TENTH GRADE

A

Marsela Gonzales

A-B

Sonia Hipolito, Jordan Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Lindsey

Laminack, Emily Lewis, Valeria Longoria, Jordan Perry, Martin Ramirez, Angelia Silva, Tyson Swanner, Matt Underwood, Perla Velasquez, April Voyles and Veronica Walton.

ELEVENTH GRADE

A

Ashley Burkeen, Brandy Carlton, Jimmie Murphy and Nancy Velasquez.

A-B

Maria Cruz, Nicole Cogburn, Zack Fox, Ydrira Garcia, Reba Granado,

Brandon Greer, Carlos Gutierrez, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis, Mary Powell, Christen Ranson and Trey Underwood.

TWELFTH GRADE

A

Kristy Carlton, K' Ann Howard and Brittany Shirley.

A-B

Josh Cox, Rosa Herrera, Brenda Olivares, Pete Ramirez, Amanda Regian, Reji Sanchez, Natasha Sherman, Crystal Thackerson, Nicole Vaughn and Mindy Voyles.

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2007 --- STARTS AT 8 AM

Maps will be available at Bob's and City Grocery

To register your garage sale, call Jessica Lara or Lori Dodd at 734-3933. Deadline to get on the map is NOON FRIDAY APRIL 20.

Obituary

Ira Tom Frasier

Ira Tom Frasier, 92, cherished father, grandfather, and great grandfather left this world to enter his heavenly home with his Lord and Savior, Saturday morning, April 14, 2007.

Ira Frasier was born in Duster, Texas on December 28, 1914 to Thomas Elijah and Emma Frasier. He married Byrl Dene White on April 6, 1944, who preceded him in death on August 19, 1993. Ira Frasier was a member of the First Baptist Church of De Leon where he was a deacon.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 17th at the First Baptist Church in De Leon, with burial following at the De Leon Cemetery. Officiating with the service was Bro. Tom Satterwhite and Bro. Kenneth Wilson.

He is survived by one son, Sam Frasier and wife Carolyn of De Leon, three daughters, Sharon Iley and husband Richard of Stephenville, Judy Morgan and husband Larry of Waco, and Patricia Frasier of De Leon, and one sister Etta Crow of El Paso.

Ira Frasier is preceded in death by four brothers Irvin Frasier, Norval Frasier, Calvin Frasier, Arthur Frasier, and two sisters, Minnie Ledford and Grace Sexton.

He is survived by six grandchildren, Jeanne Gstatenbauer, Keith Morgan, Jason Frasier, Jennifer Leonhart, Gary Iley, and Chad Iley. He is also survived by five great grandchildren, Jarrod Gstatenbauer, Cassidy Gstatenbauer, Jace Morgan, Emma Winton and Aidan Frasier.

Memorials may be made to the De Leon First Baptist Church, or the Brian K. Iley Memorial Scholarship Fund at Tarleton State University. Ira Tom Frasier was preceded in death by a grandson Brian Iley.

Serving as pallbearers were Keith Morgan, Jason Frasier, Gary Iley, Chad Iley, Billy Leonhart and Jarrod Gstatenbauer. Honorary pallbearers were deacons and members of the Loyalty Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church.

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VFW Post 4136 To Hold Fundraiser Dinner

The VFW Post 4136 of Eastland will be holding a Fundraiser Dinner from 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21st to raise general funds for repairs on the VFW Building and some construction.

This is an invitation to veterans, their friends and family and to the public. This event will be by donation only. The meal will consist of hamburgers, link sausage and side dishes. Please make plans to attend.

Larry Monroe, Commander - VFW Post 4136, Eastland, TX

Thank You

Thurman Jay and his family would like to thank everyone who helped Thurman celebrate his 80th birthday. He was overwhelmed by the turnout of over 100 friends and family. Thanks to all who attended the party, sent a card, called or brought a gift. Thurman received over 100 cards in the mail in addition to the ones he received at the party. You are all very special to Thurman and the family. And

Thank You

We want to thank each person for the kindness you showed our family when we lost George. Our hearts are broken, but with God's help we will mend. May God Bless Each One of You.

