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Swanner and Wright Compete At UIL Regionals



Recently, two Gorman High School students competed at the Regional UIL Academic Competition at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. Kendra Swanner competed in Persuasive Speaking and Hollyann Wright competed in Prose Interpretation. Kendra placed 3rd in her preliminary round, but did not advance to the finals. Hollyann finished in 5th place in the final round. Congratulations to these students for their performance at Regionals.

Gorman Police Department Monthly Report

The Gorman Police Department responded to 81 calls of service for the month of March. The calls resulted in 19 Citations; 16 Warnings; 5 Animal Calls; 2 Accidents; 17 Disturbances; 2 Suspicious Vehicles/Persons; 2 Assist Motorists; 3 Juvenile Issues; 1 Welfare Check; 5 Escorts; 1 Medical Emergency; 2 Speak With Officer; 6 Investigateable Offenses Reported. 1 Arrest Made - (1) Warrant.

Chief Of Police
Doug Caffey

The Howard Hagood's To Mark 50th Anniversary



Please join us for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Patricia and Howard Hagood on May 21, 2006 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Gorman, Texas. Given with love by their children and grandchildren. Cards and letters documenting memories of the couple will be appreciated in lieu of gifts.

Public Hearing - Grant Performance And Closeout

The City of Gorman will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., May 18, 2006 at City Hall for the purpose of reviewing its performance on a recently completed TCDDP grant, Contract No. 724311. All citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Written comments will also be accepted at City Hall during regular office hours.

Local Scholarships To Be Awarded

The local scholarships for Gorman ISD seniors will be presented at the Awards Assembly, May 16th rather than graduation. Local scholarship presentations will be the culminating event of the assembly. The assembly will be held at 10:00 in the high school auditorium with a reception to follow. If you are a scholarship donor, it would be an honor for you to personally present your award. Please contact Mrs. Hampton for more information. Thanks for supporting our students and we hope to have a great turnout for this notable occasion.

Stained Glass Art Show



Shown above are L-R: Ruth Rogers, Sandy Files, Nathan Files and Ed Rodgers. The couples were part of the 35 people attending the Art Show from the Stained Glass at the Gorman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on Thursday April 27. Class members exhibited their work to the public in this special event following a six week course. Ruth was also an exhibitor in the show. Showing their work in related photos are Tammy Straw and Sheryl Weatherford. Instructor Monda Oldham will offer another class beginning in the Fall. All ladies are invited to make plans to participate.



Tammy Straw



Sheryl Weatherford

Youth Committee of FBC of Gorman Issues Thank You

The Youth Committee of the First Baptist Church of Gorman would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their very generous donations for door prizes at our Senior Banquet last Friday night: *Gorman Pharmacy and VideoBob's Grocery; City Grocery; Clark Construction; Gorman Milling; Birdsong Peanuts; Hirst Nut and Produce; Gilmore Auto; Terry and Karen Keaton; Gary and Sammie Mauney; ZJ's Steakhouse; and American State Bank.*

It so good to live in a town where our local businesses are so supportive of our youth. If you get the opportunity, please thank them for their generosity and try to support them.

Would would also like to thank John Miears Catering for supplying our B-B-Q brisket for the dinner. We extend a special "Thank You" to all of the ladies of our church for preparing the rest of the meal, we could not be successful in our ministries without them. Also a big thank you to the ladies who came to decorate the fellowship hall.

We would like to give a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jean Lasater for sharing with the seniors their second grade papers on what they were going to be when they grew up. The seniors got a big kick out of reading what they had written 10 years ago. This meant a lot to them.

We would like to thank the senior class of 2006 for making the whole evening worthwhile by coming.

God Bless You. The Youth Committee

The Gorman Progress Office Will Be Closed On Friday, May 19th Will Be Open On Monday As Usual.

Texas Country Clean-Up

TCEQ is funding a FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP in our area next week. MAY 16 in Dublin and MAY 17 in Comanche.

****Bring in your empty plastic pesticide containers (high pressure or triple rinsed, lids and paper instructions removed)**

****Used motor oil and oil filters (limit two 55-gallon drums per participant for oil filtering recycling. Oil and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee. Also accepted: crank case oil, transmission fluids, brake fluids and power steering fluids.)**

****Lead-Acid Batteries (CAR, BOAT, TRACTOR, ETC.)**

THAT'S Tuesday MAY 16 IN DUBLIN AND Wednesday MAY 17 IN COMANCHE from 8:00 AM TILL NOON.

Contact information: Robert Scott 254-965-1460 in Dublin
Robert Whitney 325-356-2539 in Comanche

CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 23 & 26

THE CITY WIDE SPRING TIME CLEAN UP DAY (S) WILL BE MAY 23 & 26. IT WILL BE YOUR REGULAR TRASH PICK UP DAY. IT WILL BE CURB SIDE. NO TIRES, NO BATTERIES, NO PAINT, OR REFRIGERANTS, PLEASE. THIS WILL BE A GREAT TIME TO GET YOUR RESIDENCE IN TIP TOP SHAPE. GET RID OF ALL THAT UNSIGHTLY ACCUMULATION OF "EXTRAS" GET OUT THE MOWER AND WEED EATER AND POLISH UP!!

Gorman High School Graduation And Banquet Schedule for 2006

Academic awards: Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00am in auditorium

Athletic awards: Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00pm at ZJ's

Baccalaureate exercise: Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 7:30pm in auditorium.

8th grade graduation: Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:30pm in auditorium.

High School graduation: Friday, May 26, 2006 at 7:30pm at Brogdon Field. (If inclement weather arrives, we will move it to the auditorium).

