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Easter Treasure Hunt Saturday April 7th



The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt is set for Saturday April 7, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Gorman City Park.

Age groups are 1 year old and under (child must be able to sit alone) 2 and 3 year old, 4-kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade and 3rd and 4th grade.

Donations may be left at City Gro., Bob's Gro., or by contacting Johnny or Ina Smith at 254-734-2720.

Spring Portrait Opportunity

As a fund raiser for the Gorman Annual Staff Spring photos will be taken Tuesday, the 3rd of April. Individuals and groups will be taken, please come to the high school after 10:30 for group pictures. Group shots will require a \$2.00 per person sitting fee. There is no fee for individual shots.

By Riley Studio
325-356-3199
805 North Page
Comanche Texas 76442

Don't forget to wear something nice and bring your best smile!!!!

NOTICE TO MOW

The city is aware that the recent rains and sun have caused grass and weeds to grow very quickly, therefore we would like to remind you to please keep your property mowed and maintained. Please also remember that any pets you may have are to be kept in your yard in a pen or on a leash at all times. They are also to be registered with the city. You can get tags at City Hall with proof of current rabies vaccination.

We appreciate your prompt attention:
The Gorman City Commission



UPDATES -- Renovations are being made to the old Jay building in Downtown Gorman. James is adding new windows to the upstairs and downstairs of the building.

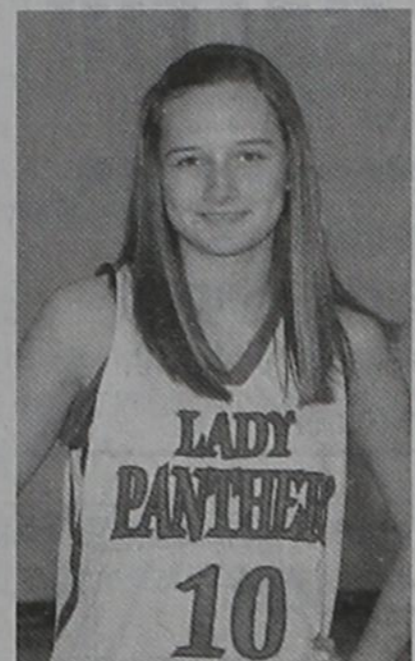
AARP Driver Safety Program
Desdemona Activity Center
April 5, 2012
12-4 p.m.
To register, call 254 - 965 - 2145

Helping Our Soldiers In Afghanistan

One of our Local Soldiers, David Ibarra has asked for help for his comrades and himself. They don't have access to materials and are in need of anything that can help them out from socks to books. So Join us on March 31st at the Senior Citizens Center - All Day in Gorman to donate and help our Soldiers. God Bless.

The items needed are: Baby Wipes, Soap, Books, Snacks, Cross Word Puzzles, Powder, Flavored Water, Beans, Stamps, Toilet Paper, Seasoning Mixes, Ramen Noodles, Macaroni, Thank You Letters from Kids, Hard Candy, Sugar Packages.

Four Lady Panthers Named To 15-1A District List



Megan Gray

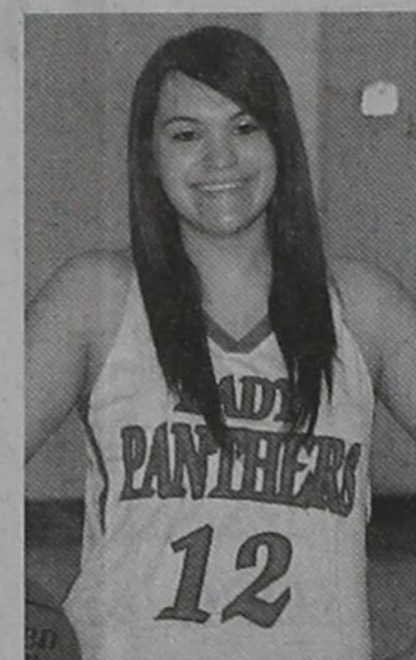
Four Lady Panthers have been named to the All District 15-1A Teams for the Basketball Season.

Megan Gray was named New Comer of The Year. She is a freshman at GHS.

