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Gorman ISD Trustees Receive Certificates Of Appreciation



The Gorman ISD Trustees Received a framed Certificate of Appreciation at the Board Appreciation Dinner held Monday night prior to the Regular Board Meeting. Shown in the picture are Jeff Seaton, Larry Thompson, Bob Powell, Mark Simmons, Melinda Harrington, Beth Underwood and not pictured Daryl Hirst.

Eastland County Livestock Show Announces Canned Food Drive

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers Association is sponsoring a canned food drive to benefit the Eastland County Food Pantry January 16-19, 2008, at the annual stock show. The showgrounds are north of Eastland on Hwy 3101 just east of Lake Eastland.

All exhibitors are encouraged to bring at least two canned items, and any exhibitor winning a trophy or buckle is asked to donate an additional canned item per prize won. Further, ECLRA encourages spectators and family members to bring canned items.

ECLRA will also happily accept monetary donations for the food pantry. Canned items may be deposited in receptacles located in the concession stand dining area and show barn. Monetary donations may be given to show personnel at the announcer's stand during show hours.

The ECLRA-ECFP canned food drive is an excellent opportunity for the community to help restock the shelves of this invaluable community service organization following the holiday season. Please help Eastland County's least fortunate by attending the county livestock show and supporting our first annual canned food drive.

LADY PANTHERS START DISTRICT 1-1

The Lady Panthers lost their first district game of the season to a tough Tolar team on the road 65-53. After digging themselves in a hole with turnovers and missed shots the Lady Panthers came out and played a really tough second half. They outscored the Lady Rattlers in the 3rd and 4th quarters but couldn't overcome the large first half deficit. The Lady Panthers were led by Audrey Johnston who had an outstanding game with 25 points, 9 rebounds, 8 steals and 2 assists. Senior Brandy Carlton chipped in 9 points and 7 boards, and point guard Val Longoria added 6 points and 5 steals.

The Lady Panthers responded by blowing out Ranger 67-29 at home. The Lady Panthers were never challenged and dominated the Lady Bulldogs from start to finish. Johnston again led the Lady Panthers in the scoring column with 16 points, she also added 8 boards, 5 steals, and 2 assists. Val Longoria had a great game scoring 14 points and adding two steals. Seniors Brandy Carlton and Nicole Cogburn were also instrumental in the winning effort. Brandy had 14 points, 8 boards, 2 steals, and 2 assists and Nicole chipped in 7 points and 8 boards. Sophomore Kimi Seaton had a strong defensive night with 5 steals and six boards to go along with 6 points. Rounding out the scoring column was freshman Jaime Johnston with 6 points, 4 boards, two steals, and 1 assist and senior Tecia Jones with 2 points, 5 boards, 2 steals and 1 assist. It was a great team effort with every Lady Panther getting into the scoring column.

The Lady Panthers have a big week coming up traveling to face undefeated no. 19 ranked Santo and then coming home to face district rival Deleon at home JV starting at 4pm. Come out and support your Lady Panthers!

EASTER

Well, I have had a little time to catch my breath following the holidays and decided to look at my new 2008 calendar...guess what... Easter just happens to be March 23 this year...so time to get started on this year Annual Treasure Hunt and the 2nd Annual Youth in the Dark... if you would like to help with this years Youth in the Dark, please let me know.

If you would like to make a donation to one or both of these event,cans will be set up around town. Donations needed for the Treasure Hunt; anything from money to treasures...no chocolate please. For the Youth in the Dark: money, candy, little treasures, last year the coupons for the movies, pizza, ice cream, ect. went over really well. If you do choose to donate coupons, please just leave them with the merchant you buy them from and they will give them to me.

The Treasure Hunt will be held on Sat. March 22. I will keep you posted as when we will have the Youth in the Dark..

