

# The Gorman Progress

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## Annual Easter Treasure Hunt Set

The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt will take place on Sat. April 11 at the City Park.

The Annual Youth in The Dark in the Park will be held on Wed. night April 8 at the City Park.

If you would like to help with one or both of these please let me know by calling 734-2720 and leave a message, e-mail me at jandismith@yahoo.com. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH EVENTS.

Donation cans are located at Bob's Gro. and City Gro. or you may leave your donation at Smith's Service Station. More information coming soon.

Thanks  
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## Veterans Benefits Outreach Set April 4

Attention all Veterans and family members!! Here's your opportunity to learn more about eligibility for Veteran's benefits and medical services!

Veterans Benefits Outreach is set for Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. At Eastland VFW, 918 Hwy. 570, 2 miles east of Eastland - 254-631-9226. Bring your Discharge Papers (DD214).

Valuable personal assistance with your questions and claims will be given by experts from: *County Veterans Service Officers (and Texas Veterans Commission) - VA Benefit Counselors (bring your VA correspondence) - Dallas VA Veterans Health Care System - Other organizations that serve veterans - Texas Veterans Land Board and Small Business Administration.*

## CIA Program,

## New Children's Program

This past Monday evening was the launch of Firstfruits Christian Fellowship's, new children's program, Children In Action, aka CIA. CIA is a fun, fast-paced children's program geared to kids, ages 6- 12. Its purpose is to help children live as Agents for Christ.

Utilizing today's newest technologies in lighting, sound, and graphics, along with good old fashion fun, directors Daniel and Becky Montes joined with many volunteers, make this a very exciting and enjoyable time of learning for the children of Gorman and surrounding communities.

Monday's event included music, drama, games, food, and a new recruit pack for every child who attended. It was an hour filled with fun and learning. Many stayed after enjoying the charged atmosphere. Clay Wheat of Firstfruits said, "It went especially well."

CIA will continue every Monday night beginning March 16th, 6:30 pm, at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship located at 325 Lexington. Be prepared to come early to check-in and find a good seat. If you would like transportation or other information, feel free to call FCF at 254-734-3203. Agent Director, Daniel Montes, invites all kids, ages 6 to 12, to come (parents are welcomed, too) and be Ready For Action.

## COMING SOON!!!!

A new innovative and exciting website for the City of Gorman. It will have the capabilities of showcasing our town with "mini-websites" featuring local businesses, our organizations, our churches, hunting leases and even personal sites. These websites will be affordable and easily maintained by the user themselves and not an outside agency. If you are interested in having a "mini-website" on the City of Gorman webpage, please contact Cliffla Vaughn at (254)734-3933 or (254)979-2499 (local # for Gorman) for information.

## District 14-A All Academic Team 2009

**Girl's Team:** Danielle Hartley, Kimberly Nowell, Britney Delarosa, Monica Miles, Whitney Wilson, Kayla Prescott, Kayla Bufe, Jaime Speegle, Chesney Neely, Argentina Obiedo, Ciera Newton, Audrey Johnston, Jamie Johnston Val Longoria, Lindsey Laminack, Katie Anderson, Morgan Barker, Gabrie Gallier, Kali Hutrya, Kimber Koonsman, Paige Menger, Megan Poston, Taylor Townley, and Ashley Williams.

**Boy's Team:** Trey Horton, Jason Grba, Garrett Schwartz, Josh Wilson, Tanner McLean, Javier Zermeno, Walt Clifton, Tyler Horton, Garrett Pearson, Tyson Swanner, Matthew Cogburn, Bradley Hardcastle, Cole Hollingsworth, John Rasberry, Joe Barrett Winkler, Austin Koonce, Hayden Lewis, Mason Stewart, Josh Kelly, Kody Travis, Alex Rorie, and Clayton Stokes.

