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Gorman ISD Career Week 2007

The Gorman ISD Career Week was held October 15th -19th. Elementary students attended "Truck Day" Tuesday, Thursday was "Guest Speaker" Day and Friday was "Dress As Your Career" Day. The students are putting together career portfolios over their school career and this week is an excellent opportunity for the students to investigate careers of interest.

Truck Day was well attended and we appreciate the following businesses for sending presenters: Dublin Dr. Pepper, Big L Collision Center, Comanche County Telephone, Red Chain Feeds, Desert Industrial X-Ray, Gorman Fire Department, and Farley Farm Supply.

We had numerous guest speakers for "Guest Speaker Day". They spoke to both the elementary and high school campuses. The Gorman PTO provided the ham for the lunch and the faculty provided the side dishes and desserts. Lunch was a great treat for both the teachers and presenters. The presenters were Crystal Snider from Snider Nursery; Bryan Moody a criminal investigator from Fort Worth; Susan Lingle from Big Country AHEC; Doyle Rone, a machinist from DeLeon; George Simmons, pharmacist from Gorman Pharmacy; Minde Harbin, dentist from Dublin; David Cherry and Robin Carouth, Eastland County probation officers; Hallee Walton, Eastland County Extension Agent; DPS officers and Eastland County Sheriff; Matt Schaefer, attorney from Cisco; Billy Bob Browning, veterinarian from Lazy 3 Animal Care; Carrie Atchison, massage therapist; Nyka Wyatt from KSTV; Kenny Welch, retired military from Gorman; Wendall Lively owner of RWR Paint and Body from Comanche; Michael Hampton owner of Hampton Paint and Body of Gorman; Randy Denning, cowboy and retiree from REA; and Larry Simpson from State Farm Insurance in DeLeon. The elementary students were also treated to a presentation by Dr. Dan Brudnack, Angela Underwood and Miriam Landa.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to Career Week 2007. We appreciate all of the speakers, truck presenters, PTO and faculty for helping our students plan for their future.

Nikki Keith and Andy Parsons To Wed



Miss Nikki Dianne Keith of Gorman and Mr. Michael Andrew Parsons of Eastland are excited to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Nikki is the daughter of Ms. Traci Keith of Gorman and the late Mr. Larry Keith. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Shirley Burns of Gorman, Mr. Billy Gene Burns of Gorman, Mrs. Nelda Keith of Ft. Worth, and the late Mr. Mack Keith. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Beulah Morgan of Coleman and Mr. Bill Burns of Gorman.

Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Parsons of Eastland. He is the grandson of Mrs. Henry Parsons of Eastland, Mrs. Vivian Duke Stone of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Spencer Stone of Katy, Texas.

Nikki is a 2006 graduate of Gorman High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University, where she is pursuing a degree in Kinesiology. Andy is a 2002 graduate of Eastland High School. He graduated in 2003 from Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is currently employed by Crowder Construction in Eastland.

The couple is planning a March 15, 2008 wedding at First Baptist Church in Eastland.

9-1-1 Addresses

It is very important that each resident have a visible 9-1-1 address on the front portion of the house, or curb. If you are uncertain about your 9-1-1 address, or receive mail with each utility company showing a different fiscal address, please notify the City Office and we will make every effort to get everyone on the same page. It is essential that your 9-1-1 address be recorded correctly, or updated if you move, so emergency personnel will be able to locate your residence as quickly as possible if ever needed. If you have questions or need assistance please call the City office @ (254) 734-2317.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
FALLS BACK ON NOVEMBER 4**

Red Ribbon Week

Gorman ISD students are celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 29th to November 2nd. Each day has a theme and all students and teachers are encouraged to participate. Monday is "Put a Lid on Drugs", hat day. Tuesday is "Double Up Against Drugs", twin day. Wednesday is "Shade Out Drugs" in elementary and "Scare Away Drugs" in high school. The elementary students may wear shades and the high school students are wearing costumes to show that they are taking a stand against drugs. Thursday is "Sock It To Drugs", crazy sock day. Friday is "Put a Stop To Drugs", wear red day. The classes are also participating in a door decorating contest to be judged Friday and the students will have an opportunity to sign a red ribbon pledge.

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. The campaign has reached millions of children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

Please help support Red Ribbon Week all year by talking to your kids!

Gorman PTO Drawing

The Gorman PTO is having a drawing for a 12 gauge Shotgun at the home football games. The tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$12.00. This money will go towards the High School and Elementary needs as they arise. The PTO members would like to remind everyone that only 200 Tickets will be sold, so get your tickets soon. Thanks Gorman PTO.

School Menu

GORMAN ISD MENU FOR WEEK OF NOV. 5 THRU NOV. 9 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hashbrowns, Juice and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk

FRIDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Juice and Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Jello and Milk.

TUESDAY - Barbecue Chicken or Corn Dog, Pinto Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Cornbread, Chocolate Cake and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burrito or Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit Stick and Milk.

THURSDAY - Homemade Pizza

Panthers Stampede Buffaloes; To Host De Leon Bearcats Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		
PANTHERS		BUFFALOES
16	First Downs	9
25/418	Carries/Yds.	23/30
43	Yds Passing	79
2 of 2/0	Pass Cplt./Int	11 of 16/4
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
0	Punts/Avg.	4/31
1/15	Penalties	1/10

The Panthers hit the road to Cross Plains on Friday night and stamped the Buffaloes by an overwhelming 75-0 score. The Panthers scored 35 in the first, then added 20 more in the second and then added 20 more points in the last half with the clock running continuously to shorten the game.

Gorman received the opening kickoff on their own 42 and wasted little time in showing their power and scored in just 3 plays with Tyson Swanner running it in from 43 yards out on a keeper play with 10:54 on the clock. On the drive Tony Perez ran for 15 yards on two plays to set Gorman up at the 43. Swanner added the point after and Gorman was up 7-0.

