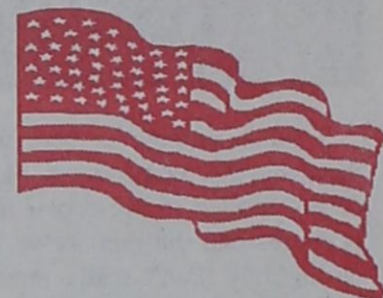


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City Commission Changes Existing Ordinance For The Keeping Of Animals

The City Commission has made some changes to the existing ordinance for the keeping of animals. This ordinance is not going to prohibit anyone from having pet animals, and or some livestock. It will however, limited the number or numbers of livestock that may be kept in a residential area, or the number kept in an area not adequate for more than one.

The City will try to publish parts of the new ordinance in the paper for a couple of issues so that the citizens will be aware of these changes. Please know that the city officials are trying to find a "happy medium" for all the residents inside the city of Gorman. There is much hope that everyone can work together and keep resolved any indifferences.

Examples:

Section 4.11. Creating a Health Hazard.

A. Any person who shall harbor or keep animals on his/her premises, or in or about a premises under his/her control, and who allows such premises to become a hazard to the general health and welfare of the community, or who shall allow such premises to give off obnoxious or offensive odors due, to the activity or presence of such animals, shall be guilty of a Class "C" misdemeanor.

B. Any person who shall allow his/her animal to eliminate/defecate on public property or the property of another and does not removed same shall be guilty of Class "C" misdemeanor.

Section 3.03. Estray and Other Livestock.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any horse, mule, jack, jennet, cattle, hog, chicken or other fowl, goat or sheep (stray) to permit any such animal to run at large on land that is not his own or under his control, or on any street, alley, or other public place in the City.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any combination of two or more of any of the following animals: horses, mules, jacks jennets, or any species of cattle.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any combination of six or more of any goats or sheep.

It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any member of the swine family within the corporate City limits except as a temporary project of an approved 4H or FFA project.

Section 4.14. Excessive Noise

Any person who shall harbor or keep on his premises, or in or about any premises under his control, any animal or poultry which by loud, continual or unusual noise of any kind shall cause the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or the occupant of adjacent premises to be disturbed, shall be guilty of a Class "C" misdemeanor, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which such violation occurs or continues; provided that where only one rooster is kept in compliance with this ordinance, the crowing of such rooster shall not be a violation of this section.

Child Nutrition Program

The Child Nutrition Program applications for free and reduced meals for the Gorman ISD 2002-2003 school year are available at the elementary office during weekdays from 8:00-3:30 Monday through Thursday and 8:00 to 12:00 on Friday. If you plan to apply for this school year please fill the application out in advance of the start of the school to ensure your children benefits of the program as early as possible.

The Gorman ISD meal prices for the 2002-2003 school year are: Breakfast for grades 7-12 is \$1.25. The elementary school will participate in the "Breakfast in the Classroom" Program again this year and all students will be served breakfast free of charge. Grades 7-12 students who qualify for the child nutrition program will be eligible for free or reduced meals. The price of a reduced breakfast is \$.30 and lunch is \$.40. The price of lunches for 7th-12th grades is \$1.50 and elementary is \$1.25.

Students will be allowed the privilege of charging meal up to \$50.00. Students owing a bill from last year will not be allowed to charge until their bill is clear. If you do not want your child to charge meals please notify Vickie Majors at 734-2521 or J.R. Jones at 734-2617.

Reagan - Brumley Announce Engagement



Sonya Jean Reagan and Michael Jason Brumley have announced their engagement and plans to be married.

The bride-elect is the daughter of C.W. and Donna Hogan of Memphis, Texas and John Reagan of Houston, Texas. Sonya, who currently lives in Canyon, Texas, is a 1999 graduate of Memphis High School and is currently enrolled in WTAM University Nursing School. She is employed by Texas Tech School of Medicine.

