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Boil Water

Notification In Gorman

Due to a major water break the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has required our public water system, City of Gorman PWS ID 0670003, to notify all customers to boil their water prior to consumption.

To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and for making ice should be boiled and cooled prior to consumption. The water should be brought to a vigorous, rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes. In lieu of boiling, you may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source.

When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the water system officials will notify you that the water is safe for consumption. The rescind notice will be issued in the same manner as this Boil Water Notice.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact the Gorman City Office, 116 S Kent St. at (254) 734-2317.

Cathy Jentho Re-Election

As Eastland County Clerk

My name is Cathy Jentho and I am announcing that I am running for re-election as your County Clerk.

I am an Eastland County native and was born in Gorman, Texas in 1967. My parents were the late Freddy and Birt Pevehouse. I am married to Gist and have two children, Daniel, 18 years old and Hope, 13 years old. Daniel is enrolled at Cisco Junior College and Hope is enrolled in the Eastland Independent School District. I attended Eastland schools and graduated from Eastland High School in 1986. I received a Salesperson License at the George Leonard School of Real Estate.



I am active in the community; in the Rotary Club serving as president in 2001-2002 and again in 2005-2006. In the past I have helped coordinate the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign for the Eastland Rotary Club. I am a member of the Eastland Civic League and Garden Club, having served as president and first and second vice president. I have served on the beatification, scholarship and yearbook committees. I have planned and conducted the annual tree lighting ceremony and tour of homes in the past. I have served on the Eastland Club House Board serving as board member for four years, then terms as president in 2004-2006. I currently serve as the Eastland Middle School Dogie Backer Club secretary. I am active in the Carbon 4-H Club and a member of the Eastland Ag Boosters. I am a member of First Baptist Church in Eastland where I have served the Lord in several capacities such as the Hospitality Committee, Junior High Sunday School Director, Youth Food Coordinator, Mission Friends, Disciple Now and as an alternate Sunday school teacher.

I began my service to the citizens of Eastland County as a part-time employee in the County Clerk's Office in 1985. I became a full time employee in 1986 and Chief Deputy County Clerk in 1989. In 1998 I was elected Eastland County Clerk and re-elected in 2002 and again in 2006. I have proven myself over the years as a Deputy Clerk, Chief Deputy County Clerk and as your County Clerk. I have overseen many changes in the office through the years. As your County Clerk I have constantly protected and preserved the County records and I am moving forward with the latest technologies to make it easier and more accessible to meet the public needs. I am continually looking for better ways to serve you as your County Clerk.

I ask that you vote for the experience you know and trust in the Republican Primary on March 2. Thank you for your vote and your continued trust and support.

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Carbon Community Center News

The Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will be held this coming January 30th at the Carbon Community Center. Music and dinner will be offered for \$5 beginning at 5:30pm. On the menu will be soups, stews, cornbread and desserts, with coffee, tea and water available. Musicians and singers are requested to contact Brenda or TJ Cummings at 254-488-0677 in order to be scheduled. The next Musical will be held May 29th.

Letter To The Editor

Who is Responsible??? Ever notice all the plastic hay twine on the roadside and ditches in this area. Ask any responsible farmer or rancher about the effects of this material on the land and they will tell you that it will RUIN a field!! Have you ever accidentally wrapped this hay twine material around an axle, drive shaft or other moving part of a vehicle or machine? BAD TROUBLE!! Ever wonder how long it takes for the plastic material or hay twine to rot, dissolve or become ineffective? A long time!! If a cow, horse, deer, or other animal gets hay twine wrapped around a foot or other body part, the blood circulation is cut off and the foot or other body part dies or rots off and many times leaves the animal crippled or dead. If we leave this plastic on our land and don't dispose of it properly, then we are doing our future generations a serious injustice. We may not live to see all the harmful effects of littering the land but future generations will. Our challenge is not to lay blame on anyone but to be responsible for our trash, junk, pollution, or whatever you want to call it. THE BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA have a principle they try to live by: "Leave the campsite cleaner that it was before you used it." What a Great Principle for us to thank about concerning our land. Who is Responsible? All of us are.

Sincerely,
Kenny Welch
254-734-4444

Filing Dates For City General Election

The City of Gorman Uniform Election Date will be May 8, 2010. The first day a candidate may file for a place on the ballot will be February 6, 2010 and will continue through March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Those terms that will be expiring are those of the office of the Mayor, currently held by Robert Ervin and Commissioner Place 4 Joe Casey, and the Commissioner Place 2, currently filled by appointment Durward Webb.

Basketball Scores

7th Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Gorman	16	2	2	1	21
Meridian	8	6	4	8	26

Leading scorer: Yovani Palacios with 10 points, Zach Ryon with 7 points, and Daniel Herrera with 4 points.

8th Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Gorman	11	5	13	5	34
Meridian	6	9	5	8	28

Leading scorer: Zach Carlton with 17 points, Dakota Pacheco with 13 points, Randall Miley with 2 points, and Eric Velasquez with 2 points.

