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

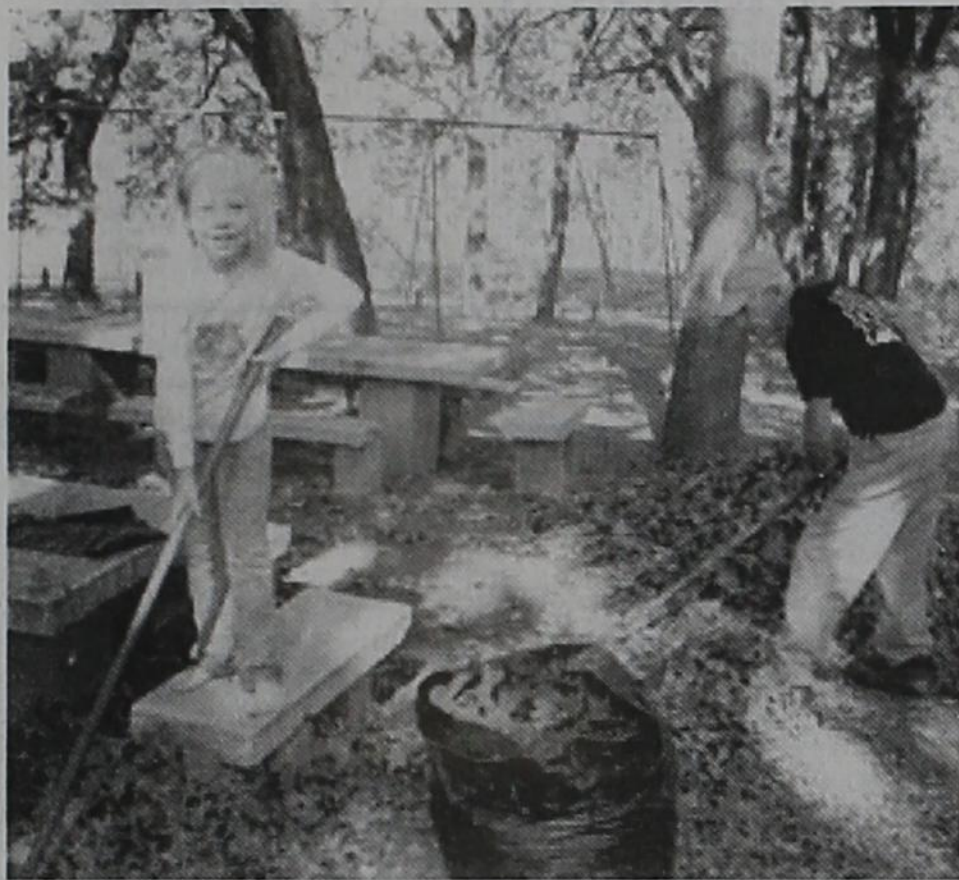
The United Methodist Church of Gorman will host a revival beginning on Sunday, May 6th through Tuesday, May 8th beginning at 6 pm each evening.

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 Stacy Sliger.

There will be fellowship and refreshments after each service.



BASS LAKE CLEAN UP... Kayce Dodd and Curly Lipson rake leaves as part of the Bass Lake Clean up held last Saturday. Those attending the cleanup helped rake leaves, pick up trash, and put out weed killer for poison ivy. Volunteers received a "Clean It Like You Mean It" t-shirt, a coupon for Blue Bell ice cream, and free lunch. Thanks so much to everyone!

Look Who's New



Stephanie and Scott Catoe of Fort Worth proudly announce the birth of their son, Nathan Rex Catoe. He was born March 9, 2007, and weighed 8 lbs. 6 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Nate is the grandson of Leisa Jobe of Athens, the late Rex Jobe of Gorman, and Paul and Kay Catoe of Colorado City. He is the nephew of Melissa Jobe of Fort Worth, Katie Catoe of Durward and Mary Webb of Gorman, LaVelle Jobe of Gorman, Rae Catoe of Hamilton, and Jody James of Amarillo and the great great grandson of Anna Lois Watson of Gorman.

"Panther Baseball"

| | Runs | Hits | Pitching: |
|--------------|------|------|---|
| Panthers | 11 | 17 | Matt Underwood gave up 3 Hits & Struck Out 7 - Walked |
| Cross Plains | 1 | 3 | |

None. Matt's season record was 5-4. Team Season Record was 11-10 - District Record 6 and 8.

The Playoff Teams consist of Eula in First Place - Albany in Second Place and Baird in Third Place.

