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## Panther Baseball

Panthers VS De Leon - 4-14-07

	Runs	Hits
Panthers	16	16

Extra Base Hits: DOUBLES - Fox, Swanner, Clark(2), Greer, Vaughn and Johnson

De Leon 3 7

Pitching - Matt Underwood

6 Innings Pitched; 7 Hits allowed; 8 K's; 0 BB's; Team Overall 9-10; District 4-8; Matt 4-4

Panthers VS Ranger - 4-21-07

	Runs	Hits
Panthers	10	15

Extra Base Hits: DOUBLES - Swanner, Ibarra TRIPLES - Fox

Ranger 0 2

Pitching - Tyson Swanner

6 Innings Pitched; 2 Hits allowed; 10 K's; 1 BB's; Team Overall 10-10; District 5-8; Tyson 4-6

Last District Game was April 24 vs. Cross Plains Here.

## Community Clean Up Very Successful



The annual Community Cleanup saw (literally) tons and tons of trash towed away! Allied Waste needed an extra day to come back and get the remainder of the curbside trash that our community got rid of. Lots of homes, yards, and garages are a good bit lighter now!

The Masons and Lions Club also reported their Adopt-a-highway trash pickup with over 30 bags of litter removed from FM 8. More reports will come in and we'll publish those.

Keep Gorman Beautiful wants to thank everyone who participated in any of the Cleanup events. Thank YOU for Keeping Gorman Beautiful!

**THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSING EARLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN PREPARATION FOR THE MAY 12, 2007 ELECTIONS:**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M.  
FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007 AT 2:30 P.M.**

Thank you, Cathy Jentho, County Clerk Eastland County

## It's A Boy For Justin & Nicole Warren



It's a Boy - Jonah Reese Warren was born on March 26, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his sister: Skylar Bomberger of Saginaw, Tx. He parents are Justin and Nicole Warren of Saginaw.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Donna Williams of Stylus, MO. Maternal great grandmother is Milli Labenshe of St. Louis, MO. Uncle Chris and Aunt Christelle Williams of Stephenville; Christian and Noah Williams of Stephenville.

Paternal Grandparents are Glen and Judy Warren. Paternal great grandmother is Lora Fay Warren. Uncle Jade Warren of Gorman and Cousin Tyler Warren of Gorman.

## 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.

## 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.

## Revival At Gorman United Methodist Church May 6th, 7th, and 8th

The United Methodist Church of Gorman will host a revival beginning on Sunday, May 6th through Tuesday, May 8th beginning at 6 pm each evening.

Rev. Lynn Starnes will be the guest speaker. Rev. Starnes and his wife, Debbie, are currently serving at the Mart United Methodist Church. Prior to Mart, they lived in May and served May United Methodist Church and Rising Star Methodist Church.

Rev. Starnes will bring a message of encouragement and challenge for the church body today! We encourage everyone to come. We would love to have you join us for the message.

The music will be brought by a community praise team consisting of: Joe Williams, Jeff & Angela Clark, Karen Pena, Doc Reedy, and Stacey Sliger.

There will be fellowship and refreshments after each service.

## Oakland Cemetery Needs Your Help

Would everyone of you who have a plot in the Cemetery please come together with us to get things moving along there again.

We need your financial help at this time.

We haven't ask you before now, but there is a few things that we need your help on and by working together we can accomplish much more that needs taking care of.

Our meeting is to be the same date as usual. That being the first Saturday in May.

Please be there and lets make it a good day and we can accomplish more by working together.

Opal Burton

## CITY OFFICE NEWS & NOTES:

### HOUSE NUMBERS

If you do not have your house number clearly marked on your house, please make an effort to do so. Put the number on your house close or near the front entrance, or mark it somewhere in the front by the drive entrance, etc. It is essential in the event of an actual emergency to be able to identify your address. Use at least a 4" size number or larger to be easily visible.

## Scouts To Hold Garage Sale At UMC

Saturday, April 28th, from 8-2, the scouts will be having a garage sale again at the Methodist Church. Inside this time where it is a little warmer and rain free.

Proceeds are to go to the Relay for Life and Summer Camp. Please support your local scouts! Thanks



Wild Hog Killed At 6 Bar H Hunting Ranch off Old School Hill road by Trey Holdman and helped by Brandon Greer. The hog was 5 1/2 feet long and weighed approximately 600 pounds.

## 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.

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## Bass Lake Cleanup

Just a reminder that April is Community Clean-Up month Sat April 28

Bass Lake Clean up 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!!

## Early Morning Fire Destroys Home In Gorman



Photo by Jerry Morgan



Gorman Progress Photo

A home on Crescent Street was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning April 22. The home was a total loss. Several area Fire Department helped Gorman Volunteer Fire Department put out the fire and to keep it from spreading.