Then after holding the Buffs the Panthers got the ball on their Buffs 17. After Perez ran for 5 yards, Matt Underwood broke free and raced in for the score from 12 yards out with 7:53 left in the first. Swanner booted the extra point and Gorman led 14-0.

After holding the Buffs on their next possession the Panthers got the ball on the Cross Plains 25 and scored in 1 play with Swanner hitting Zack Fox on a beautiful 25 yard pass with 5:35 left. Swanner put up the point after and the score rose to 21-0.

On the next Buff possession, the Big Red Defense got the ball on an interception by Orlando Valenzuela on the Buff 18. Again it took only one pass play to score as Swanner tossed another strike to Fox for 18 and the score with 4:33 left on the clock. Swanner added the point after and the score jumped to 28-0.

Then on the next Buff possession the Big Red Defense picked off a Buff pass on the CP 48 by Chad Klein. Following a 7 and 2 yard runs by Matt Underwood, Underwood broke over the middle and scampered 39 yards for the score with just 12 seconds left in the first. Swanner made it 35-0 with the point after.

Gorman held the Buffs on the next possession and got hrtc ball on their own 32 after a 1 yard run by Perez, Underwood again outraced the Buff defense on a fantastic 62 yard scamper of the score with 10:35 left in the second. Swanner booted the point after to make it 42-0.

The Big Red Defense again gave the Panther Offense the

or Ravioli, Cheese Sticks, Corn on the Cob, tossed salad, crackers, chocolate chip cookies and milk. FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or Sloppy Joe, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, fruit and milk.

Ball on the Buff 22 after Chad Klein intercepted a pass. From there it took only one play by Underwood to score as he raced the 22 yards for yet another score with 7:34 left in the half. Swanner added the point after and the score rose to 49-0.

The Big Red Defense again held the Buffs to give the Panthers the ball on the Buff 46. After Perez got the runs of 3, 21 and 1 and Fox added 3 more, Underwood was off and running again as he ran it in for the score from 18 yards out with 2:02 left. The kick for point failed and Gorman was up 55-0 at the intermission.

Both Bands did a great job at the break to entertain the fans. Following the halftime break the Panthers got the ball on yet another Buff pass interception to set Gorman up on their own 49. Perez had runs of 8 and 3 yards to set Gorman up at the Cross Plains 40 before Perez again got the handoff and raced 40 yards for the score with 6:22 left in the third. Sean Bates kicked the point after and Gorman led 62-0.

With the clock running continuously by agreement from both coaches the Panther defense grabbed a Buff fumble on the Cross Plains 36. From there Orlando Valenzuela ran for 11 and 4 yard before Drew McCreless took the handoff on the Buff 21 and ran in for the score with time running out in the third. The kick failed and the Panthers had a 68-0 margin.

The final scoring drive for the Panthers came when they took the ball on their own 44 and scored in just 3 plays with Orlando Valenzuela getting the honors on a beautiful 50 yard scamper with 5:20 left. Bates booted the PAT and the slaughter ended at 75-0.

Underwood led the Panthers on the ground with 182 yards on 7 carries. Perez had 96 on 10. Valenzuela got 65 on 3. Swanner had 43 on 1. McCreless carried twice for 26. Fox had 2 yards on 1 and Keifer Wilson got 1 on 1.

The Big Red Defense has really come along with the experience they are getting. They will need to play a very strong defense this Friday night when they host the De Leon Bearcats. The Bearcats have improved greatly as the season has progressed and the Panthers will need a very strong performance for the important District 12A battle. So come on out and back our Panthers to another victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

Many Thanks To Everyone

Many Thanks to each one who helped make our Second Annual Benefit a huge success!

To those Business places who donated items or money, the newspapers for publicity, those who contributed Auction Items, those who prepared and helped serve the wonderful food - Our Deepest Appreciation To All of You.

Special Thanks to music-makers for your good entertainment and to those who came out to enjoy good food and fellowship for a great cause.

We look forward to seeing you again the 4th Saturday in October 2008.

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

Cross Country Season Ends



On October 3rd, three girls competed at Lometa for a practice meet. Mary Powell placed 34th, Karina Hipolito finished close behind at 36th, and Abby Pacheco came in 46th. Pacheco is another new freshman to the team.

Two weeks later, at Goldthwaite, the team ran at the Priddy Meet. Individual results were:

48th Mary Powell 15:31
50th Luisa Silva 15:34
71st Karina Hipolito 17:08
75th Abby Pacheco 17:29
84th April Keaton 19:12

The following Monday, on October 22, the team competed at Eula for District.

24th Mary Powell 14:25
33rd Luisa Silva 14:56
44th Karina Hipolito 16:02
47th Abby Pacheco 17:20
48th April Keaton 17:57

Mary is a senior and will be greatly missed next year.

Spirited House Oct. 31st Methodist Church

The Methodist Church will host its 2nd Annual "Spirited House" on October 31st from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Come by our house for all your needs on Halloween. We will have a corny dog supper and goody bags. Our facilities will be available for bathroom "pit stops". We will also have a first aid station for those little bumps in the night. It's free and everyone is welcome!

Class of 1997

Class of 1997 Ten Year Reunion: Please join us for dinner at ZJ's Steakhouse on Saturday, November 3rd at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call Mary (254.631.4001) or Allison (817.657.4504).

LADY PANTHERS PLAYOFF BOUND!

The Lady Panthers Volleyball Team finished the regular season as the District 10 Runner-up and have earned the school's first ever playoff berth. They easily defeated district opponents Ranger, Moran, and Lingleville to finish the district race 6-2. The Lady Panthers are 20-6 overall for the season and will face Bryson the 3rd place team from District 9 in the 1st round of the playoffs. The winner of that game will face Evant for Area, date and time TBA.