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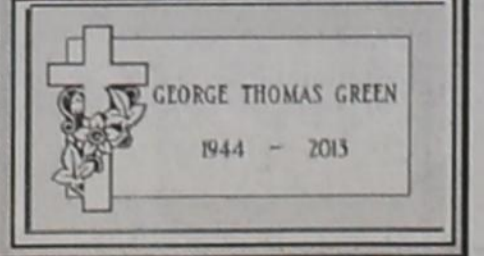
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• 184A, 2-1 frame home, 6 waterwells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll irrigation systems, 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in coastal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. [JK01] \$524,920
• 100 A, w/4,961 sq. ft.(CAD) 5-4 1/2 2-story brick home, fireplaces, game room, office, 2-car garage, 2-car carport, underground sprinkler, swimming pool, deck w/hot tub, 2 ponds, pipe corals, pecan & oak trees. [RS01] \$850,000
• 70A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, metal roof, carport, fireplace, approx. 14 acres pecan orchard, both sides of Leon River, coastal, 2 reservoirs, 4 wells, 3 bams, pipe corals, equipment, hunting. [BC01] \$396,500
• 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, bams [LP01] \$250,000
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• 600 ± A, 2 wells, 7 tanks, approx. 26A in cultivation, coastal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$1,795 Per Acre
• 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, good fences & cross fences. minerals available [CW01] \$950,000
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• 158 A, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, well, coastal, native, cover for deer and turkey hunting, all weather roads, minerals. approx. 4 miles from Dublin [CS01] \$395,000
• 155 ± A, 3 waterwells, 3 stock tanks, approx. 90 A cover, rest in native pasture [MC02] \$427,075
• 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [LO01] \$442,500
• 140 A, recreational, cattle, or horse, creek running thru, waterwells, good fences, hunting deer, turkey, hogs, some farm eq. available, minerals negotiable, possible owner financing. [CSK01] \$350,000
• 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on, 9 wells, tractors, shaker, other equipment. [REMO1] \$326,000
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Happenings At First Baptist Church

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Annie Armstrong special missions offering reached around \$1,050. Still have \$450 to reach our goal. We still need volunteers for VBS. Time to order materials. Sunday night Bro. Wall is doing a series on "Home Sweet Home".

Sunday Sermon was "A Lasting Memorial" 1 Cor. 11:23-24 Plan of Salvation

1. Every Man and Woman is a sinner in deed of God's love and grace.
2. God has made it possible for you to have a full and happy life through Jesus.

3. You must repent and ask for forgiveness and give Him your heart. The Lord's Supper

1. Meaning to the Early Christians
 - a) Most powerful symbol of Christian Faith
2. A Sign of Friendship
 - a) Pledge of Support to Each Other
 - b) Pledge of Friendship
3. A New Covenant
 - a) Ratify A Treaty
 - b) Exodus 24.11
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Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Cemetery Association will have the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 21st at the First Baptist Church Annex. Business Meeting to begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the noon meal at 12:00. The meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the Association. Bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert and plan to stay for the noon meal.

Thanks to the Ladies in our Community that donate food each month for the Senior Citizens Dance and the Country and Western Musical at the Community Center School Building. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

Virgil Holdman, Jr. and son, Trey of Fredricksburg visited the past weekend with Virgil and Jo Holdman. They always enjoy coming back "Home" for a visit.

Thought for today - "Learning by experience often is painful - and the more it hurts, the more you learn."

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of David Lewis, 45, of Gorman. Burial was on Tuesday, April 10 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Teresa Lewis of Gorman, his children and step children; his parents, Manford and Ruth (Sharp) Lewis of Desdemona; four brothers, Melvin Lewis, Alan Lewis, Rocky Lewis and Bit Lewis. This reporter did not have enough information (last week) to write about this accident, etc. My apology for being late with this news.

Albert Holdman spent the past weekend visiting in Dallas with friends and family.

Remember the sick and shut-ins in our Community with your cards and prayers.

~ Roses ~

All roses symbolize love and their colors have special meanings. The rose chart below will help you choose the best shade to match your feelings:

- "RED" - Represents love, passion, respect and courage
- "YELLOW" - Represents joy, friendship and freedom.
- "PINK" - Represents happiness, gratitude, appreciation and admiration.
- "CREAM" - Represents thoughtfulness, charm and graciousness.
- "ORANGE" - Represents admiration, fascination, enthusiasm and desire.
- "WHITE" - Represents innocence, purity, secrecy and reverence.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. You help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnice.

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Sunday, April 29th has been designated as high attendance day in Sunday School at the Kokomo Baptist Church. If you don't attend Sunday School elsewhere, you have a cordial invitation to come and be with us in Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. and then remain for the worship service at 11:00. I believe you will receive a blessing. Our high attendance record is 94 set several years ago, and we would sure like to set a new record. Won't you come and worship with us.