## Gorman Panther Baseball Opens Season With Wins Over Baird - Perrin-Whitt - Hamilton and Ranger

The Gorman Panthers played Baird on Tuesday, March 3rd here in Gorman. The Panthers won 4 to 3.

Baird started the game by scoring Whitworth with a single by Chaney in the first. The Panthers didn't quite have the same luck until the 2nd inning when Keifer Wilson stole home on a passed ball by the catcher from Baird to even the score at 1. In the 3rd the Panthers scored another run when Tyson Swanner hit a single to center field scoring Matt Underwood making the score 2-1 Panthers. Baird came back in the 4th to score a run to even things up at 2 when Keifer Wilson let a curve ball get by him from Swanner scoring Diaz from Baird. It was a pretty even match up between the 2 teams until the 5th inning when Drew McCreless base on balls, stole 2nd and Matt Underwood got a single between 2 and 1st. Next at bat was Swanner who had a little bad luck at the plate giving us our 1st out. With Sean Bates at the plate, who had struggled all evening in his hitting had a 2 2 cotnt with one out, hit a screamer to left center scoring both McCreless and Underwood making the score 4-2 Gorman. The game remained even until the top of the seventh when Baird's number 3 hitter Russell hit a ground ball to first that got away from our 1st baseman which scored Jennings to make the score 4-3 Gorman. That is where the game ended Gorman Panthers 4 and Baird 3.

The Panthers are now 4-0 on the season having won their own Tournament last Thursday, Friday and Saturday by beating Perrin-Whitt 8-4, Hamilton 9-1 and beating Ranger 6-4.

## STATE BOUND

Seven young ladies representing Gorman ISD attended the 2 day FCCLA Regional Competition in San Angelo over the weekend and did an outstanding job.

Marsela Gonzalez, a senior at GHS, competed in illustrated talk which is an event that recognizes participants for their ability to make an oral presentation about issues concerning family and consumer sciences and/or related occupations. Participants must prepare a file folder containing an outline of their speech, planning process and other evidence, an oral presentation emphasizing content and delivery and visuals used to illustrate the presentation. Marsela did her project over premature babies. The title of it was the 3C'S of premature babies (Cost, Causes, and Consequences). She did not advance to state but did a great job.

Perla Velasquez and Sonia Hipolito, both seniors at GHS, competed in Focus on Children which is a team event that recognizes participants who use family and consumer sciences skills to plan and conduct a child development project that has a positive impact on children and the community. They had to prepare a display showing evidence of their project and an oral presentation. Their project was kitchen safety. Since they worked with the 2nd graders in Mrs. Vaughn's class with PALS they decided to teach them about kitchen safety and how to use the fire extinguisher. They also did a great job, but didn't advance to state.

The four who are advancing to state all competed in the Entrepreneurship category. This is a team event that recognizes participants who develop a plan for a small business using family and consumer sciences skills and sound business practices. The business must relate to an area of Family and consumer sciences education or related occupations. Participants must prepare a written business plan, which they are not required to have implemented, and an oral presentation describing the business and plan for implementing it.

Connie Gonzalez and Jessica Williams, both 7th graders, competed in the Junior Division, which is comprised of students from 7th through 9th grade. They created Head to Toe Salon and they placed 1st. Carrie Thetford (Sr.) and Abigail Pacheco (Soph.) competed in the Senior Division, which is 10th -12th, and they also placed 1st. Their business was 2 Sisters Bakery.

They will be competing in Corpus Christi on April 16-18th. If they place 1st at State they will then advance to Nationals which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee in July. What makes it so exciting is that they compete against schools in all classification from 1A all the way to 5A, including schools from Fort Worth/Arlington area, Del Rio, Abilene, and San Angelo. At state they will be going against schools from all across the State of Texas.



