

# The Gorman Progress

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NUMBER THIRTEEN

APRIL 5, 2007

# Happy Easter!!!

## District 15-A Track Meet At Tarleton State Thursday

Schools participating are:

De Leon - Cross Plains - Gorman - Eula - Tolar  
Santo - Ranger - Albany - Winters - Baird

Thursday, April 5th

8:00 - 8:45	Scratch Meeting	
9:00	3200 Meter Run; VG, JVB, VB	
9:00 - 10:30	Varsity Girls - Shot Put, Triple Jump	Varsity Boys - Discus, Pole Vault
	JV Boys - High Jump, Long Jump	
10:30 - 12:00	Varsity Girls - Discus, Pole Vault	Varsity Boys - Long Jump, High Jump
	JV Boys - Shot Put, Triple Jump	
12:00 - 1:30	Varsity Girls - High Jump, Long Jump	Varsity Boys - Triple Jump, Shot Put
	JV Boys - Discus, Pole Vault	
2:00 - 4:00	400 M. Relay	800 M. Relay
	100 M. Hurdles	400 M. Dash
	110 M. Hurdles	300 M. Hurdles
	100 M. Dash	200 M. Dash
	<b>Finals 1 Hour After Prelims</b>	
400 Meter Relay	400 Meter Dash	
800 Meter Run	300 Meter Hurdles	
100 Meter Hurdles	200 Meter Dash	
110 Meter Hurdles	1600 Meter Run	
100 Meter Dash	1600 Meter Relay	
800 Meter Relay		

## Track Teams Competing Well

The boys and girls track teams are working hard and competing well so far this season.

The boys team is featuring Seth Johnson in the Shot and Discus. The Relay Teams are competing in the Area Meet. Some of the Relay members are Tony Perez, Zack Fox, Matt Underwood and Regi Sanchez in the sprints

Tyson Swanner and David Ibarra will be competing in the mile relay, which has won three of the last four track meets.

In the Girls Track the Sprint Relays featuring Megan Lewis, Tecia Jones, Nicole Cogburn and Audrey Johnston have a good chance of qualifying in the Spring Relay.

Individually will be Johnson in the Sprints and Brandy Carlton in both the 400 and 800. Should do well.

In the distance races the Lady Panthers have two stellar athletes in Mary Powell and Crystal Thackerson. They will be running the 1600 and 3200 meter races. Megan Lewis will be running the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

The Panthers will be competing in the District with 10 other schools and the top four places will compete in the Area Events.

More on the track as the season progresses.

## Spring Cleaning

The rain has been great but that means that the grass is growing and the water is standing in places. If you have standing or accumulated water, please drain or pour it out, etc. This will keep the mosquito population down.

This is a reminder that we need to keep our yards mowed and property cleaned up.

The City is having curb-side City Wide Clean up Day on April 10.

**No Tires, Batteries, or Paint will be picked up.**

Please remember that your neighbor is affected by the appearance of your yard as well as our City.

If you receive a letter from the City asking you to clean your property it is because there has been a complaint or it is in violation of City Ordinance No.302.

Please help keep our community clean.



THURMAN JAY will soon be 80 years young. You are invited to join the celebration at Thurman's home on Saturday, April 14 from 2 pm to 4 pm. No gifts, please.

Cards welcome.

If you cannot attend, but would like to send Thurman a card, send it to P. O. Box 278, Gorman, Texas 76454.

## EASTER TREASURE HUNT

Hey kids are you ready for the big Easter Treasure Hunt on Saturday April 7? Got those big baskets or bags ready? Mrs. Bunny is ready and waiting. Treasure hunt will begin at 2:00 bunny time so don't be late. Age groups are 0-1(child must be able to sit alone) 2-3 years 4-kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Get ready, get set, be sure to be on time for when I say GO.

See you Saturday  
Mrs. Bunny

(In case of rain we will have the hunt the next Saturday, but Mrs. Bunny will be around for everyone who would like to have their picture made on Saturday.

## YOUTH IN THE DARK

I am very excited about our first Youth in the Dark Egg Hunt and I hope everyone else is. Youth, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up will be hunting eggs at the city park on Friday night April 6 just a little after dark. We would like for all hunters to meet on the basketball court by the Sr. Citizen Building.(Please do not enter the park until egg hunt time.) Be sure and bring you a sack or basket to put your eggs in. Last count I had some eggs filled and ready to hunt were close to 2000, and we still have a few more to go. We are still accepting donations. You may purchase gift certificates from City Gro., for pizza and other items, Bob's Gro., and Gorman Video.

Following the hunt we will be cooking hot dogs for everyone, so make plans now for a fun filled evening.

**NOTICE:** If you have said you would like to help, and I have not contacted you **PLEASE** be sure to come as I have forgotten who all said they would like to help. Even if you haven't said you would like to help please come and help us.

**ALSO** if anyone would like to make some cookies, brownies, cup cakes, etc. they sure would be appreciated. Baked goods may be left at Smith's Service Station, or after 5:00 Friday I will be downtown. Thank you for your support, Ina Smith.

## THANK YOU!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Dinner and Benefit Auction held for me Saturday night. I am still in awe of the overwhelming support and selfless acts from so many people in this community. This has been a very humbling experience for me and caused me to question if I am even worthy to live in a place like this, let alone deserve this many acts of kindness. I am convinced I would not if weren't for the Grace of God showing through all of you.

As for my recovery, I am healing quickly and able to speak now. My family thought 10 days of me not speaking would be great but they underestimated the extent of my frustration of not being able to get my point across or, moreover their growing insanity of not being able to read my lips. The Doctor says I should make a full recovery and be able to sing again soon.

I know there were dozens of people who helped with the Benefit, but I would be afraid to mention one for fear of leaving one out. All of you will receive your reward in a far better manner than I could ever muster up anyway. All I Can Say Is Thanks Again and God Bless You All.

Jeff Seaton

## April is Clean-Up Month

Just a reminder that April is Community Clean-Up month!

Tues	April 10	Curb Side pick up by BFI/Allied Waste
Sat.	April 14	Great State Trash-Off Highway cleanup
Sat	April 21	Community Garage Sale
Sat	April 28	Bass Lake Clean up

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

The Great State Trash-Off will be all those organizations that committed to a section of Highway. However, if you or someone you know needs to fulfill community service hours, this would qualify!! The same applies to the Bass Lake Cleanup we will be hosting on Saturday April 28. If you have community service hours you would like to get done, please contact Lori or Jessica at the Gorman EDC at 734-3933 or gedc@cctc.net.