Sunday, April 15 was another great day at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Bro. Jim Haggard's message was from John 12:20-26, 2 Timothy 1:7-8 and Hebrews 10:24-26 on Sacrifice. Our sin had to be paid for by a sacrifice, and Jesus Christ was the ultimate sacrifice for us. We should be willing to sacrifice for him in our Christian commitment, and be willing to lay our life on the line for Him. We need to look at our relationship to God as love, and let God do a work in us. The Holy Spirit leads, directs and guides us. We should love the Lord with all our heart and serve Him with happiness. The special music "Had It Not Been" was beautifully rendered by the choir directed by Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Those in the choir were: Crystal Snider, Bobbi Haggard, Kay Snider, Karen Patterson, Aletha Burgess, Sylvia Buchanan, Helen Browning, Ann Warren, Bro. Jim Haggard, Jimmy Little, and Joe Bond. Visitors were Jack and Pat Carter of Gorman, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson, Joe and Ann Koonce of Lake Leon, and Michael and Susie Hampton, Chance, Mykesha and Larria.

Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday night was from 1 Kings 17:1-4, 9-10 about Elijah being fed by the ravens. God had a plan for Elijah and God has a plan for us if we will go where he tells us to go and do what he tells us to do and then we would be in the center of His will. The special music "I'd Rather Have Jesus" was beautifully rendered by Bobbi Haggard, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning and Billy Joe Dennis, with Glynda Bond at the piano. Visitors were Billy Joe and Betty Dennis, Alton Stiles, David Arlett, and Jimmy and Maggie Nelson.

Circle Saturday, May 5th, on your calendar. That is the day for the annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association meeting. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the Kokomo Community Center. A covered dish lunch will follow. Bring your favorite food and visit and enjoy fellowship with friends and neighbors.

Glynda Bond visited from Thursday until Saturday in Copperas Cove with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond. Joe Bond met them in Goldthwaite on Saturday evening for a visit and for Glynda to return home.

Norma Webb went to Sweetwater on Friday for a visit with cousins, Janet and Gary Setliff. Norma and Janet went to cemeteries in Lubbock and Lorenzo on Friday to visit graves of family members. They enjoyed dinner at Abuelos in Lubbock before returning to Sweetwater. Norma returned home on Saturday.

LaVon Snider visited recently with Belinda and Belle Segura; Dianne and Sandra Snider; Kathy, Dale, Matt and Scott Collum; Gene and Kay Snider; Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider; ed and Charlotte Snider; Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin, and Kyann Wheat. LaVon meet Dwayne and Connie snider of Stephenville one evening in De Leon at Hwy 6 Cafe for dinner. Those visiting with LaVon were Dan and Justin Snider, Ted and Charlotte Snider.

Kelly Buchanan of West Columbia spent Thursday night with his mother, Sylvia Buchanan. They also visited with Nancy Hendricks. Daisy Slaton and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy on Sunday afternoon.

A thunderstorm came through the community on Friday with high winds and heavy rain for a few minutes, but no hail as far as I know. I received .3 of an inch of rain.

Gorman City Commission Unapproved Minutes

APRIL 5, 2007

The Gorman Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez, Don Underwood, and Nathan Files. Others present were Glenn Scitern, Curtis Gilder, Bill Barrentine, Lori Dodd, and Billy Carson, three representatives from Rapid Cable and approximately eight citizens.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Charlie made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The Commission met with Glenn, Curtis, and Bill. Certain matters had been brought to the Commissions attention and they felt they should be addressed.

No one other than a City Employee is to use any City Equipment. A formal policy will be adopted.

Glenn and the Commission discussed several street repair issues that must be addressed soon. Numerous citizens had reported several concerns about some of the City streets. These will be addressed and tended to ASAP. Base and patching material will be ordered.

Nathan brought up the need to purchase another dump truck.

Another MAJOR issue is dogs. There are entirely too many dogs running loose.

The residents are really tired of neighboring dogs in their yards, tearing up their trash, killing their cats, etc. Citations will be written to owners with dogs proven to be theirs. Although there is no animal control officer efforts will be made to get rid of roaming dogs and stray dogs.