Coaches Comments: In the last 3 District games we scored 37 runs to our opponents 4 runs. This shows even though we were out of the play-off contention, the boys kept improving and worked hard to finish the season on a roll. We look forward to next year and we want to thank our two seniors, David Ibarra and Ty Vaughn for helping up this year with their leadership. I would like to thank everyone for backing us this year and we are looking forward to a great season next year.

BAKE SALE
Saturday - 6 p.m. At
ZJ's Steakhouse
Gorman Senior Travel Club

2007 Gorman Panther Baseball Camp

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

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

Camp is for kids 6 years old to the this year's 8th Grade Boys. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m.

at Gorman High School Baseball Field on Monday, June 4th.

Camp open to all area baseball players.

Cheerleaders To Hold Car Wash

There will be a CAR WASH at the American State Bank parking lot on Saturday, May 5th from 9 to 12. We will also be selling Brisket plates.

Community Singing Friday, May 6

There will be a Community Singing at 5:30 p.m. on the First Friday of Every Month. "POT LUCK". Rockin R - 16 miles west of Comanche on Hwy. 36.

Fish Fry and Fishing Tourney Slated At Carbon CBC

A Fish Fry and Fishing Tourney is planned at the Carbon Community Baptist Church on Saturday with the Fishing Tournament starting at on Saturday morning. The entry fee for the tourney is \$25.00 per 3 person teams, meet at the church for info. The Fish Fry will be held at 6:30 Saturday night at the Carbon Community Baptist Church - \$8.00 - All You Can Eat.

The Funds raised will go towards the Carbon Christian Camp.

GORMAN REPRESENTED AT NETWORK LUNCHEON

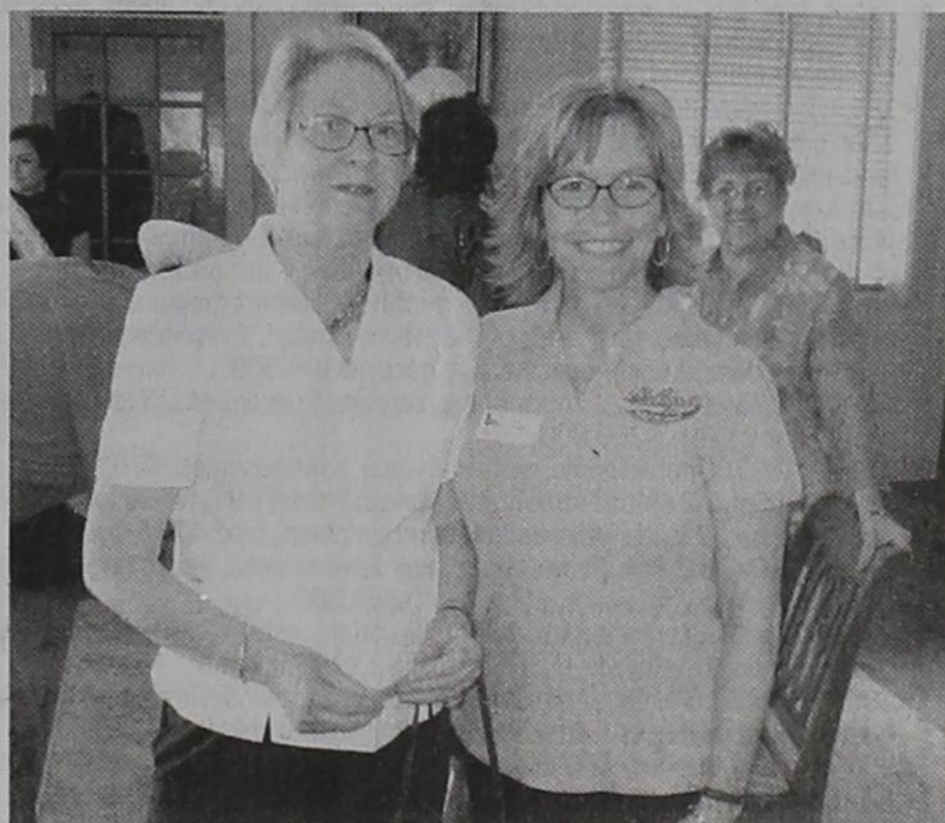
The Dublin EDC & Chamber of Commerce hosted one of six network luncheons being held in April sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). The luncheon presentation and discussion focused on "The TMCN Scoreboard". The original mission of TMCN was reviewed as attendees identified ways their communities have benefited from participation.

Gorman EDC representatives Lori Dodd and Cliffa Vaughn were among the 20 attendees at the luncheon. Dodd currently serves as president for the 25-county regional organization. Cities represented at the luncheon included Abilene, De Leon, Dublin, Gorman and Hamilton. The luncheon was catered by Dublin Dr Pepper.