District 10 Results:

1. Albany 8-0
2. GORMAN 6-2
3. Ranger 4-4
4. Lingleville 2-6
5. Moran 0-8

Bi-District Playoffs: Gorman vs. Bryson, Tuesday Oct. 30 at Breckenridge High School, 7 p.m.

Area Playoffs: Winner of (Gorman v. Bryson) vs. Evant
Come out and support your 2007 Lady Panther Volleyball Team!!!!!!

Tom L. Broom

Tom L. Broom, age 86, of Gorman died Friday, October 26, 2007 following a tractor accident in Comanche County.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Jack Clack officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery in Comanche County.

Mr. Broom was born September 18, 1921 in Comanche County. He married Lucille Blackshear on August 31, 1940 in Carbon, Texas. He was a farmer/rancher and had lived in this area all of his life. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Broom of Gorman; son, Tom W. Broom and wife, Nancy of Ranger; daughter, Burma Brummitt and husband, Robert of Midlothian; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Burma Hickey.

CLASSIFIEDS

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3 - early to late. Christmas stuff - Crafts and supplies - Clothes, Glassware - Dishes - Stuff for everyone. Hwy 679 to Duster - right on 587 - 2 miles to CR 182 left - Follow The Signs About One Mile. 1-11-1 P.

MUST SEE: X-Large 3+2, Computer area, large game room, F-Place, w/Land, FHA, 7.25% - \$795 MO. 817-279-8505 RBI-35823 3-10-25

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for CNA's for all shifts. Apply in person at 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, Tx. EEOC. 10-18-FNC.

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Eastland County is accepting applications for full-time COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT. For information or application, please visit the County Judge's office M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications will be accepted until position filled. Duties/experiences will include: HVAC, plumbing, electrical, boiler operation, general custodian duties, and be able to perform minor repairs in these areas. Eastland County is an equal opportunity employer. FNC

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COGBURN REALTY 254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX. Frame home, 648 sq. ft., good condition. REDUCED TO \$14,000. 2 - 1 1/2 frame, 1179 sq. ft., central A/C, gas fireplace, storm windows, home in good condition, several large trees. \$23,500. Gorman 1A, 1232' (CAD) manufactured home, CH/A, lots of trees, outbuildings, water well, septic, chain link. \$42,500. NEW - 12.96 A. Gorman, app. 4 A wooded, water well, elec. old septic sys., 2 ponds, nice building site! \$52,500.00 Will Divide. NEW - 15 A. Near Gorman; Nice sandy soil, great for horses or cattle, good location for a pond. \$2,500 acre. 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre. NEW - 24.156 A near Gorman: 50 - 60 Pecan trees, excellent fences (some new), 2 working water wells, elec., sprigged coastal 3-07 \$3,000 per acre. Will Divide. 49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, 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. \$2,900.00 \$2,800.00 A. 240 a south Gorman, 120a fields, 80a wooded, 40a coastal, 2 small ponds, water well, in a great hunting area, lots of deer sign, great place! Mineral Rights. \$2,250.00 acre. 358A west of De Leon, 40% wooded, 60% old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, some new fences, elec., several water wells. Owners mineral rights included. \$2,300.00 per A. property can be divided. We NEED Your Listings. The Market Is Good. Call Us. www.cogburnrealty.com SELLING GORMAN - DELEON AREAS OVER 50 YEARS

Elida Cardoso

Elida Cardoso, age 73, passed away on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at the Comanche County Medical Center. Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 27th at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel and Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in De Leon with Father Phillip McNamara officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born December 4, 1933 in Crystal City, Texas to the late Francisco Frausto and Petra Gomez Frausto. She married Guadalupe Cardoso in De Leon.

Survivors include one son Robert Gauna of Comanche; one daughter, Josephine Ybarra of De Leon; three brothers, Portiero Frausto of Hondo, Antonio Frausto and Francisco Frausto, both of De Leon; one sister, Pauline Gauna of De Leon; 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, Guadalupe Cardoso of who they had been together 47 years; two brothers, Juan Frausto and Samuel Frausto.

Pallbearers were Victor Ybarra, George Hernandez, David Cervantes, Junior Hernandez, Adrian Ybarra, Eduardo Hernandez and Danny Cervantes.

MANAGER TRAINEES Get a new start with Richeson Restaurants. 50-Unit company now hiring manager trainees For the Gorman - De Leon area. Excellent opportunity for continued salary growth. We pay for the job well done. Need responsible, honest service leader to do the job. Background checks and drug testing. Call Alma Archer at 254-433-3531 4/11-22 C.

TWO FAMILY GARGE SALE: Saturday, November 3rd - 8 a.m. til ?? at 518 North Kent Street. Men's and Women's Clothes - Maternity Clothes - Kids and Baby Clothes - Furniture - Bedding - Curtains - Christmas Items - Everything Must Go!!! NO EARLY SALE. 6-9-27 P.

NEEDED: General Manager for new Assisted Living Property in Eastland. Great attitude a must. Great Opportunity. Fax Resume to 972-283-0376. 1-11-1 C.

Josefina Homemade Mexican Food

FRIDAY 115. S. Briscoe (corner of Briscoe & Arms) Across from City Park Serving 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Carry Out - 734-5637

Fajita Platter Enchilada Pie Tamales Bistek Ranchero

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER 906 Fox Hollow - Eastland. 2,900+ Sq. Ft., 4 bedroom, 2 bath with spacious floor plan - larger living room with fireplace ducted to heat entire home, family room and master suite with jetted tub, separate shower and roomy walk-in closets, 3 car caport and separate 2 car garage. For information call 254-433-0654 or 254-629-3160. Shown by appointment only.