As stated at the last meeting, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Koerner, and Mr. Elmore came back to meet with the Commission and the citizens about the cable quality and reception. Mr. Stratton said a fix would be in place by April 20, 2007. This will enable better service for the Dallas-Ft Worth and Abilene channels. This will however create a 5% increase plus a \$1 charge effective May 1, 2007. For example the Basic \$19.95 will be \$20.95 + \$1 = \$21.95 plus all applicable taxes.

The citizens which were present seemed to be in acceptance with the solution. Mr. Stratton will be in town again on April 20, 2007.

Due to complaints of extreme noise, Barbara requested that the City consider adopting a "NO JAKE BRAKE" Ordinance. Tacy had a copy of Rising Star's ordinance, but it was decided to adopt a more specific ordinance.

There being no further business for discussion Charlie made the motion to adjourn with a second from Don. Motion carried. Time was 6:55 p.m.

Operation Homefront Conducts A Cell Phone & Inkjet Cartridge Recycling Fundraiser

Please donate your used cell phones and inkjet cartridges to help raise funds for the Texas chapter of Operation Homefront. Your donation may be tax deductible.

If improperly disposed of, a single cell phone can pollute up to 132,000 liters of drinking water with toxic chemicals like arsenic and lead. Through this fundraiser, cell phones and inkjet cartridges will be refurbished or recycled according to EPA guidelines.

All donations to benefit the Texas chapter of Operation Homefront

What: Used cell phone and inkjet cartridge collection

When: - March 23, 2007 to May 4, 2007 at drop locations
- ArtWalk, April 12, 2007 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Where: - Drop locations- Citibank 5257 Buffalo Gap Road Abilene, Texas 79606

- Hardin-Simmons University Moody Center, Facilities office Rm. 101, 2200 Hickory Street Abilene, Texas 79698 (325)670-1327

- ArtWalk, Cypress Street, downtown Abilene, Texas 79601 (Receive a free car magnet when you donate at ArtWalk)

To arrange an interview with a spokesperson or for more information about the cell phone and inkjet cartridge recycling fundraiser, please contact Kelly Montrose at 325-690-1142 or kelly.montrose@sbcglobal.net.

Neugebauer Concludes Successful West Texas Farm Bill Tour

Abilene, TX - Congressman Randy Neugebauer, who sits on the House Agriculture Committee, concluded his three-day swing through the 19th District to get feedback on farm policy. Neugebauer believes these forums were successful, and he will take the views of West Texas producers back to Washington for the upcoming negotiations on the 2007 Farm Bill.

"The current Farm Bill has worked very well for producers in the 19th District," said Neugebauer. "The message I heard during the past three days was that Congress should keep in place many of the programs that have provided a safety net for American agriculture. This input will prove very helpful to me as I work to represent the views of local agriculture during 2007 Farm Bill discussions."

The three-day tour included stops in Plainview, Seminole, and Abilene. In all, more than 300 people attended the forums. A range of topics were addressed, but perhaps the most often cited issue was the proposal by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make farmers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$200,000 ineligible for commodity payments. Such a shift would represent a drastic change from current policy. Neugebauer believes this would be bad policy and opposes its inclusion in the 2007 Farm Bill.

"As American producers face increased input costs and increased foreign competition, the federal government should not be putting in place policies that penalize efficiency and growth," said Neugebauer. "As we craft agriculture policy, we should be strengthening the farm safety net, not cutting holes in it."

Many of the provisions of the current Farm Bill begin to expire in September. The House Agriculture Committee has set an ambitious goal of completing its version of the 2007 Farm Bill by mid-Summer so that the final bill can be put in place by September.

Top Motivational Speaker to Address Hispanic Students and College Recruiters in Brownwood

Chicago- The United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI), a Chicago-based national organization, announced today that nationally-renown motivational speaker, Jimmy Cabrera, will address its 2nd annual Career Day/College Recruitment Fair in Brownwood. The Houston-based speaker is a member of the National Speakers Association. The 4,000-member association has conferred its own Certified Speaking Professionals (CSP) designation on less than 7% of its members, and Jimmy Cabrera is one who has earned the association's most prestigious designation.

In making the announcement, USHLI president and former Brownwood resident, Dr. Juan Andrade, said, "Jimmy Cabrera is truly an American treasure. As a public speaker he is arguably one of the top stars in his industry, and one of the top five professional speakers of Hispanic descent in the nation. Every presentation he gives is Jimmy's unique blend of motivation and education. We are honored and fortunate to be able to bring him to Brownwood to address the hundreds of Hispanic students and parents who will be attending our Career Day/College Recruitment Fair."