During the luncheon community representatives from neighboring cities discussed the values provided by TMCN and how to enlist more support from business and industry leaders.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." For more information about TMCN call 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563 or visit www.texasmidwest.org.

TMCN member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Ty, and Winters.



Cliffa Vaughn and Lori Dodd represented Gorman at the TMCN network luncheon in Dublin.



Currently serving as TMCN President Lori Dodd addressed attendees during the luncheon.

Lifesaving Blood Drive Set In Gorman on Monday

A lifesaving blood drive will take place in Gorman on Monday, May 7th. The Meek Blood Center Blood-mobile will be in the City Park from noon to 6:00 p.m. The blood drive on February 5 resulted in twenty three pints of blood. Those who gave blood at that drive will be eligible to give blood on May 7.

According to information provided by Meek Blood Center blood usage has increased for a number of reasons. The aging baby boomer and World War II generations are receiving advanced medical care that often requires blood transfusions. As the usage of blood continues, and older donors become unable to continue giving for a variety of reasons, new blood donors are needed more than ever before. At this time there is no artificial substitute for human blood. The blood supply is totally dependent on volunteer donors who are willing to donate their blood to save the life of someone they will never know.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit. There are some restrictions regarding certain medications, medical conditions, and some travel areas outside the U.S. Those who have question may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Donors will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are usually available three days after the blood drive.

Important Dates For The Remainder Of The School Year

* Scholarships will be presented at the academic awards ceremony. Please see Mrs. Hampton about awarding your scholarship.

* Academic Awards will be held at 10am and 1pm on Tuesday, May 15 in the auditorium. The high school ceremony will be held at 10 and the junior high will be held at 1pm.

* Band Concert this Sunday, May 6 at 2pm in the auditorium. We will also be treated to a Spanish dance performance

* Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, May 20th at 7:30pm in the auditorium.

* Eighth grade promotion will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 24 at 7:30pm in the auditorium.

* HS graduation will be held at the football field on Friday, May 25 at 7:30pm

Oakland Cemetery Needs Your Help

Would everyone of you who have a part 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

All Day Singing Rock Bluff Baptist Church

The Rock Bluff Baptist Church will hold an All Day Singing at the Church located 7 miles west of DeLeon on Sunday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covered dish luncheon. Rock Bluff Baptist Church has been having this annual singing for over 100 years, and it has not changed much, except we now have a building with air conditioning and indoor plumbing!

Everyone is invited. Bring a song to sing or just come and enjoy listening.

(For more information call at Vicki Robinett (254) 893-5501 Thank you, vicki robinett

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, MAY 16TH 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.

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper before the dance begins at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. James Roberson, The Fiddler and The Unknown Band will furnish the music for this dance. No Alcohol and No Smoking allowed. Admission is \$4.00 each.

Visitors with Gary and Jody Walston during the past weekend were Travis Walston of Odessa and their grandson, Trevor Walston.

Jo Holdman is feeling much better since her recent surgery. She was able to attend the monthly musical last Saturday night at the Community Center.

Avie Taylor of De Leon spent a few days in the local hospital following surgery to repair a broken arm. She was returned by ambulance on Sunday eve to the hospital. Bernard Keith and Vonnie Guthery both of Desdemona visited on Sunday eve with their sister, Avie.

John Fair spent Wednesday night thru Saturday in the Veterans Hospital in Temple.

Linda (Hall) Hahn of Arlington spent the past weekend visiting with her sister, Carol Sue Willis. They attended Church on Sunday morning at the First Baptist.

"Thanks" to these musicians, singers, and visitors that attended last Saturday night at the monthly musical. Also thanks to the ladies that donate food and drinks each month for the Concession Stand at the Community Center.

Have A Nice Day, "Coon"

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

GRAHAM YOUTH CHOIR TO BE AT KOKOMO BAPTIST CHURCH

The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church of Graham will present a concert at the Kokomo Baptist Church at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 6, 2007. The public is cordially invited to come and hear these young people present the gospel in song.

Sunday, April 29th, was a wonderful day at the Kokomo Baptist Church. There were 84 in Sunday School for our high attendance day. We appreciate all the visitors and everyone that made an extra effort to be there to worship with us. We were especially happy to see all the children there, as we don't have many children in our community. We trust that everyone received a blessing for having been there. We invite you to come and worship with us at anytime.

Daryl Hirst rendered the special music "The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference" in the morning worship service. Bro. Jim Haggard's Message was "You Have The Power Of Choice". You have a choice to accept Jesus, or not. That is the most important decision of your life. Jesus does not force Himself on anyone. It is possible to admire Jesus and go no further, ignore, neglect or outright reject Jesus Christ and be lost for eternity. I pray that all come to know Jesus Christ, his love, mercy and saving grace before it is too late.