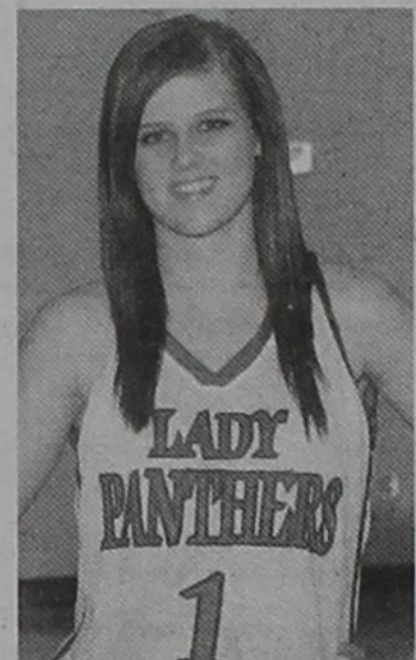
Melissa Ramirez was named to the All District First Team. She is a Sophomore at GHS.

Chelsea Griffin and Kinsey Johnston were named to the All District Second Team. Chelsea is a Senior and Kinsey is a Sophomore at GHS.

Congratulations to these Lady Panthers for making the district list.



Chelsea Griffin



Kinsey Johnston



Melissa Ramirez

Panthers Baseball News

GORMAN 10 -- DE LEON 0

The Gorman Panthers shut out their 2nd consecutive District opponent on Tuesday night, March 20th, defeating the De Leon Bearcats by a score of 10-0, behind a dominating pitching performance by Zach Carlton. Carlton had a season high 10 strikeouts. The Panthers out hit the Bearcats 11-3, led by Jon Fenley who had 2 (3 run) Home runs for 6 RBI's. Dakota Pacheco had a Triple in the 5th inning and Matt Fox had a Double in the 1st inning. Fox and Fenley each scored 3 runs, Pacheco scored twice, while B. J. Ramirez and Zach Carlton each scored one. Sheldon Fenley and Yovani Palacios each had crucial Sacrifice Bunts to move runners into scoring positions. The Panthers are 4-4 on the season and 2-0 in District Play.

GORMAN 1 -- GOLDTHWAITE 0

B.J. Ramirez scored a run in the bottom of the first inning and that was all Dakota Pacheco needed to keep the Gorman Panthers in sole possession of First Place for the District Race. Pacheco had an RBI Double in the first inning and a single in the 6th inning. Zach Carlton recorded the only other Panther hit, a single in the 6th inning. The Eagles out hit the Panthers 4 to 3 at the plate. It was a masterful Pitching performance by both sides as Pacheco struck out 16, while the Goldthwaite pitching staff recorded 11 strikeouts. The Panthers defense continues to improve as Zach Carlton made several nice plays at Short Stop and Yovani Palacios made a game saving over the shoulder catch in right field in the seventh inning with a runner on first base. The Panthers have scored 21 runs in district play and have not given up a run to date. The Panthers are 5-4 overall on the season. District Standings as of March 23rd - Gorman 3-0; Goldthwaite 1-1; De Leon 1-1; Cross Plains 1-2 and May 0-2.

"Thank You"

On behalf of the Ramirez Family we would like to Thank our family members, friends, and the Community for the outpouring of support, sincere concern and heartfelt prayers. Your Love has helped us through the tragic loss of our daughter and sister, Leticia "Leti" Ramirez. Please accept our deepest thanks and appreciation.

De Parte de la familia Ramirez queremos darles Las gracias a nuestros familiares, amigos. Y La Comunidad portodo su inmenso apoyo y Sinceras condolencias, su amcy nos a ayudado a pasar por la perdida de nuestra hija y Ermana Leticia "Leti" Ramirez. Les damos Las gracias por todo el apoyo bindado.

"Chopped BBQ Sandwiches"

The Junior Class of Gorman High School will be serving Choppe BBQ Sandwiches on Friday, April 6th from 11 a.m. To ? At Laminack's Construction building at the blinking light in Gorman. The meal will be \$7.00 and will consist of BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Drink and Dessert. To Pre-Order call Sandra Porter at 254-433-9496 or Dena Scitern 254-631-6883.

Kokomo Baptist Church to Host Easter Sunrise Service

Everyone is invited to the Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 7th at Lake Leon at the Little's lake cabin off Staff Road. Breakfast will be served following the service. Then the traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be held. In case of bad weather, it will be moved to the Church.

LIFE SKILLS EASTER BAGS SALES

Send a thoughtful gift this Easter Day!

Sales begin March 19 thru April 2; don't delay, place your order today! Thank Your for supporting the Life Skills Class.

Chick Bag: \$1.00

- 2 erasers
- 1 pencil
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 2 pieces of candy

Bunny Bag: \$5.00

- 1 stuffed animal
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 2 erasers
- 1 soda
- 2 pencil
- 3 pieces of candy

The Gorman Progress will be putting the paper together next week on Monday due to some surgery on Tuesday. The DEADLINE for the Progress will be on Monday at Noon. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Congratulations!!

To Nathan Gee on Receiving His
High School Diploma.

