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## Three Positions Available On Gorman School Board

THREE positions will come open for the May 12, 2007 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Bobby Rich, Melinda Harrington, and Beth Underwood. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 12, 2007. Deadline for filing will be March 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours. Incumbents, Beth Underwood and Melinda Harrington have filed for a place on the ballot.

## New Hope Baptist Church To Celebrate 100 Years

The New Hope Baptist Church of Gorman, Texas will be holding an 100th Anniversary Gathering on Sunday, June 24, 2007. We are hoping you will be able to come for this special event. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

## GSTC 2007 Expresses Thanks

G.S.T.C. 2007 would like to give a big thanks to everyone that came out and supported our fundraiser. They would like to give a special thanks to the people and businesses that contributed their time and money.

The following people and businesses include: *David Perry, Coach Talbert, Coach Graham, Jackie Gutierrez, Howard Cox, Coach Duke, Lisa Laminack, Danny Burgess, City Grocery, Hair Shoppe, Veronica Seaton, Panda's Flower Shop, Maribel Garcia and Freda Johnson.*

Contestants included: Corey Clark - Miss Cinderella; Seth Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Chance Underwood, Josh Cox, Daniel Shirley, Matthew Smith, Brian Greer and Matthew Cogburn.

## Heritage Manor Pie Fair

We would like to thank each and everyone who took time to make and pie and enter it in our Great American Pie Fair here at Heritage Manor. We had 15 entries. Residents served as judges. Pies were judged on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the best.

Winners were:

ICE BOX PIES Grade School Division. Tie for 1st place between Kayce Dodd (Black Forest Pie) and Kourtney Seaton (Lemonade Pie) both of these young ladies scored a perfect 10 from the judges. The judges did not know that these pies were made by 8 and 9 year old girls until after the judging... Way to go girls!. Guys you better latch on to these 2 good cooks.

ICE BOX PIES: Adult Division

1st Lori Dodd (Sugar Free Butterscotch Caramel Pie)

2nd Billie Marble (Strawberry)

3rd Jessica Lara (Lemon Snow)

4th Ina Smith (3 layer pie)

FRIED PIES: 1st Betty Kidd (Apricot)

CREAM: 1st Kathy Ervin (Lemon Cream)

MISCELLANEOUS: 1st Lori Dodd (Almond Joy Pie)

CHESS: 1st Jeanna Pack (Coconut Chess) 2nd Betty Little (Pineapple Coconut Chess) 3rd Ora Lee Lawrence (Corn Meal Chess)

FRUIT: 1st Vicky Petty (Apricot) 2nd Billie Marble (Cherry) 3rd Betty Kidd (Raisin Pecan)

By the time the judges were finished on one wanted any supper or desert.

I would like to thank Billie Marble and Betty Kidd for helping me cut and set up the Pie Fair and Bro. Barry for adding up the scores for us. Of course he was WELL paid as he also got to sample the pies. We had several people come by for pie and coffee following the fair. The pies that were left were served as desert to all the residents.

Thank you again for making our 1st Pie Fair a Success.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**LIBRARY** — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open every Monday thru Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 starting September 2nd.

**SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST FROM 9 - NOON**

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

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

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

## FOOD BANK

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

## Boy Scouts

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

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

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

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

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

## Rev. Tom and Dr. Teresa Stamman To Speak At Bride of Christ February 18th

Rev. Tom and Dr. Teresa Stamman to speak at Bride of Christ Church on February 18 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. They have ministered in over 1000 churches since 1986. In that time they have prophetically prayed for over 100,000 people, bringing God's Love and Healing Power to persons of all denominations, ages, and backgrounds. Through the preaching of the word and personal prophetic prayer, God confirms His Love toward mankind with supernatural miracles. Everyone welcome to attend.

Pastor Rainey

## Notice to the Public:

This is to notify you that we have been having several vehicles broken into. Please do not leave your keys or any personal items in your vehicle. These things have been taken.

This is also a reminder to Parents of non-licensed drivers: we have been getting a lot of complaints. This means that the Parent and the non-licensed driver will receive a ticket, if the non-licensed driver is stopped. The Gorman Police Dept.

## Created By A School Teacher: Airborne® Launches Teacher Trust Fund - Local School Districts

De Leon, Tx (Grassroots Newswire) February 13, 2007 – With more school districts struggling to keep programs in arts and music alive, the nation's leading herbal product in the cough and cold aisle, announced today that it will provide some much-needed relief.

Airborne, Inc. has established the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund, a non-profit charitable corporation, to fund art and music programs in elementary and middle schools that are in jeopardy of being lost due to budgetary limitations:

- De Leon School District
- Gorman School District
- May School District
- Rising Star School District
- Sidney School District

According to USA Today, TX is spending \$6,145 on art and music programs per pupil, which is below the national average of \$6,835.00.

The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is the vision of Victoria Knight-McDowell, a former second-grade teacher and creator of Airborne Health Formula. Victoria's goal with the initiative is to help other teachers get their dreams and ambitions off the ground.