2010 EASTLAND COUNTY

LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTS

Gorman exhibitors fared well in the 2010 County show! If you see these kids let them know you are proud of their endeavors and work. These are the results of each show:

- Meat Goat Jr. Showmanship - Madison Warren
- Meat Goat Sr. Showmanship - TJ Warren
- Market Rabbit Sr. Showmanship - Kimi Seaton
- Market Rabbit Jr. Showmanship - Kourtney Seaton
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT - T J Warren

- Champion Fine Wool - Austin Byrd
- Champion Fine Wool Cross - T J Warren
- Champion Hair Sheep - Kendle Coan
- Champion Berk - Stetson Thompson
- Reserve Champion Blk OPB - Cole Underwood
- Res. Champ. Div II Goat - T J Warren
- Reserve Champion Fine Wool - Madison Warren
- Reserve Champion Hair Sheep - Madison Warren
- 1st Place Duroc Class 3A - Madison Warren
- 1st Place Div I Class I Goat - Ally Little
- 1st Place Div I Class II Goat - Rees Byrd
- 1st Place Med. Wool Class 5A - Austin Byrd
- 1st Place Rabbits Class I - Kourtney Seaton
- 1st Place Rabbits Class II - Kimi Seaton
- 2nd Place Div III Class 1 Goat - Madison Warren
- 2nd Place Div III Class 2 Goat - TJ Warren
- 2nd Place Med. Wool Class 5C - Madison Warren
- 2nd Place Med. Wool Class 5A - Rees Byrd
- 2nd Place Med. Wool Class 5D - TJ Warren
- 3rd Place Blk OPB Class 2A - Kourtney Seaton
- 3rd Place Class 4C Hamp - Madison Warren
- 3rd Place Div I Class I Goat - Ben Burgess
- 3rd Place Div I Class II - Crystal Brinegar
- 3rd Place Div I Class III - Lauren Spivey
- 3rd Place Div II Class II - Cole Underwood
- 3rd Place Fine Wool Cross - Austin Byrd
- 3rd Place Med. Wool Class 5C - TJ Warren
- 4th Place Blk OPB Class 2A - Crystal Brinegar
- 4th Place White OPB Class 5B - Ben Burgess
- 4th Place Black OPB Class 2C - Reece Scitern
- 4th Place Cross Pig Class 7A - Ally Little
- 4th Place Div I Class III - Ben Burgess
- 4th Place Div II Class II - Justin Little
- 4th Place Div III Class II - Austin Byrd
- 4th Place Broiler - Ally Little
- 5th Place Cross Pig Class 7A - Justin Little
- 5th Place Cross Pig Class 7C - Justin Little
- 5th Place Div I Class I - Kendle Coan
- 5th Place Div I Class II - Lauren Spivey
- 5th Place Div III Class I Goats - Madison Warren
- 5th Place Market Angora - Kendle Coan
- 6th Place Broiler - Justin Little
- 8th Place Div III Class I - Madison Warren

- Breeding Sheep**
- Medium Wool Class 1 Champion Ewe - Madison Warren
- Medium Wool Class 1 2nd place Ewe - Madison Warren
- Class 4 Champion Medium Wool Champion - Madison Warren
- Breeding Sheep Junior Showmanship** - Madison Warren
- Breeding Sheep Senior Showmanship** - TJ Warren
- American Heifers**
- Champion American Heifer - Karsyn Scitern
- Grand Champion Commercial Heifer** - Karsyn Scitern
- 3rd Place Class 2 American Heifer - Karsyn Scitern
- Breeding Swine**
- Champion Duroc - Ben Burgess
- Reserve Champion Hamp. - Keaton Moore
- Reserve Champion Cross - Keaton Moore
- Reserve Champion Spot - Reece Scitern
- 1st Place Class 7A York - Keaton Moore
- 4th Place Class 7B York - Keaton Moore
- Jr. Showmanship** - Keaton Moore
- Sr. Showmanship** - Ben Burgess
- Breeding Meat Goats:**
- 5th Place Class 1 Kid Does - Madison Warren
- 8th Place Class 1 Kid Does - Karsyn Scitern
- Ag Mechanics Contest**
- Blue Ribbon - Tyler Johnson
- Breeding Rabbits:**
- Showmanship Sr. Breeding Rabbits** - Kimi Seaton

Meet Results From DeLeon



The Gorman girls powerlifting team compete last Saturday in the DeLeon powerlifting meet. Ally Little took second place overall with a total of 355 lbs in the 105 lbs division, and Erica Limon took first place overall with a total of 570 lbs in the 165 lbs division. The girls will be in action again this Saturday at Perrin. The meet should start around 9:00 am.

New Minister At Gorman Church of Christ



Meet Jason A. Wilder. Sunday was Jason's first day with the Gorman Church of Christ. "We know Jason will be very effective in his work in Gorman," stated the leadership of the church. "And we know that we have a grave responsibility to welcome, support and encourage Jason in this work." In Jason, the community and church gets a bonus package; he is accompanied and encouraged by his wife, Kristie and his 2-year old daughter, Alizabeth.

Jason was reared in Van, Texas, not far from Tyler. He graduated high school in Van in 1999. The two years following high school found Jason attending and graduating from Tyler Jr. College with a major in General Studies. In 2001, he entered Harding University and Harding School of Biblical Studies. Before his graduation from Harding with a Bachelor of Ministry degree and a Certificate of Completion from HSBS, he was pulpit minister at White Hall Church of Christ, White Hall, Arkansas. During these same years, Jason was involved in Campaign work in Brazil, Dover, AR., Laurel, Delaware, and Acuna, Mexico. He has been active in the conversion of 15-20 young people during each of the years of his activity.