The 2nd annual USHLI Career Day/College Recruitment Fair will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m., with the program starting at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, at the Brownwood Coliseum. The event is open to Hispanics and non-Hispanics as well. Andrade said, "While we place heavy emphasis on Hispanic students and their parents, we encourage all students who are interested in securing a better future to attend." There is no charge for admission, lunch will be provided, and 15 scholarships will be awarded. The event is sponsored by Texas Bank.

Junior high and high school students are expected from throughout the Central West Texas region, including Bangs, Santa Anna, Coleman, Ballinger, Paint Rock, Winters, Cross Plains, Early, May, Rising Star, Stamford, Hamlin, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Gorman, Blanket, Comanche, DeLeon, Stephenville, Gustine, Hamilton, Dublin, Zephyr, Mullin, Goldthwaite, Star, Lampasas, San Saba, Richland Springs, Rochelle, Brady, and Brownwood.

Vocational and technical schools and colleges invited to send recruiters include: Tarleton State, Cisco Junior College, Ranger Junior College, Hardin Simmons, McMurray, Howard Payne, Angelo State, Howard College, Temple College, Weatherford College, Abilene Christian, Western Texas College, Central Texas College, McLennan County Community College, Texas State Technical College-Waco, and Texas State Technical College-Brownwood.

For more information contact USHLI at 1-(800) 959-5151, or www.ushli.org.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

I have always been told that if you hear thunder in February that it will freeze on that same date in April. I also thought that you would not have a freeze after the Mesquite's leaf. Well, this year the Mesquites were fooled and so was I. It is not so strange that we have had this cold weather in April, but it is strange to have one day freeze and the next day over 70 degrees. I'd hate to be a weather man, wouldn't you? Well, hopefully the cold weather is gone and we will have a nice Spring now that we can enjoy.

Our ball teams were batting 500 last week. Both the girl's and the boy's lost to Eula, but they shut De Leon out winning both games. The boys won 16-3 and the girl's won 14-12 after Christy Carlton hit a grand slam home run. See what you miss sitting on that couch.

That's not the only thing you miss when you stay at home on that couch or in that lazy-boy. The student's performed their One-Act Play Thursday night and it was a lot of fun. I guarantee that there was nothing on T.V. that was any better.

We publicize the times and dates of student activities to give the parents and general public an opportunity to see their children perform. It may be in a play or in a ball game or running a race, but regardless of the activity these students deserve your support. These kids are the future of your town and will be the ones in control of things within just a few years. All of you folks over fifty know how fast that time goes by so I suggest you invest some of it on the children of this community. Hope to see you at the next game!

The Area Track Meet in Graham last week went very well for the Panthers advancing thirteen tracksters to Regional competition to be held in Abilene on Friday, April 27th and Saturday April 28th. Preliminaries will be on Friday and finals on Saturday. The Track Team will compete in a Regional Qualifier's Meet in Glen Rose on Friday at 4:00pm.

Our band also competed last week. Sight reading competition took place in Plano. Our band received on two and three threes from the judges. Our band is steadily improving under the direction of Mr. John Howard. He and the band have been working very hard this year. I look forward to their continued improvement and success.

If your child is taking a TAKS Test this week, please keep them well fed and well rested. It does make a difference on how well they perform on the test. Please encourage them to take the test seriously and to do their very best. Thanks!

Important dates to remember:

4/17 TAKS 7-8-10 Math

4/18 Exit Math

4/19 TAKS 8-10-Exit Level Science 9-Math

4/20 8-10-Exit Level Social Studies

Track Regional Qualifiers Meet Breckenridge

4/21 Prom

Baseball and Softball @ Ranger 10:00am

4/23 JH VB @ Eastland 4:30

4/24 BB Here 5:00

Judging contest

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

Another Drug Defendant Sentenced To Prison

Eric Francisca Hutcherson, 37, formerly of Ft. Worth, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (15) fifteen year sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, more than one gram but less than four grams. This offense is a third degree felony but because Hutcherson had previously been convicted of a felony, the Eastland County Criminal District Attorney's Office enhanced the offense in order to add more confinement time. Hutcherson was apprehended on July 24, 2005 by a Department of Public Safety State Trooper on Interstate 20 in Eastland County.

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Hutcherson to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County on April 9, 2007.