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AT 734-2614

Gorman High School Athletic Banquet Set Tuesday, May 16th

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club will be hosting the Gorman High School Athletic Banquet at ZJ's Steakhouse in downtown Gorman on Tuesday May 16th, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. All student/athlete's meals will be paid for by the Athletic Booster Club. Other meals are priced at \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. We will be honoring our high school athletes during the course of the banquet which includes the presentation of participation awards, recognition of all team members of junior varsity and varsity teams, presentation of post-season awards, presentation of Most Valuable Player awards, presentation of Heart awards, and presentation of the Bill Clark and Todd Anderson awards. In addition to this we will be recognizing the parents/guardians of our student/athletes. We would love to have as many people attend as possible. The support of the community is vital to our success and seeing you there to support and honor our athletes would mean a lot to our young men and women. We hope to see you there.

Ice Cream Supper Held To Honor GHS Seniors On Monday

A large group was on hand to congratulate the senior class of 2006 at the Gorman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on Monday evening May 8.. The Ice Cream Supper is an annual event to honor graduates of Gorman High School. The patriotic theme of the celebration was carried out through a special presentation of the Honor Guard of Dyess Air Force Base. After enjoying an old fashioned supper with all the trimmings, each senior was presented a personalized, leather covered Bible.



Among the early arrivals to the Senior 2006 celebration at the Church of Christ on Monday were L-R, Second Row: Cecil Self, Elder; Durward Webb, Elder; Gene Foster, Elder; Stephen Leal, Kendra Swanner, Shirley Good, Brent and Jean Lasater and Bill Oldham, Elder. L-R, Front Row: Andy Abbe and Zachary Bryan.



Kendra Swanner, Class President of 2006 is shown receiving the American flag from Airman First Class Ryan Burgess of the Dyess Air Force Base Honor Guard. Seated L: is Nikki Keith. The special ceremony was part of the scheduled events at the annual Ice Cream Supper at the Church of Christ.

American State Bank Announces Promotion In Gorman

Thirty-nine members of the American State Bank family have new titles and duties to mark their increasing skills and value to the organization. Promotions announced by ASB create six new Senior Vice Presidents, four Vice Presidents, eleven Assistant Vice Presidents, and 18 banking officers.

Gorman is represented by a new Banking Officer, Jennifer Guthery. She started as a teller in Gorman and has been with ASB more than six years. She is now a Personal Banker.

Monthly Child Safety Seat Meeting Set

Just wanted to remind you that we will be holding our monthly child safety seat class in Eastland on Wednesday, May 17th @ 7pm in the teaching conference room at Eastland Memorial Hospital. This program is open to those that are not able to purchase a new child seat or booster seat for their child. This is a FREE class, and you will receive a FREE car seat after completing the class. Please call 254-734-5989 to sign up for the class.

PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF GORMAN TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2006, at the City Hall (116 S. Kent) in the City of Gorman in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture /Office of Rural Community Affairs for Texas Community Development Program (TCDDP) grants. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDDP funding available, all eligible TCDDP activities, and the use of past TCDDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary, Tacy Warren, at the City Hall 254-734-2317. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance.

Obituaries

Rex George Kinser

Rex George Kinser was born September 9, 1915 in Marble Falls, Texas. He was the sixth of eight children born to Andrew and Bessie Kinser all with the name starting with R... He was called home to his great reward on May 8, 2006 at the age of 90 1/2 years.

Services were at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Speer and Denver Rainey officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

Rex was a peanut farmer and along with being a Kinser, which also meant being a carpenter. He loved raising a garden and loved to share his crops with friends and family.

Rex was a loving husband and father. He was an avid fox/coyote hunter and fiddle player, it was hard for him to know which music he like best, fiddling music or the pretty music the hounds made barking while on the chase. He also loved baseball with the Texas Rangers being his beloved team. He enjoyed and loved all his grandchildren and they loved him as well. He will be dearly missed by all those who loved and knew him. He was in not

Charles W. Ober, Sr.

Charles W. Ober, Sr., age 73, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held Monday, the best of health for the last couple of years of his life, however, he never forgot to smile or care. He is now restored, smiling and walking with his Lord almighty. Rex was a Christian and a member of the Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include, wife Betty of the home; two daughters, Margaret Atchley of Stephenville and Barbara Baker of Fort Worth; one son, Andrew Frank Kinser and wife Michelle of Stephenville; also three stepchildren, Dana and husband Bobby Emfinger of Eastland, Brenda Moores of Eastland and Dean Weldon of Weatherford; two brothers, Ralph Kinser of Buena Park, CA and Richard Kinser of Gorman; 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren.

May 8, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with David Pate officiating. Music by Vicki Robinett, Jean Pate and Pat Matthews. Burial was in Garden of Memories in Comanche Co. under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Charles was born to the late Guy E. Ober, Sr. and Lucille Phillips Ober on June 28, 1932 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He married Peggy Maxine Lane on August 30, 1957 in Andrews, TX.

He was a mechanic; employed as divisional manger for McCullough Oil Field Company; served in U. S. Navy during Korean Era.

He is survived by two sons, Charles W. Ober, Jr. of Houston and Tony Lane of Mass Bluff, LA.; daughter, Garle Ober of De Leon; brother, Gordon Ober of Bernice, LA; sisters, Pat Mathews and Jean Pate, both of Brazoria, TX; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded by his wife, Peggy Maxine Ober.

Serving as pallbearers were Charles Ober Jr., Richard Canady, Shannon Stanley, Jamie Horn, Ronnie Opry and Gary Ashworth.

Garland Jack Miller

Garland Jack Miller, age 93, of De Leon, Texas passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at Sears Methodist Center, Abilene, Texas.

Services were held Saturday, May 6, 2006 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by LaRessie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

He was born to the late O.C. Miller and Susie L. Otwell Miller on May 18, 1912 in Comanche Co., Texas. He married Jewel Spruill on May 11, 1933 in De Leon, TX.