## Several Panthers and Lady Panthers Named To District 14-A All District Basketball Teams

**BOYS FIRST TEAM** - 1. Austin Koonce - DeLeon - Sophomore; 2. Aaron Doyle - Evant - Senior; 3. Jason Grba - Goldthwaite - Senior; 4. Trey Horton - Goldthwaite - Senior; 5. **Drew McCreless** - Gorman - Junior; 6. Chase Oldham - Meridian - Senior

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Torrence Allen - Meridian - Senior

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - **Tyson Swanner** - Gorman - Senior & Walt Clifton - Goldthwaite - Senior

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - Sean Bates - Gorman - Junior & Kody Travis - DeLeon - Sophomore

**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR** - Josh Kelley - DeLeon - Senior

**SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR** - George Reyes - Evant - Senior & Garrett Schwartz - Goldthwaite - Junior

**COACH OF THE YEAR** - Jeffrey Head - Goldthwaite

**BOYS SECOND TEAM** - 1. Alonzo Ramirez - Evant - Senior; 2. Collin Boscamp - Goldthwaite - Sophomore; 3. Josh Wilson - Goldthwaite - Sophomore; 4. Extra Gonzalez - Goldthwaite - Sophomore; 5. Eric Guerrero - Meridian - Senior; 6. Mason Stewart - DeLeon - Sophomore; 7. Colt wells - DeLeon - Junior

**GIRLS FIRST TEAM** -- 1. **Audrey Johnston** - Gorman - Senior; 2. Kayla Prescott - Goldthwaite - Sophomore; 3. Silvia Reyna - DeLeon - Senior; 4. Heidi Callan - Evant - Junior; 5. Kali Hutrya - Meridian - Senior; 6. Andrea Edwards - Meridian - Junior

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Kimber Koonsman - Meridian - Junior

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - Chesney Neely - Goldthwaite - Sophomore

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - Danielle Hartley - Goldthwaite - Senior

**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR** - Micah Cisneroz - DeLeon - Freshman

**SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR** - Kayla Bufe - Goldthwaite - Sophomore

**COACH OF THE YEAR** - Wayne Johnson - Goldthwaite

**GIRLS SECOND TEAM** -- 1. Brenna Kenyon - Evant - Junior; 2. Jaime Speegle - Goldthwaite - Senior; 3. Paige Menger - Meridian - Senior; 4. Letitia Abbey - DeLeon - Sophomore; 5. Kyler Caraway - DeLeon - Sophomore; 6. Sidney Siepert - Evant - Junior

## Now Taking 2009 Yearbook Orders

The Yearbook Staff is now taking orders for the 2009 Yearbook-please come by the school if you need an order form. If your child is enrolled @ Gorman-they have received a form to order a yearbook. The deadline is March 13, 2009-No Extra Books Will Be Ordered.

The Yearbook Staff would like to inform Parents or Legal Guardians of a Senior Graduate that the Senior Ads for the Yearbook are due by March 13, 2009. Space is limited-first come first serve basis. Reminder that Senior Baby Pictures are due by March 13th for the Yearbook.

The Yearbook Staff is still accepting orders for Photo CD's (HS Football, HS Volleyball, JH Football, JH and HS Pep Rallies/Cheerleaders, Band/Dance/Flags)-All Photo CD's Include a Group Picture-Cost is \$5.00. New CD Basketball Season for HS/JH.

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season. You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR. You may pick up an application at the Gorman City office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