"With budgets becoming tighter each year, schools are faced with the difficult decision of having to cut vital programs," says Knight-McDowell. "The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is meant to fill the gap and keep our youth engaged and inspired, so they can live full and rewarding lives."

According to the 2006 Center for Education Policy, 71 percent of the nation's 15,000 school districts have reduced time spent on subjects such as art, social studies and history since 2002.

"It's frightening to think of a world in which children are not exposed to the arts in any meaningful way," says Elise Donahue, Airborne CEO. "As corporations and individuals it is up to us to make sure we're investing in the future of our country."

Donahue said that the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is beginning with an investment of \$250,000. Grants ranging from \$200 to \$10,000 will be awarded to teachers to implement programs during the 2006-2007 school year.

The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund will initially be offered to teachers from public and private schools in California, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts and Missouri. Each quarter additional states will become eligible until the program is rolled out nationally.

Application information is available via the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund Web site — [www.airbornetrust.com](http://www.airbornetrust.com).

## CITY OF GORMAN MAY GENERAL ELECTION

The City of Gorman May General election will be held May 12, 2007. Commissioner Nathan Files Place 1 and Commissioner Don Underwood Place 3 terms will expire.

The first day to file application for a place on the voting ballot will be February 10, 2007, which is on a Saturday. Since this is not a deadline, Monday February 12, 2007 during regular city office hours will be the first day to file for application for a place on the ballot.

Deadline to file for application for a place on the city ballot will be March 12, 2007 by 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call the Gorman City Office @ 254 734-2317.

## Steve Spivey Scholarship Fund Started At ASB

A few days ago we lost a very good friend of ours who gave a lot of his time and effort for the youth of Gorman.

He spent many hours coaching little league baseball, pee wee basketball, flag football and much more for our kids and yours.

His wife Tracy, has started this Scholarship Fund, an account has been opened at the American State Bank in Gorman.

We ask for your help to make this one of the best Scholarships ever.

Sincerely,

Bill Underwood and Family  
Tim Swanner and Family  
Darren Clark and Family

## REMINDER

ALLIED ( B F I ) WILL ONLY COLLECT TRASH THAT IS IN YOUR POLY CART. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ITEMS ON THE GROUND. THANK YOU

## Proclaiming Feb. 26th "Old Rip" Commemoration Day In Eastland County

WHEREAS, Eastland County's famous horned toad, "Old Rip", has been widely celebrated and acclaimed for an illustrious legend; and WHEREAS, this famous and legendary horned toad, sometimes referred to as horned lizard or reptile, was widely exhibited thru-out the United States, including a visit to President Coolidge in Washington; and WHEREAS, his remains have been embalmed and can be seen today in the display case at the entrance of the Eastland County Courthouse; NOW THEREFORE, I, Rex Fields, County Judge and Commissioner's Court of Eastland County, do hereby proclaim, February 26th, 2007 as "Old Rip" Commemoration Day and extend an invitation to interested persons to attend a special program to be held at 11:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Eastland County Courthouse.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 12th day of February, 2007.

(s) Rex Fields

Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge  
Eastland County, Texas

(s) Wayne Honea, Pct. 1  
(s) Bill Underwood, Pct. 3

(s) Norman Christian, Pct. 2  
(s) Reggie Pittman, Pct. 4

## Pre-K Registration and Changes

Maxfield Elementary will be holding Pre-K Registration for the 2007-2008 school year. This year students that are three or four by Sept. 1, 2007 and meet the criteria will be eligible. Registration will be Friday, February 16, 2007 from 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. in the Elementary office. You will need to bring the student's Social Security Card, birth certificate, and immunization record. We will also need a picture ID of the adult registering the child. If you have any questions please call 254-734-2617.

## Top Popcorn Sellers For Cub and Boys Scouts Announced



Every year the Scouts sell popcorn to raise money for the events that we participate in. This year was no different. There is always a few who truly shine and outsell the others. We are so proud of their efforts. Scouts are fixing to start selling candy bars to raise money for a special event. Hopefully we can sell enough to get to go to see the Harlem Globetrotters again this year. Top salesman for the Cub Scouts was (R) Ryland Laminack and (L) Keidan Petree. Top salesman for the Boy Scouts was (L) Robert Shawver and (R) Jeffrey Rainey.

## USDA Announces Second 2006 Crop Counter-Cyclical Payments

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced it will begin issuing \$555 million in second partial counter-cyclical payments (CCPs) to producers with 2006-crop upland cotton or peanut base acreage enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP).

Producers with barley, corn, grain sorghums, oats, rice, soybeans, other oilseeds or wheat base acreage enrolled in DCP will not receive these payments because market prices are well above levels triggering them.

Producers are eligible for CCPs when effective prices fall below target prices as specified in the 2002 Farm Bill. The effective price equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of either: (1) the national average market price received by producers during the marketing year; or (2) the national average loan rate for the commodity. USA calculates CCPs based on historical base acreage and payment yields, not current production.

### Second Advance 2006-Crop Counter-cyclical Payment Rates

The 2002 Farm Bill allows producers to receive CCPs in three installments:

- The first in October (up to 35 percent of the total projected rate);
- The second in February (up to 70 percent of the total projected rate, less any amount previously received); and
- The final payment after the end of the marketing year (less any amount previously received), which varies by commodity.