## Annual After Easter Treasure Hunt Held and Thanks

Annual (After) Easter Treasure Hunt was well attended. There weren't as many hunters as there usually are on Easter but everyone had a great time and found lots of treasures.

I would like to thank the following for their support in help make the Easter Treasure Hunt possible. Be sure and tell them Thank you next time you see them.

American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdson's Peanuts, Bob's Gro. Chamber of Commerce, City Gro., Clark Construction and Building Supply, Panda's Flowers and Gifts, G. & H Feed, Hirst's Nuts and Produce, Gilmore Auto, City of Gorman, Gorman Pharmacy and Video, Simmons Propane, Gorman Progress Heritage Manor, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Smith's Service Station. The Hair Shoppe, Nathan's Barber Shop, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, Underwood Farms, Z.J.'s. I would also like to thank all those who made a donation in the cans, or left items a Smith's Service Station. Again, Thanks to everyone for their support I would also like to thank Veronica Seaton, Darren and Julie Clark Lori Dodd, Robert Ervin, and Robbie Dodd for helping Johnny and get all the Treasures out.

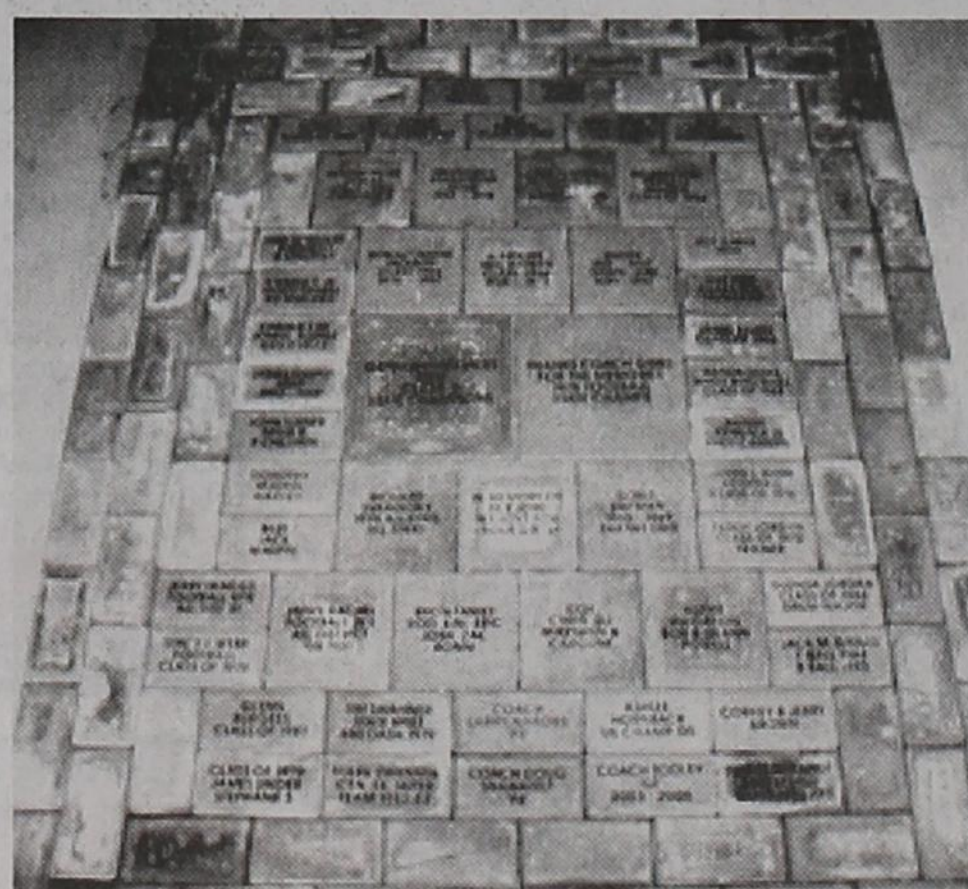
I would also like to thank Louise Smart for the baked goods she donated to our Youth in the Dark.

Thank you again

Ina Smith

NOTICE: IF YOU HAVE LEFT OVER PLASTIC EGG YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO NEXT YEARS YOUTH IN THE DARK, THEY MAY BE LEFT AT SMITH'S SERVICE STATION.

## Bricks Are In and Ready For Installation



The bricks are in! All of the bricks ordered for the "Walk of Honor" are in and ready for installation. We are in the process of looking for someone to do the installation. This is the first phase, and hopefully there will be many more to come. There has also been an increase in price on the 4" x 8" brick. It will now be \$30.00. The 8 x 8" will still be \$50.00. If you have any questions about this project, or wish to purchase a brick for the next installation, please call Bob Powell at 734-3322.