Thanks,
Ina

GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2007-2008

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
JAN 18	DELEON	HERE	4:00	ALL
JAN 22	OPEN			
JAN 25	TOLAR	HERE	4:00	ALL
JAN 29	RANGER	THERE	4:00	ALL
FEB 1	SANTO	HERE	4:00	ALL
FEB 4	DELEON	THERE	4:00	ALL
FEB 12	TOLAR	THERE	6:00	BV-JV

COACHES: GIRLS – TORI TALBERT (254)734-2614
BOYS – BILLY FOX (254)734-2264
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: PAUL TALBERT (254)734-2264
PRINCIPAL: RICK PANTER (254)734-2616
SUPERINTENDENT: DAVID PERRY (254)734-3171



Cubs & Lady Cubs

Gorman B Girls 7—Tolar 33 (Ibarra 1, Perez 2, Madera 2, Burt 2)
Gorman A Girls 22—Tolar 47 (Thackerson 1, Little 4, Shirley 15, Osborne 2)
Gorman B Boys 24—Tolar 34 (Garcia 1, Ramirez 11, Velasquez 10, Limon 2)
Gorman A Boys 41—Tolar 40 (Ryon 5, Hipolito 10, Vaughn 11, Fenley 15)

Thank You

We would like to Thank the Carbon Fire Dept. and Gorman Fire Dept. and anyone else that stopped to help, for their quick response the grass fire at our house. Without them we wouldn't have been able to stop the fire before it got to our house. We really appreciate everyone's help.

Thanks again,
Kris, Kristin, Karsyn and
Kyndall Scitern

Thank You Note

The Gorman Student Council would like to thank all of the individuals, businesses, and churches for their donations and contributions to the 2007 Angel Tree Christmas Project. The overwhelming support for our school and community not only made this project a success but brought smiles to the faces of many children this holiday season.

Thanks again,
Belinda Segura and the Gorman Student Council

You are cordially invited
to a
Wedding Shower
honoring
Brandi and Cody Foster
at the
Gorman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
419 North Kent Street Gorman, Texas
Sunday, January 20, 2008
2:00PM - 3:00PM

GISD School Menu

FOR WEEK OF
JANUARY 21 THRU JANUARY 25
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Hash brown, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Biscuits, Eggs, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken Noodle Veg. Beef Soup or Grilled Cheese, Pickle Spears, Fresh Carrots, Orange Smiles, Crackers, Chips, and Milk.
TUESDAY - Roast or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita Mean or Bean Chalupa, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Fruit Shape Up and Milk.
THURSDAY - Fish or Mini Corndogs, Potato Wedges, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Sweet Potato Pie and Milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken and Rice or Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot Coins, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Fruit and Milk.

Free Digital Photography Class

Do you have a digital camera but don't really know how to use it? Not sure what all the settings mean, so you just keep it on automatic? Christie Mullinax, adjunct art and photography instructor at Cisco Junior College and Howard Payne University, is offering a FREE digital photography class on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The class will be held, beginning Sunday, January 13, in the sanctuary at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship. Everyone is invited to come early at 12:30 for a free potluck lunch every week, as well. Bring your camera and its operating manual (if you still have it), and get ready to learn how to take better pictures. Christie will focus on the functions included on most digital cameras, as well as professional photographers' tricks for lighting, exposure, and composition. Anyone interested in photography is invited to attend this class.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

CLASSIFIEDS

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR:
Full Time LVN; Part Time LVN; Part Time RN; Part Time Quality Assurance Nurse Coordinator; Salary EOE; Apply in Person. Medway Home Healthcare - 117 N. Texas St., De Leon, TX 2-2-17 C.

Robert and Son Tree Trimming & Removal
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254-734-6506 - Mobile
254-734-2891 5-2-7 P.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for the position of Director of Nurses. For information or application contact the facility at 254-734-2202. Salary is negotiable and benefits are available. EEOC. FNC

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Sewing Machine Operators, Cutters, Inspectors. Will Train. Paid Holidays. 401 K - Overtime Pay Eastlander Designs 202 N. College Street Eastland, Tx 76448 5-1-31 C.

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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.

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DAIRY QUEEN JOB FAIR
For Ranger and Eastland DQ's. All positions available. Will be held Friday, January 18th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the DQ in Eastland. Ask for Alma Archer. 2-1-24 C.

DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES:
Director of Food Services - New Eastland Assisted Living Community. Oversee Menu, 3 meals a day, Staff, Licensing, etc. Experience and great attitude. A Must. Fax Resume 972-283-0376. 2-1-24 C.

