







Miss Gorman Reba Granado and Little Miss Gorman Briana Landa participated in the Rising Star 4th of July Parade. They received 1st place for Out of Town Float and Best of Show. The girls did a great job representing Gorman and also had a good time. Thanks to everyone who helped get the float ready on time. A special thanks to Alex Granado for working day and night to repair and design the float.



### Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We met on Wednesday the fifth of July with only 22 in attendance. I guess people were still out celebrating the 4th of July. Also its so hot, sometimes I want to stay home.

Martha Rainey called us to order and Wilburn Overstreet gave our blessing. He always has such good words for us. Helps make our day and to get through it.

We hadn't seen Delores Tucker or Opal Burton in awhile. I do hope they are coming along with their treatment OK. We do miss them.

So good to have Barbara and Max Bush back. They had a wonderful month long vacation. They traveled out West, also to Idaho where a son lives.

We tried to have a Gorman type meal with sausage, sour kraut and potato salad. Turned out pretty good, but our bread flopped. It was so flat, I told them it was Arabian Flat Bread.

We had a good crowd out Friday, July 7th to play games. Fifteen was better than what we usually have. If our regulars had been there, could have really had some hot games. It would be good to have our numbers back up in the twenties again. Hope to have more of you out to all our gatherings. We do have fun.

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### Coach Tyson Thanks His Supporters As He Resigns

Head Football job. Tyson however withdrew from Miles a few days later. This is what Tyson had to say about that, "what was discussed early and what came to surface were two different things. I don't think it was on purpose necessarily, but I do not think they were on the same page there about some things. I felt bad about the process, but I do not feel bad about the decision. I don't want to go into particulars so I will leave at that. I know some thought it was wrong to even be looking, but when you have two board members against you and a few parents that want to fight you, you need to move on. We work too hard as coaches and sacrifice too much to be treated like that. Again it is definitely the minority and I don't want to group Gorman people in there, but looking to leave was just the best thing for all involved." Tyson continued, "I will miss this place and this job. I wish we could have accomplished so much more, but I think we still did a lot of positive things. I am proud of our kids, coaches, and our coaches' families. I thank all of you that supported us and our program and I wish you well. I hope Gorman only gets better from here on out. I wish the new coach luck and I know Gorman will find a fine replacement in no time. I hope everyone supports that person and their program. Good luck Panthers and Lady Panthers. I will be watching closely to see how y'all do."

When asked how Coach Tyson wanted to be remembered at Gorman he responded by saying, "Each person will think what they want to think and more than likely no one will remember me 3 years from now anyway. That is the nature of the business. But if you are asking how I would like to be remembered then I guess I would have to use a phrase I used with the kids all the time and change play with coach. I coached with Pride, I coached with Class, and above all I coach with Heart."

Some of Coach Tyson's career highlights:  
 129-74-1 career record as a player/coach  
 2 time District Coach of the Year Football (Gorman - 02,03)  
 48-19 career record as a Head Baseball Coach (Bartlett - two time regional finalist 97,98)  
 2 time District Coach of the Year Baseball (Bartlett - 97,98)  
 20-12 career record as a Head Softball Coach (Gorman)  
 Coached 3 teams to District Championships in track in 4 years of coaching (Meridian, Riesel, Pettus)  
 Coached 2 district championship golf teams (Pettus)  
 Coached regional runner-up team in powerlifting and a 3rd, 5th, 5th place team finish at State (Pettus, Gorman)  
 Tyson was also a TIAA academic all-conference football player and captain of the football team at Howard Payne University.

### KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Bro. Jimmy Nelson was the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, July 9. Other visitors were his wife, Maggie Nelson, and Cassie Brasher of Carbon, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Cassie Brasher and Maggie Nelson. The special music was rendered by the choir: Ann Warren, Kay Snider, Sylvia Buchanan, Helen Browning, Crystal Snider, Ruth Rodgers, Thomas Seay, Woodrow Browning, Joe Bond, Oren Webb, Daryl Hirst and Jimmy Little with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Using the scripture from Malachi 3:6, Bro. Nelson's morning sermon was "God Doesn't Change". The Bible is the absolute truth and it says "I am the Lord and I change not. Though there are so many changes in the world around us God is faithful and His love never changes. Sunday night's message was from Hebrews 9:15-17 on our spiritual inheritance.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon were: Ed Rodgers, Jimmy Little, Joe and Glynda Bond and Ann Warren. Jimmy led the singing with Glynda at the piano and Ed gave the devotional.