# Obituaries

## Dorothy Fern Roberts

Dorothy Fern Roberts, age 78, of Desdemona, Texas passed away on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth. Services were held Wednesday, April 25th at 2 p.m. at Desdemona Baptist Church with Barry Schahn and Tim White officiating. Music by Daryl Hirst. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery.

Dorothy was born May 15, 1928 in Gorman to the late Howard H. Williams and Docy Long Williams. She married Morgan Roberts on October 11, 1946 in Gorman.

She was a beautiful for 40 years; homemaker; devoted wife, cherished mother, grandmother, and great grandmother; loving friend; she was an advocate for the Desdemona Community; she was Desdemona Homecoming Citizen of the Year in 1988. She was a member of De Leon Study club.

Survivors include a daughter, Ulenda Cofsky and husband Richard of Fort Worth; one son, Jeff Roberts and his life-partner Henry Rivas of Dallas; brother, Debert Williams and wife Faye of Stephenville; sister-in-laws Kathleen Williams of Corpus Christi and Rosie Williams of Boise, ID.; 5 grandchildren, Shelly Horan, Emily Williams, Heather Caddell, Heath Weaver and Ashley Weaver and 9 great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Cameron, Cain, Turner, Noah, Asa, Hayden, Sam and Kenna.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Morgan Roberts, daughter Brenda Horan, brother Lesley Williams, Calvin Williams and her parents Howard and Docy Williams.

Pallbearers were Eddie Lindley, Jeff Lindley, Jim Godfrey, Donald Holder, Larry Moore, Mark Williams, Harold Lewis, Marshall "Bimbo" Roberts and David Trice. Honorary were Pug Guthery, Albert Holman, Virgil Holman and Robert Brown.

## Peggy Jean Bennett - 1933-2007

Cleburne, Peggy Jean Bennett, 73, a loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away Sunday afternoon April 22nd in Cleburne. Memorial Service slated for Wednesday, April 25 at the First Christian Church in Cleburne at 4:00 p.m.

Peggy Bell was born in Eastland County, Texas on May 30, 1933. Peggy spent her early years in Gorman, Texas and graduated from Gorman High School. After graduation, Peggy met the love of her life, Fred Bennett, whom she married in December 1950, beginning Peggy's long and successful career as wife, mother and homemaker. Sons Gary and Michael joined the young family that had now taken up residence in nearby Ranger, Texas.

While in Ranger, Peggy made her first foray into the business world, opening a popular restaurant in downtown Ranger, near the High School. The restaurant, called The Bulldog Grill, offered Peggy a chance to showcase her unrivaled cooking skills, which were at their best when it came to preparing desserts.

The family relocated from Ranger to Cleburne in 1966, giving Peggy her next career opportunity. Bennett Printing Company opened in a small storefront on West Henderson Street and Peggy became a key part of the young company's success. Working long hours alongside her husband and keeping her sons in tow, Peggy became an early textbook example for how to perfectly balance the needs of a strong family and a demanding career. That the family remains close today is a testament to her example.

With the arrival of her third son, Mark, in 1969 and with the success of the company well under way, Peggy took some time off to concentrate on her family. She was never happier than when the whole family and all their friends were under her roof. She was renowned as a gracious and



## Patricia Sue Spivey

Patricia Sue Spivey, age 65, of Gorman, passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 in a Fort Worth Hospital. Services were Saturday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Gorman. Interment was at Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman. Services were officiated by Bro. Barry Schahn, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Sue was born May 10, 1941 in Gorman to Troy and Dorothy Johnson. She graduated from Gorman High School, and resided in Gorman all of her life. She married Wesley Spivey in Gorman on July 11, 1959. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gorman and was a homemaker.

Sue is survived by her husband, Wesley Spivey, of Gorman, a daughter-in-law, Tracy Dossey Spivey, three grandchildren, Adam Wesley Spivey, Colby Ryan Spivey, and Lauren Rebecca Spivey, all of Gorman. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and by her only son, Steve Spivey, January 24, 2007.

attentive hostess.

Never one to sit idle, Peggy started her own business, Bennett Quick Print, in 1979, which she successfully ran as long as her health allowed.

Peggy enjoyed travel, especially cruises, and was fortunate to have traveled extensively with Fred during their 56-year marriage. She especially enjoyed her five grandchildren and always looked forward to her time together with them.

She was her family's firm foundation, and like the foundation beneath a great building, she did her work quietly and with great strength. She will be greatly missed and forever loved.

Preceding her in death are her parents, George and Zorah Bell; her older sister, Jolene Bell and her younger brother, George Stanley Bell.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Fred Bennett of Cleburne; her sons Gary Bennett and wife Melissa of Cleburne; Michael Bennett and wife Melissa Mitchell of Fort Worth; and Mark Bennett of Dallas, as well as her five grandchildren: Bradley Bennett, Scott Bennett, Sophie Bennett, Shelby Bennett and Samuel Bennett.