Upon graduation in 2003, Jason assumed the position of Associate Minister for the Sunnyside Road Church of Christ in Decatur, IL. Continuing in this position until 2008, he then became Associate Minister at the Central Church of Christ in Athens, Texas. Late in 2008 he became Youth and Family Minister at the Winnsboro Church of Christ, Winnsboro, Texas.

His training and experience point in the direction of youth work. He has pursued training in Death and Grief Counseling and is skilled in technology usage. There comes a time when a Youth Minister is ready for Pulpit Ministry Work, and Jason is now in Gorman in that capacity. Help us welcome Jason, Kristie and Alizabeth to the Gorman community.

Please join us for a Hero's Reception honoring Specialist Jacob Barnes on January 31st @ 10:15 A.M. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Specialist Jacob Barnes returns home from Iraq on January 27th. He is the husband of Amber Barnes, the father of Landon Barnes and the son-in-law of David and Cindy Stanley.

Thank You!!!

The City of Gorman would like to thank the residents for your patients and cooperation with the recent major water break. We realize that having no water was a great inconvenience for you all. We would also like to thank Josefin's for their on site delivery, the guys really enjoyed it. Again thank you all from the employees at the City of Gorman.

Obituary

Jack Wayne Easley

Jack Wayne Easley, age 84, died at home on Tuesday evening on January 19, 2010, after a brief illness. Born in Oklahoma, he was a resident of New Orleans and Patterson for many years.

He served in the Pacific Theater during WW2 in the U. S. Navy on the submarine USS Seapoacher. He remained active in the WW2 sub-vets Conventions up until his death. He worked in the oil fields all his life, traveled extensively, and was a consultant after his retirement. He was also a Mason with the Elmore City Lodge #533 in Elmore City, OK. And a member and deacon of Faith Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Dalhouse-Easley and pre-deceased by wife, Pat Easley, mother of surviving son, James W. Easley. Other survivors are step-daughters, Vanessa (Nathan) Gremillion, and Andrea (Todd) Alvey, and step-grandchildren, Drew and Ashley Gremillion, and Anna and Eliza Alvey.

Preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Vera (White) Easley, sisters Florene Watson, Willa Rogan, Jo Ratliff. He is survived by siblings Jane (Dale) Nowlin, Martha (John) Beaty, Ed (and Louise) Esley and Ray (and Barbara) Easley. He is beloved uncle to numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, who although not listed, miss and love him.

Funeral Service was at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Nowlin Anders Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating was Brother David Kelly. Burial followed at De Leon Cemetery.

Daylight Savings Times Begins Sunday, March 14th

Classifieds

TAKING APPLICATIONS -- The City of Gorman is now taking applications for a crew hand. Pay will be based on experience. Apply at the City Hall, 116 S Kent, Gorman, Tx. FNC.

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HUNTING-GRAZING-do both on this 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite W/Some open food plots for deer, grazing or hay, several tanks, good fences on 2 sides. Nash Creek, rolling terrain-excellent hunting! A18
CHARM, WARMTH, COMFORT - This 2 BR, 1 bath brick has all of this & more. Large inviting living room, kitchen/dining combo, CH/A, utility w/extras, DACP & cov. porch overlooking the oversized back yard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08
PRODUCTIVE describes this 160 AC, m/l, North of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, wheat base, 2 tanks, several water well and frontage on 2 county roads. Great place for cattle, horses or hay. A13
DO YOURSELF A FAVOR - Stop and take a look at this 2005 DWMH located in a quiet neighborhood surrounded by large trees on half an acre. This home offers comfortable living with spacious living room, a fully equipped kitchen, 4 BR, 2 baths, a front deck & Nice stg. Bldg. Call today - tomorrow may be too late! OWN-ER AGENT 02
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INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - This property consists of 2 structures. A 2 story office building, old cafe. This property has a lot of possibilities!! C19

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Ruth Allen Porter

Ruth Allen Porter, age 95 of Gorman, passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at the Community Nursing Home in Stephenville.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 23rd at the Gorman Cemetery with Durward Webb officiating.

Mrs. Porter was born June 22, 1914 in Bluff Dale to Richard Allen and Ola Weeks Allen. She married William Robert Porter on December 22, 1964 in Lubbock. He preceded her in death on March 16 1996. She was a homemaker and a member of the Gorman Church of Christ.

She is survived by two nieces, Sharon Brown of Midland and Eva Killiam and husband, Kenneth of Abilene; special friends, Wynogene Smith of Gorman and Durward and Mary Webb also of Gorman.

Glenn Logan Whitley

Glenn Logan Whitley, age 49 of Fort Worth passed away on January 23, 2010 in Fort Worth. Graveside services were held January 27th at 3 p.m. At Desdemona Cemetery with Bro. David Kelly officiating.

He was born August 31, 1960 in Fort Worth to Doris Whitley and the late G. L. Whitley.

He was a kind and tenderhearted person whose greatest pleasure was the happiness of others. He joins his father and infant daughter in heaven.

Survivors include the mother of his children, daughter Priscilla, son Logan; his mother; Doris Whitley; two sisters, Laura Stout and husband David and daughter Whitley, and Gina Wuerflein, husband David, daughter Mallory and son, Zachary; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded by his father and infant daughter. Honorary pallbearers were Logan Whitley, Zach Wuerflein, David Wuerflein, and David Stout.