Bro. Andy Hansen of Morgan Mill be the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, July 16.

Work on the new church building is still in progress, though slow at times. The framework goes up pretty fast, but the inside work takes a lot of time. We are really looking forward to the time when it is finished and we can begin having our worship services there. We thank each and everyone who has made a donation to the building fund. We are very grateful and I know that God will richly bless you.

Lisa Snider of Virginia, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Ted and Charlotte Snider and Justin Snider visited with LaVon Snider.

Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca, and Emily Browning all of Graham visited during the weekend with Woodrow and Helen Browning and they all attended the Lesley Family Reunion on Sunday afternoon at the home of Helen's brother, Royce Lesley at Downing.

Joe and Glynda Bond attended the James and Minnie Morton Family Reunion at the Elegante Suites in Abilene on Saturday afternoon and remained for dinner on Saturday night.

"Happy Anniversary" to John and Troy Scitern on their 60th wedding anniversary on July 12th.

Arlene, Terry and Lauren Barfield of Tyler and LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the weekend with their parents and grandparents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little. Alexis remained for a visit this week with her grandparents.

Bobby Little, Danny Burgess and Zane Mauney were honored with a birthday party on Saturday night, July 8th at the Little Family Cabin at Lake Leon. Those enjoying the celebration and the hamburgers, chili dogs and ice cream were: Ima Boles of Gorman, Betty Little, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Terry, Arlene and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, Stacy, La Dawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ray Neal Little of Eastland, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon, Charles and Carolyn Little, Scotty, Caye, Zane and Zach Mauney of Santo, Alan, Shellie, Justin, Ally and Emma Little, and Gary and Barbara Snapp of Eastland. Everyone especially enjoyed the fireworks display after the meal.

Verna Lee Little and Jill Little visited with Emily Little of Abilene in the Abilene Regional Hospital on Sunday afternoon. They are happy to report that Emily was dismissed from the hospital late Sunday afternoon. We send get well wishes to Emily. Emily is the daughter of Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland and the granddaughter of Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

Doris Bradshaw, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Larry and Betty Strube visited with Bobby and Nina Koonce in Stephenville.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson, Cassie Brasher and Zelda Jordan enjoyed dinner at ZJ's on Friday night in celebration of Cassie and Maggie's birthdays. Cassie's husband, David, was unable to attend due to having to work late.

Sylvia Buchanan visited in Eastland on Monday with Willie Mae Cozart and Jimmy Dale Hendricks.

Over three inches of rain fell in the community last week. During one of the thunderstorms lightning hit a round bale of hay in the field north of my house and set it on fire. Joe Fields discovered it when he was up checking on his place, and stopped by and informed me. Due to the heavy rain there was no danger of it setting anything else on fire so it was left in the field to burn itself out. It smoldered and burned for several days. The hay belonged to Windell Treadway and he kept a watch on it to be sure that it was ok and didn't spread. My thanks to Joe and Windell.

I've heard some favorable reports from folks who are getting excited about the Kokomo room in the Eastland County Historical Museum and are looking for pictures, and other items from the early years of Kokomo that can be placed there. If anyone has pictures of the school, students and teachers, churches, congregations and pastors, stores and owners, doctor's and their offices, the post office, and any other interesting information would you please copy them and share them with us. We are in need of a glass display cabinet. Does anyone have one they would be willing to donate for a worthy cause? We would be forever grateful.

"Happy Birthday" to my daughter Glenda Black and granddaughter, Sheri Daniell of Abilene who have birthdays on July 12th, and my granddaughter, Kayla Jordan of Lubbock who will be 16 on July 17th.