Memorials should be sent to the First Christian Church of Cleburne, 200 South Nolan River Road, Cleburne, Texas 76031.

## Donna Fae Caraway

Donna Fae Caraway, age 82 of De Leon passed away on April 20, 2007 at Comanche Co. Medical Center. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 23rd at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jay Smith officiating. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born on July 27, 1924 in De Leon, to the late Joseph Hugh Wall and Bessie Ismelda Belyeu Wall. She married Luther G. Caraway, Jr. on July 14, 1943 in De Leon.

Mrs. Caraway was retired from Montgomery Wards and was a homemaker. She was a resident of De Leon since 1982, having previously lived in Temple, Waco and Fort Worth. She was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Joe Caraway of Fort Worth; one sister, Helen Cook of Houston; two grandchildren, Jerry Caraway and Katy Zwernemann and one great-grandson Corey Caraway.

She was preceded by her husband, L. G. Caraway and her parents.

Pallbearers were Eddie Hight, Dan Larue, Joe Wallace, Randy Owen, Steve Rogers and Greg Zwernemann.

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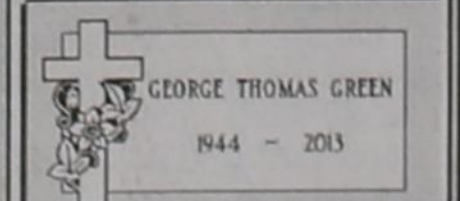
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- 100 A, w/4,961 sq. ft.(CAD) 5-4 1/2 2-story brick home, fireplaces, game room, office, 2-car garage, 2-car carport, underground sprinkler, swimming pool, deck w/ hot tub, 2 ponds, pipe corals, pecan & oak trees. (R01) \$850,000
- 70 A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 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, (R01) \$396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, bams (R01) \$250,000
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- 8.5 A, 1,800sf, 3-2 Metal Frame home, close to Proctor Lake, work shop, pipe & net wire fences, 2-water wells, underground sprinklers. (R02) \$265,000
- 3+ A, 1,780sf, 3-2 Mfg Home, rural water, 2-water wells, pecan trees, 660sf commercial bldg., highway frontage (R01) \$89,500
- 236± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting (R02) \$2,195 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 (R01) \$950,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water (R01) \$850,000
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## Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Country and Western Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, April 28 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 P.M., serving sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 P.M.. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Admission is "Free".

Larry and Gay Moore and her father, "Shorty" fox hosted a Family Reunion on Saturday, April 21. There were fifty five family members to attend. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Dale Holdman and Chris of Dallas, Virgil Holdman, Jr. and Trey of Fredricksburg visited with their mother, Jo Holdman who is recovering from recent surgery. Get Well wishes from Friends In Desdemona.

Desdemona Cemetery Association Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, April 21 at the First Baptist Annex, followed with a noon meal that was enjoyed by everyone. Three trustees were voted in to serve their term.

Alton Wesley Lane, 95, of Eunice, N.M. passed away on April 5, 2007 with burial in the Brunson Memorial Cemetery in Eunice, New Mexico. Survivors include two sons; one daughter; grandchildren and great grands; two sisters, Audra Gamster and Evelyn Hayes both of Enid, OK. Preceded in death by his wife, Mary (Wilson) Lane; his parents, William and Buelah Lane; four brothers and three sisters. The Lane Family are former residents of Desdemona where Alton attended school. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family

Our hearts were saddened to hear that our friend and neighbor, Dorothy Roberts, 78, of Desdemona had passed away. Services were held on Wednesday, April 25 with burial in the Desdemona Cemetery. She was born on May 15, 1928 to Howard and Docy (Long) Williams. Survivors include a daughter, Ulenda Cofsky and husband, Richard of Fort Worth; a son, Jeff Roberts and friend, Henry Rivas of Dallas; five grandchildren; several great grands; a brother, Debert Williams and wife, Fay of Stephenville; nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Morgan Roberts; daughter, Brenda Horan; two brothers, Les Williams and Calvin Williams. The Williams family lived many years in Desdemona where their children attended schools. Dorothy graduated with the Class of 1946. Dorothy was a member of the Desdemona Frist Baptist Church. She served and worked in this Community as long as her health would permit. Dorothy was much loved by all who knew her and she will be missed so much. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family in the loss of their loved one.

Larry and Guy Moore enjoyed a fast trip over the weekend down South thru all the pretty Bluebonnets and Wild Flowers. They reported a good trip.

Remember the shut-ins and those one the sick list with your cards and prayers.

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

## Sam Torrez To Leave For Iraq



Samuel Clinton Torrez, 19 yr old son of Becky and Johnny Torrez graduated from De Leon High School on May 28, 2006. He enlisted in the Army National Guard and went to Ft. Benning, GA. for his basic training. He then went back for his AIT (advanced training). He graduated AIT on September 8th. We had a family get together with family and friends on April 22, 2007 at the Family Bible Church in Gorman, Tx.