The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Janice Brumley of Hereford, Texas. Jason lives in Hereford and is a 1992 graduate of Hereford High School. He studied Ag Business Economics at WTAMU and is currently employed by Deaf Smith County.

The couple plan to be married on August 10, 2002 at the E.B. Black House in Hereford.

Walnut Street Clinic In Ranger, Texas Welcomes New Doctor

Dr. Philip R. Webb will be assuming the practice of Dr. Luther Gohlke in Ranger, Texas effective August 5, 2002.

Dr. Webb comes to Ranger from Kerrville, Texas where he has practiced in a Family Practice Clinic for the last 20 years. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University in 1975 and his degree in Medicine from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in 1979. Dr. Webb completed his residency in Family Practice at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth in 1982.

Dr. Webb is a member of the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Academy of Family Practice, and the American Academy of Family Practice. He has served on the PA Advisory Board of the University of Texas Health Science Center, Medical Director of the Utopia Rural Medical Clinic, President of the Kerr County Medical Society and was Chief of Family Practice at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Webb is board certified in Family Practice.

Born in Seagraves and raised in Denver City, Texas, Dr. Webb is looking forward to returning to a rural area to continue his practice of medicine. His wife Cathy, an R.N., was born in Gorman and is the daughter of Doyle Lynn and Patsy Clark, both formerly of Gorman.

Gorman Football Camp Held



FOOTBALL CAMP GROUP - (front row - l to r) Cameron Clark, Tyler Tyson, Matt Keith, A. J. Vaughn, Nathan Ettinger, Ben Burgess, Chance Whitten; (second row - l to r) James Brown, Will Harvey, Pete Ramirez, Kennon Hornback, Jonathon Fenley, Marc Gillen, Carlos Gutierrez; (back row - l to r) Coach Gerick, Tony Perez, Corey Clark, Andy Abbe, Zachary Bryan, Brian Greer, Seth Johnson, and Coach Tyson. Absent for the picture was Brandon Greer and Cody Self.



TACKLING DUMMIES - The group of players during the camp really enjoyed the part of tackling the dummies, some hit the tackling dummies to pound them in the ground and others were pounded by the tackling dummies. All reported enjoying the camp.

Registration For New Students

Maxfield Elementary School will hold registration for new students on August 5th and 6th. Students who attended school in Gorman last year will have registration packets to take home the first day of school.

Desdemona Monthly Musical Set

Desdemona Monthly musical will be on Saturday, July 27th, at the Community Center (former school building). All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Make plans to attend for an enjoyable evening.

Sipe Springs VFD Fish Fry

The Sipe Springs Voluntary Fire Department will have a Fish Fry on Monday, July 29th at the Cook's Fish Barn at 6 p.m. All you can eat for \$7.00.

Registration for Junior High and High School Students

Jr. High and High School registration has been set for August 6th, 8th, and 9th in the high school library. Schedules, books and lockers will be issued at this time.

Registration Schedule:

August 6th - Seniors 10-12; Juniors 1-3
August 8th - Sophomores 10-12; Freshman 1-3
August 9th - Eighth grade 10-12; Seventh grade 1-3

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

FOOD PANTRY

Second Thursday of Each Month
At First United Methodist Church

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenberger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Glenn Glasson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

DANCE — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

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

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to 1126 CR389, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - AUGUST 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform the parents of our students and our community of the dress code that will be administered at Gorman ISD for the coming school year. We are trying to reach our parents before they purchase their children's clothes for the 2002-2003 school year.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and

grooming standards, provided they comply with the following.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.

Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under the law.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected.

Male students must wear clean clothing (shirts, slacks, jeans, trousers) that are not torn or damaged. Female students must wear clean clothing (shirts, dresses, blouse, skirt, slacks, jeans) that are not torn or damaged. All students' pants must be worn at the waist level. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee. All students must wear shoes and appropriate undergarments. Shorts will not be worn after Thanksgiving 2002. After spring break 2003, students in grades 3-12 will not be permitted to wear shorts.