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S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
38 A M/L south Gorman, Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$204,000.00 - Seller Financing
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. \$2,950.00 A.
130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.
S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.
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455 A, rolling hills, 150' elev. chg., 200 A coastal, creek, tanks, hunting [RS01] \$3,000/acre
210 A, 2-1 home, 2 car garage, wells & tanks, cross fenced, coastal [WWS01] \$619,500
162 A, 2 story 2-1/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000
147 A, Horse Property, 5-4 1/2 Brick Home, 2-Car Garage, barn, much more [SW01] \$950,000
SOLD 100 A, water well, 3 tanks, minerals available [RS04] \$210,000
REDUCED 81 A Pecan orchard, 900± trees, possible owner finance [REM01] \$405,000 \$300,000
SOLD 80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000
69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, coastal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900
45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, coastal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500
45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
24 A, new water well and septic system, coastal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
7-4 Brick Home, 2,31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000
REDUCED 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$169,999 \$89,000
4+ A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500
REDUCED 3-1 Frame Home, carport, shaded lot, storage bldg [DS03] \$39,500 \$36,500
3-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, large living area & lot, CH&A, privacy fence [JG02] \$95,900
2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2,99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000
REDUCED 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000
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Comanche Electric Cooperative Members Could Win a \$10,000 Home Energy Makeover

At least four electric cooperative members in Texas will each win up to \$10,000 in energy-efficiency upgrades this fall as part of the Texas Co-op Power Home Energy Makeover Contest.

Co-op member homeowners are eligible to enter their primary residences in this statewide competition. At least four winners will be selected to receive energy-efficiency improvements, including new ground-source or air-source heat pumps, insulation, water heaters and other upgrades.

Texas Co-op Power magazine, with a circulation of 1.2 million electric cooperative households, is sponsoring the contest to promote energy efficiency and educate consumers about affordable home upgrades that can save significant electricity costs. Corporate sponsors include Lennox, Rheem Marathon Water Heaters and others who have agreed to donate equipment and services for the home energy makeovers.

Contest entries will be accepted from January 1 to March 10, 2010. Homeowners whose permanent residences are on Comanche Electric Cooperative lines are eligible to enter. Applications will be available in the January and February issues of Texas Co-op Power magazine and online at www.texascooppower.com.

SCHOOL MENU Week of Feb. 1 thru Feb. 5

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - French Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, hashbrown, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Eggs, toast, gravy, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Bacon, Egg patties, Biscuits, Juice and Milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Baked ham or Corn Dog, Mac and cheese, blackeyed peas, oranges, bread slices and milk.
TUESDAY - Pork Chop or Chicken Legs, cheese potatoes, broccoli, roll, crisp, and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken and rice or pigs in a blanket, carrot coins, tossed salad, fruit, crackers and milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken spaghetti or ravioli, cheese sticks, cron green beans, bread stick, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY - Chili dogs or toasted ham & cheese, baked beans, Spanish rice, crackers, sherbet and milk.

MARCH 2, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

Voters may begin calling Cathy Jentho, County Clerk now to see if they are eligible to vote by the mail procedure. 254-629-1583.

February 1, 2010 is the last day to register to vote
February 16-26, 2010 County Courthouse 8:00 AM-5:00 PM period for Early Voting*

*February 20, 2010 7:00 AM-3:00 PM Saturday extended voting hours at County Courthouse

Cathy Jentho Attends 38th Annual County and District Clerk Seminar

County Clerk, Cathy Jentho joined over 400 Clerks' for the 38th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center on January 11-14, 2010.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is a part of Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The Institute provides elected county officials with information, technical assistance and helps officials complete their state mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

"As one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits", explained Richard O. Avery, Director of the Institute, Texas county officials get an opportunity to learn new and vital information, so they can better serve the citizens of Texas. The Institute provides education to county officials through various programs across the State.

Notes From Dr. Dan

On my first date I was met at the door by my date's intimidating father who told me to wait on the couch. Their big Great Dane dog sat next to me. As I waited, I got more nervous and I accidentally passed gas. The father called out "DUKE!" and I thought.. good boy Duke stay here in case I had another incidence of gas... which happened right away and the father called out again "DUKE!". The third time I passed gas the father said "Duke! Get away from that boy before he S*#\$S on you!"

Sometimes we have more hot air than others. Certain conditions like sinusitis for example will create more mucus in the respiratory tract which gets swallowed and reacts with the stomach acid and releases methane which comes out as flatus on one end or belching on the other. Stomach viruses and AGE... [That's acute gastroenteritis not getting old] ... have a similar effect. A vegetables like beans, cabbage, and cucumbers or even drinking soft drinks with carbonation will bloat one up as well. There are some over the counter measures to decrease gas. Most of them have the medicine, simethicone. After a fatty meal, if one has problems with ...you know... flatus it may be a sign of gallbladder problems. At any rate, after you turn forty...never trust a fa...flatus.

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Bring your Sweetheart on Sunday February 14!!

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association
will be serving lunch at the
Gorman Community Center from 11 - 2

We will be serving Brisket, Ham, Beans, Potato salad, bread, dessert
and drink.

The cost will be \$9.00 per plate.

We will be decorated for 'swehearts Day'!!
Please make plans to join us for lunch!

Pee Wee Basketball Schedule

Come out and watch the games. We hope to see you there. These games
will be played in Gorman at both gyms.