On May 7, 2007 he will leave for Ft. Hood, Tx for 3 months. Then he will go to Iraq for 1 1/2 years.

Sam is the maternal great grandson of Lavelle Crowley and the late Ray Rodgers of Gorman. He is also the grandson of the late Charles Rodgers of Gorman. Grandmother Glenda Pryor resides in Brownfield, Tx. Paternal grandparents are Carmen Torrez and the late Lupe Torrez, Sr. of Ranger, formerly of Gorman. Proud Aunt Veda Torrez Rone and husband Larry, and Uncle Louis Torrez and wife Allie Lou also of Ranger. Other proud uncles in Gorman are Charlie Torrez, Sr. and wife, JoNell, Abe Torrez and wife Kathy, Manuel Torrez and wife Debbie, and Lupe Torrez, Jr. and wife Cathy. Stand behind and pray for our military as they put their lives on the line for each one of us. God bless them and God Bless America!

## Jr. Class - Sponsor & Administrations Issue Thanks

The Gorman Junior Class, Junior Sponsor, and Administration would like to thank all the business in and around Gorman who donated money and door prizes for our 2007 Junior-Senior Prom. These donations provided continuous drawings throughout the evening. Your kindness and consideration made our prom a complete success.

This year's prom was held April 21st at the Stephenville Holiday Inn Banquet Rooms. Approximately 75-80 students and faculty were in attendance.

The following is the list of businesses that made our Prom a success: **GORMAN** - American State Bank, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Grocery, Brown Truck, City Grocery/Pizza Pro, City of Gorman, Clark Building Supply, Country Cuts, Gilmore's Auto Supply, Gorman Milling, Gorman Progress, Gorman Video, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Hirst Produce, Panda's Flowers, Smith's Service Station, The Hair Shoppe, Z. J.'s Steakhouse, CCTC/Mid-Tex Cellular; **DE LEON** - Clark Tractor, Comanche County Tractor, Connie's Jewelry, De Leon Auto Supply, De Leon Irrigation, Farley Farm Supply, First National Bank, Golden Oak, Pate's Hardware, Price's Flowers, Shelby Pharmacy, Stockman's Feed, Weaver Drug, Wright Irrigation; **COMANCHE** - Bayer Motor, Comanche County Electric Co-Op, Miguel's Mexican Restaurant, Harry's Department Store; **EASTLAND** - Aaron Insurance, Bealls, Chicken Express, Citibank, F & M Bank, First Financial, Fullen Motor, Greer's Western Store, Heaven Sent Floral, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Maverick Barber Shop, Pulido's, Randolph Dodge, Shirley's Heating and Air Conditioning, Starbuck's Coffee, Taco Bell, Texas Cattle Exchange, Wal-Mart Supercenter; **DUBLIN** - Dr. Pepper, **DUBLIN**; **STEPHENVILLE** - Barefoot, Bealls, Bruner Motor, Chicken Express, Chili's, CiCi's Pizza, Cinema 6, Coca Cola, Cotton Patch, Coyote Design, FMC, Golden China, Grand En-

## Irene Easley Celebrates 90th Birthday



Approximately one hundred close friends and family members, who gathered at the luxurious Rough Creek Lodge near Glen Rose, surprised the guest of honor. People stood and sang "Happy Birthday" as she entered the Chalk Mountain Room. The occasion was marked with an invocation, followed by a thirty-minute tribute dedicated to her life's accomplishments. A family poem was read in her honor and special music was provided by Daryl Hirst. For the duration of the event, Irene's photographs of both old and new flashed across the big screen monitor.

Refreshments were served and accompanied by a variety of hors d'oures. Two photo screen cakes were cut. One cake was graced by the image of Irene; at age two, and her puppy "Tiger", while the other cake conveyed a more recent image of her holding her infant great grandson, Thomas Robert. The party concluded as everyone visited and took advantage of photo opportunities. Irene enjoyed herself so much that she continues to talk about her party several days later.

The family of Irene Easley would like to thank those for attending and making the event a special day in a special lady's life.

## A Fond Farewell To The Senior Class of 2007

To: Amanda, Wade, Kristy, Josh, Ashley, Brian, Rosa, K'Ann, David, Brenda, Maria, Pete, Amanda, Reji, Kaci, Tasha, Brittany, Matt, Crystal, Chance, Nikole, Ty, Mindy, Christen

I wanted to write a public note saying goodbye to our seniors of 2007. We appreciate everything you have done for our school and our community. I know that all of you will move forward and accomplish great things. I sincerely will miss your laughter, your good nature, your strong will and most importantly all the times we spent together. You have left your mark and we hope sincerely that we have been able to prepare you for a successful future. I am confident that all of you are ready for the future and will be wonderful citizens who offer so much. Thank you and your parents for your contributions to Gorman High School and Best of Luck!