Defense Attorney Chad Edgington of Eastland represented Hutcherson.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

CRAFT SHOW! It is finally time for the first annual Craft Show at the new Desdemona Activity Center! We at the DAC are very excited about this event as we love craft shows, garage sales and shopping in general. Hope you do to. Please come and see what we have. If you haven't rented a booth yet and still want to, please call one of these numbers: Area Code 254: 758-2610, 758-2420, 758-2548 or 758-2522. We have a large, air-conditioned building and we can still fit you in. The show will be this Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21st from 9:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. or until everyone leaves!

On a sad note, I understand that there was a horrible wreck in the area last Sunday. I don't know the details, but understand that, sadly, David Lewis of Desdemona lost his life. And Kelsey and Kristen Menzel, also of Desdemona, were injured. While Kristen suffered minor injuries, Kelsey had extensive injuries. She was flown to a Fort Worth hospital where she is recovering. Our prayers go out to these two families.

Hope to see you at the Craft Show!

Carol Pell

Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We gathered together for our weekly lunch at 11:30 on Wednesday the 11th of April. There were 31 in attendance, good to see that many out on a nice day. Judd Maxfield gave the blessing of the food for us all. Barbara Bush called us to order.

It was nice to have Annie Fay Foster back, we missed her last week. We need you Annie to ring that bell to get our attention. The problem is some of us keep on talking, HA!

Sorry to hear June Dossey had to have surgery on her shoulder again. It's never any fun, hope this time works. We did send her a card to lift her spirits.

Good to see Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn. Always nice to have them with us. They do brighten our day. Hope they continue to visit more often. Also good to see Russell Cordell, Anna Rush's son. We hadn't seen him in awhile.

I saw Delores Tucker at the ballgame in De Leon. She looked good, still holding her own during treatment. We had a most miserable game, it was so cold last Saturday the 14th. I've never seen such a cold spring for baseball, than last fall it was too hot for football. We won the games, girls and boys.

We had a good crowd of 31 at our supper in Desdemona at Boomtown Cafe. We all enjoyed ourselves with good food. The pie was delicious, really a treat! Thanks a lot Barbara for all. Glad we went on Thursday the 12th as Friday the 13th wouldn't be good.

After we arrived back in Gorman several played games at the Center. Daisy Slaton and I went to the One Act Play at the School. We enjoyed, but they must speak louder, we missed many words. I know the kids can talk loud, so remember next year.

We were sorry to hear of Wynogene Smith's sister passing. Wynogene is so good to help in the kitchen. She also makes us those delicious rolls and pies. We do miss her when not here.

Hope all is well - see you next week.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

EASTLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY

The Eastland County Livestock Field Day is scheduled for April 19, 2007, 5:30 p.m. at the Texas Cattle Exchange on I-20 in Olden. Registration and meal begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Eastland County Pasture To Packer Awards will be at 6:00 p.m. and the program at 6:30 p.m.

Topics and speakers are as follows:

Herd Replacements and Cattle Breeding Dr. Steve Hammack, Livestock Specialist Texas Cooperative Extension, Stephenville

Cow/Calf Nutrition & Health Dr. Ron Gill, Livestock Specialist Texas Cooperative Extension, Stephenville

Mineral Supplementation & Fly Control Dr. John Regmund, ADM Alliance Nutrition

Importance of Pasture Weed Control Gerald Hobson, DuPont Chemical

Two (2) CEU's will be given to private applicators with license. Please pre-register by April 13th by calling Texas Cooperative Extension Office at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Office to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Sponsors for this program are: Texas Cattle Exchange, Eastland County AgTexas, ADM Alliance/Moorman's, DuPont Chemical, American State Bank - Gorman, Farley Farm Supply - DeLeon, Farmers and Merchants Bank - Eastland and Gorman Milling.

If you need more information or clarification of any program, please call Dale Dunlap at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222.

Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
April 16, 2007

Tax Day

Tax day is here again. As you reflect on your 2006 tax bill, realize that there are many in Congress who believe what you paid is not enough. Despite a record level of tax revenue taken in by the federal government last year, the House recently approved a budget blueprint that paves the way for a \$393 billion tax hike. I voted against this blueprint because I believe American workers and businesses are taxed enough. Instead of raising taxes, the federal government should focus more of its attention on using the tax dollars it does collect in a wiser, more efficient manner.

Farm Bill Forum Recap

My three-day Farm Bill tour through the district ended last week, and I it was a success. More than 300 people attended the forums and I received valuable input on what the future of farm policy should look like in America. Several topics were brought up, but one issue received the most attention. This issue is the proposal by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make farmers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$200,000 ineligible for commodity payments. Such a shift would represent a drastic change from current policy. Because the current Farm Bill has been a success both for agriculture and for taxpayers, I see no need for any such drastic changes. Hearing how changes like this would affect 19th District farms will prove very helpful to me as I work to represent the views of local agriculture during 2007 Farm Bill discussions.