Hope to see YOU there!!

## Community Easter Sunrise Service At Gorman United Methodist Church

The Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Gorman United Methodist Church at 7 am Sunday April 8th. Pastor John Howard will be bringing the message. Please join us in the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Breakfast refreshments and fellowship following the service.

## First Fruits Christian Fellowship To Host Spring Festival

Five years ago, Firstfruits Christian Fellowship began hosting a Fall Festival, which has been growing every year. On Saturday, April 7th, they will be hosting their first Spring Festival. The event will take place beginning at 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning and end at 2:00 P.M., giving those who are interested time to attend the Easter Egg Hunt at the park. There will be a rummage sale with proceeds benefiting the Gorman Food Bank. Also benefiting the food bank will be hot dogs, which will be available for any canned goods donation.

Included in the free festivities will be a moon bounce, obstacle course, face painting, and crafts, as well as other games and prizes. A puppet show will be presented several times during the day.

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship is located at 325 West Lexington in Gorman, across from the football field. The pastors, staff, and congregation welcome those who would like to join them for Easter Sunday. Services begin with a coffee bar and fellowship at 9:30 A.M. followed by worship at 10:30 A.M.

## Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

Saturday, April 7, the Sipe Springs Community Club will host their monthly musical. A potluck supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bring your instrument to play music or just come to listen. Everyone is invited.

## Maundy Thursday Service at United Methodist Church

United Methodist Church of Gorman will have a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 5th at 7 pm. Please join us for a time of meditation and devotion.

## 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, APRIL 18TH 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.

## COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

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

Maps will be available at Bob's and City Grocery

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

# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The rains came and by the time that it quit raining our community had received anywhere from 7 inches to over 10 inches throughout the week. Six inches or more fell on Thursday and Friday. Nash creek was running just about bank full. We haven't seen that in a long time. The stock tanks are all about full. The grass is growing very quickly, and the bluebonnets are blooming beautifully. Isn't God good to us?

There was a tornado warning for our area for a while on Friday, and there was some high wind and some pea size hail in places around the community, but no major damage.

The heavy rain that came on Friday caused the postponement of the Community Meeting scheduled for Friday night, March 30. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday night, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Please come and bring your lawn chairs.

### Sunrise Service

The Kokomo Baptist Church will hold a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning beginning at 7:00 A.M. at the Little Family Cabin at Lake Leon located on the Staff Road, (CR 597) weather permitting. Breakfast will be served following the service. Come, bring your lawn chairs, and enjoy the worship service and the fellowship.

There will also be a worship service at 11:00 A.M. at the church, with a baptismal service. There will be an egg hunt for the children after the service. Visitors are welcome. Easter is always a time of Homecoming at Kokomo. There will be no evening service.

Bro. Jim Haggard's message on Sunday morning was "Paid In Full" from scriptures in Hebrews 10:12-17, Revelations 13:8 and several other scriptures. Christ paid our sin debt through his death on the cross and his resurrection. All we have to do is obey God and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. The special music, "Jesus Have Mercy On Me", was rendered by Jimmy Little with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday evening was "The Great Banquet", reaching the lost. The churches must seek the lost, and invite them to come and hear about Jesus. The scriptures were from Luke 14:16-

26, Matt 7:13-15, 21-23, Acts 8:26-40 and several other scriptures. The special music, "Shelter From The Storm" was rendered by Karen Patterson, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning and Joe Bond with Gynda Bond at the piano. Ben Burgess and Jarrett Blankenship were visitors.

Wonderful prayer services are being held on Wednesday evening following a pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m. If you aren't attending, you are missing a blessing.

Beverly and Bob Pharris of Haskell visited with Betty and Larry Strube on Saturday.

LaVon Snider visited with Opal Snider in Gorman. Ted Snider and Danny Snider visited with LaVon on Sunday afternoon.

Those visiting with Joe and Barbara Fields and family during the past week were Teresa and Richard Nachtigall and Taylor and Aubrey Dyas of Bluff Dale, Lee Carlton, Kay Warren and Linda Crouch all of Eastland, Larry Thackerson of Carbon, Caylea and James Thomas of Gorman, Lisa Fields of Ranger, Sonya May Neil of Gorman, Josie and Debbie Thackerson of Lake Leon and Susie Decker of Eastland.

Verda Eaves of Carbon and Norma Webb visited with Zelda Jordan. They were working on some things for the Kokomo Room at the Eastland County Historical Museum. The room is open to the public, and everyone is invited to go by and see the articles and pictures pertaining to the history of the Kokomo Community. There is room for more if anyone has anything they would like to contribute. Verda has worked very hard to get the 1938 Kokomo 4-H Boys Club record book copied and laminated, then followed that up with pictures (in their uniforms) of all the 4-H boys who served in World War II. It is a very interesting display, and should be in the museum very soon.

"Happy Birthday to my great-granddaughter, Meagan Miles, of Waco, on her 13th birthday on April 6.

*Happy Easter to all. Remember the true meaning of Easter, Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection that we might have eternal life through Him. Give Him praise and glory.*

# DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, April 9th at the Desdemona Community Center (School Building). Hostesses for this event will be Joy Rogers of Gorman and Gail Clayton of Desdemona. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Desdemona area received a wonderful rain on Thursday and Friday. Stock tanks were filled once again. More rain is expected later on this week.

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, April 14 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. Dance begins at 7:00 p.m. - \$4.00 admission for those who come to dance.