YOU ARE INVITED SALES EVENT

Where: Gorman Hotel Dining Room When: Saturday, Nov. 3, Come and Go from 9:00 to 12 Noon

Now is a great time to do some Christmas Shopping. Items for sale will include Western Home Decor, Crosses (Western, Silver and Handcrafted), Jewelry, and Much More. Most are "one only" items, be sure to get there early while the selection is best. Hosted by Johnnie Barnett - 254-968-5910

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455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Hwy.6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000 613 A, w/3-2, 2,144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [WW02] \$2,025,000 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [RR01] \$1,526,000 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover [DK01] \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50' carport/RV shed, 20'x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [JB03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000 5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [WK01] \$120,000 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [LP01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 5 A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [J001] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [WM01] \$75,000 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000 236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences/crossfences, producing gas well [CW01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [L001] \$442,500 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [REMO1] \$405,000 8 1/2 A, 3-2, 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system [JRO21] \$265,000 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, C/H/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [PV101] \$297,500 3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop [CC03] \$137,500 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [WC01] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [CB02] \$55,000 Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000 3,925sf(CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [BW02] \$75,000 REDUCED \$65,000

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Dora Etta Holland

Dora Etta Holland, age 82 of Desdemona passed away on Sunday, October 28, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday, October 31st at 2:00 p.m. at Desdemona Church of Christ with Ken Frazier assisted by Roy Johnson. Music provided by Desdemona Church of Christ, led by Grant Lewis. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Dora was born October 29, 1924 in Roscoe, Texas to the late Ira Tucker and Gustava Hagar Tucker. She married John J. Holland in De Leon on September 12, 1942.

Dora married John Holland while he was serving the country in WWII. She joined him as he was stationed in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Boaca Raton and Pensacola, FL., and San Antonio. For a young country girl those years were an adventure of a lifetime. Dora worked hard raising four sons and helping John as he farmed and ranched. Later she worked at several jobs outside the home. In recent years and after the death of her husband in 1999, she made sure the cattle were fed and cared for on her farm. She was a homemaker; had lived in the Desdemona area since 1945 and was a member of Desdemona Church of Christ.

Survivors include for sons, Clifford Holland and wife Galyna and Ronnie Holland and wife Jane, all of De Leon, Sammy Holland and wife Susan of Rockwall and Danny Holland of Euless; two brothers, Wayne Tucker of Arlington and Winston Tucker of Odessa; one sister Alma Nance of Roswell, N.M.; Seven grandchildren, Kayla Holland McCoy, Shanna Holland Lewis, Kristin Holland Matteson, Bradley Holland, Brandon Holland, Mackenzie Holland, and Matthew Holland; and 7 great-grandchildren, Katlyn and Karena McCoy, Madilyn Lewis, Colton Matteson, Skyler Holland and Gracie and Selena Perez.

She was preceded by her husband, John J. Holland on October 12, 1999; two brothers, Sterling Tucker and Junior Tucker; three sisters, Naomi Allen, Ona Broughton and Charlene Carrie Boen.

Pallbearers were Matthew Holland, Bradley Holland, Brandon Holland, MacKenzie Holland, Shane McCoy, Gerald Lewis and Health Matteson.

Memorial may be made to Foster's Children's Home in Stephenville or your favorite charity.

Marvin E. Lee

Marvin E. Lee, age 71 of Comanche died Friday afternoon, October 26, 2007 at the Western Hills Nursing Home in Comanche.

He was born February 25, 1936 in Gorman the son of the late Herbert Allen and Ollie Couch Lee. He graduated from High School in 1954, where he had been very active in sports. He was an All State Guard his senior year and also played baseball for several years. He also traveled on the show circuit and showed cattle for several years. He was active in the Texas State Shorthorn Association. Following graduation, he ranched most of his life.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Comanche and formerly a longtime member of the South Leon Baptist Church.

He is survived by Evelyn Lee of Comanche; two daughters, JoAnn Hohertz and husband, Wayland of Comanche and Melinda Fishback and husband Lyndell of Comanche; 4 grandchildren, Thomas Hohertz, Blake Denning, Cordell Fishback and Ayden Fishback; a brother, Henry Lee and wife Martha of Waxahachie; two sisters-in-laws, Virginia Lee and Tommie Lee.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Joe Lee and William Lee.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, October 29th in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel in Comanche with Ronnie Calcoate and Harold Higginbotham officiating. Burial was in the Newburg Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to be made to the Newburg Cemetery Association or to Comanche Community Hospice.