A very large crowd attended the Fifth Sunday singing at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday night. What a wonderful blessing we received from all the good gospel music of the congregational singing, special music of the soloists, duets, and quartets and choirs. There were members of several churches from around the area in attendance. We appreciate you coming to enjoy the worship service in song with us, and then joining us in the fellowship hall for refreshments and a good time of fellowship with one another. Our thanks to all the ladies who furnished the refreshments.

HOMEcoming AND CEMETERY MEETING AT KOKOMO

Saturday, May 5, 2007 is the time for the annual meeting of the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting and Homecoming. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the Kokomo Community Center, followed by a covered dish lunch at noon. Bring your favorite food, and come see the new Community Center, take care of cemetery business, and enjoy a time of homecoming with friends, relatives and neighbors as we visit at lunchtime. We look forward to seeing former residents and former students of the Kokomo School.

Sheri Snider LaBonte, of South Riding, VA, daughter of Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville was one of the honorees of the Academic Hall of Fame at Stephenville High School on Thursday night. She received a Plaque and there was also a Duplicate Plaque placed in the Stephenville High School Trophy Case. Kay Snider and LaVon Snider attended the ceremony and then went to the home of Dwayne and Connie for a visit with them and Sheri. Our congratulations to Sheri. Mrs. Myrtle Deavenport, a former teacher at Gorman and Stephenville was honored posthumously. Mrs. Deavenport's husband, Jack was a former football coach and Grade School principal in the Gorman Schools. Kay and LaVon enjoyed a visit with the Deavenport's daughter, Patricia Carpenter and her son of Granbury.

Helen and Woodrow Browning visited in Graham with Gary, Rebecca, Emily and Lance Browning and Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin. Emily and Lance came home with them for an overnight visit on Tuesday and Gary and Rebecca came for them on Wednesday.

Bob and Beverley Pharris of Haskell ate dinner with Larry and Betty Strube on Wednesday.

Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond of Copperas Cove spent the weekend with their grandparents, Joe and Glynda Bond and attended church services with them on Sunday.

Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson, Steven Bergmark of Comanche and Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Comanche visited with Oren and Norma Webb on Sunday and attended church with them on Sunday morning. Oren's sister and brother-in-law, Armand and Bill Harrison of Pompano Beach, FL arrived on Sunday afternoon for a visit this week with Oren and Norma.

Glenda Black, and her grandchildren, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene spent the weekend with Zelda Jordan and attended the church services with her on Sunday morning. Jimmy and Maggie Nelson were supper guests with them on Saturday night.

Sylvia Buchanan visited with her mother, Nancy Hendricks.

Jimmy Nelson, Travis Nelson of Haltom City and Mike Westbrook of Weatherford visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday and mowed her lawn just in time for the rain that fell on early Monday morning and on Monday night. An inch or more of rain fell as thunderstorms rumbled through the community. As far as I know no hail fell in this area.

A belated "Happy Anniversary" to my grandson and wife, Joe and Viki Miles in Austin who celebrated their anniversary on April 28th from Grandma Jordan.

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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Competition Through Research, Education and Innovation

Rising powers like China and India are threatening America's economic prominence, and we must refocus our efforts to address this threat head-on. I recently joined with many of my Senate colleagues to meet this challenge by passing the America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science) Act. This bipartisan bill increases research, education and innovation to strengthen America's long-term economic competitiveness.

A report published by the National Academies in 2005 titled "Rising Above the Gathering Storm" illustrated my concerns about how precarious our economic leadership is. The United States graduates about 70,000 engineers annually, yet more than half come from overseas. India matriculates far more engineers each year (around 250,000), and in China, the number is even greater. If this trend continues, within a few years approximately 90 percent of all scientists and engineers in the world will live in Asia.

We are already starting to see the consequences of our lack of focus, because fewer innovators results in fewer innovations. In the 1990s, U.S. patent applications grew at an annual rate of 10 percent, but since 2001, their growth rate has slowed to less than three percent. By not replenishing America's well of innovations, we are seeing a fundamental - and detrimental - shift in the global economy. In particular, our trade balance in high-tech products has turned upside down. China has passed us as the world's largest exporter of information-technology products, while we have become a net importer of such products.

In a very real sense, the foundation of our economic prosperity is cracking. Norman Augustine, the former CEO of Lockheed Martin who chaired the panel that produced the National Academies report, summed up the problem when he wrote, "In the five decades since I began working in the aerospace industry, I have never seen American business and academic leaders as concerned about this nation's future prosperity as they are today." Many of the recommendations for remedying the current trend are included in the America COMPETES Act.