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From Your Family

Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45-4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. - Second Thursday
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. Stan Harper, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.
Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

CALLING ALL ARTISTS....

Artists of Eastland County cordially invite all artists within a 150 mile radius of Eastland to participate in their Art In Bloom art show and sale, to be held April 21/22, 2012 at the newly remodeled Eastland County Museum.

We are pleased to have Walker (Dub) Wellborn as our judge this year and Katherine Gordon Rice as our Docent.

Cash prizes totaling over \$2,100.00 will be awarded to winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on. Cecil Funderburgh will act as our Master of Ceremonies. The museum will be open at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 and the award ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to the award ceremony, not just the artists participating.

Entries will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 until 3:00 p.m. Divisions include Novice, General, Photography, Sculpture and a special section for Student entries. Students must be from 6th grade through the 2nd year in college.

Categories are oil, watercolor, graphic (pencil, pen/ink, pastel), photography and sculpture. Maximum size is 24" x 30", not including frame. No saw tooth hangers or masking will be accepted. Entries must be properly wired for hanging.

Entry Fees are \$15.00 each or 3 for \$30.00. Student entry fee is \$5.00. There is a limit of 3 entries per person.

For more information, or a brochure, please contact Linda Tiner at 631-7248, Joy Conner at 631-3290; Ruth Espinoza at 647-1436 or Martha Elliott at 442-1208

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE ART SHOW!!!

FREE Childhood Immunizations - (Available for children 2 months to 18 years of age)

New! - Free Dental Screening Available

Sponsored by: Abilene Care Van & Caring For Children Foundation of Texas

Thursday, April 5th -- 5 pm - 7 pm -- Medical Care Mission -- 1857 Pine, Abilene, TX
You MUST bring your child's immunization records to these clinics. Shots will not be given without a complete shot record.

No appointment needed. Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Must be "Texas Vaccine for Children" eligible*.

(American Indian or Alaskan Native, no insurance, CHIP, Medicaid, or insurance that does not pay for vaccines)
Immunization events subject to change due to vaccine availability and/or weather conditions

For additional information please call 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help www.carevan.org



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Happenings At FBC!!

Alive! Jesus gave His life for us, and God gave us His resurrection. As we approach the celebration of Easter, may you make time to reflect on His amazing gifts. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:

April 1st - Youth Ugly Tie Contest - Bro. Barry gets to wear the "Winning Tie"!!!

April 8th - Easter - The Messengers, Baby Dedication, Youth Egg Hunt, Family Pictures, Bunny.

Children's Sermon: Traci held what appeared to be a rock, but to the children's surprise they saw the rock draw paper clips to it. The rock was a big magnet! There is something more powerful than the magnet. Jesus came to earth teaching us about God and gave His life for forgiveness of our sins. Jesus was lifted up from the earth into heaven, and the Bible says He is able to draw people to Him. Ask Jesus into your heart, and if there's a time in your life that you may drift away Jesus will always draw you back to Him. Praise God!

Special Music: The "FBC Praise Band" has a new name, with special thanks to Karen Burleson, it is "Jubilee Band". God has truly blessed our Church Family with the talent of Jubilee Band leading us in worship to our Lord & Savior - "Holy Is the Lord", "Amazing Grace", "Standing On Holy Ground", and "Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" stirred our spirits.

Bro. Barry's Message: "More" - Philippians 3:10, 13-14 (NLT) It feels good to be in Church; we feel the love of fellow believers, but there is MORE. Bro. Barry didn't come to FBC Gorman to stay, but God had different plans for him. Bro. Barry and Sharlene feel the incredible love and care through trials with her illness. God wants more for His Church and God wants His Church to be a beacon in the community. What else can be done?

Philippians 3:10) I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead. I want to suffer with Him, sharing in His death 13) No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14) I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

MORE OF WHAT? When Bro. Barry has a taste of Blue Bell, Homemade Pies, and Homemade Cakes, naturally, he wants more. People want more of fame, fortune, and good health.