CLOSEOUTS ON ALL 2007 MODELS
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HELP WANTED -- Paid Staff Nursery Worker needed for Wednesdays, Sundays and special occasions. Please apply at: First Baptist Church - 218 W. Ross - Gorman, TX 76454 -- 254-734-2420 - Ask for Karen. FNC.

COGBURN REALTY
254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX
Francis home (888) 888-8888. REDUCED TO \$11,900.
2 - 1 1/2 frame, 1179 sf., central A/C, gas replacer, storm windows, home in great 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 - 15 A Near Gorman; Nice sandy soil, great for hunting, pond, good location for a pond. \$2,500 acre.

NEW - 15A north of Gorman; Sandy land, 2 water wells, county road on 2 sides, nice location for pond. \$3,000A.

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), 20' x 20' shed, 20' x 20' shed, sprigged coastal 3-07 \$3,000 per acre. Will Divide.

NEAR Duster: 30 A. Horse property, 1999 built, 5 - 3 1/2 brick, 3342 sf., 2 central a/h, carpet/tile, huge island kitchen, natural stone fireplace, game room, metal shop, horse barn w/4 stalls, pond, coastal, paved road, very nice! \$379,500

49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting/prettly place! \$2,900 ACRE

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, 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.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$2,350.00 acre. **SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!**

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AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #299, ARTICLE II, C. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED:
OMISSION OR DELETION OF STATEMENT TO EXCLUDE OVERNIGHT PARKING AT DRIVER'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE. SUCH VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED EXTENDED OR OVERNIGHT STAYS IN OR AT RESIDENTIAL AREA(S).

THE TERM VEHICLE RELATES TO EIGHTEEN (18) WHEELER. NO EIGHTEEN (18) WHEELERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN OR AT RESIDENTIAL AREAS. DRIVERS MAY INQUIRE ABOUT PERMISSIBLE PARKING FOR EIGHTEEN (18) WHEELERS.

TRUCK PARKING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE PARKING LOT @ THE GREEN SCALES OWNED BY BIRDSONG PEANUTS, JUST EAST OF SWPGA. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

POLITICAL CALENDAR
PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:
U. S. Offices - - - - - \$75.00
District Offices - - - - - \$75.00
Eastland County Offices - - - - - \$50.00
Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - - \$50.00
Eastland County Constable - - - - - \$50.00

All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must bear at least one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$4.00 per column inch.)

Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused. The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the Primary Election, March 4, 2008.

Eastland Co. Sheriff:
Wayne Bradford (R) Incumbent
Elton McCoy (R)

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254-893-3404
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Broker: Robert Gilder
Agents: Ronnie Golden, David Gilder, Wayne Parsons, Bobby Newman, Debbie Gilder, Neal Butler

- 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
- 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, MINERALS AVAILABLE. [DK01] \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24'x50' 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 [RB03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000
- 7± A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well [FW02] \$65,000
- 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
- 14± A, w/1840sf(CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage. [FW01] \$180,000
- 5A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn, [K001] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [WM01] \$75,000
- 51 A, hightway 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, oil Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 imigation wells, imigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, imigation 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 imigation wells [RE01] \$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 [JT021] \$265,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, CH/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, ruralwater supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DV01] \$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
- 2-1 1/2, 1,313sf(CAD) remodeled frame home with attached garage, new roof, storage building [ST01] \$75,000
- 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [GB02] \$55,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000

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HELP WANTED - - CNA for 3/11 Shift. Apply in person at De Leon Nursing and Rehab, 809 E. Navarro, De Leon, Texas. Also Needed: **Housekeeping** - Apply In Person. 1-1-17 C.