Roundtable Discussions on Education

In addition to the Farm Bill Forums, I was also able to meet with educators across the district last week to discuss education issues, including the No Child Left Behind law. This law is up for renewal this year and the purpose of these roundtable discussions was to learn how this law has impacted students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to do their jobs.

These discussions turned out to be very fruitful, and I was encouraged to see the passion that our educators have for their students and their profession. One main point that I heard was that testing should not be the end goal. Rather, testing should be a tool that helps us achieve the end goal of preparing students for life after high school. Secondly, I heard from educators that flexibility in teaching and testing is vital as each community has different needs and different circumstances.

On a broader note, as we set

Wildfire Preparedness Begins At Home: Are You Ready?

Spring is the perfect time to do yard work, and while doing so, take the steps to improve the chance of your home surviving a wildfire. Texas Forest Service wants to remind citizens that "Wildfire Awareness Begins at Home," which is the theme of Texas' Spring Wildfire Awareness that begins March 24 and runs through the month of April.

The 2005-2006 fire season in Texas was not only record-breaking, but also devastating to many Texans and entire communities. Wildfires blackened 2.26 million acres, destroyed 734 homes and took the lives of 19 people. Of more than 29,000 wildfires reported in Texas, 85 percent of the large fires occurred within two miles of a community.

"Homeowners have the power to greatly increase their homes' chance of surviving a wildfire," said Texas Forest Service Director Jim Hull. "What

you plant, where you place your plants and how you maintain the landscaping can determine whether a wildfire reaches your home, and simple improvements on your home can significantly decrease its ignitability."

While doing spring gardening and yard work, do a quick survey of your property. Does wildfire have a direct path to your home? Create a break in the vegetation with a sidewalk, rock path, French drain, driveway or other non-flammable path to slow the spread of a wildfire. Are flammable plants creating a ladder to the eaves of the home? Do firefighters have enough room around your home (at least 30 feet) to safely protect it? Did you take time to remove leaves and needles from your roof and gutters? For more tips, log on to <http://texasforestservicetamu.edu> or www.firewise.org.

"Homes and lives do not have to be lost to wildfire," Hull said. "Texans can be proactive by ensuring they've done everything possible to make their home safe from wildfire."

Communities and neighborhoods can work together to address wildfire concerns by becoming a Firewise Communities/USA (information available at www.firewise.org) or by implementing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The Texas Legislature is considering the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan (TWPP), which would provide funding for additional firefighting resources across the state. With the funding from TWPP, Texas Forest Service will create 15 Wildfire Protection Regions that will house wildland firefighters who will be responsible for fire prevention, structure protection, wildfire risk reduction, vegetation modification, and fire department training. These centers will be the pivotal bases for equipment pre-positioning to reduce response times to fires. To learn more about TWPP, log on to <http://tfsnews.tamu.edu>.

education policy, the federal government should remember that a college education is not the only road to success in America. For many, college is the right choice. For others, trade studies and vocational training are better fits. Either way, government policies should facilitate educational success, not dictate which road to success a student chooses to take.

Latest From the Newsroom... Click on the following links to read my latest news releases: Neugebauer Concludes Successful West Texas Farm Bill Tour

--Randy

Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

This is National Volunteers Week. We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers in anyway at Heritage Manor. As a volunteer at Heritage Manor you work wonders! Maybe you think what you do is no big deal. But it is! When you volunteer you make life easier for everyone, with a smile, a hug, an encouraging word, or a helping hand. More often than you know, you ease stress, boost confidence, restore hope and nurture dreams. Your caring makes a difference. Thank you from the Residents and Staff of Heritage Manor. If you are not a volunteer at Heritage Manor, but would like to be one, come by and visit with me and I will show you how you can help.

Speaking of volunteers, Dannis Lozano of Dublin came last Thursday and started us on making our wooden ballpoint pens. Dannis volunteers at the Dublin Nursing Home 3 days a week and has agreed to come on Thursdays to teach us. He is looking for someone to take over for him when he get us started. Would you be interested?

Jeff Smith of Eastland came and visited his grandmother, Jelma Smith.