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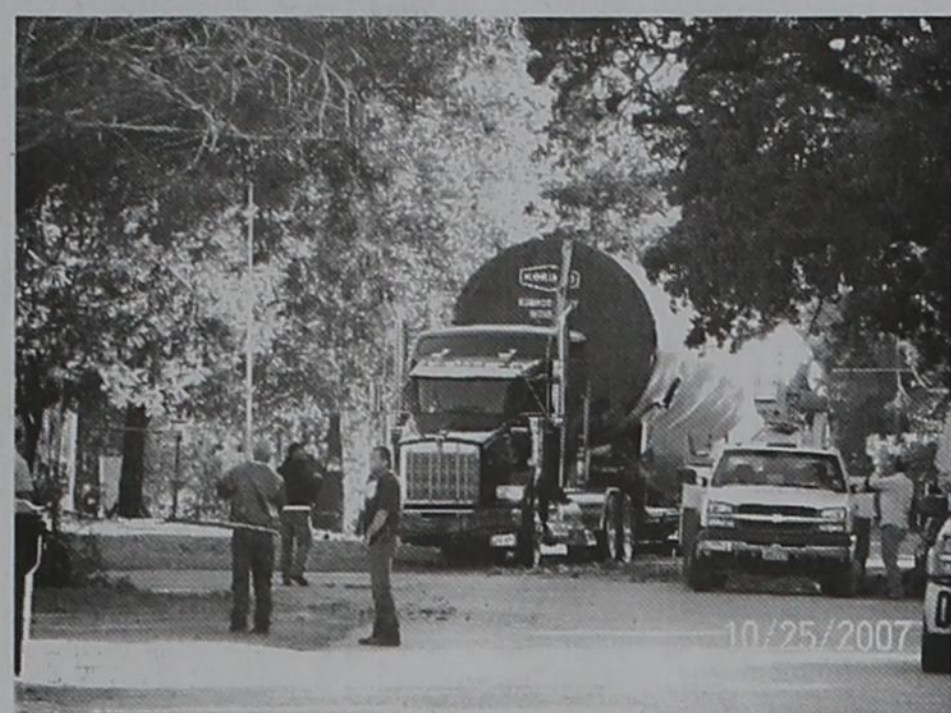
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On Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007 a wideload was coming down FM 679 and couldn't make the turn onto Hwy 8 (Lexington St.). One of the gentlemen with the wideload arrived at City Hall at about 2:50 PM. He came seeking aid or advise. Chief Fenley and Billy Don Simpson were unsure of what could be done, but went to make every effort.

The three possibilities: back up to Duster, try the turn and tear up the highway and yard, and try and go straight. Straight ahead it was with the help of Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioner Charlie Torrez, Cutris Gilder, Billy Don Simpson, Lupe Torres, Oncor Services, and Comanche County Telephone. Chief Fenley would like to Thank all of them for going above and beyond.



Mr. Boles and his 2nd period class came to "sack up" the treats for the annual spook parade! The kids are always great help. The kids, and Mr. Boles are greatly appreciated.

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Eastland County Retired Teachers To Meet Nov. 12

Eastland County Retired Teachers will meet November 12, at the Baptist Student Union Building on the Ranger College Campus at noon. After a lunch of Lasagne, salad, and desserts, Chip Lang, a teacher at Ranger, will present a program of American Folk Lore.

At this meeting reservations may be made for the Christmas luncheon of December 10 by contacting the Chapter Treasurer Phyllis Graham.

The public is invited to attend any and all meetings of this unit.

Card Of Thanks

How do we ever thank so many of you that sent cards, food, thoughts and prayers to us during Floyd's final weeks. The many of you that came to Fort Worth to visit with us made each day a little more bearable. Knowing that we had so many dear friends here at home made the journey easier. His memory will forever be in our hearts.

Thank you so much,
The family of Floyd Moore, Jr.

Super Notes

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

Last week we had a little testing going on. First we had some exit level TAKS tests administered by Mrs. Hampton and then our benchmark testing was done. These bench mark test will give us an idea where our students need help on the regular administration of the TAKS test later this school year. Our faculty is going to do everything in their power to ensure that your child does well on their test, but you can help too! That's right, by doing simple things like making sure your children are in school every day and seeing to it that they get a good night's sleep will do wonders. Have high expectations! Your child is a winner and you should put the pressure on them to do their very best on everything they do.

Our volleyball team finished came in second place in district this year. Now we go to the playoffs! We will be playing our first play-off game Tuesday night at 6pm in Breckenridge. Watch the electronic sign to see where and when the next game will be. Congratulations Coach Tori Talbert and team for a great first year!

The junior high football team clobbered Cross Plains last Thursday night and our stands were full. The score was 36-6. If our team knows nothing else, they know that this town supports them by the number fans that show up for their games. Those poor Cross Plains kids didn't even have enough people to say that all the teams parents were there, much less anyone from the community. I mean it, when I tell you guys how important it is for you to be at the games and support our kids, it's the truth.

The varsity football team was expecting a much better game than they received from the Buffaloes Friday night. I knew our coaches and players were eager to play, but they came out of the locker room and took complete control of the game from the start. Cross Plains never had a chance. The final score was 75-0. The score would have been even higher, but Coach Talbert played everyone he could and they let the clock run non-stop the second half. Next is De Leon. I know both teams are excited and have been preparing for this match up all season. I've heard a lot of talk from De Leon fans and I'm sure it will be a good game, but my faith is in the Panthers, both coaches and players. We've got the best of both! I expect it to be standing room only, so don't be late. You won't see a better football game anywhere than here this Friday night!

Hopefully, Mr. Panter will be returning to Gorman sometime this week. He had a check up with his doctor on Monday and if everything checked out alright, he'll be headed this way. I will keep you posted on his recovery.

I met with our architect last Thursday and picked up the revised floor-plan for the new high school/gym and it looks great. The new plan shows offices and teacher work areas. We also squeezed in another classroom which will give us a total of eight in the new building. It is looking like February will be when we break ground right now. I will be presenting the plan to the school board in November for their input/approval. In the mean time, I will be conferring with some of the teachers that will be affected to get input from them. These are exciting times to be a part of Gorman ISD!

I am completing this article while on the road and I apologize in advance for any mistakes. I don't have my normal back -p (Terry & Terry) to edit for me.

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. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Vetoed Community College Funds To Be Restored

CISCO, Texas - Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick and Governor Perry announced this week that they have reached an agreement to restore \$154 million to the community colleges in Texas for employee health benefits.

Perry's veto earlier this year triggered an uproar in the Legislature. Talks have been underway for months to resolve the dispute.

"Cisco Junior College applauds the efforts of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick and Governor Perry to work together to restore funding," said Dr. Colleen Smith, CJC president. "In particular, the college appreciates the assistance of local legislators, including Jim Keffer, Susan King and Troy Fraser who have consistently supported CJC and its mission to provide quality, affordable, accessible education."