He was a farmer; had worked for MKT Railroad, had formerly worked as a grocer at Sloan's Grocery, JRB Grocery, and Golden Oak Milling Company; had resided all of his life in De Leon and was a member of the De Leon First Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Virginia Fay Duffel and Jackie Nell Franks and husband Jay, all of Abilene; brother Orville Miller and wife Catherine of Tumwather, WA; 4 grandchildren, Michael Duffel and wife Patricia of Iowa City, Iowa, Mark Duffel and wife Alley of Austin, Becky Young and husband Trennon of Stephenville and Janet Franks of Dallas; 5 great-grandchildren, John, Sarah, Lilly, Zack, and Jordan; and one great-grandson, Austin.

He was also preceded by his wife, Jewel Spruill Miller; parents, O.C. Miller and Susie L. Otwell Miller and his step-father, S. D. West; brother Sexton Miller; sister Verlie Miller.

Local Scouts To Sell Trail's End Popcorn



Local Scouts have formed two Relay for Life Teams. They are selling the famous Trails End Popcorn for this month of May and part of June, until the Relay for Life event is over. The proceeds of the sales will go to the local Scouting program and Relay for Life. So if you choose to purchase popcorn you will be benefiting two great causes plus getting an awesome product! Ask a scout if they are selling, look for booths to be set up on the weekends, or call Lora Lewis at 254-734-4480 or 734-6701 to make your purchases. Thanks for your support!

State Fair Of Texas Validation

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans on showing a barrow at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas in September-October 2006 must have them validated.

4-H and FFA members need to order and pay for tags. Cost is \$8.00 per tag. 4-Hers can order and pay at the Eastland County Extension Office and FFA members need to order with their Ag Teacher.

State Fair Validation will be held June 27th at 11:00 a.m. at the Eastland County Show Barn in Eastland.

Check with the Eastland County Extension Office or your local Ag Teacher if you have questions.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2006 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2007, PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the budget for the City of Gorman, Texas for the year June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007 has heretofore been published in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such public hearing and all interested persons were given opportunities to be heard on said budget; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the budget presented by the City Secretary and reviewed during the public hearing is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year 2006 - 2007.

SECTION 2: That the City Secretary can be authorized to make intra and inter department fund transfers during the fiscal year as becomes necessary in order to avoid over expenditure of a particular account only when such authorization is given during a commission meeting.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Accepting Applications

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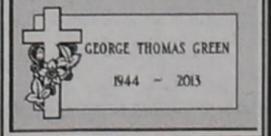
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Local Scouts To Hold Drawing



The Local Scouts are selling tickets on this bronzed, ceramic statue. It measures 12" x 12" - retails for \$40.00. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be held May 18th. Donation and drawing sponsored by Becky Laminack. Proceeds to benefit the local Scouting program and Relay for Life. Contact Lora Lewis or most any scout to purchase tickets at 254-734-4480 or 734-6701. Thanks for your support!!

Dodd and Seaton Winners In Easter Coloring Contest



Kayce Dodd and Kourtney Seaton were winners in the Easter Coloring Contest at Brookshire's grocery store in Eastland. Kayce won second place in the 5-7 year olds and Kourtney won third place in the 8-10 year olds. Good job, girls!

Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens met at the Center on May 3 for our weekly lunch. We all enjoyed the pot luck meals. Some of us are more creative than others. We had 30 present, a good crowd. Martha Rainey called to order and Bro. Barry Schuan gave the blessing.

We had our playday on May 5 at 6 p.m. Only had 10 show up due to weather. Then we left early as weather continued to look bad. All had a good time. Hope more will come in the future.

We will all miss Zelda Jordan in the weeks to come. She has gone to Abilene for her second knee replacement. Our prayers are with her for a good new knee.

EDC Talk

Texas Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will be in Gorman Thursday May 25. This is an open invitation to the residents of Eastland County and the surrounding area to attend. The meeting will be from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm. The meeting will be a public forum so that any and all will have an opportunity to speak and ask questions of Commissioner Combs. She has specifically requested farmers, students, and any one with issues or concerns for our area to attend and let the needs be known.

I hope that many of you will take a small bit of time out of your schedules that day to come and visit with Commissioner Combs. It is a great opportunity to show off our community and it lets the Commissioner know that Gorman is a community that has involved community members, no matter their age! She is making five trips around the state that day, and she picked Gorman as one of her destinations... I think that's pretty great.

I know it's Middle School Graduation that evening but it's during school hours, so hope it works for most of you!! Please feel free to contact Lori Dodd at 254-734-3933 or gedc@cctc.net for comments or questions.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Border Security

I don't need to tell anyone who has followed the news during the past month that the issue of immigration is front and center right now. The debate has been portrayed as one between those who want to shut off the borders completely and those who want no restrictions on immigration at all. I believe that national security and respect for the rule of law should be our top priorities as we address this issue.

The United States is a nation of laws, and it is imperative that there be respect for the rule of law. We must not reward illegal behavior through amnesty programs, which history has shown do not work. As I have stated in previous Roundups, the first thing we need to do is fully enforce current laws in order to secure the borders. Securing the borders enhances national security not because all immigrants crossing the border are potential terrorists, but rather because the border doesn't differentiate between those who want to come here and work and those who want to come here and do harm. If an honest worker can cross the border undetected, so can a terrorist. As a result, we must be able to control all of our borders so that we know who is entering the country.

Once we have gained better control of the borders, we can then move forward with determining the best immigration system that will match businesses with workers to fill jobs that Americans truly will not do.

Supporting the Military and Military Families

Following the Farm Bill hearing in San Angelo on Tuesday, I will be heading back to Washington as the House considers a series of bills concerning the military and national security. One of these bills is the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007. Highlights of the bill include a pay raise for our military men and women, and additional funding for troop protection, and improved technology in order to thwart roadside bombs. The bill also makes improvements to TRICARE by blocking any increases in the program's Prime and Standard fees.