### DSHS and TFS Offering Workshops

DSHS Region 2/3 and the Texas Forest Service is announcing a two day workshop for ICS - 200. Target Audience: emergency response personnel, medical personnel, anyone with disaster response duties.

First Offering: August 3 & 4, 2006 or Second Offering August: 16 & 17, 2006. Register on: <https://txtrain.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

### Pray For Rain

### EDC Talk

A few weeks ago, EDC President Judy Warren and I went to a training hosted by West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. The training was in Cisco and was presented by Barry Silverberg, President of TANO (Texas Association of Non-profit Organizations) and Robert Floyd, Legislative Consultant for Non-profit organizations.

The training was a full day in every sense of the word. In this article, I would like to share some of the information we learned about serving on a board, or even in a non-profit organization. Being such a small community, Gorman relies heavily on the generous donations of dollars and manpower from our local organizations. So whether you are with the Masons, Lions Club, Livestock Raisers, Little League or the Chamber of Commerce, here are some good facts you could take to your next meeting.

#### GROUND RULES

Many effective groups have explicit ground rules that guide their behavior. When group members use these ground rules, they:

- \* Improve working relationships;
- \* Improve group member satisfaction
- \* Improve the quality of their decisions
- \* Increase the commitment of members to follow through on those decisions, and
- \* Decrease the time needed to effectively implement the decisions

#### Rule #1—Use and Respect Core Values

\* Give valid information—this allows members to effectively make correct decisions. Valid information = foundation of trust. This establishes credibility for future remarks, input, etc.

\* Provide free and informed consent—everyone's opinion matters. If members feel they have the right to offer informed consent, it increases the likelihood of internal commitment

\* Internal commitment—motivates the members to absorb a sense of responsibility for their part of the project/program

\* Compassion—be compassionate to members. Compassion allows for a suspension of judgment, allowing members to feel safe to voice a thought or opinion.

#### Rule #2—Allow for and Clarify Assumptions

ASSUME THAT:

- \* I have some relevant information, and other people also have relevant information;
- \* Each of us may see things the other do not;
- \* Differences are opportunities for learning; and
- \* People are trying to act with integrity given their situation

The presenter did mention at this point that it is still 'okay' to test assumptions and inferences. We are not obligated to take for granted all information is true without verification. But to question with integrity...

#### Rule #3—Be Specific

\* Use specific examples and agree on what IMPORTANT words mean

\* Be ready for BFOs (Blinding Flashes of the Obvious)

#### Rule #4—Explain your Reasoning and Intent

- \* This is the time to make your Private thinking Public.
- \* Can you define/explain your purpose for doing something?
- \* Make sure your actions are based upon accurate data, core values and correct assumptions

#### Rule #5—Focus on the Organization's Interests

- \* Interests are primarily emotional needs and desires
- \* Stay away from discussions that focus on position rather than interests

#### Rule #6—Combine Advocacy and Inquiry

\* Engage in a dialogue that brings out everyone's ideas

#### Rule #7—Jointly design ways to test disagreements

- \* Coercion is never appropriate
- \* Any decision made without internal commitment is a wasted vote
- \* Have these determined ahead of time, so when a disagreement comes, there is a model in place that allows for free discussion.
- \* "Everyone agreed this is the way we would settle this"

#### Rule #8—Discuss Undiscussable issues

\* 'The Emperor's New Clothes' Everyone knew what was going on but for fear of hurting feelings, being alienated, etc. no one would speak up.  
 \* To be able to speak the truth in any environment is to be a true leader.

#### Rule #9—Use Decision-Making Rules

\* Develop rules for making major decisions that generate the level of commitment from the members needed to fulfill the project/program  
 \* Partners with internal commitment, accountability coupled with personal responsibility

I hope some of you community leaders and board members out there find this helpful. The training was excellent, and I hope I have brought up some interesting thoughts and ideas for those of you that so generously give your time and energy to our local community organizations. If you would like copies of the handouts, please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or gedc@cctc.net. I would be happy to share the whole days notes.

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