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

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NEW: Desdemona, 3-1 frame 2 story built 1872, 2651 sf., 2 car garage, range, ref. washer & dryer, water well, stg. bldg., paved road. App. 1 acre. \$65,000.  
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NEW: 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$3,150 acre.  
100 a west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick. 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights \$295,000.00  
NEW: 140 A, west De Leon 130+ coastal, 80A irr. pivot, 9 wells, reservoir, u/g elec/pipe, excellent fences, pond, paved road, some minerals, nice. \$489,000  
160 A m/l east Gorman on FM2921: 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral, indications show lots deer, turkey and hogs, mineral rights. \$2,900.00  
NEW: 179 A, south Gorman, part wooded, part overgrown fields, lots of deer & hog sign, leased last season, small pond, sandy soil, elec., several wells. \$2,250 acre.  
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- 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 corrals, equipment, hunting. [B01] \$396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf (CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [P01] \$250,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [T01] \$70,000  
**UNDER CONTRACT -** 10 A, horse facility w/16x76 Mobile home, approx. 2,600sf of bams and sheds [K01] \$125,000 REDUCED TO \$112,500
- 8.5 A, 1,800sf, 2-2 Metal Frame home, close to Proctor Lake, work shop, pipe & net wire fences, 2-water wells, underground sprinklers. [T02] \$265,000
- 3+ A, 1,780sf, 3-2 Mfg Home, rural water, 2-water wells, pecan trees, 660sf commercial bldg., highway frontage [H01] \$89,500
- 600 ± A, 2 wells, 7 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, coastal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [S02] \$1,795 Per Acre
- 380 ± A., 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, good fences & cross fences. minerals available [C01] \$950,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [L01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, coastal, native pasture [A01] \$2,500 per acre
- 158 A, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, well, coastal, native, cover for deer and turkey hunting, all weather roads, minerals. approx. 4 miles from Dublin [C01] \$395,000
- 155 ± A, 3 water wells, 3 stock tanks, approx. 90 A cover, rest in native pasture [M02] \$427,075
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals. [L01] \$442,500
- 140 A, recreational, cattle, or horse, creek running thru, water wells, good fences, hunting deer, turkey, hogs, some fam eq. available, minerals negotiable, possible owner financing. [C01] \$350,000
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The meeting is open to everyone. Check your calendar and select a convenient location from the choices listed:

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116 NE Railroad (at traffic light turn W., 2 blks, turn right on NE Railroad)			
BROWNWOOD	Apr. 19	Chamber of Commerce	325-646-9535
600 E. Depot			
MUNDAY	Apr. 20	Perry Patton Community Center	940-422-4331
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SWEETWATER	Apr. 26	The Center at TSTC	325-235-5488
TSTC Campus, west of town (building on left as you enter campus)			
DUBLIN	Apr. 27	Prim-Lyon Events Center	254-445-191
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RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT <http://texasmidwest.org/member-index.html> or by calling the Gorman EDC 254-734-3933 or the TMCN Office 325-676-0329. Please try to make reservations at least 48 hours in advance.

This is a good meeting for business owners, school board members, elected officials, and involved community citizens. Hope to see some of you there!

## Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly dinner on March 28th at 11:30. There were 27 present. What happened to our large turnout we had last week? I guess the rain kept them home. What a blessing this rain has been to our land. Everything is so pretty and green and the blue bonnets gorgeous.

Barbara Bush called us to order and gave announcements. Zelda Jordan gave the prayer of Thanks for all. Annie Fay Foster always helps Barbara by ringing her bell. That always get our attention.

We sent cards to Wilburn Overstreet and Bob Gibson. Wilburn has been feeling poorly, do hope he is improved. Bob Gibson had a stroke about a week ago. He has improved some, but it will be a long road of therapy. Hope he will return some day as we do miss him.

Lavella Crawley received a knee replacement. That is a long recuperation, as I've been there. But finally you are as good as new. Maybe she will return and be with us again as she improves.

Beth Shirley had to return to MD Anderson for more surgery. This we pray will make her as good as new, and hope finally be the end of treatment. She is such a lovely lady and we miss seeing her.

We are so please to have Emma Jane Larch with us. She is such a good help and what a cook! She brings us the most wonderful cakes and interesting casseroles.

It was a pleasant surprise to have Opal Burton back to visit with us. She had been having problems along with her treatment. It was good of Ruthie Porter to bring her, and she looked so good and pretty. Hope she continues to be on the go.

A little over a week ago I had the pleasure of traveling to Oklahoma City with my son Mark. We were there for his sons Baptism. It was quite an experience. Markus was baptized in a horse trough in a garage. A baptism to remember!! This church was in the process of building a very large new Sanctuary. So we must return for a visit

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

Well, it's time for 'Breakfast at the DAC' again. Where has this year gone! Please join us for breakfast before you hit the garage sale trail. Peggy, I hope to see you there! Saturday, April 7 from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

What wonderful rains last week! It is great to see all the green yards and pastures and all the blue bonnets and other flowers blooming. I'm sure the volunteer firefighters are breathing a sigh of relief about now. I am, for sure! Let's pray that we are blessed with more rain through this spring season.

Craft Show weekend is almost upon us. Hope everyone is busy with their sewing machines, glue guns, saws, hammers and whatever else you use to make your wonderful crafts. Don't forget to call one of the following numbers to reserve your booth - otherwise, what will you do with all those things you have made? The show will be held April 20 and 21st at the DAC. To reserve your booth or for more information, please call one of these numbers: Area Code 254: 758-2610, 758-2420, 758-2548 or 758-2522.

Carol Pell

## Keeping Up With Friends

Visitors this last were Moritz Neihaus and parents and sister from Malburg, Germany. Moritz was an exchange student here four years ago. The Neihaus family, the Mears family and Clint Jones went to see the Mavericks game on Friday night. Despite torrents of rain and clogged traffic --- it was a great time. Mavs did manage to win a nail bitter 105-103. Moritz's family stayed for the benefit on Saturday and church on Sunday. they plan to travel to Grand Canyon and West Coast before going back home.

## Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

Saturday, April 7, the Sipe Springs Community Club will host their monthly musical. A potluck supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bring your instrument to play music or just come to listen. Everyone is invited.

## Randy Elmore Fiddle Camp Set At Cisco Junior College

The Randy Elmore Fiddle Camp 2007 will be held July 9-15 at Cisco Junior College in Cisco. Registration for the camp is currently underway, and availability is on a first come basis. The camp includes five full days of instruction.

Camp instructors for 2007 are Randy Elmore, Johnny Gimble, Wes Westmoreland, Valerie O'Brien, Sherry McKenzie, Dale Morris, Paul Anastasio, Rich Schroeder, Marty Elmore, Jules Graylion, Michelle Kuhlman, Lydia Stuart, Joey McKenzie, Rich

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We are constantly striving towards making classes better, challenging and more rewarding for all levels. With this staff of teachers, I think we can more than reach our goal," Elmore said.