Gorman High School 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

- SEVENTH GRADE**
A
Luis Limon, Austin Marlow and Rachel Tucker.
AB
Virdiana Maldonado and Tyson Underwood.
- EIGHTH GRADE**
A
Maria Garcia, Chelsea Griffin and McKenzie Osborne.
AB
Raven Kehl, Ally Little, Erica Madera, Katey Thackerson, Stetson Thompson, A. J. Vaughn and Trevor Williams.
- NINTH GRADE**
A
AB
Brice Campbell, Jaime Johnston, Danielle Martin, Abby Pacheco and Amy Regian.
- TENTH GRADE**
A
Chance Bryant and Eric Ryon
AB
Sean Bates, Ben Burgess, Kathryn Fritts, Brittany Henderson, Tyler Johnson, Shylar Jones, Erica Limon, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado, Bethany Oliver and Praxedis Raygoza.
- ELEVENTH GRADE**
A
Jordan Perry, Martin Ramirez and Matt Underwood.
AB
- TWELFTH GRADE**
A
Ashley Burkeen, Reba Granado, Carlos Guterrez, Jimmy Murphy, Tony Perez, Nancy Velasquez, Brandy Carlton, Aaron Keith, Chad Klein, Seth Johnson, Megan Lewis, Mary Powell, Daniel Shirley and Trey Underwood.
AB
Michaela Burns, Maria Cruz, Yhdira Garcia, Brandon Greer, Jose Guzman, Carlos Palacios, Nicole Cogburn, Zack Fox, Tecia Jones and Clinton Oliver.

Thank You

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association would like to thank George and Frances Warren for donating a refrigerator to the concession stand. The gym concession has been without a frig since last spring. We sincerely appreciate your generous donation. Also to Ron Childers, Blake Guthery and Mike Perez for going and picking up the frig and towing it up those stairs and getting electricity hooked up so quick. It really was great to have it at the junior high game on Monday night. Thank you Mr. Perry for allowing them to do this. We appreciate all of you very much.

Thanks again, Gorman Livestock Raisers Association.

EAST END EDUCATION CO-OP JOB POSTING:

East End Education Co-Op in Gorman, Texas is looking for an experienced secretary with moderate to advanced computer skills. This is a full time position with regular school benefits. Responsibilities will vary from answering phones, working with confidential student folders, support for professional staff, to other duties as assigned by the Director. Applications may be picked up at the East End Education Co-Op in Gorman, 539 W. Roosevelt, mailed upon request (254-734-2020), or email aolivo@eastend.esc14.net for an application. Applications will be accepted until January 23, 2008. East End Education Co-Op is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED:

EBAA Iron Inc. is now accepting applications for full-time robotic grinding machine operators. Some manual grinding may be required. Benefits include base pay with incentive, 401K, credit union, medical, dental, vision and life insurance. Apply in person between 9am and 5pm, Monday through Friday at the Eastland plant located on CR442. E.O.E

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Month Social was held on Monday at the Community Center. Twenty ladies attended this morning event to enjoy the food and fellowship. Hostesses were Dorothy Greenhaw and Vonnie Guthery. The next social will be held on Monday, February 11th at the same place and same time. Visitors are always welcome.

Remember Saturday, January 26th is the date for the Regular Monthly Musical. We invite all the Area Musicians, Singers and Visitors to attend. Come early to enjoy supper in the Concession Stand before the Music Program begins at 6:00 P.M. Make plans to attend for Country and Western Music with Bluegrass and Gospel.

This reporter enjoyed a short visit on Monday with Ray and Patsy (Sharp) Eaton of Abilene. Patsy attended school in Desdemona and the daughter of the late Otis and Mary (Fair) Sharp.

A lot of Sickness in our Community at this time. Several with Colds, Bronchitis and Flu. Remember these on the sick list with your cards and prayers.

Please call this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciate.

Thanks and have a Nice Day, Vonnie.

GORMAN LIVESTOCK SHOW



Pee Wee Showmanship

Reese Scitern - Also pictured are Judge Jimmy Key, Keaton Moore, Kameron Sparger, (Reese) Trent Fenley, Beth Woodall, Haley Wright and Mr. Shawn Boles.



Nathan Gee
Junior Swine Showmanship

HOMESTEAD NEWS

We were glad to see our Monday Afternoon Gospel Singers, it had been about 3 weeks since they came. Since Christmas Eve and New Years Eve were both on a Monday this year, then the next Monday we canceled the singing due to the flu going around here. Everything is getting back to routine now.

Visiting Irene West were Johnnie Barnett of Stephenville, Peggy and Archie Brooks of Merkle, Sandra Osborne, Ann Warren, and Bro. Barry.