In further support of the military, the House will consider the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act (H.R. 5037). Unfortunately, too many military families have had to endure harassment and protests at the funerals of their loved ones. This bill would prevent the disruption of military funerals at national cemeteries beginning 60 minutes before and continuing for 60 minutes after the service; and it keeps protestors at least 500 feet away. Because these restrictions affect the "time, place, and manner" of the demonstrations, and not the content of the speech, the Supreme Court has ruled such provisions are constitutional. It is sad and frustrating that this bill is needed, but these families and their soldiers should have their peace and dignity protected during their time of great loss and personal tragedy.

Absolute FINAL Medicare Reminder

With May 15 only one week away, this will be the absolute, final reminder of the deadline to sign up for the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. Through next Monday, seniors can sign up online, over the phone, by fax, or directly with health plans. Seniors or family members with questions about the Medicare prescription drug benefit can call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit <http://www.medicare.gov>.

--Randy

HOGS ARE COMING

The Harley Davidson Owners Group (HOG) state rally will be held in Abilene May 18-21. According to the Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau, thousands of bikers are expected to participate. Every highway leading to Abilene is sure to have Harley motorcycle traffic going and coming between May 18 and 21.

Community leaders in cities surrounding Abilene have been notified of the expected bike traffic and have been given tips on how to be prepared.

- Ample premium gas at convenience stores and stations

- Retail store owners prepared to ship purchases since very little can be carried on a motorcycle

- Motel rooms needed in outlying communities since Abilene does not have adequate space to accommodate the number of HOG members anticipated

- Citizens aware of the high volume of noise that is produced from a large number of Harleys traveling in groups

On Friday and Saturday, May 19-20, HOG members will likely be venturing out into the region on "observation excursions" planned for two suggested routes, one north and one south of Abilene. Each route includes two fort sites along the Texas Forts Trail as well as "back roads" to explore.

Most planned activities for the rally are exclusive to HOG members; however, two events are open to the public, a gigantic bike parade and a bike show. On Saturday, May 20, the parade is set for 10:30 and will follow a route from Dyess Air Force Base along South 1st Street to Treadaway to South 11th Street and on to the Taylor County Expo Center. On-lookers are encouraged to arrive early for a good viewing spot. The bike show is from 11:30-5:00 at the Expo Center.

As the Harley Davidson Owners Group members discover the Texas Midwest, citizens in the region are encouraged to offer them a hearty welcome. Return visits mean an economic boost locally as well as for the region.

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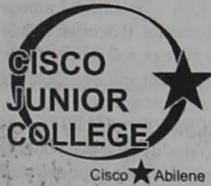
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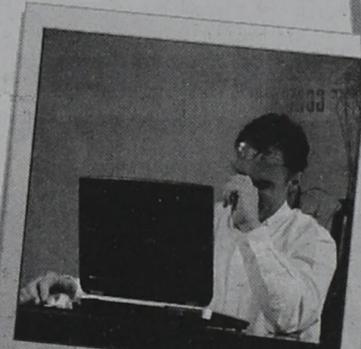
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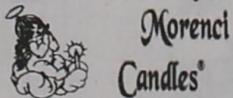
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By David K. Perry
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The clock is ticking away as our legislature struggles to meet the deadline mandated by the court to restructure the way schools are financed in Texas. Unfortunately, the focus appears to be on property tax relief and not addressing the specifics set out by the court. The court issue was on the way schools are funded which inadvertently had created an unconstitutional state wide property tax due to the majority of schools being at the maximum taxable limit. The issue is supposed to be school finance, not academic reform or increased accountability. Schools are already one of the most transparent state organizations in existence. If you have a chance to contact your legislators, you might want to ask them why there is so much going on right now that is not germane to the issue at hand.

It is hard to believe that we only have three weeks of school left. I want to thank the Gorman students, their parents, and the community for such a great year and for the support you have given us. It has been a wonderful year for most of us. If you didn't have a wonderful year with regard to Gorman ISD, let me know and we will try to do better next year.

Important dates to remember:

5/12 - JH Band Contest at Howard Payne University, also, the PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon from 11:00Am - 1:00PM;
5/15 - High School Band Concert 6:30pm in the auditorium;
5/16 - Academic Awards ceremony at 10:00am in the auditorium, Athletic awards banquet at ZJ's 7:00pm;
5/18 - Secondary Talent Show is tentatively scheduled for 2:30pm;
5/19 - Elementary Field Day.

Some seniors have been working with Joy Campbell to present a character program with the elementary students. I want to commend these young adults for giving of themselves during this busy time of year to work with our younger students. I consider this just another confirmation of what a great group of kids we have here in Gorman. Great job!

As we near the end of the school year, I hope you all have the opportunity to participate in something going on at school. These kids are a great group of young people to be around. If you know a senior, please congratulate them for their accomplishments and for all of the pleasure they have brought you while they've been in school through the various activities in which they've been involved. Just think how dull Gorman would be without school activities!

Last, but not least, I want to talk about an unsigned letter that I received from someone that was so concerned about a problem that they forgot to sign the letter or place a return address on it. Unfortunately, I don't give any credence to unsigned letters or anonymous phone calls. I will discuss anything with anyone in person, by e-mail, by regular mail, or on the phone, but you have to identify yourself. Thanks!

It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the future.

Oakland Cemetery Report

The Oakland Cemetery Report - Due to rain at that time we were not able to have our Meeting at the Cemetery on May the sixth.

The next meeting time is set for Saturday, May the Twentieth at 10:00 a.m. at the Cemetery. In case the roads are bad again, we have an alternative meeting place here in Gorman now.

The alternative meeting place will be at the Gorman Family Bible Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting would convene as usual at ten o'clock in the morning.

Again we beg of you to please be present. Everyone is needed to be with us and to be an active part of the Association.

If you have loved ones there or just lots to be used later you are a part of the association.

So please come and take your place in the Association and start supporting it. Good things don't just happen, they have to be worked on to be a success.