January 30

9am Lady Panthers 5th Vs Cross Plains 5th Girls- Old Gym
9am Panthers 5/6th Vs Cross Plains 6th Boys - New Gym
10am Lady Panthers 6th Vs Cross Plains 6th Girls(T1)- Old Gym
10am Lady Panthers 4th Vs Rising Star 3/4 Girls - New Gym
11am Rising Star 5/6 Boys Vs Cross Plains 5th Boys - Old Gym
11am 2nd Grade- New Gym
12pm Panthers 4th Vs Cross Plains 3rd Boys- Old Gym
12pm Lady Cats Vs Cross Plains 6th Girls (T2) - New Gym
1pm Lady Panthers 4th Vs Cross Plains 3rd Girls - New Gym
2pm Panthers 3rd Vs Rising Star 3/4th Boys - New Gym
3pm Lady Panthers 3rd Vs Cross Plains 4th Girls - New Gym
4pm Panthers 3rd Vs Cross Plains 4th Boys - New Gym

Spaghetti Supper

Public Invited To Attend

VFW Post 4136 - Eastland
Friday, January 29, 2010
Delicious Spaghetti Supper
All You Can Eat -- \$5.00 A Plate
Serve Time is from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Eastland County Livestock Show BAKE OFF RESULTS

We would like to "thank" everyone who participated in the 2010 Eastland County Livestock Show Bake Off. There was a total of 41 entries from young to ... well more experienced cooks. The judges had a hard time selecting the winning entries. They took into consideration both taste and cooking techniques. All the entries were winners! The winning recipes were chosen by a consensus of the judges' opinions. We want to thank everyone who took the time to share their special recipes. Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be sponsoring this event again next year. If you entered the Bake Off and were not able to make it back out to get your ribbon and recipe booklet, we have them at the Extension Office ... 1st Floor of the Courthouse ... come by and pick them up.

Elementary Division (ages 5-9)

Cake Class: Best of Class and 1st Place: Caryn Lawrence - Rising Star
2nd Place: Lauren Underwood - Gorman
3rd Place: Hannah Weaver - Eastland
Participant: Kiley Lane - Cisco
Participant: Hannah Underwood - Gorman

Candy Class: 1st Place: Kiley Lane - Cisco

Cookie Class: 1st Place: Payton Porter - Cisco
2nd Place: Kiley Lane - Cisco
3rd Place: Abby Weaver - Eastland
Participant: Kasen Conring - Cisco

Junior Division (ages 10-13)

Bread Class: 1st Place: Samuel Keierleber - Rising Star
2nd Place: Hailey Parks - Eastland
3rd Place: Harley Kendall - Cisco

Cake Class: Best of Show, Best of Class and 1st Place: Matthew Lawrence - Rising Star
2nd Place: Kobe Conring - Cisco
3rd Place: Tanner Ehrlich - Cisco
Participant: Hailey Parks - Eastland

Candy Class: 1st Place: Matthew Lawrence - Rising Star
2nd Place: Hailey Parks - Eastland

Cookie Class: 1st Place: Hailey Parks - Eastland
2nd Place: Bailey Underwood - Eastland

Pie Class: Best of Class and 1st Place: Hailey Parks - Eastland
2nd Place: Harley Kendall - Cisco
3rd Place: Braxton Weaver - Eastland

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

Bread Class: 1st Place: Jill Keierleber - Rising Star

Cake Class: 1st Place: Katherine Robinette - Ranger
2nd Place: Aubrey Lawrence - Rising Star

Candy Class: Best of Class and 1st Place: Aubrey Lawrence - Rising Star

Pie Class: 1st Place: Katherine Robinette - Ranger

Adult Division (ages 19 and up)

Bread Class: Best of Class and 1st Place: Kari Porter - Cisco
2nd Place: Clinton Lovelace - Cisco

Cake Class: 1st Place: Tiffany Reeves - Eastland
2nd Place: Francie Robinette - Ranger
3rd Place: Millie Barrow - Eastland

Candy Class: 1st Place: Shawn Lane - Cisco
2nd Place: Clinton Lovelace - Cisco

Cookie Class: Best of Class and 1st Place: Clinton Lovelace - Cisco
2nd Place: Judy Underwood - Eastland
3rd Place: Wendy Porter - Eastland

Pie Class: 1st Place: Wendy Porter - Eastland
2nd Place: Francie Robinette - Ranger

Kokomo Baptist

To Host Fifth Sunday Singing

Kokomo Baptist Church will host the First Fifth Sunday Singing of the year on January 31st at 6:00 p.m. We invite everyone out for a good time of singing and fellowship.

Following the singing we will be providing Stew and Soup for all to enjoy.

Come on out and join us.

City

Minutes

JANUARY 21, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Durward Webb, Nathan Files and Joe Casey.

Nathan led the opening followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Durward. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment, but to acquire more information on the Singleton Plumbing invoice. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

There were no citizens present for Citizens In Put.

Mayor Ervin presented a copy of the new project the Housing Authority has for improvements on the government housing projects. The Commission found no reason for them not to proceed.

Ordinances #'s 216, 219, 224, 225, 229, 230, and 231 will soon be published for future amendments with updated penalties, etc.

This being the 2nd meeting of the month there were no department head reports.

The Commission requested that there be an ad ran publishing an article to hire a person interested in obtaining both water and sewer license, or that currently has them. Salary will be based upon experience.

There being no further business for discussion, David made the motion to adjourn, with a second from Joe. Motion carried, time was 6:39 p.m.

Happenings At FBC!!