First, we would increase research investment by doubling the authorized funding levels for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and substantially increasing funding for the Department of Energy's Office of Science. NASA, in particular, is one of our premier research institutions, and we have created a framework to provide increased NASA funding to support basic research and spur new innovation.

Second, we have focused on improving education, specifically in the vitally important fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and critical foreign languages. We have authorized competitive grants to states to promote stronger curricula in elementary and secondary schools so that the next generation of Americans has the skills to succeed in college, the workforce, and in the U.S. Armed Forces. It strengthens the skills of thousands of math and science teachers by supporting the NSF's Teachers Institutes for the 21st Century Program and providing grants for teachers to earn master's and doctoral degrees in math or science.

Finally, our bill focuses on innovation. From the Franklin Stove to the grain reaper, from the telephone to the television, from the space shuttle to the Internet, America has been the world capital of technology. Economic studies show that as much as 85 percent of the measured growth in per capita income is due to technological change, and our bill ensures that both NASA and NSF are able to expand their strong traditional roles in fostering technological and scientific excellence.

With this landmark legislation, we will have a better-educated workforce, increased research, and ground-breaking ideas that will re-charge our competitiveness and raise our overall standard of living.

USDA Announces CCC Lending Rates For May 2007

WASHINGTON, May 1, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced interest rates for May 2007. The CCC borrowing rate-based charge is 4.875 percent for May 2007, down from 5.000 percent in April 2007. For 1996 and subsequent crop year commodity and marketing assistance loans, the interest rate for loans disbursed during May 2007 is 5.875 percent, down from 6.000 percent in April 2007.

The interest rate for farm storage facility loans approved for May 2007 is 4.625 percent, up from 4.500 percent in April 2007. The interest rate for sugar storage facility loans for May 2007 is 4.875 percent, up from 4.750 percent in April 2007.

The maximum discount rate applicable for May 2007 for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program is 10.0 percent, unchanged from April 2007. This is based on the 8.25 prime rate plus 2 percent, rounded to the nearest whole number.

Past monthly releases announcing interest rates charged by CCC on commodity and marketing assistance loans disbursed for that particular month reflect the interest rate the U.S. Treasury charged CCC for that month. This was the interest rate specified by CCC since Jan. 1, 1982, but the process of establishing the interest rate was changed by a provision of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the Act), enacted on April 4, 1996.

Section 163 of the Act requires that monthly interest rates applicable to commodity and marketing assistance loans are to be 100 basis points - or 1 percent - greater than the rate determined under the applicable interest rate formula in effect on Oct. 1, 1995. This formula resulted in a rate equivalent to the amount the U.S. Treasury charged CCC for borrowing for the month.

Further program information is available from USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Financial Management Division at (703) 305-1386.

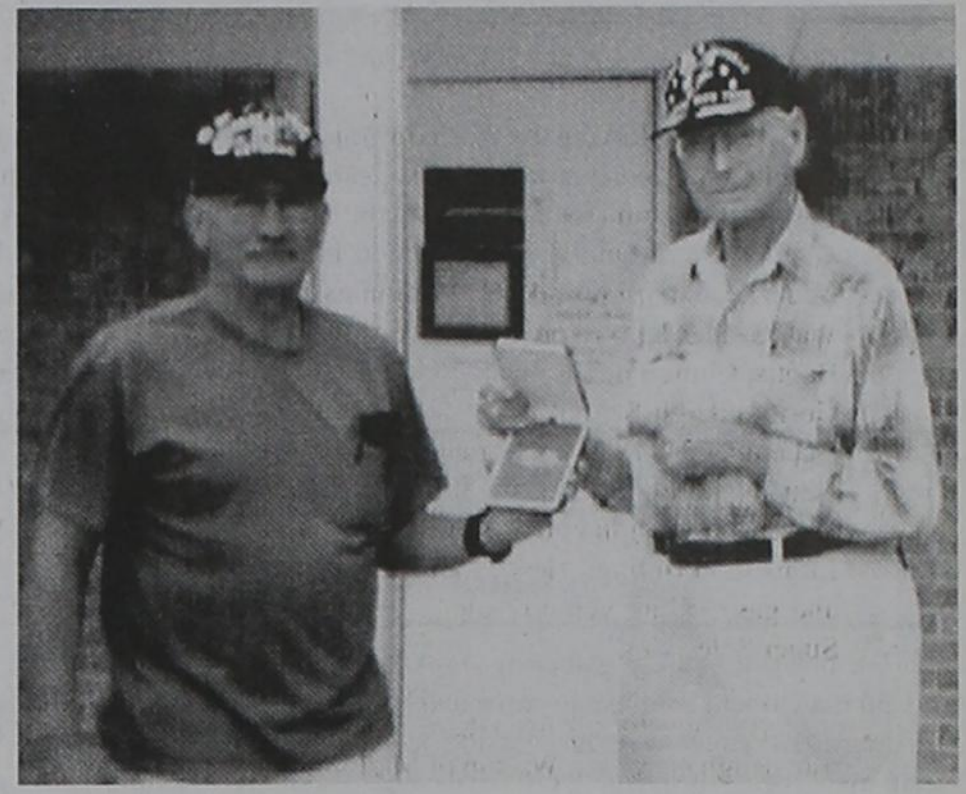
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Locals Attend VFW Post 4136 Fundraising Event Held Apr. 21