The annual fiddle camp has been held at the CJC Cisco campus for the past four summers, and this year's classes will include a variety of styles of fiddling including Texas Swing, Texas Contest, Celtic, Bluegrass and Jazz.

Elmore, who has taught at music camps in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, New Mexico, California, and Oregon, has won numerous awards including "Texas State Fiddle Champion" six times, "World Champion" twice, and has won first place and grand champion in over 500 contests.

For instructor biographies and complete camp information, visit Elmore's website at [www.randyelmore.com](http://www.randyelmore.com).

## Pete Grace Drillers Team Includes Allan Gibbs



Front row - left to right - Laurie Graham Weaver - Representing O'Neal Weaver, Dudley Welse, Alan Gibbs, Bobby Evans, Stan Owen; Back Row - left to right - Bobby Cash, Neal Weaver - Representing O'Neal Weaver, Rogers Morgan, John Grace, Chuck Curtis and Don Oliver.

This team was formed in 1960. They played as a touring team playing exhibition games in this area. They also played in the Wichita Falls City League plus tournaments in Texas and Oklahoma.

The sponsor was Pete Grace, owner of Pete Grace Drilling, in Jacksboro, Tx. The team was made up with ex-Basketball players from Midwestern University, other Texas Colleges, and players that played High School Basketball in Wichita Falls area. All of which worked as coaches or other professions in the area.

In 1961 the Driller's had a season record of 29-0 and were averaging nearly 100 points per game. They won the T.A.A.F. State Basketball Tournament in Houston, Texas to climax the season. However, because of their work schedules they were unable to go to the National Tournament. At the State Tournament they met teams that had many former All American players from Houston University, Rice, Texas Southern, S.M.U., Texas University and some other colleges.

During the season they played exhibition games against all types of teams. One of which was with the Dallas Texans, made up of Ex-All American basketball players plus the old Dallas Texas football players. It was a benefit game played to a packed house in Jacksboro, Texas and was attended by the well-known owner of the Texans at that time, Lamar Hunt. They played the Dallas Cowboys touring team, which included Bob Lilly, Leroy Jordan, punter Ron Widby, a college basketball player, and a lot of other ex-basketball players. They also played the nationally known Harlen Stars that year.

During the 1962 season the team made it to the Semi-Finals in Houston, but several of the players were unable to go to the tournament that year. The team participated until the late 60's.

## Happenings At F B C

Wonder what is going on at FBC? Did Bro. Barry crow like a rooster this week or would you like to hear wha this weeks sermon titled? "Why do we have Belly Buttons?" The answer is:

1. We don't have to face problems along;
2. Problems have a Purpose;
3. God supplies the Way out; AND God lines up all the babies before they leave heaven and points to each and says He Loves You and You and You and You!

It was great to have Jack Harrison back home and able to be with us! April 7, the youth group are going to Six Flags for Christian Youth Week. Senior Class Banquet on May 7th. Ten new members last month!! Vacation Bible School coming on June 4-8! Summer camps almost here! Next Sunday - Easter Sunrise Service at 7 A.M. at the Methodist Church. Our regular service at 11 a.m. - Kids remember Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday - Downtown. Meet at the basketball court at 2:00 p.m.

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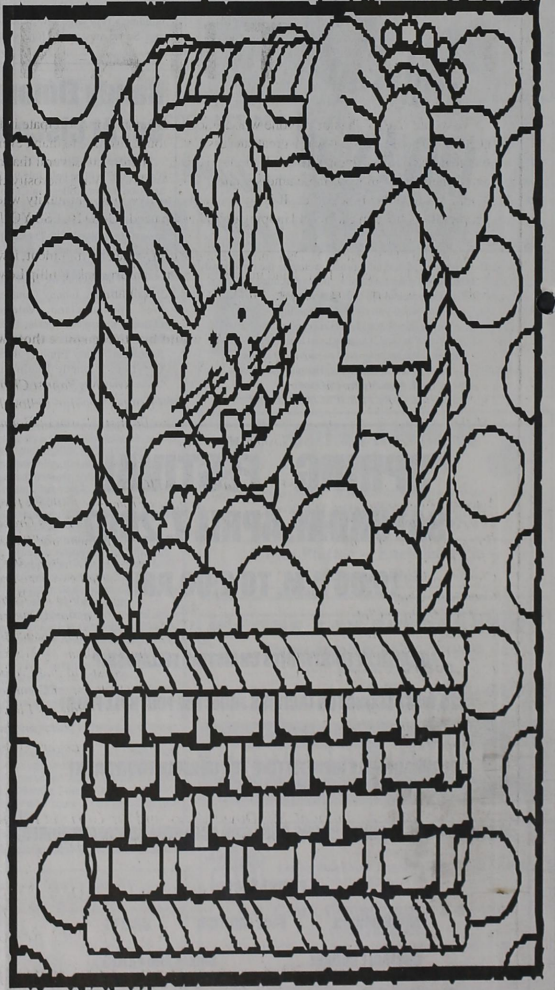
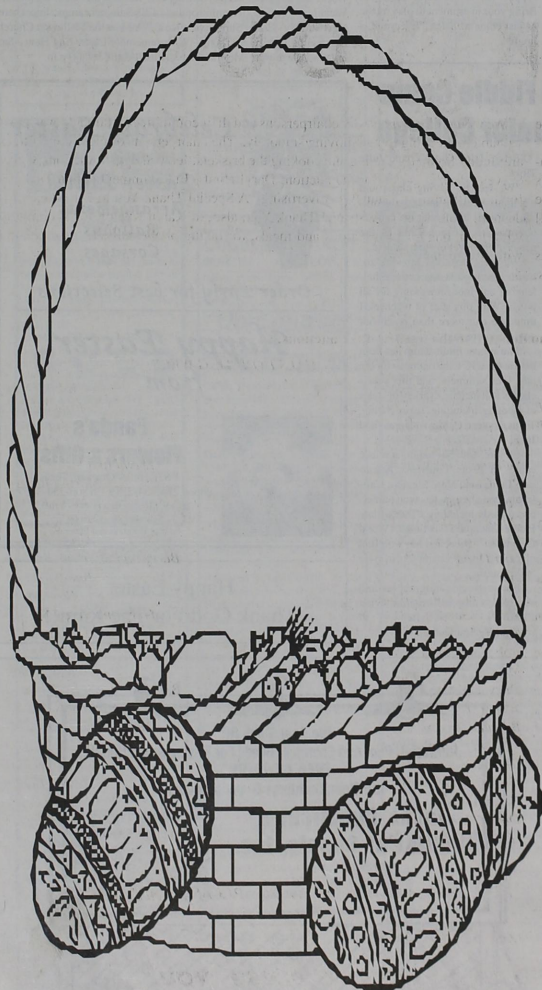
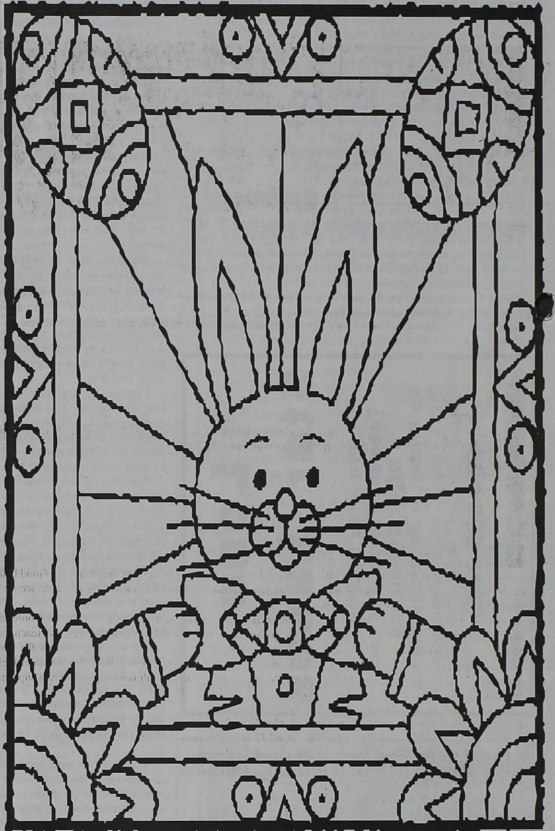
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# Happy Easter -- Coloring Page