The insurance debate stems from a larger issue regarding how the state funds higher education. In the 1970s, when Texas' community college system was created, the state agreed to pay for instruction costs, while colleges agreed to pay for buildings. However, the state pays only about a third of colleges' total budgets, which has led college districts across the state to raise taxes and tuition. Currently, CJC is only funded at 52 percent of its formula.

"We are pleased that we will not be forced to make decisions regarding program cuts and tuition hikes but hope that the state legislators will continue to discuss how to fully fund community colleges based on formula funding," said Smith.

Cisco Junior College is an affordable two-year institution with locations in Cisco and Abilene. The college offers a variety of academic transfer and technical programs. For more information about CJC, visit www.cjc.edu.

Nov. 6th County Election Information

The Eastland County Clerk's Office will be closing at Noon on November 6, 2007 Due To The Election. However, We will still be handling County Court Matters until 5:00 p.m. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Cathy Jentho - County Clerk

Last Day to process a mail out Ballot request is October 30, 2007.

Early Voting in person will begin at the Eastland County Court-house and Ranger City Hall on October 22nd thru November 2nd.

County Treasurer Marti Baker Announces Retirement



County Treasurer Marti Baker (left) Christina Dodrill (right)

Eastland County Treasurer Marti Baker announced her retirement Monday morning in Commissioners' Court. County Judge Rex Fields and the members of the Commissioners' Court commended Ms. Baker for her service of over 18 years to the County. Those present expressed their appreciation and they wished her well in her retirement.

Christina Dodrill, Assistant County Auditor was appointed as Eastland County Treasurer. Mrs. Dodrill will serve until the next general election, where she may be elected to fulfill the unexpired term. Judge Fields stated that Eastland County was indeed fortunate to have a degreed person with such experience available to take over this important office. "Mrs. Dodrill has done an exceptional job in the Auditor's office and I am confident that she will be able to continue her record of success as the County Treasurer. Her work ethic, technology skills, and problem solving ability will be major assets in this office."

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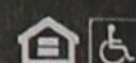
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Remember -- Saturday, November 10th is the date for the Annual Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper to be held in the Community Center School Gym. Serving begins at 6:00 p.m. Desdemona is proud to carry on this annual event which began at the end of World War II when our Community gave a "Welcome Home" supper for all of the returning service men and women. Bring your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable evening of good food and fellowship.

"Happy Birthday" to the kinfolks of the Guthery Family for the month of November. There are Ann Keith (1st) - Brad Keith and Kaley Garcia (both on the 4th), Sonja Hornback (9th), Deborah Jackson (10th), Angela Powledge (12), Bernard Keith (14th), Pug Guthery (19th), and Randall Wilcoxson (28th).

Hazel Koonce is in the Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville at this time. Friends of Desdemona sends Get Well Wishes to Hazel.

Our friend and neighbor, Dora Holland passed away on Sunday, October 28th. Survivors include four sons, Clifford Holland, Ronnie Holland, Sammie Holland and Danny Holland and their families. Dora and her husband, the late John Holland lived in the Jakehamon Community for years. Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to this family in the loss of their loved one.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our community with your cards and prayers.

Thanks to the musicians, singers and visitors that came last Saturday night to the monthly musical at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Thanks to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month and to the helpers that work each time in the Concession Stand. This monthly musical will be cancelled for November and December due to the busy holiday season. The Musical will start back in January 2008 and continue on the fourth Saturday night of each month. Visitors are always welcome. Admission is "FREE".

Visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke over the past weekend were their son, Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie.

Eddie Martin of Millsap visited last Saturday with his daughters, Sonja and Lee Hornback and son, Justin; Kandice and Donal Coghburn and children, Dylan and Taiah.

Have a nice day, Coon.

Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman News

On Thursday, Oct. 25, the residents and staff hosted a Pastor Appreciation Fellowship for all our local Pastors. Only 3 were able to attend. Joy Campbell did a wonderful presenting the program. Thank you Joy. Pastors coming were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Bro. Barry Schahn, and Rev. Sharon Bell.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were Jeanna Pack from Carbon, and Lisa Lewis from Stephenville, Lisa took Imogene out to the farm for a visit.

Visiting Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, Betty Little and Carolyn Little.

Visiting with Nancy Hendricks were June Dosey, Zelda Jordan, Marjorie Nell Treadway, Daisy Slaton, and Sylvia Buchanan.

Visiting JoAnn Murdoch were Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon and Annie Faye Foster. Amber, Jordan, and Weldon visited with Jelma Smith, Letty Craddock and Troy Scitern.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were Barbara Schneider of Nashville, Tn., Pauline Wheeler of Lake Leon, LaVerne and Tommy Carr of Whitney, and Kerri Guthery.

Visiting with Jelma Smith were Lorraine and Kylie Smith of California, Donald and Pam Smith of Granbury and Jeff Smith of Eastland. Visiting with Don Estes were Steve Estes of Sanger and Freddie and Kay Rodgers.

Billy Earl Simpson visited with everyone.

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Saturday night, November 3rd is the time for us to run our clocks back an hour and get back the hour we lost in March when Daylight Saving Time began. It will be nice to get an extra hour's sleep before getting up to go to church on Sunday morning.

The Sunday evening service at the Kokomo Baptist Church will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Wednesday evening service will remain at 6:00 p.m.

Jimmy Little directed the music with Ruth Rodgers at the piano at the Sunday services at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Visitors were Kari Rodgers of Georgetown and Vernon Bennett of Crane.