USDA issued 2006-crop first partial payments based on projected CCP rates in October 2006 for producers with upland cotton or peanut base acreage. USDA bases the second partial payment rates for 2006 on supply, demand and price forecasts from USDA's World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates, released on Feb. 9, 2007.

### 2006 Final Counter-Cyclical Payments

USDA determines final CCPs after the end of the marketing year for each commodity. The end of the 2006/07 marketing year for each commodity is:

- Wheat, barley and oats - May 31, 2007
- Rice, upland cotton and peanuts - July 31, 2007
- Corn, grain sorghum and soybeans - August 31, 2007

### Overpayments

The 2002 Farm Bill requires that any overpayments to producers must be repaid. If not repaid, USDA will deduct overpayments from any DCP payments received after the final payments are determined.

More information on DCP is available at local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices and on FSA's Web Site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>



## Super Notes

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

I heard on the news that the ground hog they use each year to predict our weather did not see his shadow and that this means we will have an early spring, well I'm ready. How about you? I don't mind the rain at all, but I am quite tired of the cold weather. Now that we are entering track season, I'm sure we will have some weather surprises.

Last week ended our basketball season. I want to congratulate everyone that worked hard to improve our program! The win, loss record does not always tell the real story, the one about how much work it takes to compete regardless of if you win or lose. I feel we made an improvement over last year and we are headed in the right direction. I know that Athletic Director Talbert will be focusing now on what has to be done in order for us to be more successful next year both as players and as coaches.

Now for track, baseball, softball, and power-lifting; it appears we will be very busy this spring. I recommend you chose at least one sport to support, and attend every competition if possible. The more support they have from you, the better they will do! We also have golf and tennis coming up. Schedules will be posted in the paper and on our website.

I want to thank Dr. Dan Brudnak for donating an AED, an automatic easy to use defibrillator, to Gorman ISD. The University Scholastic League has mandated that all high school campuses in Texas must have at least one AED prior to the 2007-2008 school year. I am happy to say that we will have two. We will receive our second one from the Texas Association of School Boards because of our long term relationship with them. Training for the use of these devices will take place as soon as it can be arranged.

I spoke about vouchers last week. In my opinion, they are a parasite to public education. I don't like charter schools either. They rob money from public education that should be going into the regular classroom. In my opinion, they are the equivalent of the state financing private schools, schools that are not held to the high standards which public schools are held. But this week, I am asking you to contact our legislators about facility funding. I am asking that everyone that reads this article to call, write, or fax a letter to Congressman Keffer, Senator Frasier, Representative Eissler (Chairman of the House Education Committee), and Senator Shapiro (Chairman of the Senate Education Committee) and register your support of legislation that will roll forward the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) and the Instructional Facilities Allotment. These are the funds that we need and that hundreds of other school districts in Texas need in order to build new and renovate old facilities. Here are the addresses and phone numbers: The Honorable Rob Eissler, Room EXT E1 414, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768, (512) 463-0797, (512) 463-0898 Fax; The Honorable Florence Shapiro, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-0108, Fax (512) 463-7579; The Honorable Troy Fraser, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 463-0124, fax: (325) 676-8060 ; The Honorable Jim Keffer, Room EXT E2.418, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768, (512) 463-0656, (800) 586-4515 Toll-free, (512) 478-8805 Fax. Explain to them how your children are using a facility that was built in 1911 and rebuilt by the WPA in 1937. Explain that parts of the facility are almost 100 years old. We need to begin replacing old facilities with new and improving those where it is economically feasible.

If you have not been by the school, you might want to drive by and see our new sign that was delivered and installed Monday. It is great! This will be a great addition to our community. Hopefully, you will get used to watching the message board for daily and weekly announcements as well as emergency information from the city. Thank you to our sponsors that are listed on the base of the sign that made this purchase possible with their generosity. There was also one anonymous donor that paid for a third of the sign. Many thanks to them also!

We had our regularly scheduled school board meeting Monday night at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium. The meeting began on time with a prayer by Melinda Harrington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present and voting at the board meeting was President – Bobby Rich, Secretary – Melinda Harrington, Vice-President – Jeff Seaton came in at 7:30pm, Larry Thompson, Beth Underwood, Mark Simmons, Daryl Hirst. Also in attendance were Superintendent Perry, Principal Reeves, Principal Panter, and Athletic Director Talbert. The board approved the consent agenda 6-0 and then received regular reports.