Mr. Pante

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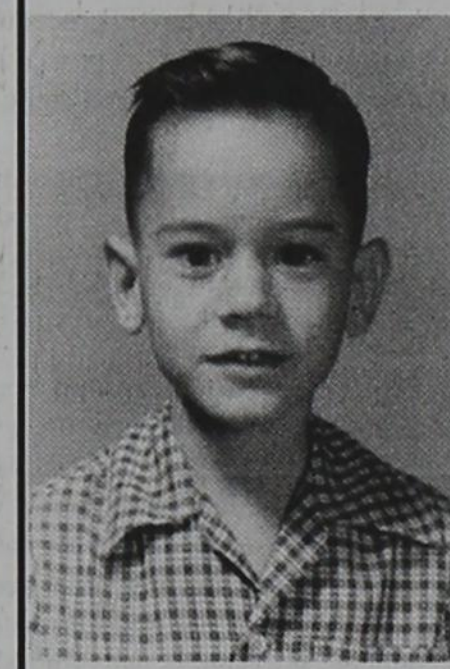
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## KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

### HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, April, 29th has been designated as high attendance day at the Kokomo Baptist Church. We invite everyone in the area that does not attend Sunday School anywhere else, or are visiting in the area, to come and be in our Sunday School that Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and then stay for the worship service at 11:00 a.m. There will be a class, with good teachers, for everyone. I believe you will receive a wonderful blessing.

### FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

The fifth Sunday singing will be held at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday evening, April 29th beginning at 6:00 P.M. Several churches from around the area will participate. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or just want to listen to the good gospel music you are invited to attend. There will be congregational singing and special music. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments following the singing.

### KOKOMO-SIMPSON CEMETERY MEET

The Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association annual Meeting and Homecoming will be held on Saturday, May 5th, 2007 at the New Kokomo Community Center. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. Anyone who has loved ones or friends buried in any of the Kokomo cemeteries are urged to attend and anyone else is welcome. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon. The paper plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins, coffee, tea and ice will be furnished. Come, bring your favorite food and enjoy a good time with friends, relatives and neighbors. This is a time of homecoming so if you ever lived in the Kokomo Community or attended school here, you are especially invited to attend.

Daryl Hirst led the congregational singing, with Glynda Bond at the piano, at the worship services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, April 22. Daryl blessed our hearts with the special music, "At The Right Place At The Right Time". Bro. Jim Haggard's Sunday morning message was on "Vision". Where there is no vision, the people will perish. We must have a vision of Jesus Christ and His supremacy; a vision of souls and their destiny; a vision of the church and its importance; and a vision of prayer and the power of God. There is no power without prayer. We appreciate the visitors and invite you to come again.

The special music on Sunday evening was rendered by Daryl singing "Blessed Assurance" with the congregation joining in on the chorus. Bro Haggard's evening message was on the ministry of restoration of those who have strayed.

We must be careful not to judge, lest we be judged, but to use gentle, tender love and care when ministering to others.

Ruth Rodgers, Ann Warren, Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan attended the Women's Conference at the First Baptist Church in Ranger on Saturday, April 21. The keynote speaker, Sammi Dean, of Stephenville was great, and gave some very challenging thoughts for us to bring home with us. She presented each lady with a beautiful long stemmed carnation. The music was beautiful, the workshops were very informative, and the lunch and fellowship was wonderful. We appreciate the men who did such a good job of serving the tables. We women were treated royally. Thanks to all who made it a remarkable day.

Jean Richardson of Houston visited on Saturday with her cousins, Mary Jane and Bobby Little. Ms. Richardson was on her way to her summer home in Willow, Alaska where she has a restaurant and gift shop. She has a beautiful view of Mt. McKinley from her home. Ms. Richardson is driving through to Alaska, so it will take her several days to reach her destination.

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the families of Sue Spivey of Gorman and Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona.

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## Unapproved Gorman City Minutes APRIL 19, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, and Joe Casey. Absent were Charlie Torrez and Don Underwood. Others present were Chief Barbara Fenley, and Officer David Stanley.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:34 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

New and Old Business, personnel and city operations: Nathan made the motion to accept the bid of Raydon Inc. of Breckenridge to complete the sewer line project on Henderson and Upton streets. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

Joe made the motion to adopt the Policy Handbook amendment concerning the use of city owned equipment. Only City employees are allowed to use, operate or borrow city equipment. Nathan made the second. Motion carried. Amendment will be signed by each employee and placed into their copy of policy handbook.

The pool repairs and operations were discussed. The pool floor will need to be painted. Tacy is to check and see how much paint was left from last year before ordering more. The City will furnish the paint for Mrs. Segura's class to repaint the pool house. The commission also discussed the possibility of renegotiating the proceeds between the City and the pool operator.