Pictured here are Kenny Welch, Gulf War Veteran and Edgar Reynolds, WWII Veteran, at the VFW Post 4136 Fundraising Event held the 21st of April. Edgar received the Combat Infantry Badge, about 50 years ago after he was discharged in 1945. The C.I.B., or better know as The Silver Rifle is one of the most honored and respected medal of the Army. Edgar was discharged at Ft. Sam Houston Texas in San Antonio in 1945. When he left the Army he says, "They told me they would send the Silver Rifle to me, but they never did." Kenny Welch was looking at Edgar's discharge and noticed the Combat Infantry Badge was one of Edgar's Awards which he never received. Edgar was presented the Silver Rifle at an Assembly of WWII Veterans in Gorman in September of 2005.

Specific eligibility requirements for the Combat Infantry Badge, or CIB are (1) serve satisfactorily while engaged in active ground combat, (2) be present and under hostile fire while serving in an infantry or special forces primary duty in a unit engaged in ground combat with the enemy.

Submitted by Kenny Welch and Larry Monroe, Commander



Pictured here are Veterans from 3 Wars. Edgar Reynolds WWII, Roy (Curly) Lipson, WWII and Korea. T. J. Neal, Korea and Larry Monroe, Vietnam (not shown is photographer Kenny Welch who was a Gulf War Veteran.) These guys got to visit at the April 21 Fundraiser at the VFW Post 4136 in Eastland.

Super Notes

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

What a difference a little rain followed by sunshine makes. The trees are filling out and the fields are green. It certainly makes for a nice drive if you can afford the gas. It looks as if the oil companies are going to squeeze every penny they can out of a gallon of gasoline this summer. The fuel companies say it is market drive, but that doesn't seem to be true to me. We live in an economy that is based on transportation, people and goods. It would seem the higher you allow the price of fuel to be driven up, the more expensive everything else gets.

Softball, Baseball, Track, Golf, Tennis, Junior High Volleyball, and TAKS: it's all over and we are into the last month of school. This year has gone by in a flash! But, it has been a good year. Our kids are showing improvement in everything. I am so proud of all of them for the winning attitude they've displayed this year and in the accomplishments they have made. I am already looking forward to next year. I bet you are too.

We had more athletes competing in the Regional Track Meet at ACU this year than I think have participated in several years. Although we did not have anyone advance to State, we had several athletes do the best that they have done. You can't ask for more than that. We will be in great shape for next year.

We had more people competing academically as well. Our kids are experiencing more and more success all the time. The key to success is more; more kids involved; more parents involved; more teachers involved; and more community members involved. Our kids are involved in more today than they have ever been and they are experiencing success and I promise we will keep them headed in the right direction. It is my hope that they achieve excellence in everything they do. I hope that it's your hope for them too!

Important dates to remember:

5/4 Elementary Field Day
5/6 Band Concert 2:00pm
5/7 JH VB Here 4:00pm
5/8 State Judging

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.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Oink! Oink! It's time for breakfast again! Join us this Saturday, May 5 for 'Breakfast at the DAC.' The new Activity Center in Desdemona is the place to be on the first Saturday of every month for a mouth-watering breakfast. Serving begins at 7:00 A.M. and lasts until 10:00 A.M. See you there!

Have you been following the discussions about the bond issue? I'm a little confused as to how a new school will attract new folks to DeLeon if there are no jobs for them to come to. Maybe this and other questions will be answered for me tonight when I attend one of the meetings on the issue. We all need to pay close attention to this and all matters concerning the upcoming election.

Carol Pell

Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We had our weekly gathering on April 25th at 11:30. We do eat at 11:30 if anyone would like to come and be with us, always on Wednesday. Wilburn Overstreet gave our blessing, as only he can. Such a good Christian man, speaks inspiring words to us all. We did have 23 present. Last week there were 30 when I was absent. I do wish we would always have 30 to 40 in attendance.