So please Help those who have worked so hard to keep the cemetery beautiful. We hope to see you on May 20th.

Opal Burton, Sec.

TPWD APPROVES LAND TRANSFER

Provides The Girls Scouts A Long Term Lease

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Commission approved the transfer of approximately 47 acres at Lake Brownwood State Park to the Brown County Water Improvement District (BCWID) for lease to the Girl Scouts-Heart of Texas Council, Inc.

In 1934, the BCWID deeded about 537.5 acres in Brown County to the State Parks Board (the predecessor of TPWD) to create and maintain a State Park. In 1954, the State Parks Board agreed to lease 73 acres of Brownwood State Park to the Girl Scouts for 50 years. During that 50-year period, the Girl Scouts constructed a number of permanent improvements on the property such as cabins, dining hall, and swimming pool.

The Girl Scouts initial lease expired in January 2004 and the TPWD agreed to a new lease for 2 years with an automatic 2-year extension. However, short-term leases prohibited the Girl Scouts from obtaining funds for improvements without a long-term lease or ownership of the property.

"This transfer will give the Girl Scouts an opportunity to improve the facilities, provide a safer environment, and will give them a sense of security in a long term lease while continuing to be good stewards of the land," said Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). "We have been working on this land transfer since 2004 and we are pleased that the Commission approved this transfer in an efficient and effective manner."

Jan Cate, CEO of Girl Scouts-Heart of Texas Council, said, "Girl Scouts-Heart of Texas Council has a long history of serving girls in 19 Central Texas counties. Every year, an estimated 1,000 girls participate in activities at Camp Wood Lake. This year, the campsite is celebrating 50 years of outdoor activities; the council used the first few years to fund and construct essential buildings on the site."

"We appreciate the efforts of Representative Keffer, his staff and the TPWD. Their actions will ensure that the land will be available for use by Girl Scouts in the future," said Cates. "Outdoor education is a very important part of our program. We have enjoyed our long relationship with the TPWD and look forward to working with the BCWID."

The Girl Scout-Heart of Texas Council serves 18,176.3 square miles including the counties of: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Jack, Lampasas, McCulloch, Mills, Palo Pinto, Parker, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton and Young.

Ag Commissioner Susan Combs To Hold Meeting



Join Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, Thursday, May 25, 2006 2:30 p.m. Community Meeting Gorman Community Center, 118 S. Kent, Gorman, Tx.

Come meet Commissioner Combs at this open forum and discuss issues that are affecting Texas agriculture and rural communities. She will discuss rural economic development, the Texas Yes! Program, and the department's new Certified Retirement Community and biofuel incentive programs.

For more information contact: Lori Dodd, Gorman Development Corporation - (254) 734-3933 gedc@cctc.net.

Texas Renaissance Festival Announces Fall Employment Spend Fall Weekends In Another Century!

The Texas Renaissance Festival announces auditions for their 2006 season on Saturday, May 20th and Saturday, May 27th. All types of actors are needed. Bilingual actors are especially welcome. Characters sought are peasants, fairies, goblins, as well as the loftier positions of Lords and Ladies in the King's Court.

Specialty acts (musical groups, singers, jugglers, acrobats, magicians, comedians, etc.) will be auditioned during the first part of each session. Experience is helpful but not required. All actors are paid a stipend. The festival will be held on Saturday and Sundays from September 30 through November 19, 2006.

Entertainment Director, Jeff Baldwin, will be conducting the auditions. There will be two sessions each day at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. A limited number of people are auditioned at each session so an appointment is required. Call Jeff Baldwin at 800-458-3435 or visit www.TexRenFest.com for more information, or to schedule an audition appointment.

Customers Reaping The Benefits of Electric Competition

In 1999, the Texas Legislature passed the Texas Electric Choice Act that would deregulated the retail sale of electricity and provide a choice to Texas consumers. The deregulation of retail sales of electricity gives new and unique ways for Texans to purchase this essential commodity.

The Public Utility Commission reported that residential customers saved an estimated \$3 billion since the market opened for competition. Texas customers have been exercising choice in record numbers, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) that over 1.5 million customers have switched new providers.

"As summer approaches, consumers need to be more aware of their options to choose an electric provider and put any savings back into their own pocket," says Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). "I strongly encourage everyone to visit the PUC website, compare the prices, review the contracts and choose the best plan that meets their needs."

To find out listings of electric services available in the area, visit www.powertochoose.org and enter the zip code or calling 1-866-PWR-4-TEX.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

Ammonium Nitrate Fertilizer Is Becoming 'Hot Potato' For Dealers

This summer, farmers and ranchers will find it harder to buy ammonium nitrate, a commonly used nitrogen fertilizer, said a Texas Cooperative Extension report. Past concerns with nitrogen fertilizer have been linked to the cost of oil and natural gas. This time the shortage has nothing to do with fuel costs, but has originated from fears of terrorism. Ammonium nitrate can be used to make bombs such as the one that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995. And federal regulations may soon make it just too much trouble for fertilizer dealers to stock and sell the product.

Several legislators attempts to regulate and record the sale of ammonium nitrate have failed since the Oklahoma City bombing, said Roger Hoestenbach, Associate Director of the Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service in College Station. But legislators include extension record keeping requirements for dealers of ammonium nitrate in the 2007 federal farm bill.

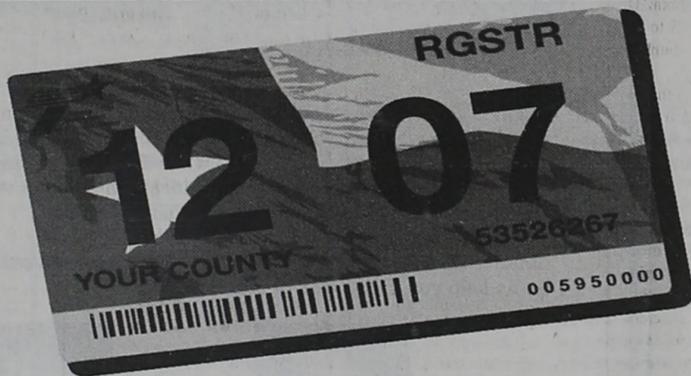
Feed and fertilizer dealers are responding to the requirements, which go into effect in October, by reducing stocks of ammonium nitrate, and perhaps not carrying it at all.