Nathan made the motion to open the Police Education Allocation / via Comptrollers office account at ASB. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

Chief Fenley expressed a concern about the need for proper and visible house numbers. Each resident needs a house number placed on the front of the house or in the front of the property where in the event of an emergency, emergency personnel can locate the address.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 6:15 p.m.

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

We want to thank the vendors and customers who came to the first annual craft show at the Desdemona Activity Center. Even though a couple of vendors had to cancel at the last minute and we had competition from some other activities going on in the area we had a nice turnout. We met some very nice people and did lots of visiting. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better event next year.

The DAC is going to sponsor a benefit for the Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a dinner and an auction on May 19th. We would like merchants in the area to donate items for the auction if possible. We know how important the VFD's are to our safety. This year has been pleasant with the rain, but we know how fast that can change! I hope everyone will come and support our department.

Also, in May we will be having a garage sale at the DAC. And on June 23rd remember the Bluegrass Jamfest. It will be an all day event for folks who like to 'pick and grin' and folks who like to listen. Bring whatever instrument you play or even try to play and join the fun. There is no charge for the fun all day. In the evening there will be a small charge for some professional folks who will entertain us. Please watch this little piggie's column for more information.

On a sad note - Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona passed away Saturday evening. She had been having health problems for some time now and had been hospitalized for surgery. She was not able to overcome the complications from that surgery. Our prayers go out to her family.

Carol Pell

## -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
April 23, 2007

### SCOTUS Upholds Partial Birth Abortion ban

The Supreme Court of the United States ruled last week that a ban on partial birth abortion is constitutional. This ruling is a victory for the sanctity of human life. Congress was right to ban this horrific procedure that ends the life of an innocent and defenseless person. This procedure has no place in a civilized society, and the Supreme Court was right to uphold that ban.

The ruling is also a victory for democracy. A majority of Americans believe partial-birth abortion should be banned. Their will was expressed through the democratic process as representatives in Congress from both parties approved a ban and the president signed the bill into law.

### The Truth About "PAYGO" Comes Out

Earlier this year, the new majority in the House pushed through a rule called "PAYGO." I opposed this rule because it paves the way for new taxes. In theory, the PAYGO rule states that any new spending must be offset with either a tax increase or reductions in other federal spending. In reality, reductions in spending are rarely, if ever, used to pay for the new program. This inconvenient truth about PAYGO was evident last week when, in order to pay for \$25 million in new spending, the majority opted to avoid cutting costs elsewhere in the budget. If Congress can't find \$25 million in fat to cut out of a \$3 trillion budget, my earlier concerns have been validated, and it proves that PAYGO does nothing to limit government spending. In the end, PAYGO really means taxpayers pay, as government goes on spending.

### Bill Addressing Water Supply Issues Passes House

The House passed a bill last week that addresses some long-term water supply issues. Drought is an ongoing problem in West Texas and we've seen reports that reservoirs in the region are low. While the price tag was higher than I thought was necessary, I supported the bill because it is important that we solve water problems facing many areas of the country.

The House bill funds water projects across the United States. It authorizes a study to determine the best water supply option for the City of Abilene and the West Central Texas Water District. A preliminary study has identified a new reservoir as the most likely option, but this bill grants authority to the Army Corps of Engineers to help with the project as they make final decisions and begin planning for the reservoir. A specific dollar amount for this study will be determined by Congress later this year.

--Randy

## GNS Partners With TSTC

### West Texas For A \$275,352 Grant

The West Central Texas area workforce will benefit from a \$275,352 job-training grant from the Skills Development Fund that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers. Genesis Networks Solutions has partnered with TSTC West Texas to provide the training.

The grant will be used to create or upgrade 80 jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$19.23.

TSTC West Texas President Michael L. Reeser will accept a check from TWC's Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton at a presentation to be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at the college's Abilene campus.

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## 6th Grade Social Studies Complets Unit on Africa

The 6th grade Social Studies class has just completed a unit about Africa. To finish up this unit, we had a guest speaker from South Africa come and visit. Her name was Estella Botha, and she is an Afrikaan, which is an ethnic group made up of Dutch, German, Belgian, and French settlers. She had many interesting stories for the class. Mrs. Botha also showed the class many pictures of the different ethnic groups living in South Africa. She told the class that there are eleven official languages in South Africa alone. (could you imagine????) Then Mrs. Botha made a dish that many South Africans make; some students liked it and others did not. The students said they really enjoyed her and learned a lot from hearing her tell about South Africa. Having her visit and share her experiences has helped opened the eyes of our youngsters to the world around them. A BIG Thank You goes out to Mrs. Botha from the 6th grade class and Mrs. Scitern.