Visiting with Margie Hudson were Kay Ann Craddock, Bob Wilkerson, Joy Campbell, Carolyn Wilkerson, Lendon Shipman and Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Visiting Nancy Hen-

4-H News

Heath Begeman and Halee Mitchell - Eastland County

4-H Project Visits

If you need someone to look at your project before the County Show, call the Extension Office at 729-1093 or 629-2222. If we do not hear from you, we will assume everything is okay with your project. Heath Begeman, County Extension Agent-Ag is ready to meet you and check out your projects.

EASTLAND COUNTY STOCK SHOW

The Eastland County Stock Show is nearly here. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Eastland County Stock Show. The dates for the Stock Show are:

- Thursday, January 17th**
- 10:00 a.m. - Broilers
- 11:00 a.m. - Beef Cattle (Breeding followed by Market)
- 2:00 p.m. - Breeding Swine
- 4:00 p.m. - Market Swine
- Friday, January 18th**
- 11:00 a.m. - Dairy Goats
- 12:00 p.m. - Angora Goats
- 2:00 p.m. - Sheep (Breeding followed by Market)
- 4:00 p.m. - Meat Goats (Market followed by Breeding)
- Saturday, January 19th**
- 9:00 a.m. - Rabbits (Market followed by Breeding)
- 6:30 p.m. - Auction and Presentation of Awards

Should you have any questions, please call the Eastland Extension Office at 629-1093 or 629-2222. See you at the Eastland County Stock Show!!

Happenings At FBC!!

Rejoice and Be Glad! This is the day the Lord hath made! The Lord's House was full of beautiful faces.

Liz Caraway's marvelous Children's Sermon illustrated how life is like a maze - the Bible is our guide and all we have to do is ask God to take our hand and follow Him.

Our ever most talented Tommy Clark was writing and recording this weekend - please continue to pray for Tommy and The Messengers as their music ministers to so many.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Download AWE to Your iPod" - Isaiah 6:1-5. Most people listen to their iPod to keep the world out. You can miss out on the majesty and brilliance of God.

I. The Awesomeness of the Ordinary - demands that you look and hear. iPods can drown out what you need to see and hear. It is awesome to feel the prayer of your Church Family. Bro. Barry and Sharlene felt the prayers while in Oklahoma making funeral arrangements for her Dad. A Church Family is an Extraordinary Blessing!

II. The Awesomeness of the Human Drama - People to People and People to God. Beautiful mountains were seen on the Youth Ski Trip, but their beauty does not compare to the faces of a Church Family. God is Awesome.

III. The Quiet Power of Nature - Holy, Holy, Holy - our Lord is immeasurably Holy - there is no word in the English language to explain it. The power of God and the wonder of awe are in you. A Small Measure of Happiness is to lift one another up in Love.

Take notice in the Awe of God. Let God make a difference in Your every day walk!

Our Worship Service is being broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM.

God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

dricks were Daisy Slaton, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway and Sylvia Buchannan

Visiting Lavona Sharp were Ronni Ryon of Desdemona, Jerry Majors of DeLeon and Lendon Shipman.

James Norris of Eastland visited his mom, Imogene Norris. LaVerne and Tommy Carr of Whitney and Johnny Scitern visited their mother, Troy Scitern.

Visiting Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, and Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Dale Johnson visited his mom, Faye Johnson.

Visiting Gaylord Battenfield were Dewayne and Sharon Battenfield and grand daughter Victoria of Dublin, David and Wes Wilkins of Ft. Worth, Elwood Ragland of Desdemona, Sue Sherrod of DeLeon, Christy Lewis, Bob Wilerson, Ann Warren and Bro. Barry. Ann Warren visited with Myrtle Davidson.

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Friday Jan. 25 at 2:30 for a Memorial Service in memory of the residents who passed away in 2007. This will be held in the Front Lobby here at Homestead.

Until Next Week Ina

Pig Tales From Hogtown

We will have our annual General Meeting of the DAC on January 31st at 7:30. Please come and get up-to-date on the events and plans for the new year. We have 3 places on the board that come up for reelection at this time. If anyone is willing to serve on the board, please let us know. We will be glad to have new members and new ideas! In order to vote, you must be a member. Memberships are \$25.00 per year. Everyone in the community and the surrounding area is invited to attend and to take part.