By David K. Perry  
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I hope everyone's tanks are filling up and that they had their crops in the ground to benefit from this wonderful rain we've been getting. Every benefit has its cost though, now will come the time for mowing the grass, trimming the shrubs and putting out spring flowers and plants. Speaking of flowers, I have been to Austin to the legislature twice over the last couple of weeks and the wild flowers are looking great!

Here is a picture of the cast and crew of our One Act Play:



Back row left to right: Shanna Hair, Carlos Gutierrez, Skylar Jones, David Ibarra, Megan Lewis, Matt Smith, Rosa Herrera, Kaci Seaton, and Veronica Walton. Front row: Jon Flores, K'Ann Howard, Tyler Johnson, Tecia Jones, Seth Johnson, Corey Clark, Brittany Shirley, Brittany Henderson, and Lindsey Laminack



This is Mrs. Jackie Gutierrez the sponsor of One Act Play; she has done a wonderful job with your children.

As you will notice from the important dates, we will have school this Friday. We normally take Good Friday off by using one of our bad weather days, but this year we used our two bad weather days due to ice on the roads. So, this Friday will be normal schedule.

I was in Austin again last week at the Texas Association of School Administrators Legislative Conference and visited the capitol one more time. The House passed some legislation last week that will give teachers an \$800,00 raise if it passes the Senate and the Governor. They also passed a bill that would outlaw the use of public money at private institutions, in other words, no vouchers. Senator Fraser and Congressman Keffer continue to look out for your interest and appreciate you contacting them with your support or non-support of the issues facing them in this legislative session.

Important dates to remember:

- JH Dist track meet has been rescheduled for Monday 4-2
- One-Act Play will perform Thursday night April 12 @7pm in the auditorium - free admission.
- 4/4 NHS Induction 1:00
- Judging Contest
- 4/5 HS District Track @ Comanche
- 4/6 End 5th Six Weeks -Make-up Bad Weather Day
- Baseball and softball @ May 5:00pm

## One Of West Texas Rehab's 2007 Round-up Slated

It's spring and that means that the folks at Dublin Livestock auction barn are busy getting ready for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's first 2007 Round-Up for Rehab sale of the year. On Friday, April 13th, Dale and Marla McKinney will host the annual event to help support Rehab's mission of "improving the quality of life for those served regardless of financial circumstances". Providing services since 1953, the Rehab continues to serve over 21,000 children and adults each year with outpatient rehabilitative care. Included among Rehab patients are individuals from the Dublin, Stephenville, DeLeon, Gorman, and Proctor areas.

The McKinney's with approximately 140 other county chairmen, along with general chairmen, Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene, Jody Frey of San Angelo and Bob Helmers of Christoval play key roles in the success of the Round-Up program. Another special supporter of the Round-Up events is Honorary Chairman Red Steagall, world-renowned cowboy musician and poet. The Round-Up program is one of the Rehab's oldest fundraising events and has helped the Center meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of those who have turned to it for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of illness or injury. All those involved with the Round-Up for Rehab event know that it takes community support for a successful outcome and they are asking that everyone step-up to help.

Ways ranchers and supporters can help include:

- Donating livestock to the auction sale
- Donating merchandise or other auction items
- Attend the sales and join in the bidding
- Make a cash gift to Rehab
- Notify Rehab or a local chairman now of an intent to have the auction house cut a check to Rehab for animals sold later in the year

Corporate friends of Rehab that have once again stepped forward as Round-Up sponsors are the Area Farm Credit Associations, Group IV-Member Owned Electric Cooperatives, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife, Town & Country Food Stores, and Wrangler. Heartland Alliance of America/Farm & Ranch Healthcare also continues as the Rehab's Chuckwagon sponsor. "The commitment of our local chairmen, ranchers and communities along with the continuing support of our corporate sponsors helps make sure the services of the Rehab are available to all who need them regardless of their ability to pay," said WTRC President, Woody Gilliland.