Stuff! Each one of us has at least a closet or two that needs cleaning out. We can't take our stuff with us when we die. Take time to decide what is truly valuable to you. Are you putting God first in your life? Are you using your material resources to honor God and further God's work?

Our Sunday morning Service began with the baptism of Richard Patton, glory to God for allowing us to witness such an awesome testimony in this man.

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 27th - 6:30pm - The Hinkle Family in Concert.
Jan. 28th - 10:00am - WOM meeting; all ladies are welcome.
Jan. 31st - 6:00pm - Fifth Sunday Singing at Kokomo.
Feb. 6th - 2:00pm - Deacon's Valentine Banquet.

Children's Sermon: Liz showed the children several items and explained the promise in each of them: her engagement ring was a promise from Shane to marry her, her wedding ring was a promise from Shane to make her his wife under God in good times and bad, the stamp on an envelope is the promise from the US Postal Service to deliver our mail, and then her credit card is a promise that she will pay. People sometimes make promises that they don't keep. The Bible is full of God's promises, and God keeps every promise. In I Corinthians we are told that the number of God's promises does not matter, God sent His Son Jesus to fulfill His promises; the truth is that all of God's promises are kept and fulfilled.

Special Music: Sammie Mauney sang so marvelously "People Need the Lord" in memory of our dear friend and Missionary to Brazil, Chuck Conner.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Sardine Sandwich" - John 6:5 - In John 6:5 Jesus asked His disciple, Philip, where they could buy bread to feed the huge crowd of people. There are times we feel inadequate and feel like we don't measure up. Life can be overwhelming.

I. The Test. - Jesus knew the answer to His question before He asked Philip, Jesus tested Philip. Does your response to a test strengthen your faith as well as bring honor and glory to God?

II. The Boy. - Andrew discovered the boy that had brought his lunch. We do not know the name of this boy, yet Jesus knew the boy would be in the crowd of people. The boy gave all that he had to the Lord.

III. The Miracle. - You will remember the name of this sermon as well as the picture of the sardine sandwich because it was the fish and bread given by the boy that Jesus used to feed thousands of people with some food being leftover.

There are times when we think we are insignificant or unwanted. All people are important to God, and all people are invited to be part of His Kingdom. The only way to become somebody is through Jesus Christ our Savior. If you are feeling tested, pray to God that He will make you a dynamic witness for Him. Put your faith and trust in Jesus and He will lead you. If all you have is a sardine sandwich, give it to God and He will make the miracle happen.

We welcome new member, Angela Wilkerson, to our fellowship.

Sunday School is for all ages, and Classes begin at 9:45AM every Sunday morning, please come and we will help you find the right class for you.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us!

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Branson Comes To De Leon

By Marsha England

Ever thought about going to Branson and seeing one of the shows up there? Figured it was too expensive, too far and didn't really have the time to go? On Thursday, February 18, Branson is coming to De Leon. From the Hamner Barber Theater, in Branson, Missouri, the Women's Division Chamber of Commerce will present Ricky Boen and Texas Mud in concert at the De Leon City Hall. The show starts at 7 pm. There will be food and drink available by the Purple Lily Theater Troupe. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the door, from Linda in the Chamber Office, Bella's, Paw Prints Parlor, La Joyce, Ms Sue's Cleaning, Dublin, Shade Tree, Proctor or from any member of the Women's Division. Come on out, see a really great show and think about all the money you saved by not having to go to Branson! This group will only play three dates in Texas and De Leon is one of them!

Here is a little information about Ricky Boen and the group Texas Mud. If you would like to hear their music, check out their web site, www.texasmud.com.

Folks around Texas and Oklahoma think of one thing when they hear the term "swing" - Texas Swing. Texas Swing is driven by the string sound, predominantly fiddles and guitar. And of course, if you're talking Texas Swing, you're taking Twin Fiddles! Once you hear Ricky and Texas Mud, when you think of Texas Swing you'll think of them! This incredibly talented group has combined the amazing talents, energy, and drive of the 1983 World Champion Fiddler from Odessa, Texas, Ricky Boen and the Texas Swing group that won the coveted Will Rogers Award, being named Western Swing Group of the Year by the Academy of Western Artist in 2001, Texas Mud.

Ricky Boen won the Texas State Fiddle Championship in 1980 and the World Championship in 1983. Ricky is a native Odessan. He began playing the fiddle when he was ten years old and has played with various artists including Ray Price, Red Steagall, Michael Martin Murphy, and Steve Warner. Ricky is also a member of the Sons of the Pioneers. Ricky has brought together an incredibly talented group of players. Ricky's dad, Darrell Boen, is on vocals and rhythm guitar. He has played in fiddle contest across the county and was a square dance teacher and caller for sixteen years. Mark Boyd is also on guitar and vocals. Mark P provides the other half of the twin fiddles. He started playing fiddle at the age of 11. Mark has played with Jerry Reed, Loretta Lynn and the last 15 years with Roy Clark. Casey Robertson, who has been a professional drummer since he was 16, keeps the rhythm. He has appeared on Carnival cruise Lines, at various venues throughout the United States, and in Branson shows like Cracklin' Rose and Lost in the Fifties. Mark Abbott plays the string bass and fiddle. He is the current bassist for Texas Mud and for The Sons of the Pioneers. Mark has worked with such artists as Willie Nelson, Gene Autry, Johnny Gimble, Rex Allen Sr. and numerous others. Dave Musgrave plays the steel guitar. But there are a couple of wrinkles in the new show that add a real punch. Eleven-year old singing sensation, Brooke Hale is joining Ricky and the boys to bring a little feminine grace and a powerhouse voice to the mix. Brooke started her professional career at the age of 8. She has appeared in numerous productions, is part of the Raising America cast and a fourth grade, Principle's Honor Roll, student. Brooke has special permission, from her school responsibilities, to join the cast. Also, added is female comedian Ida Clare, who swears she ready for De Leon even if De Leon may not be quite ready for her! Michele Innskeep, who plays Ida Clare, preformed with Andy Williams for years and has performed in several musicals. Michelle's singing ability and comedy skills round out the show. Ricky and Texas Mud have traveled the United States and shared the stage with major artist such as Mark Chestnutt, the Bellamy Brother, and the Texas Playboys. They will be at the Hamner Barber Theater in Branson from February 25 through December 11.