The following clothing and accessories are inappropriate attire for any student at school, at school-related activities, or school sanctioned activities.

1. Skirts, Dresses, and Shorts that are too short
2. Pants worn below the natural waistline or sagging or extremely loose pants (**baggies**)
3. Shirts or blouses that reveal undergarments or cleavage, spaghetti straps, midriff length tops that leave skin exposed, halter tops, or tank tops. (if the shirt cannot be tucked in and stay in, it is too short) Exposed shoulders (shoulders are to be completely covered)
4. Exposed undergarments
5. Bedtime attire, pajama boxers, or undergarments worn as outerwear
6. Clothing made of any see through materials, fish net, or very loosely woven fabrics
7. Unhemmed or cut-off clothing of any kind
8. Muscle shirts, oversized armholes, tank tops, or any kind of backless shirts
9. Any clothing made of spandex or similar body hugging fabric or material
10. Flip Flops (thongs-plastic shoes) or house shoes
11. **No hats or caps on campus**
12. Hair rollers, hair curlers, plastic hair bags, and other similar grooming items worn inside a school building
13. Sweat pants in grades 4-12
14. Hair braided with cornrows or beads

All students will exemplify grooming standards that project a positive image for the student, school, and district. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed and worn in a style that does not cover the eyes or eyebrows. Male students' hair must be neatly trimmed and worn in a style above the eyebrow that exposes the middle of the ear and has a length above the top of the collar of a button-up shirt. Male students must be clean-shaven. Sideburns may extend no lower than the middle of the ear and must be trimmed in a straight line without flares at the bottom.

Students may not wear on the outside of their clothing any jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene or distracting or that is likely to cause a disruption to the classroom environment.

Students may not wear facial jewelry of any kind, other than non-distracting earrings worn on the earlobes. Male students may not wear earrings at all. No tongue-rings will be allowed.

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Gorman Has Its Very Own Web Page

Yes, even though you could find Gorman listed under a variety of different topics on the web, we now have our very own domain (web page). You can put in www.gormantexas.us and go straight to the city's official home page. There are links to weather, local movie listings, Cub Scout news, Boy Scout news, Gorman GROW news, and other items of interest. We are collecting data for things like Livestock Raisers, Peanut Festival, and the Chamber of Commerce.

If you are a member of a church or club in town and would like a link to our site or would like to have information posted on the website, please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or write and send to lori.dodd@gormantexas.us.

We do have a limited number of e-mail addresses available, so if you would like to have an e-mail address that reads yourname@gormantexas.us please let me know also. We can arrange it where you can have it transfer to your current ISP and it will download right to Outlook or whatever you use.

One of the great features is *The Watering Hole*. It is a forum-type feature designed by our webmaster, Norma Dennis. You can login and participate in lots of great discussions about all kinds of local events. Right now we have threads about the city pool, the fireworks, the peanut festival, and more. You do have to sign up to use the forums, but just remember that it is YOU we are protecting. All comments are protected and all viruses will be detected.

We are also collecting old pictures of events that have happened in Gorman. We are wanting to set up a feature called *"Postcards from Gorman"*. We will scan in old photographs and then you can use them as greeting cards and e-stationery to send notes to friends and family. If you have some great old photos that we can BORROW (we will scan them and immediately return them), please contact Lori at 734-3933 or 3637.

Principals Authority:

The principal will determine clothing, grooming, and attire not addressed in the policy, which creates a distraction to the educational process and may prohibit that clothing or attire for his or her campus. Administrators have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of dress and grooming and to make special exceptions, including for religious or medical necessities.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE GORMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

If you are a member of the Gorman Chamber, you can have a FREE web page on the new gormantexas.us website. For a time, we are offering the talents of our Webmaster, Norma Dennis, to design a full-page web page for you as a chamber member. You will be able to have a web page listed as yourbusiness.gormantexas.us for free, e-mail for yourbusiness@gormantexas.us for free, online presence, design and setup, and fully customizable all for FREE.