The Dublin sale is one of nine special Round-Up for Rehab auctions and promises to provide a unique, fun experience. If you have never been to the barn, the special sale is a good reason to get out and see what it is all about. The auction will kick-off at 1:00 p.m., with items of interest for all. Livestock, ag-related and general merchandise, crafts and baked goods will be offered with a round of lively, friendly bidding. Special items this year include a "Come and Get It" quilt by local quilter Mary Harris. Everyone is invited to come out early on Friday, April 13th, at Noon, and enjoy a meal of beans, cornbread and cobbler prepared by the Rehab's own Chuckwagon. So mark your calendars and plan to attend for a great time and join in the Rehab's philosophy of "neighbor helping neighbor."

For more information about the Rehab Center or Round-Up sale dates call WTRC-Abilene at 325-793-3507, or WTRC-San Angelo at 325-223-6300. For Dublin area residents wishing to donate animals, merchandise or baked goods, or needing information concerning the local sale, contact Marla McKinney at 254-445-1734.

- 4/9 BB here 5:00pm
- Spring Sports Pictures
- 4/10 Area Track Meet - Graham
- Band UIL Contest-LLano
- 4/11 District Tennis @ Brownwood

I don't have anything to say this week about sports because everything was canceled because of much needed rain. The lakes and takes should mostly be full now. Hopefully, everyone's dock is back in the water. If you procrastinated doing those dock repairs, it's too late now!

There is something going on all week. So, don't stay home and be bored. Get out and support these great kids that are competing in everything from Baseball to Track to Softball to Tennis, and more. You can't say there's nothing to do around here!

The fund raiser for Jeff Seaton Saturday night went extremely well. We cooked about 430 pounds of brisket and served all but seven briskets. Those left were sold in the auction. I was extremely impressed at some of the donated items that were sold in the auction, but I was mostly impressed by the generosity of those that attended. Thanks to all of you that donated your time, your possessions, and your funds! I know that God blesses us in order for us to be a blessing to others, and this was evident this weekend in Gorman, Texas.

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.

David K. Perry  
 Superintendent  
 Gorman ISD

# THANK YOU

We would like to Thank everyone who came out to eat and/or participate in the auctions. Thanks to you it was a great success. We would also like to thank everyone that has donated money to the Benefit Account. There were several that donated their time, money, merchandise, and food. Without your generosity this would not have been possible. It is so wonderful to live in a community where people still believe in caring and helping out others in need. GOD BLESS YOU!!!

We would like to thank Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids for the entertainment, it was very enjoyable. The Band-Aid band members are Dr. Dan Brudnak, Phillip Lewis, Robert Lewis, Larry Stogsdill, Joe Williams and Leo Williams.

### We would like to recognize those who donated to the meal and the auctions:

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We would also like to thank Mr. David Perry and the Gorman ISD for the use of Ag Showbarn, the Cafeteria and the Gym.

WE DO APPOLOGISE IF ANYONE WAS LEFT OFF OF OUR LIST, IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE, PLEASE CALL KAREN AT 734-2420

AND WE WILL RECOGNIZE YOU NEXT WEEK.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.**

## "Next Wichita Falls: Minor League Baseball in 1920 Gorman" Justin Snider

'Pop Boy' Smith stepped from his car onto the Katy Depot platform. He considered one of the numerous 24-hour cafes but decided his stomach too excited for a substantial meal. He crossed Houston Street and grabbed a cold drink and a bit of confectionary at Murry's. Then he wandered around town asking for Thompson, his new boss. A barber had pointed him to the DeLuxe Hotel - Thompson's hotel - and Pop Boy's new home. The hotel was not as elaborate as he expected. It did not have the solid mahogany finish and electric fans of the not-yet-complete Hotel Gorman nor the bustle of the Commercial Hotel. But this was of little concern. His boys would soon be arriving, and Pop Boy had a pennant to win...even if a playing field had not yet been completed and his team still lacked a name.

The promise of this new town was almost beyond comprehension. Some predicted a second Wichita Falls. And why not? Not since the optimism of the 1904 cotton boom had Gorman been such a buzz. Thirty-three thousand bales had been churned out by the three gins that year. The F. B. Winters gin even installed electric lighting in order to operate around the clock and keep pace with the demand. Except the boll weevil and drought followed, halting any grand schemes. But now, as the primary shipping point to the Desdemona oil fields, success for Gorman was guaranteed.

Growth and commerce were everywhere. Almost one thousand carloads of freight entered the town per month, stocking the eight lumberyards and five oil supply warehouses. The Central Stock Exchange of Wichita Falls, Fort Worth & Desdemona had just opened offices between the Owl Creek Restaurant and PO Barbershop. The Hog Town Oil & Gas competed for capital. Their home above the post office made them a visible fixture. The construction of the Gorman Home Refinery and Sabanno Refinery Company were underway. Interested investors could purchase shares at \$25 apiece. Higginbotham's hurried the completion of their new warehouse, conveniently located behind the main store. Dr. Kimble and the Bishop Brothers populated the downtown with new brick buildings bearing their names. The Blackwells had just finished a new brick sanitarium meant to be the pride of the county. The First National, the Continental State, and the Farmers State Bank & Trust gladly accepted deposits from the arriving lawyers, engineers, workers and anyone else with extra cash. Yet Gorman needed something to propel the town into legitimacy...into a city. A minor league baseball team seemed to be the answer. And the West Texas League presented the ideal opportunity.

Began in 1920 the league was comprised of teams from Abilene, Ranger, Eastland, Cisco and Mineral Wells. The trio of McFarland, Thompson and Tittle first crafted a Gorman team in March. The partners had to work quickly if their team was going to be organized before April's opening day. As players were being recruited from Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, workers scraped out a playing field and hastily constructed bleachers capable of holding two thousand. Just three years prior, the stadium could have seated more than the entire population of Gorman. The oil however had brought almost 10,000 souls to Gorman, many living like 'gypsies' in tent cities.

The Gorman Progress, in an unyielding effort to promote the town, realized the potential benefits of a professional team. Certainly the American Legion represented the community well in ad hoc baseball games against the boys from Desdemona and DeLeon. But formal games had not been played within the town's limits since the Hankins College team of 1912. Now residents could root for professional players. It was hoped with a few key baseball wins, Gorman could gain equal status among its neighbors, especially Eastland and Ranger. As a result The Progress eagerly reported on every game in glowing vernacular. The paper also hosted a contest to name the team, with "The Buddies" being the eventual winner. And when the team was on the verge of financial ruin in only its first month, The Progress arranged a partnership between Moorman, Lynn, Gage, Pop Boy and Toombs to purchase the team for \$5,000.