MORE OF THIS: I. Accept People Where They Are. - The birth of Cowboy Churches came because farmers, ranchers, and cowboys wanted more. These people wanted to feel comfortable attending Church in their jeans, boots, & spurs. The Church of the Living God welcomes everyone just the way they are; we can do that here! God wants His children to fit in; thankfully we aren't the almighty judge who decides. **II. If Changes Are Needed in Their Lives, Let The Holy Spirit Do It.** - Help me, help you, help them, for heaven's sake. There's more, always room at the cross for one more. The Power of the Holy Spirit is all the more you need to change your life. When you have nowhere else to go, you're hurting deeply, and your eyes are flooding with tears hold on to knowing that the Lord will always be there to help you! **III. Avoid the Old Evangelical Clichés Like a Plague.** - Bro. Barry was raised by his parents a Southern Baptist that can't dance. Romans 8:2 - human vitality can be murdered with religious doctrine. When you think you can't take one more step, there's more. Some people don't know what "Saved" means. Renewal and Revival are Church words. If the New Testament Churches are to reach Non-Christians they must build the Church with Christians who can relax in whatever pants they want to wear. People get their feelings hurt and stop coming to Church. Things people say cause others to go astray; that hurts! When you find yourself in a difficult situation, just say it, "I can't dance!" Then do a jig! **IV. Program To The Hilt.** - There is more you can do! Get creative. Get active. Bro. Barry said the best security for the Church is to keep the lights on and keep people busy in it. There's more, come as you are, pray for the Power of the Holy Spirit and Victory in Christ because we're seeking to find Non-Christians. Lord help us to increase our efforts to reach the lost. There's More, be Saved!

If you keep doing what you're doing you'll keep getting what you're getting. When life isn't the party you want it to be, just dance! Put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ; feel the Holy Spirit move and lead you to the place God wants you to be! God has MORE for YOU! Don't look back and say that it's done, please look forward and say that you can do it in the name of Jesus!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EASTER SERVICE April 8th - 10:45 A.M.

The Messengers
Free Family Pictures
Baby Dedication
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Bunny Pictures

Pastor: Barry Schahn
254-734-2420

When is the right time to plant?

By: Gynnalyn Abbe

I was recently reading the back of a tomato seed envelope, something I feel like I have done many times, but one line perplexed me as if I'd never read it before; "after threat of freeze has passed." Who has the magic ball and can say when that day arrives? Sure, there are experts and prophesiers that will tell you their best guess but none of us really know. To add to the frustration, in our area it seems we can have a record low and record high in the same week.

Tomatoes must have so many days in ground and are also a little finicky once our temperatures top out in the hundreds. Tomatoes are the most common home-grown vegetable in the country according to the USDA, which might explain the numerous varieties with silly names like Beefsteak and Red Defender.

Regardless of the variety you choose for your home garden, The first important key is to get it in the ground early, and by "it" I mean a plant. Seeds can be started inside but that's a nerve-wracking waiting game that should be left to the experienced experts. The risk of freeze may not be over but the risk of heat is looming too. There are steps we can take to protect them if we do fear a freeze, and nothing we can do once the sun burns so brightly. Second, don't get too gung-ho with fertilizer. Yes, tomatoes need lots of nutrients but let the plants get nice and snuggled in their beds, pun intended, for a week or more before you start pushing the juice. Finally, a tip I've heard over and over but just haven't had the guts to try myself, fish heads, aspirin and bone mill. The practice of filling holes with these three magic items just below your plant dates back to old Indian traditions. Although I have never seen any scientific research supporting the practice, it seems to be a productive and popular psuedo secret.

We are carrying a few of the most popular varieties of tomato plants at The Greenhouse in DeLeon and I'd be happy to help you produce your best crop ever. Stop by the store and we can discuss other tried and true or not so well known tricks of the tomato game.

If you have a plants, flowers, or landscape question that you'd like answered you are probably not the only one. E-mail me at gynnalyn@hotmail.com with any other questions.

RECREATION

Deep Sea Fishing Offers Unforgettable Fun

NewsUSA

(NU) - For a truly unique vacation experience, try deep sea fishing in one of the world's best areas for the sport - Costa Rica.

Costa Rica offers one of the healthiest fisheries in the world, where 20-fish days are not uncommon, and fish simply don't come in small sizes. Los Sueños Marina, which is home to an extensive charter fleet certified by the Costa Rican Ministry of Tourism, reports that dorado average 40 pounds, and yellowfin tuna often push past the 300-pound mark. Other fish, including wahoo, roosterfish and snapper, as well as sailfish and marlin, also call the coast of Costa Rica home.

The good fishing might explain Costa Rica's ranking as one of the happiest places on earth. Vacations and sportfishing at Los Sueños Resort and Marina can be accommodated by Stay In Costa Rica (www.stayincostarica.com), a tourism group that has 10 years planning fishing charters with boats ranging from 25 feet to 65 feet. Want in on the action? Stay In Costa Rica offers the following tips for first-timers:

- **Look for an experienced deep sea fishing charter.** A qualified deep sea fishing boat will take you to the best fishing spots and provide the correct bait for the fish that you want to catch. Fishing licenses are required and cost \$25 per year. All good boats practice catch and release on all bill fish to ensure good fishing to the future generations. There are restaurants that will cook your



Try deep sea fishing on your next vacation.

catch when you bring in Mahi Mahi or Tuna. There are also chefs who will cook your catch in the privacy of your accommodation.