This was Barbara Bush last day as Director. She has been an inspiration to us all. After much thought I decided to try and take her place. She will be my sub, helper. We will just reverse rolls. I will try to do my best, especially with my good helpers. These ladies are always there early, before me, Betty Region, Jerry Underwood and Aileen Garret. I always used to like to help clean up after the meal as does Emma Jame Lauch and An Maxfield. I don't know what I'd do without them. Thanks so very very fine ladies.

I was so excited to see John and Willi Rice. They had'n't been here in awhile. Willo is feeling better and looks wonderful. John brought ice for us. That had been Bob Gibson's chore until he had his stroke. So thanks to these good men for their help. Hope John and Willo will continue to come and be with us and visit.

Since this meeting I've found out several ladies had been in the hospital. I do wish them speedy recovery and that they are home by now. Good wishes and get well to Annie Fay Foster, Billie Bennett and Irene West.

We had our game night on the 26th at Barbara and Max Bush's Spring lake home. Which used to be Pitman Lake. Such a beautiful spot, we all enjoyed our outing so. The Center was in use, so we had to go elsewhere. I believe we had 14 there to enjoy ourselves. Remember game night every Thursday at 5 p.m. We bring a snack that we don't make. Of course some do and we thank them.

I almost forgot, Opal Burton was here to visit and be with us. She always brings several good dishes. I tell her, you only have the bring one. We all enjoy seeing her as she continues her treatment.

Until next week, be good and keep sweet. Sometimes this is difficult for us all.

Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

Sorry I didn't get the news in to the paper last week; first thing I knew it was Wed. and too late to send it in.

As I write this it is pouring down rain. Isn't God Good!

We had a great birthday party on Monday following singing. Amy Wood furnished the delicious, beautiful cake again this month. Thanks Amy. We celebrated 3 birthdays this month, Letty Craddock, Lavona Sharp and Lula Schneider.

We have a busy May coming up. We would like to invite you to join us on May 4 at 1:00 p.m. as we dedicate the opening of our Hospice/Respite Care Wing.

Also coming up in May are, Mother's Day, National Nursing Home Week, and Memorial Day. We have special activities planned for these so be sure and watch this article for more details.

Visiting Lottie Morris were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Louise Smart, Gene and Kay Snider, and Helen and Woodrow Brown-ing.

Visiting Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Betty Little and Carolyn Little. Carolyn Little also visited with Imogene Norris. Visiting Jelma Smith were, Joann Gore, Kryste, Jarryn, Amirah and Micah Honea of Venus, Jeff Smith of Eastland, Amber, Jordan and Weldon Scitern, and Johnny and Ina Smith. Freddie Rodgers visited with Don Estes; Paula Morrow of Plains visited her Mom, Imogene Norris.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were La Verne and Tommy Carr of Whitney, Roy and June Mayfield of Dublin, Zelda Jordan, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Betty Little, Pat Brown, Keri Guthery and Carolyn Foster. Visiting with Jewel Snider were Peggy and Bobby Ingram and Bill and Maudie Moll of Cisco. Becky Moore of DeLeon visited with her mom, Mildred Addy. Visiting with Bob Gibson were, Suzanne McMeens, Ron Skiles, Charlie and Paula Horton and Evelyn Hare.

Until next time...Ina

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Barbara Brandon

As everyone who visits Heritage Manor on a regular basis probably knows, we had the state in the facility last April 10-12 for their annual survey. Some family members might even have received a phone call from one of the survey team to ask about the care their loved one receives.

That week was a week we prepared for and dread it's coming all year long. This year, as the saying goes, we came out smelling like a rose. We received two small deficiencies that concern paperwork. There were no care issues cited by the state inspectors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of Heritage Manor of Gorman. They did a tremendous job not only during the survey, but all year long.

Barbara Brandon

Thank You

We wanted to thank all the firefighters for their quick response on the morning of April 22, so no other families were affected by the fire. We would like to sincerely apologize to our surrounding neighbors for the events of the night. We also like to thank God for the brave firefighters who put their lives in jeopardy to help those in need. We would also like to thank our friends and family for their phone calls of caring and consideration.

Sincerely,
The Parker Family

THANK YOU

The Gorman Senior Travel club would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support and donations for our Ranch Rodeo: *Stockman Seed and Fertilizer, Gorman Dairy Queen, Bob's Grocery, Cliffa Vaughn, G&H Feeds, Rosmary Brinegar, Jerry Skaggs, Freda Johnson, Dale McKinney, Boliver Bledsoe, Dublin Livestock, Scott Scitern, Denver Rainey, Jason Bledsoe, Sonya Hornback, Gorman High School, Red Chain and Gary Burgess.*

We would also like to give a special thanks to Johnny Majors, Ronald Majors and Barbara Majors. For without them this rodeo would not have been possible.

Thanks, GSTC



Can Immigration Be Reformed?