"For three innings the game was a humdinger but in the fourth a shower of singles coupled with a lot of sins both of omission and commission netted the leaguers 11 runs." The Buddies had secured their first win. The line-up offered impressive offensive output. Gressett scored seventy-seven runs in the season campaign, leading the league. The Buddies sat atop the standings much of the early season. Conversely pitching was not as effective. Lack of talent, injuries and the high turnover rate of D league baseball hurt the defense the most. Pop Boy sometimes was forced to insert himself into games when his pitchers wore out. "Pop sure proved himself as a rip snorter. His alibi ball is a crazy thing and had the water drinkers swinging wildly." The same day a fire destroyed an entire block of commercial buildings, causing almost \$100,000 in damage. The fire proved to be an ominous foreshadow. The block was never rebuilt. The oil boom was coming to an end and the Buddies again on the verge of financial collapse.

The Progress writers peppered their pages with indignation and disgust over crooked umpires and rowdy crowds. The Eastland fans in particular "showed how a bear's den should look and sound." But quietly, money was the issue. Paychecks were becoming irregular. Already some of the best players had left for consistent pay with rival teams. Those that remained did so out of loyalty and hope that things would turn around. By August, a mere five months since their arrival, Gorman's great hope for validity was sold and moved to Sweetwater. The league itself limped along for only two more seasons. The promise of city standing, the next Wichita Falls, faded as quickly as they had bloomed. Yet for a brief time, Gorman reveled in the promise of money and grandeur.

## Neugebauer Backs Fiscally Responsible Budget Extending Tax Relief

Votes Against Competing Proposal With Biggest Tax Hike in History

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer supported a fiscally responsible 2008 budget proposal Thursday that limits government spending and balances the budget by 2012 without raising taxes. Neugebauer also voted against a competing budget proposal that lacks essential spending reforms and relies on the largest tax increase in history and budget gimmicks to balance the budget.

"Spending restraint and tax relief enacted in recent years have helped contribute to tremendous job growth, an expanding economy, and a shrinking deficit," said Neugebauer. "Congress should be building on this success by extending tax relief, reforming government programs, and continuing to hold the line on spending. The Democrats' budget does none of the above while jeopardizing the strength of the economy and increasing tax bills for working families and small businesses."

Whereas Republican budgets in recent years have frozen non-defense related spending and lowered taxes, the Democrat budget proposal for the 2008 fiscal year requires a \$392.5 billion tax increase over five years to balance the budget by 2012. Under this proposal, the child tax credit, marriage penalty relief, and death tax relief will expire. According to the House Budget Committee, this translates into an average tax hike of \$2,755 for nearly 8 million Texas taxpayers. In addition, the Democrat budget increases domestic, non-defense spending by \$24 billion.

Another major flaw in the Democrat proposal is that it ignores the looming crisis surrounding the rapidly rising costs of federal entitlement programs, such as Medicaid and Medicare. Spending on these programs are growing by an average of 6 percent a year, far outpacing inflation. By 2040, it will take twice the current tax rate to maintain current benefits if no action is taken.

"Congress took the first step in tackling this problem in 2005 when it reformed these programs to save \$40 billion," said Neugebauer. "However, more reforms are needed. The Republican proposal, which I support, calls for an additional \$279 billion in savings and reduces their growth rate by one-third. These steps are necessary to ensure that these important programs remain afloat for generations to come."

In addition to addressing the runaway growth of entitlement programs, the Republican budget proposal also extends current tax relief, includes spending limits for many federal programs, and provides procedures to eliminate wasteful earmarks.

The Republican budget fell by a vote of 268-160. The Democrat proposal narrowly passed 216-210.

## -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

April 2, 2007

### Farm Bill Forums Scheduled

In order to get input from West Texas agriculture producers, I will be hosting a series of Farm Bill Forums next week across the 19th District. The first forum will take place on Monday, April 9 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A second forum will be held next Tuesday, April 10, in Seminole at 10:00 a.m. at the Old City Hall. I will then travel to Abilene Wednesday, April 11 where I will host the final forum at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend one of the forums, but still want to let me know your ideas, please email me at randy@mail.house.gov or call my office toll free at 1-888-763-7611.

### Tale of Two Budgets

The major piece of legislation debated and voted on in the House last week was the federal budget for 2008. During the debate, two competing proposals took center stage. One proposal - the one I supported - would set a blueprint for balancing the budget by 2012 without raising taxes. This proposal would extend the child tax credit, marriage penalty relief, and death tax relief. It would also make necessary reforms to ensure that entitlement programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, continue to provide promised benefits for generations to come.

The second proposal - which I voted against - increases spending, ignores the looming crisis for entitlement programs, and relies on budget gimmicks and massive tax hikes to balance the budget. In fact, according to the House Budget Committee, this increase translates into an average tax hike of \$2,755 for nearly 8 million Texas taxpayers. Our economy has experienced enormous prosperity in recent years as more than 7 million jobs have been created and unemployment has dropped. Raising taxes and increasing spending would put this prosperity in jeopardy. Although this second proposal won out in the end, I will continue to push for sound economic policies that keep taxes low and create an environment for small businesses to succeed.

### House Protects Passengers Reporting Suspicious Activity

The House also considered a bill regarding transportation security. While the vast majority of the bill is misguided policy, we were successful in improving the bill during debate by adding a common sense provision that protects passengers who report suspicious activity.

Last November, passengers on a US Airways flight reported what they considered to be suspicious activity. Their reports resulted in six Muslim imams being removed from the plane. Now, after no charges were filed, those six imams are suing U.S. Airways and the passengers who reported them. Despite increases in security within our transportation systems, we still need American citizens to be on alert and report suspicious activity when they see it. When they do so in good faith, they should be commended, not subjected to frivolous and costly lawsuits. In addition to protecting future passengers, this measure also retroactively applies to the passengers involved in the U.S. Airways incident.