Our new business in town - The Hogtown General Store - has an interesting website. Please visit hogtowntexas.com or desdemona-texas.com. Let me tell you, folks, it is worth a trip to the store just to visit with Mary!

Do you need another reason to come to Desdemona? Well, I have one - on February 23 the DAC will hold a Fish Fry and Bluegrass Event. We have a local country band and a well-known bluegrass band from the Metroplex/Glen Rose area.

I'll have more information soon, but, please mark your calendars for Feb. 23.

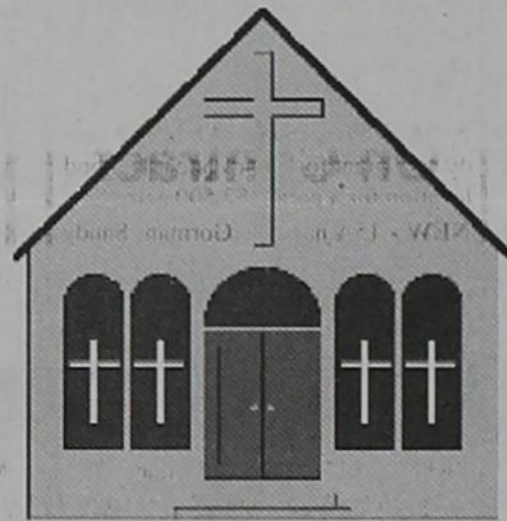
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Super Notes

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

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most of us are about as happy as we make up our minds to be". After the Christmas season, unfortunately many people get depressed. I suppose it is because they didn't get what they wanted for Christmas or they gained too much weight over the holiday season. Regardless of the why, happiness is a choice! I choose to be happy and positive and I hope that those of you that read this article make that choice also. Sure there are those things that happen that make us mad or disappoint us on a regular basis, but it is our choice whether or not to let them rob us of our joy. I have heard it said you can drown in your own pity. I suppose that could actually happen if you cried enough and held your head just right, but the point is you don't have to. How we feel is a choice. How we respond to whatever life deals us is a choice. Gorman ISD is going to be as positive of an influence on your child as we can be and encourage their success. Please help us to that by encouraging your children at home to do the best they can; to ask for help when they need it; and accept direction when it is given. Rest assured that we will do our best to do what is in the best interest of your children with every decision that we make.

Speaking of attitudes, have you heard any good rumors lately? If you were in the school business you'd say yes to that question whenever it was asked because there are always rumors about what is going on at school. Funny thing about rumors is that the majority of them are just pure speculation and might even be lies or gossip or wishful thinking on some people's part. If you hear about a rumor regarding Gorman ISD, you might want to call or e-mail me and ask me about it. If I don't know the answer and the information is not confidential by law, I'll certainly find out the truth for you.

All of the TRS retirees in the Gorman area should be real happy this month because according to the information I've received they are supposed to receive a 13th retirement check this month. Congratulations! We lobbied to get a permanent cost of living raise for you during the last session, but were unsuccessful. Hopefully, we will do better next session. If you are a retiree, I would send a letter of thanks to your Texas legislators for the 13th check and ask for some permanent relief next session.

District basketball is in full swing. The district basketball schedules are posted on our Website @ www.gorman.esc14.net and they should be in the Gorman Progress this week also. I invite you to come support our teams and cheer them on.

I thought football was over, but I have another announcement for you. Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Paul Talbert is named Harris Ratings Coach of the Year for Class 1A in Texas. Harris Ratings Weekly is a high school football ratings publication that ranks every school in Texas by classification. Each school is given a power rating as well and those power points determine the spread for each week's game for the entire season. Team's power ratings will change from week to week depending on each week's previous game and score. Gorman, just two seasons ago was ranked #140 out of 148 schools in Texas and this past season moved to #6 during the regular season. This change in just a short amount of time is what has brought the Coach of the Year award to Paul Talbert. Harris Ratings Publication is the largest of its kind in the nation.

The Fifth Grade started their Drug Prevention Program sponsored by the local Masonic Lodge #716 last Friday. I was very impressed at the number of law enforcement people: city, county, and state that were here as a part of the program as well as the Assistant District Attorney. This is a great program and I am so glad our fifth graders benefit from the Drug Prevention Program every year. I'm glad that our Masonic lodge is a positive factor in our community, how about you?