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 - *Business hours
 - *Special contact information

Look for more details in the mail...soon. And make sure you are an active member of the Gorman Chamber of Commerce! For membership information contact Chamber Director Terry Treadway at 639-2317 or Chamber President Daryl Hirst at 734-2501. Contact Lori Dodd for website information at 734-3933.

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'99 Chevy Cavalier	2 dr., auto, 4 cyl., 37K	\$ 8,500
'97 Olds 88	V6, loaded, only 49K	\$ 9,250
'97 Chevy Lumina	Loaded, V6, only 71K	\$ 6,500
'97 Geo Prizm	4 cyl., 5 spd., 65K	\$ 4,950

• **TRUCKS** •

'02 Chevy Trail Blazer	Loaded, V6, 24K, warranty	\$23,500
'01 Ford Escape	4x4, loaded, 19K, warranty	\$21,500
'01 Chevy 1/2 Ton X-Cab	Loaded, V8, 27K, warranty	\$20,000
'00 Chevy 1/2 Ton X-Cab	V8, loaded, 22K, warranty	\$19,000
'99 Pontiac Montana	Loaded, V6, only 41K	\$15,500
'99 GMC 1/2 Ton X-Cab	V8, loaded, 55K	\$16,500
'98 Chevy S-10 X-Cab	V6, auto, only 78K	\$ 8,750
'96 Ford 3/4 Ton X-Cab	Auto, V8, XLT, 98K	\$ 8,500
'95 Ford 1 Ton Crew Cab	Diesel, 5 spd., 108K	\$11,000

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School Supply List 2002-2003 Maxfield Elementary School Gorman ISD

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 2 Boxes Crayons
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 3 Boxes of Wet-Wites (Antibacterial if possible)
- 2 Folders with Pockets - (inside bottom pockets)
- 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue (regular white-all purpose)
- 3 Packages Stickers
- 1 Package Construction Paper, assorted color
- 1 Package Manilla Drawing Paper
- 1 Package PlayDough (4 cans, Play Dough Brand)
- 1 Rest Mat
- 1 Large Towel (for nap time)
- 1 Pkg. quart size Ziplock bags

KINDERGARTEN

- 3 Packages #2 Pencils (Do not put names on these)
- BACKPACK
- 6 Boxes Crayons - 8 count (no Jumbo Crayons) No names on these!
- Scissors - Fiskars for Children
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex (200 Ct) School Box
- 4 Folders with pockets/no brads
- 4 Packages Pencil Colors (no name)
- No Pencil or Crayon Sharpeners
- 1 Package Wet Wipes
- 4 Glue Sticks - Jumbo Size
- 1 Pkg. quart-size Ziplock bags

FIRST GRADE

- Send all supplies with your child's name on them
- 4 Packages of Pencils
- 3 Pkgs. Pencil Top Erasers
- 3 Boxes Crayola Crayons 24 CT and 3 Boxes of 8 count Crayola Crayons
- No Crayon Sharpeners!
- Small Sharp Pointed Fiskars Scissors
- \$2.00 for Handwriting Paper
- School Box for Supplies (no extra large boxes)
- 1 Set of Watercolor Paints-Prang or Crayola Brand
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex - 200 Ct.
- 1-12" **Wooden** Ruler with centimeter and inch markings. No Plastic
- 8 Folders with Bottom Pockets
- Two Bottles of Glue - Send Both Back Pack
- 1 Box Crayola Washable Markers
- 1 pkg. lunch sacks
- For Home**--Pencils and crayons to use for homework