## Cross Plains Rises "From Ashes To Beauty" Tour of Homes Set for May 12

By Carol Bennett

According to someone (a friend of a friend) in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, the news got around after the wildfires of December 27, 2005, that "Cross Plains, a little town 130 miles west of Fort Worth, caught on fire and will probably die to become a ghost of a town .....". It is true that two human lives were lost that day, and 116 homes and structures in the area were destroyed, not to mention the lost animals and stock, and thousands of bales of hay (and livelihood) and fencing that went up in the wind-driven flames.

Fortunately, the center of town with the long-standing old buildings and businesses and the Elementary through High School Buildings were saved, primarily due to the all day and all night fire fighting of the 30 volunteer fire departments from many surrounding towns.

Driving through Cross Plains today reveals only a few reminders of the devastating wildfire of that fateful day. A few charred mementoes, such as the cross still sitting on the parking lot at the First United Methodist Church, provide a silent witness to many, many losses that day. The church was completely destroyed.

What is more evident are signs of resiliency, hope, and faithfulness as most homeowners re-built and are in the process of moving into or are already moved in to their new homes. Soem had the advantage of insurance (never enough) and contractors to build from the former houseplans or from new blueprints. Some were blessed with the aid of volunteer building teams from all around the county and state. Some have put their own stamp of beauty on a new doublewide manufactured home.

You will be privileged to walk through ten or so of these homes as guests, on Saturday, May 12, 2007, viewing their rise from "Ashes To Beauty", as Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) is sponsoring the so-named Tour of Homes at 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Beginning next week in *The Cross Plains Review*, and later in the *Abilene Reporter News*, stories will recount some of the more interesting events and memories of the people whose homes will be opened to us, including Jane and David Holmes, Nora Odom, Mary Jones, Linda Slaymaker, Bethany and David Parker, Kathy and Charles Chesshir, Wandy Merryman, Beverly and Charles Ross, and Larry and Sandra Crockett. Others to be included are not confirmed.

Tickets will be provided for a minimum donation of \$6.00 and can be obtained from several locations throughout Cross Plains after May 1st or from BSP Members. The Funds raised from this event will be contributed to the Economic Development Council towards the building of large brick "Welcome To Cross Plains" signs at each entrance of the city. A plaque on each sign will permanently commemorate the city's devastation and its restoration. Contributions may also be mailed to BSP, c/o Nora Odom, Treasurer,

P. O. Box 694, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. These permanent and historical welcome signs are expected to cost several thousands dollars.

## Workers Compensation Educational Session Offered In Waco

The Waco Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (Division) will hold a Brown Bag Education Session for health care providers, claims adjusters, case managers, employers, human resource managers and employee organizations on Thursday, May 24, 2007. The topic is Disability Management. This free session will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the downtown State Office Building located at 801 Austin, 8th Floor, Room 840 in Waco. The session will be an open forum in which participants may ask questions.

For more information, contact the Division's Public Information Office or Waco Field Office Manager David Erbe at 254-755-7011 or email [David.Erbe@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:David.Erbe@tdi.state.tx.us).

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## Happenings At First Baptist Church

Finally we have a beautiful spring day. The couples II class have moved across the street to the old parsonage. There is more space for the growing numbers. Just need to move the coffee pot too. The dinner for graduating seniors is May 7. Senior Adult Day is May 8. We will be taking the van. If you want to go, please call church office. Finally had the 3 times postponed Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday afternoon. Also Sunday night, another in the series of "Home Sweet Home", by Bro. Wall.

Summary of Bro. Barry's sermon:

*Could A Killer Be Your Neighbor? Luke 16: 19-26*

Reflecting on the events of this last week about the massacre at Virginia Tech. Even the roommates of the shooter did not have conversation with him. No one really knew him!

- I. God Reverses the Standards of the World
  1. We know the names of the rich
    - A. Gates, Trumps, The Waltons
  2. Poor are Nameless
    - A. We call them Homeless, poor, welfare cases
    - B. They are the neighbors we never met.
- II. Divees (latin for rich man) was not a mean man.
  1. Indifferent
  2. Lack of Goodness
- III. Divees Begs To Warn his brothers
  1. It was too late.
  2. Who Is Your Lazarus?

WAKE UP! PAY ATTENTION LOOK AROUND YOU MAKE THE NEIGHBOR YOU HAVEN'T MET THE NEIGHBOR YOU KNOW!

## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp At Now Taking Final Applications

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by invitation only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 17 Foreign Countries attended the 2006 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, Tx; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA.; Champaign, IL.; Ypsilanti, MI.; Glassboro, NJ.; Hickory, NC.; Mitchell, SD.; Lebanon, TN.; and Blacksburg, VA. There is also a Summer Basketball Camp for Boys and Girls ages 6 -- 18 are eligible. All skill levels are welcome. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME.

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