Bro. Jim Haggard continued the series on authority and using the title of "Authority Over the Human Spirit", using scriptures from Philippians 3:10, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 1:19-20, I Corinthians 2:9-12 and Hebrews 9:19. Rebellion against authority is rebellion against God. We are body, soul and spirit. Do you want to know Jesus personally? It is one thing to know who Jesus is and another thing to know Him personally. There is no way to know Jesus without spending time with him. Paul wanted to know Jesus personally, powerfully, passionately, and perfectly. Paul wanted to know the fellowship of Jesus' sufferings. How can we know the Lord that way? Only through the Holy Spirit.

"Satan worship and Demon possession" was the message from Bro. Haggard on Sunday evening. He used many scriptures. Bro. Haggard who has made several mission trips to Africa told of the devil worship he witnessed there. They serve and sacrifice to devils. Satan worship has infiltrated the United States. It is very serious business and dangerous. Demons are evil spirits. What do demon spirits do? They live in people, spread false doctrine and produce bondage. Demons know us, they know the future and they know who Jesus is. Demons are real. We need to be very alert.

Visitors on Sunday evening were Michael and Melody Morgan of Strawn, Kathy and Rachel Byrd of Carbon and Kari Rodgers of Georgetown.

LANCE BROWNING CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Gary and Rebecca Browning honored their son, Lance, with a family party in their home in Wichita Falls on Sunday to celebrate his first birthday which was October 23. His sister, Emily helped with the party. Among those attending were his grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning of Kokomo, and Rebecca's parents of Graham, and Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham and other family members. Lance had a great time.

Vernon Bennett of Crane visited with his sister, Betty Little, and also visited in Gorman with his brother, Elbert and Coralea Bennett.

Shannon Bond of Bangs visited with his dad, Joe Bond, on Saturday. Stephanie and the children visited with relatives and friends in Copperas Cove.

Congratulations to my great-grandsons, Ryan and Kody Daniell of Abilene. Their little football team won their game on Monday night and will be in the play-offs that start on Saturday. "GO JETS".

Are you all enjoying this good weather we are having? There was some frost on Friday morning.

Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
October 29, 2007

Farm Bill Update

I am pleased to report that the Senate Agriculture Committee finally reported a Farm Bill out of committee last week. Currently their version of the Farm Bill is likely to be debated by the full Senate the week of November 5.

While there are some things in the Senate bill I have concerns with, the good news is that the 2007 Farm Bill is again making forward progress. Congress certainly can't complete a Farm Bill this year if the Senate does not move on a bill, so the Committee's work last week was a big step in the right direction.

One of the provisions of concern in the Senate bill is an optional "Average Crop Revenue" (ACR) program after 2010 that farmers can choose. Based on comments I've received, it sounds like this program may not work very well for Texas. Congress needs to make sure this optional program doesn't drive planting decisions or have other unintended consequences. I still believe a simpler and more affordable means of improving farmers' risk management is through crop insurance reforms that I have worked on. My proposal would allow farmers to purchase county yield or revenue coverage in addition to individual yield or revenue coverage, providing extra revenue coverage and disaster coverage.

If and when the Senate passes its Farm Bill, House and Senate members must work together in a bipartisan manner to get a final Farm Bill. You can be assured I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that the interests of farmers, ranchers and consumers in the 19th District in Texas are represented.

Trillion Dollar Tax Increase Proposed - The Largest In American History

Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY), the Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, has recently released his vision for a new tax plan. While I am in agreement with Chairman Rangel that our tax system needs a major overhaul, a proposed trillion dollar tax increase is certainly not the answer.

The government does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. While Republicans have offered several solutions to overhaul our tax system, they have been prematurely dismissed by the Majority.

Time and again, tax cuts have been shown to grow the economy. Revenues coming into the federal government have increased each of the last three years by large amounts, leading to the lowest deficit in five years. The federal government certainly does not need further increases in taxes that simply get plowed into new federal spending. I firmly believe that the folks back home know how to spend their money better than the federal government.

One example of the effect on the American taxpayer by this proposed trillion dollar tax increase is that there would be a four percent surtax on Americans earning more than \$150,000 a year (\$200,000 for couples). That is on top of the scheduled expiration of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts. So, under Democrats' plan, over the next few years, the top individual income tax rate in the United States will rise from 35% to 44%.

This proposal will have a direct impact on small businesses, the lifeblood of the American economy, since many small businesses and family farms pay their income taxes as individuals. The bottom line is that if such a tax increase is implemented, our nation's competitiveness would be diminished, and more American jobs will be shipped overseas, leading to a higher unemployment rate.

To propose a trillion dollar tax increase is reckless, unfair to the taxpayers and will only send our currently strong economy into a downward spiral.

--Randy

Previous Roundups can be found on my website at http://www.randy.house.gov/newsroom/roundup_date.shtml

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Week of October 17th

We had a smaller gathering with only 24 present on the 17th at 11:30. Our fellowship was enjoyed by all with plenty of visiting and eating. Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing as only he can do with wonderful words.

Our meal consisted of fried chicken, liver and salmon patties. We also had some hamburger steaks and gravy. Wish there had been some masked potatoes to go with the gravy. Bernice Hewson brought a delicious Copper Penny salad made with carrots, etc. Ima Brown's corn casserole was superb. She makes good casserole dishes we enjoy.

We were sorry to hear of Irene West falling and breaking her hip. I hope she is improving and will be up and about soon.

We all signed a get well card and sent to Hospital in Comanche.

Billie Bennett was going to come and be with us, but decided she was too weak for the outing. We will all be happy to see her when she can visit again.

We were saddened to hear of Opal Burton having to be put in the Nursing Home in Eastland. Hopefully she will be able to come home again for awhile. She is in Valley View, maybe some of you can visit her.

Sure missed having Anna Rush gone from town. She is a regular and our bean woman. We prepared some canned Black Eyed peas, but couldn't compare. Anna had gone to Roby for a visit with her sister. Geraldene Wright traveled with her, a good companion for a long ride.