- Items of interest in the various reports:
- Gorman ISD fund balance including investments \$1,566,430.89
- Our investments include a \$100,000.00 and a \$300,000.00 certificate of deposit and \$398,369.26 in the Liquidity Plus fund of the Lone-star Investment Pool.
- As of January, 2007 we have received 48.64% of our revenue from local and state sources and expended 42.97% of our budget.
- 86.16% of our 2006 taxes have been collected.
- Coach Talbert handed out Track schedules
- Mr. Panter reported he would be moving Mrs. Wilcoxon to a secondary reading position and G/T next year and hiring another fulltime math teacher
- Mrs. Reeves reported attendance at 97.3% and enrollment at 198 at the elementary
- Mr. Perry reported the following:

1. Gorman ISD 2006 final property values \$47,635,840.00 after exemptions
2. The new sign has been installed and is working well
3. Letters need to be sent to legislators regarding the funding of facilities, rolling forward EDA
4. All school board trustees for Gorman ISD exceeded the minimum number of hours of annual training required by the state. Will try to go as a group for training to San Antonio in June or Dallas in September. Board members receive training in many different topics during the year like: the open meetings act, the open records act, legislative updates, evaluating the superintendent, setting goals, facility improvement, team building, etc.

The board voted 7-0 to join the "Friends of Texas Public Education", an organization that publicizes the good job public schools are doing. Also by a 7-0 vote, the board voted to have a trustee election May 12, 2007 to fill the expiring three year terms of Bobby Rich, Beth Underwood, and Melinda Harrington and also for the election to be a joint effort with the city of Gorman at the Community Center. Early voting will still be at the school administration office and only paper ballots will be used. The board also approved, 7-0, for Brandon Powell to use parts of the school to shoot a movie pending approval by the school attorneys of the consent document. Superintendent Perry then recommended that Mary Reeves, Rick Panter, Susie Hampton, and Paul Talbert be extended two year term contracts reflecting the same duties, and number of days as their present contracts. After much discussion, the recommendation passed 5-2, with Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Underwood voting against the motion. Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Underwood prefer one year contracts rather than two. The entire board voiced their support for Gorman ISD's entire administrative team. The board then adjourned at 10:00pm.

If you are seriously planning to run for the Gorman school board in the upcoming election in May, experienced trustees will lead a Texas Association of School Boards - sponsored candidate workshops from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Region 14 Service Center in Abilene, Texas. Potential school board members will get real-life, practical advice about campaigning, getting elected, and serving as an education leader. Topics to be covered include: What's it like to be a trustee; Key responsibilities of the board; Division of authority with staff; How to campaign constructively; and Where to find more information.

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at the workshop, which will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Participants will view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards video, highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several school trustees. The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6248.

Melinda Harrington and Beth Underwood have already signed up to run for another three year term. Ms. Harrington and Mrs. Underwood have both served on the school board for 6 years and done a wonderful job. Experienced school board members that keep the best interest of our kids first are a valuable commodity. Gorman is fortunate to have these quality board members serving them.

Here are a few dates you might want to remember:

- 2/16 End of the 4th Six Weeks
- 2/17 Baseball @ Hico 1:00
- 2/19 Baseball @ Evant 4:00
- 2/20 TAKS TEST

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.

## AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap  
FORAGE SEMINAR

A special 5-Hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 8th, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on existing bermudagrass pastures as well as native pasture management.

Speakers for the seminar will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist - San Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo, Dr. Larry Unruh, American Plant Food and Dr. Bob Lyons, Extension Range Specialist - Uvalde. Dr. Warrick will discuss the basics of Bermudagrass Management; Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage Insects and Dr. Unruh will be discussing forage fertility. Dr. Lyons will discuss native pasture management. Jan Hatler with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators. The others will be 1 in IPM and 3 in General.

The cost of the seminar and accompanying meal is \$5.00 to those that pre-register by February 2nd. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835 or Eastland County Extension Office at (254) 629-1093/629-2222.

### POOR REPRODUCTIVE PERFORMANCE

Many times poor reproductive performance is caused by nutritional deficiencies and not the infertility of the cow or bull. By meeting nutritional requirements, those long calving intervals can be shortened. Increased supplemental feeding is often necessary for those cows on native range that are currently calving to rebreed within 90 days since an adequate supply of green grass is months away. A cow's protein and energy requirement can increase 20%-40% after calving depending upon the amount of milk the cow is producing. Cows with low energy levels may not cycle for 4 to 5 months after calving and may also fail to conceive at a satisfactory rate. An adequate energy in take of the cow is best reflected by an increase in body weight. Any cows that are gaining weight will rebreed much faster than cows that continue to lose weight after calving. Special attention should be paid to extremely thin cows and first calf heifers. Producers that are still feeding 38% cube after calving should probably switch to a 20% or 29% cube to boost energy levels in cows. Instead of feeding 2 pounds of 38% cube, producers should feed 4-6 pounds of 20% cube per day after calving for quicker rebreeding. This rate of 20% cube will allow the producer to hold the cow while doubling the energy intake over that of the 38% cube being fed at 2 pounds per day.

## DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, February 17th at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the dance begins at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. "Buck Sutton and The City Limits" from the Brownwood area will provide the music for this dance. No alcohol or Smoking permitted. Admission is \$4.00 for each one who comes to dance. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday, February 12th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Twenty-two ladies attended this morning event hosted by Dorothy Roberts, Vonnie Guthery and Ima Brown. The tables and entire room was decorated with the Valentine theme. Those attending enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Visitors area always welcome to attend. The next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, March 12th at the same location. Hostesses will be Betty Duke and Hazel Koonce.