SECOND GRADE

- 1 Pkg (at least 6) Red Marking Pencils--Not Pens!
- School box (Cigar box size--not extra large)
- Elmer's School Glue 4 oz.
- 30 #2 Pencils
- Sharp Pointed Scissors - (Fiskars Brand Scissors)
- 3 Folders with Pockets
- Crayons 24 Count Plus 2 Boxes of 8 Count (one box of 8 count crayons will be used at school and one box will be kept at home for homework).
- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- Crayola Markers (8 water-based Crayola Brand - Not Pastel or Thin Line)
- Map Pencils
- No Rules
- Water Colors
- 3 Sheets White Poster Board--Do not put names on the Poster Board
- No Pencil Sharpeners
- 2 Boxes quart size Ziplock Bags
- For Home**--Pencils and crayons to use for homework
- Please put your child's name on all supplies and coats

THIRD GRADE

- 8 oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 2 dozen #2 Pencils (send 2 each week)
- Sharp Pointed Scissors (Fiskars)
- 24 Ct. Crayola Crayons
- Ruler with 1/8" Markings with Centimeters and Millimeters (wooden only; no plastic rulers)
- 6 Folders with Brads
- 3 Pkgs. Notebook Paper-Large Lined (800 sheets needed for year--no College Ruled)
- 1 Narrow Spelling Dictation (6X9 Steno Spiral Notebook)
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 4 Red Pencils
- 1 Pkg Map Colors
- Mrs. Caraway's Class Only--1 set Dry Erase Markers**
- Mrs. Spivey's Class Only--1 pkg. Washable Markers**
- 1 Small School Box-Plastic (We have no space available for large ones)
- 4 Sheets white poster boards (Please do not put names on the poster boards)
- No Trapper Keepers!**
- Please have your child's name on all supplies and coats!

FOURTH GRADE

- Notebook Paper- Large Lined (800 sheets needed for year)
- 2 Pkgs. #2 Pencils
- Red Grading Pencil
- 2 Highlighters
- Ruler 1/8" Marking with Centimeters
- Crayons -(at least 24 ct.)
- Sharp Pointed Scissors
- Elmer's School Glue
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex - Large
- 10 Folders with Pockets (Light Colored)
- Plastic School Box (Small)
- 1 set of Fine Line Washable markers
- 1 Pkg Map Colors
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Spiral Notebood (wide rule)
- 4 Sheets White Poster Board

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

- 1 Centimeter Ruler
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 5 Folders with Brads & Pockets in these Colors: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Purple
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Large Glue
- 1 Large Pair Scissors
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- Pens and Pencils--Regular black or blue only
- 4 Pkg Paper
- Markers
- Map Pencils
- 2 Red Pens/Pencils
- Trapper Keeper
- Zipper Bag for Pens and Pencils
- 1 Box Baby Wipes
- 1 Pkg 8 Count Dividers
- Water Bottle (Optional)
- 4 Sheets of White Poster Board

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DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly musical will be on Saturday, July 27th, at the Community Center (former school building). All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Make plans to attend for an enjoyable evening.

Emma Lou (Browning) Isbell and her daughter, Trish, of Irving, enjoyed a plane trip recently to visit with her twin brother, Bruce and Mickey Browning and family in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. She admitted Texas looked good to her on the return trip. Emma Lou and Bruce attended school in Desdemona where she graduated with the Class of 1947 and Bruce with the Class of 1948. Their parents are the late Charlie and Sally (Guthery) Browning, who lived in the Jakehamon Community.

Ella (Guthery) Reeves of Irving contacted this reporter about the plans being made for the Class of '52 to have their 50th Class Reunion. More details on this later on.

Geneva (Lewis) Foreman of Stephenville is a member of the Class of '52. She hopes to be well enough to attend her 50th class reunion. She is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

Kenneth Lee of Ranger was buried on Sunday, July 21st, in the Necessity Cemetery north of Ranger. Survived by his wife and children. Preceded in death by his parents, J.C. and Neta Lee and sister, Mary Ragland. The Lee family were former residents of Desdemona where their children attended school. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Chelsea White and Cory White of Stephenville spent the past two weeks in Corsicana attending a Southern Gospel Singing School. Their parents, Bruce and Renee White of Stephenville and their grandparents, Larry and Gay Moore of Desdemona was in Corsicana on Friday night, July 19th, to attend their singing concert. Chelsea and Cory returned home with their parents.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Archie Depwe at this time. He has severe health problems.