The Ned Show is scheduled for January 15th at 2:00. This is a show designed to teach students how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life.

Thursday and Friday we will have early release and buses will run at 12:30pm due to the Eastland County Livestock Show. Also, in case of bad weather KTAB-TV(channel 32) in Abilene, OX-FM(94.3 FM) in Comanche and KEAS-FM(97.7FM) in Eastland will have information regarding Gorman school closings and late starts. There may be other media contacted as well, but these are the main three, the first that will be contacted.

The Third Grade will leave after breakfast to go to Safety City on January 31st. Safety City is in Abilene and a great place for your child to learn traffic safety. It is located by Rose Park on South 7th street. If you have never seen it, the next time you are in Abilene you should drive by for a look. It is between Sayles Blvd and Barrow St.

Only long pants are to be worn at the Elementary until after Spring Break. This information was sent home with your child, but just in case the note did not make it home, I'm mentioning it here too.

Monday night we held our School Board appreciation dinner at ZJ's prior to our regularly scheduled board meeting. We had a great meal and each trustee received a framed certificate of appreciation. We have a great school board! I hope you all appreciate them as much as I do. There are many school districts in this state that have politicians on the board, but we have seven caring individuals that consider your child's best interest when they make decisions, not a personal agenda. You don't know how lucky we are, but believe me we have a great board!

Everything went well at our board meeting. I would include all that went on, but this article is getting a little long as it is. The unofficial minutes will be posted on our website and at our office as soon as they are transcribed. If you have any questions about any of the agenda items, please call 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!

CONSUMER

Seniors: Tips to Recognize, Avoid Telemarketing Scams

NewsUSA

(NU) - It's shrewd, not rude, to hang up on a bad telemarketer. That's what the National Crime Prevention Council recommends to senior citizens, who are prime targets for con artists.

Telemarketing fraud is defined as using the telephone in a scheme to cheat people out of their assets — their earnings, savings, pensions or valuables — by deceptive and illegal means. Studies show that fraudulent telemarketers direct anywhere from 56 percent to 80 percent of their calls at older Americans.

With nearly 10 percent of seniors 65 and older and more than 50 percent older than 80 suffering from some form of memory loss, dementia or Alzheimer's disease, seniors and their caregivers need to be leery of strange or unexpected callers, warns the NCPCC.

The organization has some tips to help seniors and their caregivers avoid being victims of telemarketing fraud:

- Sign up for the Do Not Call Registry at 888-382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov. That will help decrease calls from telemarketers.

- If a caller asks for personal information such as a credit card number or Social Security number, say: "I don't give out personal information over the phone. I'll contact the company directly and provide them with the necessary information." Then hang up.



The National Crime Prevention Council provides this free brochure, featuring McGruff the Crime Dog, to help seniors steer clear of telemarketing fraud.

- If a caller offers a free item and then wants you to pay for shipping and handling or taxes, say: "I shouldn't have to send money for something that's free." Then hang up.

- If a caller wants a decision on a limited-time offer right away, say: "I'd like some time to think about this. Tell me how I can get in touch with you. If I'm interested, I'll call you back."

- If you don't understand all the details of the verbal offer, have the telemarketer send you the information by mail. If the caller won't do that, say: "If you can't mail me the information, then I can't talk to you."

A free brochure containing additional safety tips is available by calling 800-WE-PREVENT or online at www.ncpc.org.

LADY PANTHER CHAMPION VOLLEYBALL SHIRTS NOW SELLING

Championship shirts for the Lady Panther volleyball team are now selling. The shirt will state all levels of success for these girls as well as their name. Please don't miss out on getting your shirt for the first time ever Lady Panther Regional qualifiers!! The shirt is royal blue with red and white trim. Contact the high school office at 734-2614, or Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or Vicki Brown. You won't want to be without one of these if you are a Lady Panther supporter and fan!!!

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We continue to have low attendance at our dinner. It was very cold on the morning of the 9th but by lunch time it was nice out at 11:30. We only had 23 come out to eat and fellowship. Wilburn Overstreet gave our blessing of the food with his good words. We appreciate this dear sweet man always.