When asked how he best describes the focus of the show Ricky replied, "It's simple - Texas Swing done right! Several shows will do a song or two as a tribute to Texas Swing, or a taste of it, but it's what we love, and what we do. We try to take the roots of Texas Swing from guys like Spade Cooley and Bob Wills, and season it with some more contemporary icons of the style, like George Strait and Asleep at the Wheel, and make it our own. I've always said that if you come to one of our show and leave without feeling like you were entertained, it's your fault, because we're going to put.

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HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

Would like to welcome Christine Crow to Homestead. We are glad to have her join us.

We had our monthly Birthday Party on Monday. We would like to thank Amy Wood for the delicious and beautifully decorated cup cakes she brought for the party. Those coming for singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Oren and Norma Webb (who were celebrating their wedding anniversary), Marjorie Treadway and Ernestine Campbell. We would like to invite you to come and join us on Monday afternoon for some wonderful gospel music. We greatly appreciate those who take time out of their busy lives to come and be with us.

Friday's bingo winners were Lula Schneider, Troy Scitem, Louise Clark, Troy Scitem was our blackout winner. On Monday Lula Schneider won 2 games, other winners were Charles Dyess, Faye Johnson and Louise Clark was our blackout winner.

Tuesday we had our Fun Fair where we play different type games, dart throw, bean bag toss, ball toss, horseshoes and baseball. Then we all sampled some good ole cotton candy.

On Wednesday afternoons we go bowling (on the Wii) boy do we have some competitive people. Seems like they take turns on being the high scorer.
Ina Smith

Probation Revocation Nets Man 30 Year Prison Sentence

Presiding Judge Steven Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court revoked the probation of JOSUE ANTONIO WILLIAMS, 31, on January 20, 2010 after accepting a plea of true to allegations that Williams had violated his terms and conditions of probation. Williams, a Taylor County resident, had previously been placed on ten years probation on August 28, 2008 for Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance: Cocaine. The arrest was a result of a DPS Narcotics Investigation from a traffic stop on Interstate 20. Judge Herod sentenced Williams to thirty (30) years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division for violating the terms and conditions of his probation. Williams is now awaiting the disposition of other drug charges in Taylor County.

Cisco Man's Probation Revoked

Presiding Judge Steven Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court revoked the probation of JEREMY HOWARD LANGFORD, 22, on the afternoon of January 20, 2010 hearing testimony from three witnesses that Langford had violated his terms and conditions of probation. Langford, a Taylor County resident, had previously been placed on four years deferred adjudication on June 10, 2009 for Impersonating a Public Servant. The original arrest was a result of a Cisco Police Department Investigation wherein Langford had identified himself as a United States Marshall. Judge Herod sentenced Langford to five (5) years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division for violating the terms and conditions of his probation. Impersonating a Public Servant is a third degree felony and carries a maximum punishment range of 10 years confinement. Langford is now awaiting the disposition of another pending charge for Assault Causing Serious Bodily Injury here in Eastland County.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.net

Remember, it is still School Board Recognition Month. Don't forget to let them know how much you appreciate them. These folks are your representatives and they have been very busy this past year during the completion of our new facility. They have also been very busy obtaining the training they are required to receive each year. This takes time away from their families and sometimes their jobs and they receive no pay. Being on the school board is usually a thankless job. So give them a pat on the back and say thanks when you see them!

Speaking of school board members, the next regularly scheduled board meeting is February 10, 2010 and one of the agenda items will be to call for an election on May 8, 2010. I thought it strange that even though the election won't even be call for until the 10th, the first day to file for a place on the ballot is February 6, 2010. The trustees whose will stand for election should they choose to run again are Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, Don Whitten, and Noah Landa. Noah Landa would be running to complete the last year of the seat vacated Melinda Harrington due to her leaving the district. The other three would be running for full three year terms.

Our kids faired pretty well at the Eastland County Stock Show. Congratulations to all who participated! If your child does not participate in Ag, you might want to think about all the good things they learn regarding responsibility, a good work ethic, working with others, building confidence in themselves and much more. It is also a family affair; it involves everyone in the family in one way or another. You do not have to live on a farm or know anything about farming or ranching to get involved. It is a great program and Mr. Boles, our Ag teacher, does a great job with our kids. You can see all the results in another article in this paper.

The cafeteria will begin having two entrée choices again starting February 1st. The menu will be posted on our website and in the paper. We will also continue to offer secondary students the choice of a salad and baked potato or a chef salad. Our cafeteria manager and her crew do a great job providing your children with the best meals possible. They really care about your children.