"I believe that the trend will be not to carry it at all," said Douglas Steele, owner and manager of Steele's Feed and Fertilizer. But Steele said it's not the record keeping that will discourage his keeping ammonium nitrate on hand, it is his insurance company. Hoestenbach agreed. Insurance companies are getting "nervous" about litigation involved with ammonium nitrate, where fertilizer used for a terrorist bomb could be traced back to the dealer, he said. No matter if the dealer had good reason to believe the sale was for agricultural purposes, the dealer and his insurance company could still be sued, he said. It is a result of living in an increasingly "litigable" society, he said. Without ammonium nitrate, East Texas producers are left with two choices for supplemental nitrogen; urea or ammonium sulfate, said Dr. Joe Vendramini, Extension forage specialist. Ammonium sulfate fertilizers tend to increase soil acidity. With East Texas soils already acidic, the use of ammonium sulfate would require extra liming in most cases, and would be the best option.

Urea is a better choice for most East Texas fields, but it also has a drawback: volatility, its tendency to readily evaporate under warm, wet conditions, he said. On the plus side, urea has been one of the cheaper nitrogen fertilizers from the standpoint of actual cost per pound of nitrogen. Vendramini said. Where ammonium nitrate is about 34 percent nitrogen per weight, urea is about 46 percent nitrogen per weight.

For producers, this cost difference is offset, though, by the chances a high percentage of urea nitrogen will be lost through volatilization. "The worst thing they can do is apply urea when there has been a heavy dew followed by a warm day," Vendramini said.

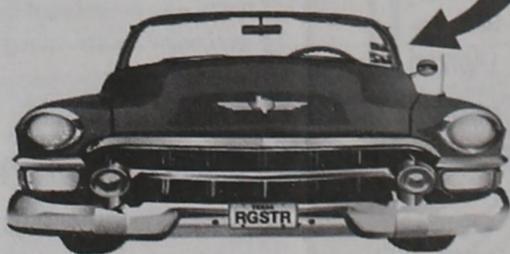
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THURSDAY 6:00-10:10	MATH 1314	COLL ALGEBRA	DUCHENEAUX, S	7A-118	BRONTE	OPEN
CLASSES LISTED ABOVE MEET MAY 30-JULY 31.						

This is a listing of Classes that we may possibly offer this summer depending upon interest. Each class will cost around \$150.00 plus books and supplies. In order for a class to make, we need at least 10 students. Requirements for taking college classes are to meet the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Boards test criteria, complete college application and registration packet and to pay for the classes. You may meet test requirements by taking the THEA exam, being THEA exempt due to high TAKS scores or by taking an alternative assessment such as the ASSET. We are opening these classes up to sophomores, juniors and seniors and community members for either college or dual credit. Please highlight any courses you seriously plan to attend. These are college courses offered through Western Texas College in Snyder.

Contact Mrs. Hampton for more information at 254-734-2614.

Desdemona, Texas "Wall of Memories"

Desdemona Community Center and Foundation will construct a "Memory Wall" in the hall of the present school building. Individual memory bricks will be sold for \$25.00 each. These bricks are 4" x 8" in size which includes three lines with twelve spaces to each line to engrave names, dates, etc.

This project will be of great interest to remember those ex-students, teachers and friends who have passed on. Also to honor others and those who have worked endless hours to keep the Desdemona Community Center active.

We are excited about this "Memory Wall" and we encourage everyone to buy a brick to let those memories continue for years to come.

To purchase a memory brick contact Vonnie Guthery - P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445 or Call 254-758-2665 and leave a message or call Gay Moore at 254-758-2240.

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

"Birthday Card Shower" for Estelle Lindley. She will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, May 21. She lives in the Jakehamon Community and would enjoy a card from her friends and neighbors. Her address is 420 Cr. 4980, Desdemona, TX 76445.

Eastland County Museum is located in Eastland, Texas in the Southeast Corner Building of the square across from the Courthouse. A small room has been reserved for each town in the County to display items, etc. Please contact this reporter if you have something to loan or donate to the Desdemona Room for display. This is a community project and your help will be appreciated.

Dorothy Roberts is scheduled for heart surgery on Wednesday, May 10 at the Harris Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this time.

"Happy Mothers' Day"

Vonnie

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Water, Water Everywhere?

American author Henry David Thoreau once said, "Water is a pioneer which the settler follows, taking advantage of its improvements." In Thoreau's time, Americans could choose their homestead wherever they found natural resources, especially water.

Today, America and Texas are settled. The land has been claimed, and we can no longer follow water. We must instead capture and transport it - to our homes, our public buildings, our crops and our power plants. And as population grows and droughts seem to last longer, we find ourselves increasingly at the mercy of the heavens to drop rain.

Though we remain largely at the mercy of the weather, there are ways we can work together to ensure Texas families, farmers and industries have the water they need to survive the blistering summer heat.

In March, I sat down in Washington with water stakeholders from Texas whose work is the stewardship of this precious resource. The meeting was part of Texas Water Day, an annual event that brings policy makers and water experts together. The goal is simple; maximizing availability of water in Texas.

Our state's professionals address matters of life and death. Their decisions must survive the briar patches of local and state politics, policies and personalities. In short, their jobs are not easy, and are further complicated by the unpredictability of Texas weather.

The federal government does its part to help Texans meet their water needs. The feds can't make it rain, but can help provide information and technical assistance to support local water conservation and management efforts.