We had an Early Thanksgiving last Saturday the 20th in Brownwood. My grandson was here from Florida, so we all were together at his parents house. He is in the Coast Guard near Miami, really enjoys his position. Sure was nice to see him, wife and baby daughter.

Our usual 10 were out to play games on Thursday the 18th. A good time was enjoyed by all. Hopefully there will be more of you out next week for the dinner and game night.

Hope all is well and see you next time.

The 24th

A good time was had by all on the 24th for our weekly luncheon at 11:30. There was a good crowd of 29 present to enjoy all the different dishes. We had some Mexican food, sausage patties and tow different chicken casseroles. Plus all the different kids of desserts and veggies. This time we didn't burn the cornbread, so was much improved. Wynogene's rolls are always excellent. Jud Maxfield gave the blessing for us all. I really appreciate those who do this honor for our dinner.

Billie Bennett was here with us and brought her great cornbread salad. She looked so good after her long illness. So glad you are feeling much improved. We missed you being with us.

Hank and Barbara Hunter surprised us with a visit. They both looked like marriage is agreeing with them. They live in Baird, so not too far to come and visit us. I also saw them in Cross Plains at the game Friday night. They do get about and have fun.

We were happy to see John and Willo Rice looking so good. I hope they can come more often, and be with us to enjoy our lunch.

Our new lady, Annie Laminack, was here with us. Good to see her and believe she will become a regular. She will leave the middle of November for a trip to Georgia to visit her sister. So we won't see her for awhile. I will baby-sit her birds while gone.

I enjoyed going to the game with Virgil and Jo Holdman at Cross Plains. We won, too one sided. I do wish the coach would put in the second string more and not run up the score so much. The next two games will be much tougher. They boys will really have to play well.

I'm still in shock over Dora Hollands sudden passing. She was such a great lady, so sweet and pleasant talking. We will all miss her at the dinner and game night.

I had to go to Abilene on the 25th, game night. So was too tired and hip hurting to sit and play. Had enough sitting all day long. Daisy Slaton went with me, but still had enough pep to go play.

I keep forgetting to mention about Daisy Slaton's trip to Rudis, N.M. In October. They also went to White Sands. She had a good time and made all the events alright. She went with the Stephenville Senior Travel Club, had a full bus with about 52. They enjoyed Country Symposium, had a B-B-Q Cookout in the dust, and several other events. And several other events. Too bad about the dust storm, they had True Grit.

Also I forgot to take last weeks report with me on the way to Dr. in Stephenville. So by the time varied home it was too late. Sorry.

Hope all is well and see you next week.

Call For Entries For The Tenth Annual Juried Art Exhibit in Brownwood, Texas

The Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit of Brownwood is announcing its call for entries for the tenth annual juried art exhibit. Please note that to celebrate its tenth anniversary the Stars of Texas Arts Council will offer an additional \$500,000 Stars of Texas Tenth Anniversary Award this year. The exhibit is scheduled for February 3, 2008 through February 15, 2008 to be held at the Depot Civic and Cultural Center, 600 Depot Street, Brownwood, Texas.

Every year the exhibition continues to grow and expand. The exhibit draws Texas artists from cities across the state in a variety of 2D and 3D categories. The two-week exhibit allows ample time for viewing, as well as daily demonstrations. It is open to both the public and the area schools at no charge. This year the exhibit is sponsored by the City of Brownwood, the Arts Council of Brownwood, Jane Ellen Jamar, Margaret and Stuart Coleman, Randolph Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Brownwood, and the Kohler Company.

Juror for the 2008 Exhibit is Denny Pickett who has been a member of the art faculties of Baylor, Mary Hardin Baylor, Midland and Temple Colleges and is currently a lecturer at Baylor. He holds a BA degree from Southwestern, an MFA from Texas Tech and has done post grad work at the University of Wisconsin. His most recent work explores the artist's relationship to the natural environment and is done primarily on location in a limited palette. Entries will be accepted at the Depot for judging on Friday, January 25, 2008 from 5 PM to 7 PM and on Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 9 AM to NOON. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00 is required for each entry and payable at time of entry. The maximum number of entries from each artist is three. Specific eligibility requirements are described in a prospectus available at your local chamber of commerce, your local art association or on our website.

This year there will be an Opening Reception on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 6-9 PM. Awards will be presented at a ceremony at 7:00 PM. The awards are as follows: The \$1000 Dorothy Mayes Best of Show Award; the \$750 Stars of Texas Purchase Award; the \$750 Juror Award; the \$500 Kohler Award; the \$500 Merit Award; the \$500 Stars of Texas Tenth Anniversary Award; \$100 each of Five Honorable Mention Awards; the People's Choice Ribbon Award and a \$500 Paint-Off Competition. All art exhibited must be for sale. All sales will be handled through the Arts Council of Brownwood. A 25% donation is required for sales generated by the exhibition.

The third annual Paint-Off Competition will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008 once again offering a cash prize of \$500.00. Similar to the plein air competitions so popular in artists' circles, the Paint Off will be held in the ballroom of the Depot Civic and Cultural Center, with the outdoor plein air painters at designated sites, allowing the public to view artists at work. Artists may register at the Paint-Off Pre-Registration and Reception on Friday, February 8 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM or on Saturday, February 9 from 8-10 AM. Artists are required to register and have their painting surface stamped before painting. Participants must be 18 or older and a Texas resident. This event is open to all 2-D media and tasteful subject matter except photography. All stamped work must be entered for jury by 2:30 P.M. The \$500.00 will be awarded at 4:00 P.M. that day. A \$20 fee will be required for this competition and each artist must supply his own easel and keep equipment compact. For information contact Ruth Wheelis, 325-646-7167 or at rawdew@verizon.net

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