Bro. Dale Cartwright of Stephenville will be the guest speaker on Sunday, February 18th at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. Visitors are welcome to attend the morning service at 11:00 a.m.

Glen Boyd served as pastor of the Church of Christ in Stephenville for several years. He has accepted a new position as pastor of the Church of Christ in Del Rio, Texas. He is the son of the former Lou Echols.

Happy Valentine's Day to our friends and neighbors. Have a nice day, Vonnie.

## KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Bro. Andy Hansen of Morgan Mill was the speaker at the morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, February 11th. His wife Gidget and baby daughter, Evelyn also attended. Other visitors were Stacy and Renee Webb and granddaughter Liberty of Comanche, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kailee Sunigan of Comanche, Htomi Bergmark and Steven Mergmark of Comanche and Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson. The special music, "O Come Angel Band" was rendered by Daryl Hirst.

Bro. Hansen's message was from scriptures in Romans and other scriptures on "Leading Someone To Christ". As Christians, it is our responsibility to let our light shine and share Christ with others and spread the gospel.

Bro. Earnest Walls of Gorman was the speaker for the evening service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. His message "God's Messenger - Minister of Failure or Don't waste your faith" was from Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 16-18. God used the Israelites' failure to do them good. He uses our failures to: 1. empty us of pride and to humble us; 2. expose us of the wickedness in our heart; and, 3. educate us as to true value in life. We sometimes will fail, but don't waste our faith. Let God do what he wants to do in our lives.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn will be the speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, February 18th.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Ed Rodgers, Dianna Rodgers, Ann Warren, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe Bond and Jimmy Little. Ed brought the message and Woodrow led the music with Helen at the piano.

Oren and Norma Webb, Judy Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin, James and Chelsea Webb of Granbury, Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kailee Sunigan of Comanche, Htomi and Steven Bergmark of Comanche, Misty and Liberty Hugg and Jeff Champion of Fort Worth met in the home of Stacy and Renee Webb in Comanche on Saturday night for a belated anniversary party honoring Oren and Norma Webb. Stacy and Renee, Jacob and Alice, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kailee, and Htomi and Steven Bergmark treated Oren and Norma to lunch at Z.J.'s in Gorman on Sunday after church.

Judy Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin visited during the weekend with Oren and Norma Webb. Others visiting with them were Mark Eaves of Charlotte, NC and Delmon Eaves.

Mark Eaves of Charlotte, NC visited during the weekend with his dad, Delmon Eaves. Others visiting with them were Oren and Norma Webb and Alvis and Bonnie Scitem. Delmon is having some serious health problems, so may we all remember him in our prayers.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham with Gary, Donna, Leslie, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca, Emily and Lance Browning.

Sylvia Buchanan visited in Ranger with Lenora and Jesse Spear. Sylvia Buchanan, Zelda Jordan and Daisy Slaton visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Cassie Brasher and Zelda Jordan were in Abilene on Wednesday for Zelda's medical check-up, and she got a good report. Glenda Black went with them and they enjoyed lunch together following the doctor's appointment.

Darrell and Pat Graham visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday. I extend sincere sympathy to my grandchildren, Joe Miles, Robert Miles and Sheri Daniell and their families on the death of their stepmother, Mrs. Roddy (Judy) Miles, of May on Friday night. Her funeral was on Sunday at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery near May.

I wish everyone a very happy Valentine's Day.

## Annual Pearl Community Center Flea Market

Annual Pearl Community Center Flea Market is set for March 9 and 10 from 8:00 to 5:00., in Pearl, TX off FM 183 in Coryell County.

Join us for two fun days in Pearl. Flowers, Dishes, Tools, Antiques, Jewelry, Furniture ... also great homemade food items.

Members of the Purlmela Methodist Church will have several booths and all proceeds will go to the Church for upcoming projects.

For booth space call Joy Bates at 254-865-8980. Rain or Shine. Inside booths - Great place to bring your garage sale items or treasures to sell. Dealers welcome!! Space also available outside under covered canopy for larger items. We hope to see you in Pearl. A lot of items for sale and great prices!!!

## AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

### TEXAS BEEF QUALITY PRODUCER PROGRAM

Many beef producers have already heard about this but if you have not, mark it down. Beef producers can get free training to help them become more competitive by attending the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program in Comanche, Texas on Thursday, February 22, 2007.

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program teaches the principles of Beef Quality Assurance, a proven system of sensible management practices that help improve the quality and safety of beef plus the program updates ranchers on changes occurring in the industry and what we must do to increase demand for our cattle. This program will demonstrate how a producer's actions on the ranch can have an impact on the final beef product something we all need to know more about.

There are two sessions for a total of eight (8) hours of training, divided into two levels. Level I covers BQA principles, industry update, record keeping, environmental stewardship and proper management practices associated with genetic selection, cattle handling, culling, vaccine and drug use. Level II provides a detailed explanation of the requirements needed to receive and maintain full certification as a Texas Beef Quality Producer. Ideally this certification should put you at a higher level as a beef producer and signify you as a cattleman who can and does produce a higher quality product.