--Randy

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONDUCTS COMANCHE COUNTY OUTREACH DAY FOR HOME LOANS

USDA Rural Development representatives will be in Comanche on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at the Comanche Electric Co-op Conference Room, 201 West Wright, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to assist people interested in home ownership loans and home repair loans. Customers will be assisted on a first come-first served basis.

There are several programs available to provide assistance to very-low and moderate-income applicants. Loans are available depending on repayment ability, acceptable credit and the location of the home or building site.

The direct home ownership loan is designed to provide very-low and low-income applicants with financing to build, purchase, or repair homes to provide adequate affordable housing. Funds may also be used to modernize or repair a home already owned by an applicant. For moderate-income applicants, mortgage loans are available through the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program. Moderate income limits vary by the number of persons in a household, but for a family of four the limit is \$66,700.00.

Two significant advantages of the direct loan program are that no down payment is required, and there is no requirement for mortgage insurance. Loans may be made for up to 100% of the appraised market value, which may allow the closing costs to be included. The loan term is typically 33 years. The interest rate is fixed and is currently 5.750%. Payment assistance is available, based on family size and income, which may reduce the monthly interest payment to as low as one percent (1%).

USDA Rural Development loans and grants are limited to rural towns or rural areas. In this part of west Texas, the only areas not eligible would be within the Abilene metropolitan statistical area, including Tye and around Lake Fort Phantom.

Home repair loans and grants are also available for very-low income homeowners. Grant funds are only available to homeowners 62 and over who cannot repay a loan. Grant funds are used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical, plumbing, water and waste disposal, handicapped accessibility, etc. Loan funds may be used to repair or modernize a home.

The loan amount cannot exceed \$20,000 and grant assistance

## Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

Wasn't the rain a blessing? Although I have to admit Friday was a little scary. As soon as we were notified to take precautions due to the severe weather (before and after lunch) all our staff went into action and got our residents out in the hall way. The staff did a great job making sure every one was safe and comfortable. It brought back memories of all the tornado drills we use to have when I went to school in Sundown. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

On Monday morning after some of our ladies went to the beauty shop they joined us in the dining room to help stuff Easter Eggs. Wednesday evening Karen Guthery will bring up her Mission Friend Group from the Baptist Church to hunt Easter Eggs. We are all looking forward to watching the little ones hunt all the eggs.

Visiting with Jelma Smith were Donald and Pam Smith from Granbury, Jeff Smith from Eastland, Floyd and Billy Smith of Joshua were here on Sunday and took Jelma to Z.J.'s for lunch. Johnny and Ina Smith and Kinsey Johnston joined them.

Visiting Jewel Snider were Bill and Maudie Moll of Cisco, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Putman, and Delinda Snider.

Visiting Lottie Morris were Woodrow and Helen Browning and Freddie Rodgers. James and Beverly Morris from Levelland came and visited and took Lottie out to the home place for a visit. Jeanna Pack from Carbon took her mother, Imogene Norris to Stephenville for a doctors appointment and met with Lisa Lewis for lunch and a visit.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were Rena Maltby of Desdemona, LaRue Campbell of Eunice New Mexico, LaVeren Carr of Whitney, John Scitern, Pat Brown, and Carolyn Foster.

Bill Boles of Granbury came and took his mother, Ima Boles to the Comanche Medical Center for an appointment and then out to eat. Betty Little visited with Ima on Wednesday.

Lavona enjoyed a visit from her greatgranddaughter, Ronnie Ryon and with Jerry Majors of DeLeon. Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, visited with her parents, T.D. and Patty Whitehorn.

We hope everyone has a Happy Easter.

Ina

## Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly dinner on March 28th at 11:30. There were 27 present. What happened to our large turnout we had last week? I guess the rain kept them home. What a blessing this rain has been to our land. Everything is so pretty and green and the blue bonnets gorgeous.

Barbara Bush called us to order and gave announcements. Zelda Jordan gave the prayer of Thanks for all. Annie Fay Foster always helps Barbara by ringing her bell. That always get our attention.

We sent cards to Wilburn Overstreet and Bob Gibson. Wilburn has been feeling poorly, do hope he is improved. Bob Gibson had a stroke about a week ago. He has improved some, but it will be a long road of therapy. Hope he will return some day as we do miss him.

Lavella Crawley received a knee replacement. That is a long recuperation, as I've been there. But finally you are as good as new. Maybe she will return and be with us again as she improves.

Beth Shirley had to return to MD Anderson for more surgery. This we pray will make her as good as new, and hope finally be the end of treatment. She is such a lovely lady and we miss seeing her.

We are so please to have Emma Jane Larch with us. She is such a good help and what a cook! She brings us the most wonderful cakes and interesting casseroles.

It was a pleasant surprise to have Opal Burton back to visit with us. She had been having problems along with her treatment. It was good of Ruthie Porter to bring her, and she looked so good and pretty. Hope she continues to be on the go.

A little over a week ago I had the pleasure of traveling to Oklahoma City with my son Mark. We were there for his sons Baptism. It was quite an experience. Markus was baptized in a horse trough in a garage. A baptism to remember!! This church was in the process of building a very large new Sanctuary. So we must return for a visit when completed. While there we visited the Memorial to the Federal Building that was blown up. It is quite a serene place, does bring tears to eyes. Makes you stop and think about what is happening in our world and where we are going.

We had a few turn out for games. A good time enjoyed by all, but need more to come. Always at 5 p.m. on Thursdays. Hope to see you all next week.

## Neugebauer Named "Taxpayers' Friend" by Watchdog Group

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer's votes in 2006 in favor of limited government and lower taxes have earned him the "Taxpayers' Friend Award" from the National Taxpayers Union (NTU).

Neugebauer, whose 2006 voting record resulted in an "A" grade from NTU, noted his commitment to fiscally responsible policies that help working families and small businesses.

"Lowering the tax burden and making the federal government more accountable to taxpayers help to grow the economy and increase prosperity for American citizens and businesses," said Neugebauer. "To continue our current economic growth, it is vital that Congress extends current tax relief policies and works to balance the budget without raising taxes."

NTU looks at every vote affecting fiscal policy and gives each member of Congress a rating based on his support for limited government, less taxes, and deficit reduction. For 2006, 199 votes were part of the scoring system for House members.

According to its website, the mission of the NTU is "to educate taxpayers, the media, and elected officials on a non-partisan basis on the merits of limited government and low taxes."

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