We always have a good dinner with many different dishes. Our meats were Chicken nuggets, burger patties in mushroom sauce and meatloaf. We had sweet and white potatoes, cabbage, greens and hominy. Several good cakes, pies, cookies and rice pudding were brought for our enjoyment. Also Anna Rush made a very good Apple Brown Betty. Our new lady, Ellen Parker brought the delicious rice pudding. I was very glad to meet her, hope she continues to be with us. Several ladies and some men stay to play 88's after the meal. I'm too tired, must go home and rest.

Bernice Hewson hasn't been with us for awhile. She has been having cataract surgery in Brownwood. She seems to be doing OK. We did hear she lost a grandson, so we all send our sympathy.

I did forget to mention while several of us were in Desdemona for the 1st Saturday Breakfast we also shopped.

The Hogtown General Store is so much fun to visit and shop. She has so many lovely items to choose from. I bought some Watkins Liniement and hope to get some Vanilla next time. I didn't ever know they still made Watkins Products.

We missed having our Medway Home Healthcare ladies here this month. They had other duties. We always get our blood pressure and blood sugar checked. Surely appreciate their services.

It was so good to have

Ima Brown and Lil Brudnak back with us. We had missed them and hope they continue to visit. We were back to our usual 10, so Max Bush finally showed up, so 11 on the 10th for game night. We always have a great time, but would be more fun with several people, like we had the week before.

I was late, but all I can stand to sit is about 3 hours. I had to be in Eastland for some tests and several errands. They usually play till 8 p.m. We always have some interesting snacks. Anna Rush brought us ice cream bars, so good, thanks a lot.

I will have to miss next time, must have a surgical procedure done on the 16th. Have a great dinner and see you when I can.

Carol

AUTOMOTIVE

Does Your Vehicle Have a Clean Bill of Health?

by Trisha Hessinger for NewsUSA

(NU) - Each year as spring rolls around, consider it time for your vehicle's annual check-up. Just as you schedule dentist and doctor appointments regularly, you should do the same for your vehicle.

National Car Care Month in April is a nationwide effort to focus motorists' attention on the importance of vehicle care and maintenance. And since the Car Care Council reports that neglected maintenance results in 5 percent of all vehicle accidents and leads to more than 2,600 deaths, 100,000 injuries and more than \$2 billion in lost wages, medical expenses and property damage each year, it is clear a little maintenance can go a long way.

So what can you do to ensure a healthy vehicle?

- **Get your car on a "daily vitamin" routine:** Like taking vitamins, there are basic checks that everyone should perform regularly on their car. Make sure to check the tire pressure on all four tires — and the spare — at least once a month. To obtain an accurate pressure reading, your vehicle must be idle for three hours or have been driven for less than a mile at the time of testing. When tires lose air pressure, drivers lose miles per gallon and unnecessarily waste fuel, but avoid over-inflating tires because it is dangerous and will cause tires to wear prematurely. Did you know, for example, that a drop of eight pounds per square inch in your tires could result in 2 miles per gallon of fuel economy loss, an 18 percent loss in your vehicle's load carrying capacity and a 25 percent loss in tire tread wear?
- **Keep your car hydrated:** In addition to tire pressure, it is important to check your vehicle's fluids. When your body becomes



A little maintenance can go a long way.

dehydrated, it fails to perform to its full potential, and the same goes with your vehicle. Be sure to check the fluid levels of engine oil and coolant, brake, transmission, washer and power steering fluids, and fill if necessary.

- **Check your vehicle's vitals:** When taking your vehicle in for its check-up, the following items should be inspected by an auto technician to ensure optimal performance throughout the year: brakes, battery cables and terminals, the air filter, windshield wipers, lights and turn signals. Also, have your technician inspect your belts, valves and hoses carefully, as old or worn rubber can become brittle and may have cracked or broken during the cold, dry winter weather.

- **Check for symptoms:** When you feel sick, you visit the doctor. Remember to take the same kind of preventative care of your car. Be aware of your own vehicle's warning signs, and be sure to visit a technician if your vehicle seems to be running weak.

For more information, visit www.carcare.org.

Trisha Hessinger is a former race-car driver and nationally recognized automotive education specialist for Firestone Complete Auto Care.

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