It is not a mystery that consumers who buy our product are saying loud and clear that they want their food, not only great tasting but safe, wholesome and raised responsibly. We must respond if we want a place for our beef to go.

The speakers for this training are the best in the state. Dr. Ron Gill is Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist, Stephenville, and is well known in this area for his great livestock programs. Next is Dr. Ted McCollum, Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Amarillo. Ted works a lot with the feedlot and stocker cattle industry and has first hand knowledge of how important quality is. Also on the program is Dr. Rick Machen, Associate Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist, Uvalde. Rich has been on programs in this area before and with his experience he is a real asset.

The program is free, but we do ask you to call and reserve a spot by February 15th so we can know a lunch count and to have notebooks ready. Call the Comanche Extension Office at 325/356-2539 or e-mail at rwhitney@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program will be held at the Comanche Community Center in Comanche. The center is located on the west side of Comanche on Highway 377 at Indian Creek Drive. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The Level I program begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. A complimentary lunch will be served. The Level II program begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m.

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program is a collaborative effort of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Beef Council and Texas Cooperative Extension. Funding is provided by TSCRA, check-off dollars from TBC and generous sponsorships from Cargill Cattle Feeders and Pfizer Animal Health.

## Application Process Begins For Certification Class In Basic Manufacturing

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, in partnership with the Development Corporation of Abilene, the Workforce Center, and Texas State Technical College, are pleased to announce the creation of a newly-developed training program in basic manufacturing. The six-week curriculum will culminate in a certification as a "Manufacturing Production Technician." The nationally-recognized certification is awarded by the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC), and having this credential demonstrates competency in basic skills required to enter any type of manufacturing environment in any geographical location. Each trainee must complete a 140-hour course, which will consist of five weeks of manufacturing skills training at TSTC and one week of basic employment skills training at the Workforce Center.

Twelve local manufacturers, including Bandag, Abtex Beverages, Coca-Cola, Tige Boats, Martin Sprocket & Gear, Hirschfeld Steel, Fehr Foods, Peerless Manufacturing, Rentech Boiler Services, Micrometals, Inc., PWP Industries, and Zoltek, participated in a series of meetings and a survey process during the months of October and November to determine their interest in hiring workers with the MSSC certification. A significant shortage of entry-level workers and an immediate hiring need of 90-105 additional workers was identified. Targeted manufacturers have voiced their overwhelming support for the MSSC training, and have agreed to participate in a job fair and provide interviews to any student who completes the training and subsequently becomes certified as a "Manufacturing Production Technician". During the training period, site visits will be conducted at local manufacturing facilities to acquaint trainees with various types of work environments.

Funding for the training and the certification assessment fee for each participant will be covered by the Development Corporation of Abilene and the Workforce Development Board. The application and screening process is currently in progress for the first MSSC class, which is scheduled to begin on March 12, 2007. Interested individuals may pick up an application packet at the Workforce Center, 400 Oak Street, in Abilene, or download an application at www.workforcesystem.org. The information may be accessed by clicking on "Manufacturing Production Technician Training" in the column at the left. The deadline to submit completed application forms is February 16th. For additional information, contact the Business Services Unit at the Workforce Center at (325) 795-4200.

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## Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We had a good weather day on Wednesday the 7th, so we experienced a good turn out of 30 people. Barbara Bush got our attention with announcements and news of Gorman. Bro. Frank Shirley gave the blessing of the food. It was good to see him and Beth. She looked wonderful and brought her delicious white coconut cake.

Eula Miers announced she has a new great grandson which makes 8. Her son John is the Grandpa.

Melba Frasier had the other side of her neck operated on. So she should be in tip top condition now. Hope she is improving and home by now.

Zelda Jordan fell in garage on the evening of the 7th. She was pretty banged up, but doing Ok. So glad her knees all right and didn't break anything.

Geraldene Wright received eye surgery for cataracts. Do hope she is recovering well. We miss her at the dinner. Maybe when this is over she will come back and visit.

Barbara and Max Bush celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary recently. That is some record for a teenage marriage. So you can make it work, if you try and be nice to one another.

Ora Lee Lawrence is now seeing over the computer room in the morning. I believe she ate with us also. I noticed her in the crowd then lost track. She is always welcome to dine with us.

Its been such nice weather so here comes the cold again. May not hold the dinner on the 13th if icy and snowy. Will have to see what happens.

I believe they had 10 out to play games on the 8th. I had a flu bug starting so couldn't attend. Still feel bad, but better. Hope a lot of you don't get this. Have a good week and be happy.

## Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

I am not for sure what happened to last weeks Heritage Manor News, I may have gave Lonnie the wrong disk out of the computer...any way it was a re-run...sorry.

February has arrived and we have a lot of exciting things going on. Every Monday afternoon we have Gospel Singing; Tuesday Morning Betty Duke from Desedmona comes and plays some of our favorite songs on her key board. Everyone loves to sing with her. We really look forward to Wed. Bible Study with Bro. Larry. He does a wonderful job. We play bingo every Tues and Wed. afternoon and on Friday morning. We all love to see visitors. We greatly appreciate those who come from the Baptist Church every Sunday morning for Sunday School, and every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 a different Church comes for worship service. The First Baptist Church comes on the 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday is the Kokomo Baptist Church, 3rd Sunday is the Bride of Christ Church, 4th Sunday is the Church of Christ and on the 5th Sunday is the New Hope Baptist. We really are so thankful for everyone who comes and helps with these.

We extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Kinser. He will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Pie Fair. We had 14 entries and had 8 judges. Hope to have some pictures in next week's paper of the winners.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Helen and Woodrow Browning, Kay Snider, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs and Nelda Mauney, Kay Snider, Irene West, and Rachel Tucker.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were, Rozelle Caraway of Eastland, Paula Morrow of Plains, Earlene Blakney of Lubbock, Nell Mason, Elizabeth Bingham, Lorene McCulley, James and Jason Norris, Jeanna Pack, and Mariam Landa and Lisa Lewis of Stephenville.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were, Tommy and LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Johnny and Susan Magin of Stephenville, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern, Gene and Carolyn Foster, Robert Callison, Kris, Kristin, Karson, and Kendal Scitern, Johnny Scitern, and Amber, Jordan and Weldon Scitern.

Visiting JoAnn Murdoch were Annie Faye Foster and Jewel Dean Morris, Jennifer Overstreet and Eli Martinez, Sara Overstreet and Aryann Cook. Visiting Jelma Smith were Jeff Smith of Eastland, David and Connie Smith of Joshua, and Johnny and Ina Smith.

Amber, Jordan, and Weldon Scitern visited with Jelma Smith and Letty Craddock.

Visiting with Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Betty Little and Jimmy Little

Visiting with Jewel Snider were Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Putnam.

Visiting with Lavona Sharp were Jerry Majors of DeLeon and Neldon Shipman of Desedmona.

Everyone enjoyed visiting with Irene West. I am not for sure who all she visited with but she is a ray of sunshine when she comes.

Jenny Newcomb and Evelyn Hare, our local Ombudsman visited with all the residents.

We appreciate everyone who visits and I am sorry if I left anyone out. **DON'T FORGET THE HINKLE FAMILY FROM BRECKENRIDGE WILL BE HERE FEB. 22 at 1:30 PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.**

Until next time.....Ina  
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## -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
**House to Debate Iraq Resolution**

President Bush's new strategy for attaining victory in Iraq takes center stage this week in the House as we will devote three days to debating this important issue. At the end of the debate, the members of the House will vote on a non-binding resolution which states that "Congress disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush...to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq." Unfortunately, this hollow resolution does not match the seriousness of the issue we are debating. But it does send a demoralizing message to our troops.

Fighting and winning a war is serious business. It requires our President, our military leaders, and elected officials to make difficult decisions. However, making tough decisions is what the American people expect their representatives to do. The resolution we will vote on this week has no impact on policy and does not lay out a strategy for victory. Because it is non-binding, this resolution only serves to score political points and embarrass our Commander-in-Chief during a time of war. The realities of our current global conflict demand a more responsible approach.

We know that Iraq is not the beginning of this conflict, nor will it be the end. Our enemy is patient, calculating, and intent on attacking America. Therefore, the consequences of losing this important battle of the Global War on Terror could be catastrophic and far-reaching. If we leave Iraq without victory, terrorist groups will only be encouraged to expand their efforts. We must now stand 100 percent behind our troops and give them the tools and support necessary to get the job done.

### USDA Secretary to Appear Before House Ag Committee

USDA Secretary Mike Johanns will appear before the House Agriculture Committee this week to discuss USDA's 2007 Farm Bill recommendations. Secretary Johanns also recently presented USDA's 2008 budget proposal. Both of these issues are of significant interest to our region. I have some real concerns about several of his proposals, and I look forward to discussing with him the impact they could have on the 19th District.

### Mobile Office Hits the Road Again

Throughout the next two weeks, my staff is once again setting up mobile offices in communities across the district. Mobile offices provide constituents with the opportunity to meet with my staff face-to-face. I want to encourage constituents to stop by a mobile office near them if they need help with a federal agency or just want to let me know what is on their mind. A complete listing of the times and locations of the mobile office tour can be found on my website, [www.randy.house.gov](http://www.randy.house.gov).

--Randy



## Jeremy Singleton Makes Nationals!!!

Jeremy Singleton, a Tarleton State University graduate, has joined the elite class of individuals who are invited to compete in the USATF Indoor Championships. As a long jumper, he will be competing in Boston, Ma. February 24-26 against the best from across the nation! Jeremy Singleton won the long jump and achieved his qualifying mark of 7.54 meters (24'9") on 2-3-07 at Texas Tech University with the help of his trainer/coach Barry Tooley (Hico ISD employee). Jeremy Singleton is a 5 time All American and this is the second time he has qualified to go to Nationals: Town and Country Bank of Stephenville is proudly supporting their employee at Boston and wishes him the Best of Luck!