Alla Rae (Friday) Kellay of Wallis (near Houston) contacted this reporter last Sunday to say they have plans to attend the Annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion on Saturday, August 10th at the School Gym. She said to tell everyone 'hello' in this area.

Agatha (Genoway) Nance, Mary Alice (Brown) Ficklen and Clyde (Wilhite) Paul, all former residents of Desdemona and now living at the Good Tree Apartments in Stephenville, visited one day last week in Desdemona. Agatha graduated from Desdemona with the Class of '34, Mary Alice with the Class of '39 and Clyde with the Class of '28.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnice.

Consolidated Hospital District Names EMS Director

Evan Moore announced that Danny Owen has been promoted to the Emergency Medical Service Director for the new Comanche County Consolidated Hospital District. Owen will coordinate the EMS services of both DeLeon and Comanche Community Hospitals. Dr. Howard Dickey will serve as the EMS Medical Director for the Consolidated Hospital District.

Danny has been an employee of DeLeon Hospital for 19 years and has served as EMS Director for the past several years.

The County-wide EMS service will have approximately 28 employees and 4 ambulances. In addition, the county has three volunteer fire departments and two registered first responder groups with more expected in the near future.

The consolidated ambulance service will be providing emergency medical services for both the DeLeon and Comanche hospitals.

Prime Time

I was driving a crowded freeway
One blistering summer day,
When one of life's golden moments
Was thrust upon me
In a most unusual way.

In front of me was this old, rusty,
Dilapidated pickup truck,
A vintage Chevrolet.
Its occupants were conversing
Or so it seemed that way.

One sat tall wearing a worn-out straw, with tobaccoed jaw,
The other his canine friend.
The friend sat as close as he could sit,
He had no reason to pretend.
They'd watch the traffic right and left,
Then each other face.
The driver offered assurances
That everything was safe.

This scene wreaked of hilarity at their every turn and glance;
But as my thoughts drifted deeper,
This was no ordinary romance!
It touched my soul; you see
This perfect harmony.

A companion chases the shroud of loneliness,
Keeps monotony at bay.
Wealth does not a friendship make,
Trust is the feeling of security,
Where there are risks at stake.
Love, the tie that binds, is for all,
No demands on fortune or fame.
And in life's heavy traffic,
Fewer citations, fender benders and head-on crashes,
When you travel in your own lane.

Dedicated to all pet lovers and lovers in general.
Written yr. 2000 - Leo Williams

Land of the Morning Calm

Dave Loran

January 20, 1997—Ulsan City, South Korea, "Land of the Morning Calm"—As I leave the airport the temperature is 10 degrees Fahrenheit with 30 M.P.H. wind. There are petrochemical plants as far as the eye can see along with high-rise apartment buildings caressed by greenish brown smog so thick that you can taste it. Thousands of autos all honking at each other. People everywhere trying to get to some place. Welcome South Korea to the Industrial Revolution. It's amazing what American blood and money can do.

When I left Korea 43 years ago it was in ruins. Devastated by a war that claimed 33,629 American lives. A war that is being called "The Forgotten War". I returned to an ungrateful nation and a government only too eager to sweep the whole mess under the rug. "The Forgotten War"—forgotten by those that did not serve and the weak spine

less politicians that compromised and negotiated away our victory.

The South Korean people are very proud of their country. The first thing they ask you is, "What do you think of my country?" The second question is, "Have you been here before?" These questions were asked of me by a J.H. Choi, a young Korean man that I have been working with. When he found out the circumstances of my last visit, he said, "Mr. Dave, you are a good man. I am happy that you are here. I wish to thank you for your part in saving my country for me and my children." A simple thank you, a display of gratitude from a Korean who was not there and was not born until 10 years after the cease fire. "The Forgotten War"—I don't think so. Thank you, Mr. Choi, for saying the words that I have waited 43 years to hear someone say.