The federal Water Resources Development Act encourages creative partnership ideas between the federal government and local and state water-planning entities. The law was last updated in 2000, and Texas water officials have told me it needs to be changed again.

This legislation helps govern water policy across the country, including flood control, navigable waterways maintenance, restoration of the environment, increased recreational use, and providing water supply.

These local-federal partnerships can help secure a dependable and safe water supply for Texas, but it's a challenging job. Our water needs are fast outstripping our rainfall and other water resource totals.

The U.S. Census Bureau projects that in coming decades, about half of our country's population increase will be in three states: Texas, California and Florida. At the same time, Texas' Drought Preparedness Council reported last month that the March 2005 to February 2006 period was the driest in Texas since 1963-64, and the fourth driest year on record. The trend is not good.

Our reservoir levels around the state are currently in decent shape. But preliminary predictions are for a hot, dry summer. Every year, we seem to have less margin for adverse weather conditions.

The state's 16 water-planning groups have prepared regional blueprints that have been folded into a statewide 'Water for Texas' plan. This comprehensive document addresses future water needs for human health and welfare, economic development and environmental sustainability.

And while the plan certainly must pass muster as it is implemented locally, the federal government can help Texas now in this move.

Reliable data is critical to accurate water planning for the state. State and local governments have two excellent resources: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which provides technical support and analyzes water data, and the U.S. Geological Survey, which oversees stream gauges that provide a valuable water-management tool.

From our earliest days, Texans have been all too aware of both the blessings and curses that water can bring. We have enjoyed the cool, invigorating flow of river water on a 100-degree day, and a horizon teeming with healthy crops. But we've also suffered with land fractured by drought or buried by flood.

We no longer have uninhabited stretches of streaming river banks or coastline where entire new communities of settlers can live. But we do have Texans of national reputation committed to ensuring the state can rely on a water-supply infrastructure to meet our growing future demands.

We appreciate their work. Texas may be the best place in the U.S. to live, but it's also hotter and drier than most places. We need our water.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is also the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

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CITY-WIDE SPRING CLEANING

It is that time of year again. With all the nice weather that we have been having the grass and weeds like to grow. This is just to let you know that the CITY is enforcing the City Ordinance that deals with grass and weeds. This Ordinance is No. 302. We need to keep our community clean and healthy. In May there will be a time that we will be having a City Wide Clean-Up, this means that BFI will pick-up things that are put out with a few exceptions. You will need to contact City Hall if you have any questions about what will be picked up. Please help us keep the community clean and healthy.

Thank You

Bed and Breakfast Getaway Drawing

Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a Weekend Bed and Breakfast Getaway in Granbury. This is a value of over \$400. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. For tickets contact Mr. Boles at 734-2505, Cecilia Hirst at 734-4059, or Melissa Osborne at 734-2849.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 at 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

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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.

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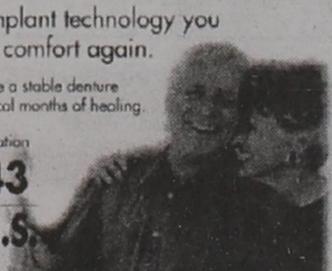
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Saturday, May 6 was a cool, cloudy and windy day as the people began to gather at the Simpson Cemetery for the annual meeting of the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting and Kokomo Homecoming. The crowd was somewhat smaller than usual, but it was good to see old friends.

Delmon Eaves called the business meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone. Glendal Laminack voiced the opening prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. The financial report was given and approved as given.

Delmon Eaves gave the report that a bid to construct a 33' X 40' metal building to replace the Community Center, that burned on January 1, had been accepted, and he was waiting on a bid for the plumbing. We hope that construction will begin soon.

The terms of committee members Larry Strube and Norma Webb expired this year, and they were re-elected for another term of three years.

It was noted that Delmon had worked very hard to get the cemetery in good shape after the fire. We really appreciate all the work that Delmon does at the cemetery. He will continue to be the caretaker of the cem-

FARMERS, RANCHERS URGED TO APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Disaster assistance may be available to Texas farmers and ranchers who have suffered damage or incurred losses as a result of the Texas Wildfires, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM).

"We understand the needs of rural Texans," said Duke Mazurek, state coordinating officer for the GDEM. "Farmers and ranchers are a strong part of many communities. We want to make sure they are aware of the help available to rebuild their homes and recover from the disaster."

Farmers and ranchers who had damage to or loss of their primary residences are urged to call FEMA's toll-free registration number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 to apply for assistance. The number is available daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (CDT) until further notice.

Disaster assistance may include:

- * Grants to pay for temporary housing and minor home repairs.
- * Grants to pay for serious immediate needs not covered by insurance and other sources.
- * Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to cover uninsured or underinsured losses to their primary residence or business.

Farmers and ranchers are urged to contact their local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA) as soon as possible for emergency assistance.

* Low-interest emergency loans for production loss to crops and physical losses including livestock and farm buildings, such as broiler houses, barns and livestock pens.

* 75 percent cost sharing to rehabilitate farmland by restoring fences.

The USDA Rural Development program also offers grants and loans for home repair or purchase to individuals, as well as assistance for community facilities, utilities or businesses in rural areas.

Contact your local FSA office for information or consult <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Neugebauer Mobile Congressional Office To Hit The Road Again

Washington, DC - In an effort to better serve the constituents of the 19th District, Congressman Randy Neugebauer invites residents seeking federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies to visit one of his mobile offices. Neugebauer's staff members will be in Albany and Breckenridge on Monday, May 15; Cross Plains, Rising Star, and Baird on Tuesday, May 16; Clyde on Wednesday, May 17; Graham, Olney, and Archer City on Thursday, May 18; and Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, and Gorman on Friday, May 19. Constituents who have questions regarding the mobile offices should contact Neugebauer's Abilene office at 325-675-9779.