## SCHOOL MENU

Week of

Mar. 16 thru Mar. 20

**SPRING  
BREAK**

**PRAY FOR RAIN WE  
NEED SOME MOISTURE  
& WARMER TEMPS**



# Obituary

## Basilia "Betsy" Luna

Born June 14, 1918, in Pearsall, Texas to Severo Cruz and Juanita Costillo Cruz, Basilia went to be with our Lord on March 5, 2009 at 1:45 a.m. In her home. She is survived by her children, Janie Luna of Henderson, NV., Frank Luna and wife Hertha of De Leon, Mary L. Vera and husband Frank Vera, Sr., Anita L. Franklin of Lawton, OK, Margie L. Audinwood and husband George Audinwood, Sr. of Horseheads, NY, Raymond Luna of Great Falls, MT, Josie L. Fielder and husband Donald Fielder of College Station, Betty L. Andrews and husband Arthur C. Andrews, III of Olden, Nora L. Taylor and partner Rodger Garza of Snyder; and one step-son, Herman Luna and wife LaLa Luna of San Antonio; one sister, Petra Cruz Tapia of Portland, Oregon; two brothers, Damacio Cruz and Luis Cruz of San Antonio; 44 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; numerous great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She married Manuel Luna on May 22, 1938 in San Antonio. He preceded her on November 11, 1966. She was also preceded by 3 grandchildren, Frank Vera, Jr., Michael Ray Vera and Hope Marie Vera, all of De Leon; 4 sisters and two brothers, all of San Antonio.

Basilia had lived in De Leon 28 years; having moved from Roby. While in Roby, she was a caregiver in private homes for many years. She also worked in nursing homes as a housekeeper.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 7th at De Leon Assembly of God Church with Bro. Rick Earp officiating. Music was provided by Rick and Cindy Earp and Dennis and Esther Otwell. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Jesse Luna, Tony Garcia, Jose Barrera, Jonathan Barrera, Joey Kirkland and Brian Kirkland; honorary pallbearer was Warren Jones.

We called you "Mommy" and the wonderful memories you left us will forever be cherished in our hearts and the hearts of children, grandchildren and generations to come.

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## CITY MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular scheduled meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Charlie Torre, and Joe Casey. Cliffla Vaughn was attending an EDC workshop. Also present was Chief Barbara Fenley, and Trace Gortt.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:35 p.m.

Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes. Nathan made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe had concerns and questions about the bill for Dr. Byrd's office regarding the reserve officer. After extended discussion Joe made the motion to pay the bills, with a second from Charlie. Motion carried 3-0. In the future before any reserves are put on the City's reserve list, it must be brought before the Commission.

No one was present to comment on Citizens In Put.

The heating and air conditioning for the Community Center was tabled. The Commission wanted to compare bids more extensively.

The Commission wants the City crew to get started on the pool repairs. At this time everything seems to be in order to function. The shallow end will need to be painted, but that appears to be the only major repair at this time. The City is still advertising for a pool lifeguard and operator.

There was more discussion on animal control calls after hours. Citizens need to realize that some issues need to wait for regular working hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If it is not an emergency

for the animal control officer, the police have to answer these non emergency calls concerning for example, "the neighbors dog is barking, or in my yard", or "I have a skunk in my yard" or "I could smell a skunk".

Citizens just need to be aware of how expensive overtime hours are and the importance of emergency calls to dispatch.

There being no further business for discussion, Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 7:10 p.m.

### Bid Notice

Eastland County is taking bids on installing a concrete low water crossing on County Road 349. Surface concrete to be installed 45ft x 17fw x 6 in thick = 14.2 cubic yards. Concrete will be tied to walls currently under construction. For additional information or to view site please call Bill Underwood, Commissioner Precinct 3 at 254-433-0004.

Bids should be sealed and labeled "Pet 3 Concrete Bid" on the envelope. All bids must be returned to the Auditor's office by Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Key  
Eastland County Auditor  
100 West Main, Suite 205  
Eastland, TX 76448

Bids will be opened Monday, March 23, 2009 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse. Eastland County reserves the right to reject all bids and to accept the bid that is most advantageous for the County.