The U.S. Congress has an opportunity this spring to resolve one of the most urgent issues facing our nation. Virtually everyone agrees our immigration and border security systems are broken, and must be repaired.

My hope is that we will be able to achieve real, workable solutions in the next few months. Otherwise, we run the risk of this critical issue becoming bogged down in 2008 presidential election politics.

Over the past two years, with Congress in Republican hands, some border security measures were approved. But overall, we dropped the ball. Now Congress is under new management, and the need for progress on broad reforms is even more urgent.

In our post-9/11 world, securing America's borders is critical to our national security. Yet thousands of illegal immigrants continue to stream across our borders every month, creating an unacceptable threat in these times.

Any new immigration policy must start with concern about keeping America's homeland safe from those who wish to do us harm. The first step in regaining control over our immigration system is controlling our borders.

So far, the federal government has not devoted adequate funds, resources or manpower to fully enforce our laws. Last year, I introduced a measure to provide \$3.9 billion in emergency funding for new agents, detention beds, employer verification and strategic barriers that had been previously authorized—but not funded—by Congress.

Unfortunately, that measure did not pass. Authorizing border security measures is meaningless unless we put the funds and resources behind them.

A second key element is eliminating the magnet of illegal employment. The single most effective way to reduce illegal immigration is to restore credibility to our workplace regulations. But current laws are largely unenforceable. Even the most honest employers are unable to determine whether their employees are legal. We must devise an effective electronic system that will allow employers to verify immediately a worker's identity and authorization to work in the United States.

Once we have such a system in place, we must then give officials sufficient resources to conduct worksite enforcement actions—not to penalize legitimate businesses, but to deter employers who deliberately violate the law by hiring illegal workers.

Finally, we must eliminate the identity theft and document fraud that facilitates this situation. Any documents that can be used for identity and employment verification must be secure, tamper-resistant and counterfeit-proof, and include biometric features for verification.

These measures will be costly. But any reform effort must be grounded on a system of laws that can be enforced, and respected.

Texans are on the front lines of this national immigration debate. Our state and our nation have always welcomed immigrants, and been enriched by their energy, their work ethic, and their culture. This will continue to be the case.

But as we accommodate legal migrants, we must ensure that our reformed immigration system furthers the goals of America and serves the needs of our economy. We must also make certain that we know who is entering our country, and do our best to eliminate those who would do us harm.

For far too long, Washington has ignored the flaws in our nation's immigration policy. If anything, the situation has deteriorated in recent months. Special interest groups on both ends of the political spectrum now dominate the debate, employing scare tactics to scuttle reforms that do not comport with their narrow views.

I will continue doing what I can this year to push toward a solution. Reform will not be easy, but the status quo is unacceptable. Doing nothing is not an option.

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 Refugees 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.

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.

Carbon Golden Exes Set October 6th For Reunion

The committee for the next Carbon Golden Exes reunion met in Carbon, Friday, April 13, 2007 at the home of C.O. Sandlin to begin preparations for the next reunion to be held on October 6, 2007 at the old Carbon School grounds. The graduating class of 1956 is in charge of preparing for the reunion this year. C.O. Sandlin is chairman of the committee.

The mailing list for the 2007 reunion is being readied and some addresses are not available for the mailout. If anyone knows the addresses for any of the following names please contact Reba Reeves, phone number 817-738-8393, email at rebareeves@sbcglobal.net or Edna Powell at 254-734-3135 or email at smoke@ccct.net. If you can help us with any of these addresses, we wish to thank you.

Elaine Reese Bennett

Hazel Weaver Cates

Vergie Gregg

Grover and Ruth Hallmark

Lola Grisham Hageman

Joe Greer Lee

Eldon McMillan

Happenings At First Baptist Church

Spring is a time of a lot of activities. Graduating senior dinner will be May 7th at 7 p.m. Senior Adult Day at Leuders on May 8th. Several have been sick and in the hospital, and several sick at home. Tommy worked up special music with Philip and Robert Lewis adding to the good music.

DO YOU LIKE IT HERE? Was subject of Bro. Barry's sermon.

Ephesians 3: 14-20

If you are going to like it here: (on earth)

1. You must have simple tastes. Learn to enjoy simple things.

- Tastes must be clarified.
- Your activities organized.

2. Let the True Worship of God Refine You.

- Simplify your desires.
- Set your mind upon the truly great values.

3. You must Learn to turn every experience into Something Good!

- Sorrows
- Failures

As an illustration Bro. Barry sang "Itsy Bitsy Spider" who climbed up the water spout and the rain came and washed him down. But the sun came out and he climbed up the spout again. We all have failures and sorrows, but we must be able to pick ourselves up and go again.

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