Neugebauer's staff will set up offices at the following locations:

Monday, May 15

Albany (10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
Albany Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center
#2 Railroad St.
Breckenridge (1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
City Council Chambers
105 North Rose Ave.

Tuesday, May 16

Cross Plains (10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
City Council Chambers
201 S. Main St.
Rising Star (1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
Rising Star High School - Auditorium
905 North Main St.
Baird (3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
Callahan County Court Room - Upstairs
100 West 4th St.

Wednesday, May 17

Clyde (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
City Council Chambers
222 Oak St.

Thursday, May 18

Graham (10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
Graham Chamber of Commerce
608 Elm St.
Olney (1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
Olney Chamber of Commerce
108 E. Main St.
Archer City (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Commissioners Court Room
100 South Center St.

Friday, May 19

Cisco (10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
Cisco Chamber of Commerce - Foyer
309 Conrad Hilton Ave.
Eastland (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
Eastland Chamber of Commerce
102 South Seaman St.
Ranger (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
Ranger City Hall
400 Main St.
Gorman (3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)
Gorman Community Center
118 S. Kent St.

etry for another year.

Covis Crawley, 87, of Arlington was the oldest man attending. Nancy Hendricks, 86, of Gorman, was the oldest woman present. Bryant Jones of Abilene, 8 months old, was the youngest present. Bryant is the great-grandson of Bryan Lee and Jolene Johnson of Eastland. Sylvia Shugart of Clovis, NM traveled the farthest to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40. Ken Rogers of Eastland gave the dismissal prayer.

Several stayed for a picnic lunch and more visiting.

Those who registered were: Verna Laminack of Joshua, Glendal Laminack of Poolville, Larry and Betty Strube of Kokomo, Pat and Patsy Collins of Eastland, Bill Collins of Keller, Bryan and Jolene Johnson of Eastland, Bryant Jones of Abilene, Zelda Jordan of Kokomo, Norma Webb of Kokomo, Jalynn Cox of Gorman, Nolan Lee Treadway of Snyder, Ken and Mary Rogers of Eastland, Jerry and Sylvia Shugart of Gorman and Clovis, NM, Jeanne Dorsett of Gorman, Covis and Pauline Crawley of Arlington, C. W. Crawley, Jr. of Fort Worth, Marjorie Treadway of Gorman, C. W. Crawley of Arlington, Patrick Crawley of Arlington, Rhea Crawley of Arlington, Verda Eaves of Carbon, Nancy Hendricks of Gorman, Brenda Kay Martin of Comanche, Sylvia Buchanan of Gorman, Jimmy Nelson of Fort Worth, Donald Eaves of Carbon and Delmon Eaves of Kokomo.

Bro. Jack Clack of Moran was the preacher for the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. His wife Vera accompanied him to Kokomo. Other visitors were Jack and Ruth Scarth of Farnsworth. The special music "I Know A Man Who Can" was beautifully rendered by Jimmy Little with Glynda Bond at the piano. Bro. Clack's message was from Acts 1:1-14 on the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus

and how he sits on the right hand of God and intercedes for us.

Bro. Tom Heath of Grand Prairie was the preacher for the evening service. His message was from Matthew 14:22-32 on keeping our eyes on Jesus. Sometimes we get distracted by the circumstances around us. But the safest place we can be is to be as close to the Lord as we can get, by studying God's word, praying and looking unto Jesus.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn will be the speaker for the Church services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday May, 14.

Woodrow and Helen Browning attended the singing at Rock Bluff Baptist Church on Sunday.

Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan attended the Mission Program of the children and youth at the First Baptist Church in Gorman on Wednesday night, May 3, and really enjoyed it. The leaders have done a wonderful job of teaching the children and youth about missions and being witnesses for Jesus. One class had previously made a trip out to where the New Kokomo Baptist Church is being built, as a mission lesson, and demonstrated how they would help build a church house at the program on Wednesday night. There was a replica of the Kokomo Baptist Church on display. If you missed the program, you certainly missed a blessing.

Progress continues on the new church building. Electrical work, roofing and laying of the brick is being done this week.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with his sister, Ima Boles at Heritage Manor in Gorman on Sunday evening after church services.

Troy Scitem had the misfortune to fall on Sunday evening and broke her hip. She underwent surgery in the hospital at Stephenville on Monday. We wish her a speedy recovery. Laverne Carr of Lake Whitney is here to be with her parents, John and Troy Scitem.

Many in the community and surrounding area have health problems so pause and say a prayer for them. Just ask God to be with them. He knows who they are.

Zelda Jordan and Cassie Brasher visited with Glenda Black in Abilene on Thursday and enjoyed lunch at the Cracker Barrel following Zelda's medical appointments.

Note from Zelda: The Kokomo News will be put on hold for a little while. I will have knee replacement surgery and therapy, but I will be back to a normal routine as soon as possible. Please say a prayer for me. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers everywhere.

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'05 Cadillac Sedan Deville	Leather, V8, 18K, Warranty	C A L L
'05 Chevy Cavalier	Auto, 4-cyl., 4K, Warranty	\$12,500
'05 Chevy Impala	V6, auto, 31K, Warranty	\$13,995
'05 Chevy Malibu	Classic, cloth, 23K, Warranty	\$12,750
'05 Chevy Uplander	LS, DVD, 16K, Warranty	\$19,500
'05 Chevy Colorado Crew Cab	LS, cloth, 18K, Warranty	\$19,995
'05 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	LS, V8, 31K, Warranty	\$20,500
'05 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 19K, Warranty	\$34,950
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'03 Chevy S-10 Reg. Cab	4 Cyl., auto, 27K, Warranty	\$11,995
'03 Ford Mustang	V6, auto, 21K, Warranty	\$13,500
'03 Ford F-150 X-Cab	4X4, V8, 41K, Warranty	\$19,250
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