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Broker: Robert Gilder  
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**REDUCED** 320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000 \$800,000  
**SOLD** 250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000  
243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig. pit, on hwy., cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre  
**REDUCED** 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre \$1,995/acre  
**SOLD** 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,200  
102 A, water well, costal, corral, hunting, mins. & owner financing possible [JB02] \$285,000  
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000  
52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corral, barns [LP01] \$239,500  
45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre  
30 A, 3-2½ Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000  
21±A, Sprigged with World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500  
**REDUCED** 20 A, excellent home site, rural water avail, hunting [WM01] \$75,000 \$59,000  
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre  
15.7 A, Hwy. 16 frontage, costal, rural water supply avail, water well [JS02] \$40,820  
4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CHA, 2 car garage; & a 76' x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900  
4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900  
**REDUCED** 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500  
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000  
3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900  
2-2 Brick Home, 2car attach garage, new flooring, large lot, fenced yard [MG02] \$75,000  
2-2 18' x 60' Mobile Home, 3 car garage, more buildings, water well, fenced [CR01] \$50,000  
**REDUCED** 2-1½ Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000  
2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000

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NEW: Desdemona, 4+A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees. \$59,900.  
NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500/Acre.  
NEW: 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. \$2,500/Acre  
77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 Stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.  
NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sq. ft., central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00  
100 A west De Leon FMS87, 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 corral, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.  
NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400/Acre.  
NEW: 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.  
156 A, Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000/acre.  
179 A, south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00/acre.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to Local Government Code 263.153 notice is hereby given that the County of Eastland will be selling salvage property in a public auction to be conducted by Rising Star Auction Company on March 28, 2009 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Rising Star Rodeo Grounds. The auction will continue at the Higginbotham Center in Rising Star on March 29, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

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# Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to all who came to breakfast last Saturday morning. The men had a difficult time cooking on the porch – the wind kept blowing the fire in their burners out. But I think everyone had plenty to eat. I know I did!

Hope to see everyone at our dance this Friday night – even though it is Friday the 13th! We will have a great time no matter the date. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here as usual from 7:00 P.M. until 9:30 P.M. The concession stand will open at 6:00 P.M. We have made a difficult decision to raise the price of admission to \$5.00 per person. No one wanted to do that but we must make enough money to pay the musicians and cover our other costs. We are hoping to be able to attract more people by moving to Friday nights, so bring your friends and neighbors!

While you are in the building, take a peek at the library. This is Desdemona's first and only public library and we are very proud of the contents. We have many, many books of all kinds. There are lots of fiction, non-fiction, biographies, westerns and magazines.

We welcome Sam Mullin and his "Crossroads Café" to Desdemona. I speak from experience when I say the food is delicious and reasonably priced! We are, also, looking forward to Mary Riggs' "Wagon Wheel Pizza" which will be opening soon. Desdemona is the place to be!

Mark your calendars for the AARP Defensive Driving class on April 2nd and our third annual craft show on April 17th & 18th.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Breckenridge.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns.

For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567 or (254-246-1972) (cell).

## Carbon High School Reunion Web Site

A web site for the Carbon High School Reunion is under development. According to Linda (Jackson) Neeley, Chair of the 2010 event, the basic outline for the site is now on line awaiting more input from the school's former students. Alumni are encouraged to log on and complete a student profile and begin to communicate with fellow graduates and classmates. The address is [www.carbonhighschoolreunion.org](http://www.carbonhighschoolreunion.org). If you have any questions, Linda may be contacted through the site, by email [lneeley47@yahoo.com](mailto:lneeley47@yahoo.com), by phone 830-598-5613 or by mail at P. O. Box 8992, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657.

## Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 11 Foreign Countries attend the 2008 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Locations include: Commerce, TX, Phoenix, AZ, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Ithaca, NY, Marietta, OH, Lebanon, TN, and Blacksburg, VA. There is also a Summer Camp available for Boys and Girls ages 9 - 18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME. [www.tenstarcamp.com](http://www.tenstarcamp.com).



### See Ya in the Mornin'

It's been a short year since you left us  
To wing to your new home on high.  
But I've comfort in knowing I'll see you again  
Someday in the sweet by and by.

As I think upon life here on Earth  
And the hardships and pain it has brought  
I see how God spared you, a child of His own  
In ways that no one would have thought.