Extended Day will begin at the elementary campus the first week in February. This is offered to help students prepare for the upcoming T.A.K.S. Testing. Letters will be sent out soon informing parents if their child's need to attend as well as the schedule that will be used for tutoring. Also, a bus will run to take students home after tutoring if your child needs a ride.

I also want to put in a good word for our faculty and staff at Gorman ISD. There is not another more qualified and caring group of people anywhere and I am very proud to be associated with them. They are great! Your children are in good hands!

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!

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. A large group of musicians, singers and visitors attended. The music was "great". Thanks to all these musical groups and singers taht attend each month. Thanks to the ladies that donate food each month to the concession stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

Robert Allen Brown of Fort Worth visited the past weekend with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown.

Take time out from our busy daily schedule to remember the Sick and Shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

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

Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were low in attendance again with only 17 people at the Center on the 20th. I wish more of you would come out on pretty days. We enjoy a much more interesting dinner with many different dishes. I understand about bad weather days, but these are a few of us that always make it rain or shine.

We were so happy to have Wilburn Overstreet and Jerry Underwood back with us after their illness. Both were looking good. Jerry was trying to do too much and I wanted her to sit down and relax. She is so thin and her hands so cold. She doesn't need to prepare our drinks with the ice.

Cecil Funderburg was here to tell us about his run for the County Clerk office. Also he will retire as Chief of Police of Eastland. We enjoyed listening to him and I'm sure he will win this position. He is a cousin to my son-in-law Tim Swanner. All these years I thought he was his uncle, so got that straight at last.

Also Sandra Cagle was here for her monthly service to the people of Gorman. It sure helps the older people out in buying their licenses, etc. We enjoy having her eat with us while here. She gets to visit with Wilburn Overstreet, her relative. I'm sure she was glad to see him out and well again.

Our meal was very good for only a few people at the Center. We enjoyed a B-B-Q brisket and baked chicken. Also mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet potatoes, spinach and lettuce salad, pinto beans, chili with beans, rolls and cornbread. We enjoyed several good desserts. A carrot cake, buttermilk chess pie, cherry Jello with cool whip and fruit, and some good cookies. Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing, good to hear his word again. We had surely missed him.

On Sunday the 24th Kendra Swanner Wright turned 22. Her family prepared a large B-B-Q Supper for her. Also friends brought food, some very good dishes. Her Mom made a delicious chocolate cake from scratch, also bought Vanilla ice cream. We all enjoyed, especially the grandparents Swanner and Ward. We all enjoyed pork ribs, pulled pork and German Sausage. The men cooked outside, but forgot the children. Ha!! That was a lot of pork, but good.

I will not be at the Center on the 27th. I must make a trip to Abilene for heart tests. So for everything is some better. In the future I'm going to see if they can't do some tests in Eastland. This trip is very tiring for me. Not so young anymore. Sometimes my daughter goes with me and drives, sure helps.

Hope all is well and see you soon - Carol

AG VIEW POINT By: Heath Begeman

Honey Bee's

This week I found a large group of honey bees foraging in the county. With the warm temperatures we have seen this week, honey bees can be on the move. With the bees moving around, it is important to remember how we manage honey bees in the home and how to be safe if you encounter a swarm.

Honey bees are not truly aggressive - that is, bees do not search for someone or something to attack. But, like social wasps, honey bees are highly defensive and will attack anything that seems to threaten the colony. You can lessen your risk of a bad experience with bees by learning more about their behavior. It is common to see honey bees foraging for food and water around homes and other structures. Foraging bees are away from the colony and are not likely to sting because they have nothing to defend. Bees visiting flowers and other food sources should be left undisturbed. To discourage foraging bees from gathering around a home or business, remove or prevent access to attractants such as ripening fruit, opened soda cans and pet water dishes. Make sure outdoor garbage receptacles are covered and well-sealed. Some flowers, trees and shrubs attract bees when in bloom. It is impractical to try to remove all the plants that might attract bees, so people with a fear of bees or allergies to bee venom should simply avoid those areas when bees are foraging.

Many people have never encountered bee swarms even though they occur every year. With literally thousands of bees in the air, swarms may appear dangerous. In fact, they pose little threat. Eventually the swarm will land and remain clustered in one place for a few hours or several days. During that time, scout bees are looking for a suitable nesting site. Once the scouts find a new nest site and communicate its location to the swarm, the bees will move on to their new home. If a swarm lands in a remote site, it should be left alone. The swarm does not contain stored food or immature bees so the bees have nothing to defend and are unlikely to sting. Swarms that land near buildings or high traffic areas should be managed. Bees may try to nest in wall voids or floors of buildings if they can gain entry. Professional and hobby beekeepers are often unwilling to collect swarms because of the possibility of introducing diseases, mites or Africanized bees into their own colonies. If no one can be found to remove a swarm near a building or in a high traffic area, the swarm may need to be destroyed.

The most important step is to prevent honey bees from entering a building. Block all holes where pipes and wiring enter, cracks in window framing, knot holes in wood siding, weep holes in bricks, and cracks where wood and brick join. Most of these holes can be filled with caulking, but holes necessary for air flow should be blocked with wire screen. The screen mesh should be less than 1/8 inch. Chimneys should be properly capped. Removing a honey bee nest can easily cost hundreds of dollars, so prevention is the best solution. Honey bees that have moved into a structure should be destroyed as quickly as possible. The longer you delay, the more difficult the job is.

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