Visiting with Ima Boles were Carolyn Little, Betty Little, and Jimmy and Verna Lee Little. James Norris of Eastland visited his Mother, Imogene Norris.

Visiting Troy Scitern were Louise Tinkler of Abilene, Jimmy and Vera Lee Little, and Johnny Scitern.

Visiting with Lavona were Jerry Majors and Ronnie Ryon.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Helen and Woodrow Browning, Freddie Rodgers, Louise Smart and James and Beverly Morris of Levelland.

Visiting with Jewel Snider were Maudie and Bill Moll and Peggy and Bobby Ingram all of Cisco.

Until next week-Ina

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

WHEAT FREEZE UPDATE

As of April 10, 2006, there are a lot of unanswered questions regarding the freeze damage to the state-wide wheat crop.

Can I assess the freeze damage to my wheat crop right now?

Despite the pressure to immediately evaluate the impact of the freeze damage to wheat crop, freeze damage to wheat can not be accurately assessed until 6-9 days after the freeze occurred. Therefore, management decisions should be deferred until an accurate assessment of the damage can be made.

How will this freeze impact the Texas wheat crop?

The impact of these freezing temperatures on wheat yield loss is dependent on several factors, including the low temperature, duration of low temperature, and crop growth stage. Wheat is the most susceptible to freeze injury during the flowering stage, where 32 degrees F can sterilize some or all of wheat flowers. The next most susceptible growth stage is at heading and at early grain fill, when the wheat plant can handle temperatures down to 30 degrees F. It usually takes 26-28 degrees F temperatures to damage wheat in the boot stage. The big question is how long did it stay this cold in the actual wheat canopy. The wheat canopy temperature, at least for a little while, will stay warmer than the air temperature. For additional information on the identifying wheat freeze injury symptoms you can go to <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/wheat/docs/mime-4.pdf>

Can the wheat crop compensate for some freeze damage?

If temperatures dropped below the critical level for the growth stage, some yield loss should be expected. However, wheat is a very resilient crop and has some degree of ability to compensate for adverse conditions, such as freeze damage. The level of compensation will be dependent on numerous factors including the growing conditions (moisture and temperature) for the remainder of the season, adequate fertility, and disease pressure.

How to assess the freeze damage.

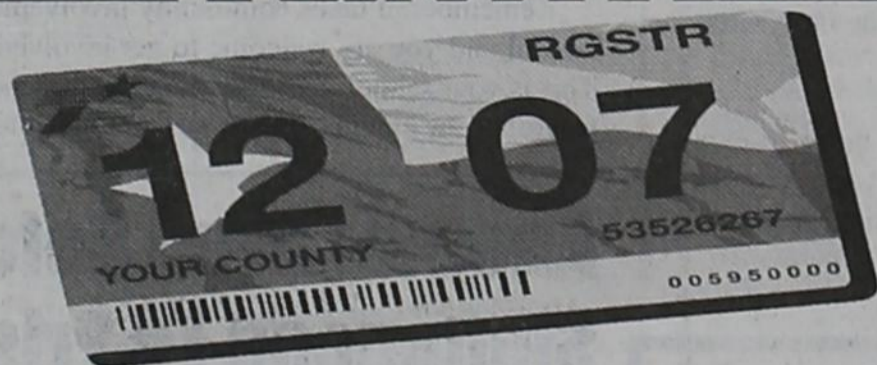
Remember, the diagnosis is only as good as the samples collected and evaluated. So, representative samples for the various growth stages should be collected from numerous areas within a field.

If wheat was in the jointing or early-boot stage, the stem should be sliced open to look for the immature wheat heads. The wheat head should be just above the last node (joint) and hollow part of the stem. If the wheat head and/or the flag-leaf is brownish or has a water soaked appearance, then that tiller will not produce grain. Usually this tiller will quit growing, but many stay green for several weeks.

If the wheat is heading or flowering, the flower parts will need to be inspected for damage. Healthy female flower parts (stigma) will have a feather appearance and should be a rich white color. The male flower parts (anthers) will be a light green to yellow depending on the flowering stage. Any off-color or water-soaking appearance of the stigma or anther, means that wheat seed will not develop. Also, remember that the wheat flowers from the middle of the head outward to the ends. So, depending on the portion of the head that was flowering at time of the freeze, there may be blanks in only a portion of the head.

This information was obtained from Texas A&M University wheat specialists. If you have any questions, contact the Eastland County Extension Agent, Dale Dunlap, at 629-1093 or 629-2222.

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