- **Guard against seasickness.** Even if you're fishing in Costa Rica, which is known for its gentle, smooth waters, you might get disoriented on the boat. If you get sick, stay above deck and concentrate on the horizon line. Avoid strong smells, like that of the bait, until the nausea passes. Taking motion sickness medication before you board can help you avoid the issue altogether.
- **Come prepared.** Bring sunglasses and a hat or visor. Be sure to drink plenty of water while on the boat. Don't forget sunscreen; even if you stay in the shade, the glare off the water can give you sunburn. And don't forget to bring your camera. After all, you'll want photographic proof of your big catch!

For more information, visit www.stayincostarica.com.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Visitors on Sunday were Cody Crawford and Carl Schulse, College students from Huntsville. A couple came forward at the close of the morning service to move their Church Letter back "Home" to the First Baptist Church. Our song leader, Jana Johnson was visiting in Lubbock on Sunday with her parents, Doug and Sammie (Powers) Corley. Bro. Charlie Johnson and all the members invites visitors to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. For the Worship Service.

BEWARE!! The Snakes are on the move again. Robert Brown killed a 4 foot rattlesnake last Saturday near their ranch home northeast of town.

Lots of Sickness is our area at this time. Pug and Vonnie Guthery have been on the sick list for 3 weeks. We are doing better at this time and ready to get back in routine once again.

"Congratulations" to Larry and Gay Moore on the arrival of their twin grandsons. Proud parents are Jeremy and Chelsea Lanier of Stephenville. More details on this at a later date.

How many in this area remember the tornado that came thru Desdemona on March 25, 1949? Several homes was blown away, much damage to the Magnolia Plant and several people were injured. Even to this day there are still some sign of destruction. This reporter will never forget this day.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

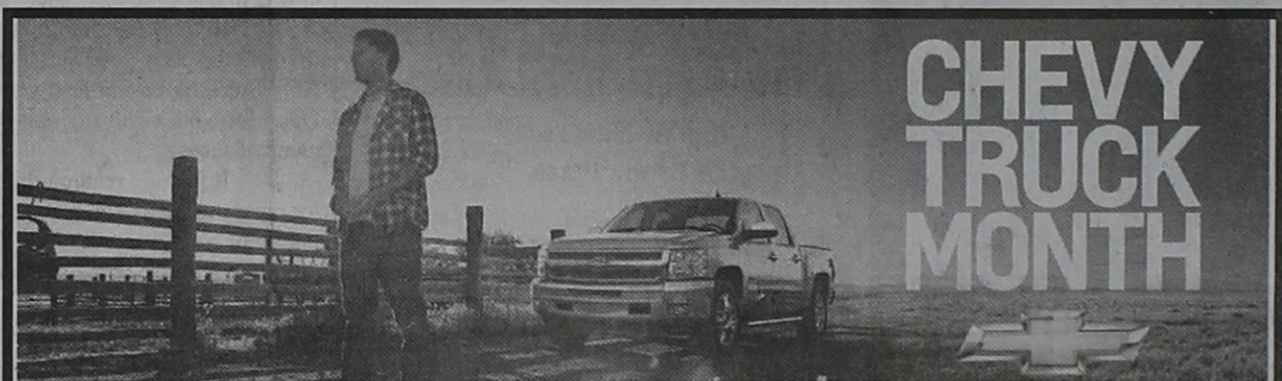
Thanks and have a good day, Vonnie

Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Slated For Monday, May 7th at 6:30 P.M.

Tickets are now on sale for the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet to be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Abilene Civic Center. Tables are still available for \$750 which include priority seating and the VIP reception prior to the banquet. Individual tickets are \$40 each for non-reserved seating. Deadline to order a table is April 13th and the non-reserved seating deadline is April 27, 2012.

This year's Dinner and Induction Ceremony will honor John Paul Cain, Sweetwater; Judy Casey, Abilene High; Joe Crousen, Breckenridge; Ken & John T. Ford, Breckenridge; Kelly Kent, Cisco; Bruce Land, Hawley; Andy Malone, Abilene Cooper, Ray Overton, Abilene Cooper & Haskell; and Dean Smith, Graham.

You may purchase tables or tickets by calling 325-668-3685 or forms are available at the Big Country Hall of Fame Museum, 241 Pine Street (2nd Street entrance to the AISD Administration Building) or at www.bigcountryhalloffame.org.



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