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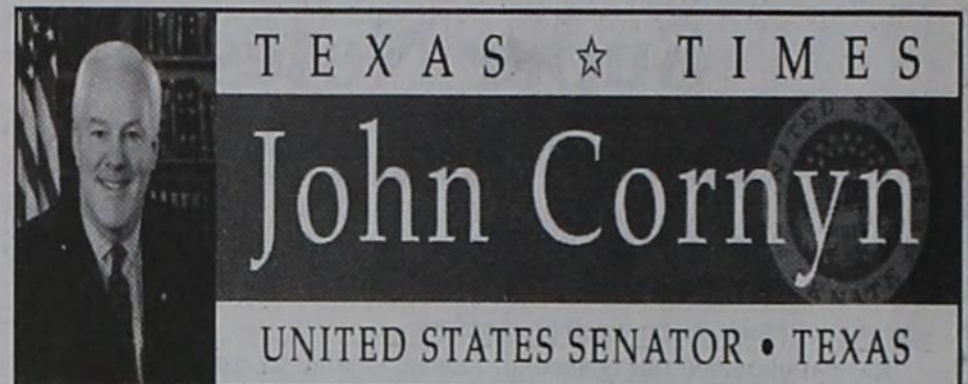
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## The Home of the Intrepid

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The Fort was built in 1875, but its roots date back to arrival of the first U.S. soldier in Texas in 1845. From 1910 until World War II, Fort Sam was the largest Army post in the continental U.S., and played a key role in the beginnings of military aviation.

Since the mid-1940s, Fort Sam has been the nucleus of U.S. Army medicine. The base spans 3,000 acres and employs more than 27,000 military and civilian personnel.

Now the Fort has a new distinction: It's the location for the world's most technologically advanced rehabilitation facility for American warriors wounded on duty, particularly in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Our generation is engaged in a deadly war on terrorism. Thousands of our finest young men and women have been injured in operations abroad, including hundreds of amputees and burn victims.

These wounded men and women deserve the very best facilities, and the "Center for the Intrepid" certainly delivers. Last month, inspiring dedication ceremonies were held in San Antonio, officially opening a four-story, 65,000-square-foot rehabilitation facility adjacent to Brooke Army Medical Center.

It offers state-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy and psychological counseling resources to amputee and burn victims. Facilities include an indoor running track, a firing range, an Olympic-sized pool, a two-story climbing wall and other notable rehabilitation benefits.

Modern technology is evident throughout. The Center's "computer assisted rehabilitation environment," known as CAREN, is as advanced as any facility in the world. CAREN provides virtual landscapes that simulate everything from a city sidewalk to a peaceful lake. Rehabilitation patients use the unit to improve their gait and balancing skills.

The Center reflects our nation's gratitude for the bravery, patriotism and service offered by our troops.

Another positive aspect of this cutting-edge project is that it was made possible through the generosity of individual citizens, rather than relying solely on the government.

Resources for the \$50 million facility came from the hearts and pockets of an estimated 600,000 Americans who donated anything from pennies to millions of dollars. The Center is the largest single private contribution to our nation's wounded military.

The fundraising campaign was led by philanthropist Arnold Fisher of New York and the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. In addition, the Center opened along with two new 21-bedroom Fisher Houses, which provide temporary accommodations for visiting family members.

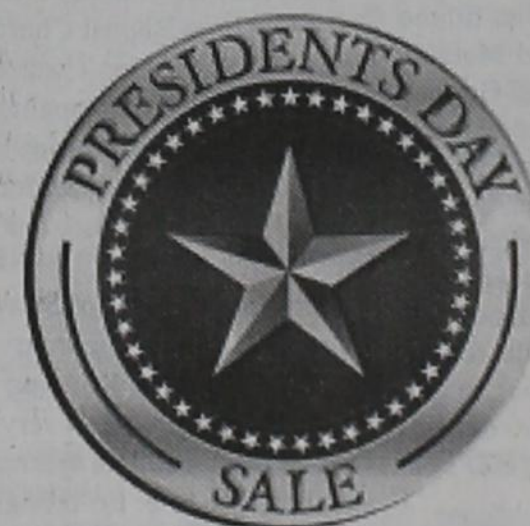
Earlier this month, I had the honor of visiting a number of our superb soldiers and marines, including some from Texas, who were wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan and are undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. I was able to discuss career options and future plans with several patients and their families on the wards, and with men and women undergoing rehabilitation in the Physical and Occupational therapy clinics.

I was impressed with the optimism and spirit of these great Americans. I hope that at least some of them will be able to utilize the great advantages of the new Intrepid Center at Brooke Army Medical Center for their future rehabilitative care.

The Intrepid Center will be a great asset for our service members for years to come as we care for those on the front lines of the global war on terror.

It's heartening that so many individual Americans are eager to show their appreciation to those defending our freedom. Our nation has a solemn duty to provide for our troops, and the government can never do enough to demonstrate our gratitude for their sacrifice. But voluntary points of light made the Intrepid Center possible, and that spirit of shared mission makes our country even greater and stronger.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: [www.cornyn.senate.gov/column](http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/column)



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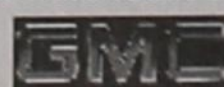
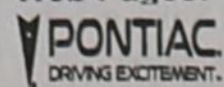
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