I have been trying to think of something that Korea is noted for. So far I have come up with a blank. Although they are not noted for their fine cuisine, they do serve up a superb bowl of fish-head soup with a glazed startled look in the eyes. For the more delicate palate, there is puree of bow-wow.

My stay in Korea will end Feb. 3, 1997. At that time I have to leave the country. I will fly to Osaka, Japan for one day, then return to Korea. My stay will be good for another 2 weeks. I hope it will not take that long.

Yesterday was nice. Temperature got up to 30 degrees; wind was only 20 m.p.h. Birds were chirping. It was in Korean, didn't sound all that good. I got close enough to see that their little eyes were slanted and they were eating rice. (I've got to get out of here!)

February 7-8-&9th is a big deal for Korea. It is their New Year. Feb. 10th will make 3 birthdays I have spent in Korea. My 20th, 21st, and 63rd. I hope my next one is my 150th. I pray that I am out of here before their Thanksgiving. I do not relate well to puppy & stuffing.

February 14th. Finally finished up and here I am 6 miles straight up above the International Date Line, cruising at 780 m.p.h. and singing my little song, "Come on Mister 747 driver give it all it's got. Get me home to the ones I love." Then I happen to think this 747 may be one I built in 1968—and I pray.

Dave



CAPITOL COMMENT

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SECURING OUR NATION'S BORDERS

For too long, the federal government has inadequately addressed border security. Our checkpoints are riddled with security flaws and a patchwork quilt of laws and agencies designed to protect our borders has left gaping holes in our security.

But September 11 changed everything. The border policies Texans have long regarded as ineffective, were suddenly placed in the national spotlight. Our country is now forced to determine how best to protect our homeland.

Department of Homeland Security

In June, the President proposed bringing more than 100 government agencies under the umbrella of a newly created Department of Homeland Security. If passed by Congress, implementing this plan would be the largest restructuring of the federal government since 1947, when President Truman consolidated the nation's armed forces into the Department of Defense. A single authority to oversee homeland security would strengthen our nation's ability to protect its citizens and it is a massive undertaking.

I am pleased that the first of the President's four-point plan is to "control our borders and prevent terrorists and explosives from entering our country." Currently the agencies that operate our border crossings - Customs, the Border Patrol and the Immigration and Naturalization Service - are disparate organizations with no effective collaboration. No one person or organization is in charge. A single authority will improve coordination, communication and efficiency.

Manning the Borders

I have consistently fought for increased funding for our borders. I support free trade - I voted for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and know the economic benefits it has brought to our state. But we must ensure there are adequate personnel and facilities to monitor the goods and people flowing into our country. Agents at our borders must be well-trained, appropriately paid, and have access to the high-tech tools needed to allow legitimate visitors' and workers' entry, and keep out potential terrorists and illegal drugs. We must also look at the vehicles, specifically the trucks and buses, that cross our borders by the thousands each day.

Truck Safety

Increased trade creates more opportunities for unsafe vehicles and illegal substances to cross our borders. Nearly 70 percent of truck traffic coming from Mexico into the United States enters through Texas.

This past December I helped secure \$12 million for the Texas Department of Transportation to build more safety inspection facilities along the state's border with Mexico. This funding was in addition to the \$103 million already allocated for safety facilities and inspectors along the entire U.S.-Mexico border.

High-Tech Tools

In April the Senate passed the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, which authorizes funding for these agencies and goals. The bill emphasizes high-tech capabilities to track foreign nationals, including biometric data cards to prevent false identities. It also implements an automated system to record the entry of every non-citizen arriving in the U.S. and match it with a record of departure.

The President has asked Congress to pass his homeland security plan by fall. As we work to build a safer, more vibrant border, we must pave the road into our country with good policy that protects us from terrorists, while acknowledging the social and economic contributions legitimate visitors and trade can make.

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