Upon that long-ago news of your fate  
We cried, "God's Man does not deserve this!"  
But through the years that you anguished and suffered,  
I came to realize this:

God laid on you an ironic blessing  
In the form of a wretched disease.  
You taught me to look hard for God's blessings  
For, sometimes they are not seen with ease.

God knew there were heartaches ahead,  
Sufferings beyond our belief.  
He decided to take that cup from you,  
With His mercy to shield you from grief.

God's loving hand was on your brow,  
His grace reflected through your eyes,  
And though the sickness grew long, it was part of God's Plan,  
And not my place to ask why.

But your toils upon Earth, your sweat and your tears  
Were rewarded in God's own time.  
And now you rest easy in His gentle embrace  
In that Land that you knew was sublime.

The Heavens surely ring as I know you sing  
With our loved ones over there.  
And while we wait for a glorious reunion  
Happy memories the rest of us share.

It's been but a short year since you left us  
For your mansion on that great farm in the sky.  
I've peace in the knowing that "I'll see ya in the mornin', Daddy"  
Someday in the sweet by and by.

By Tracy  
03/03/09

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## In today's World, We Need to Resurrect Our Ol' Friend Common Sense...

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Asprin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was precluded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason. He is survived by his 1 stepbrothers:

I Know My Rights  
I Want It Now  
Someone Else Is To Blame  
I'm A Victim  
This was printed in the London Times...the author did not sign their name!  
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# Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Thirty-one people attended our regular lunch event on Wednesday, March 4th. Carol Ward, our Director, was unable to attend due to a medical appointment. We miss her as she is in charge of organizing the group and especially things in the kitchen. We do thank her for this Volunteer service. We are fortunate to have Ellen Parker who did a great job as a substitute. Also helping were Betty Regian, Jerry Underwood and Ailene Garrett. Ann Maxfield gave greetings to the group. Then recognized Carolyn Taylor and Charlotte Green from Medway Home Health. They are here the first Wednesday of each month to monitor blood pressure and sugar counts. Their service is greatly appreciated. Electricians Raymond Flora and Hector Benevidez joined us for lunch. They were busy installing outlets in the kitchen. Glad Emma Jane Larch is back. Ann mentioned daylight savings time - "spring forward" moving clocks up 1 hour and a good time to check batteries in smoke alarms.

It was nice to have Allan and Linda Gibbs and Howard Hagood with us and Adriana Chamblerrain. She is a new resident of our Community. Hope these will be with us in the future. We need new people.

Bro. Frank Shirley gave the blessing before our meal, praying for our nation, national leaders, many who are having health problems and rain for the dry, thirsty land.

We all enjoyed our meal. It consisted of two delicious Mexican casseroles, noodle casserole, sausage and fish sticks. Several veggie dishes, corn bread and hot rolls. There also were several cakes, brownies, fruit salad and cup cakes. Very nice to have a good assortment of desserts. Especially after last week with only two items. Thanks to all for your efforts.

We most appreciated Lil Brudnak in donating her nice electric stove for our center. I do hope all will take care in using. Someone broke our oven door on the gas range. Please people watch your children when renting center. Thanks Lil for your generosity.

Ann Maxfield was good enough to write most of this for me. I was supposed to have a surgical procedure on the 4th. Due to some problems it had to be rescheduled for the 16th. Thanks so, Ann, for helping out. Also Barbara Bush was absent this day of the 4th, so we were fortunate to have all the other ladies help out.

Hope all is well and see you soon - Carol.

Think About This: "It's not what you do with your millions if riches should be your lot, but what you are doing at the present with the dollar and quarter you have got."

## Super Notes

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

Let it blow! Let it blow! Let it blow! If wind were rain, we'd be in the middle of a flood right now. It seems to me that almost every day for the past few weeks has been windy. I walked outside last Thursday wearing my name tag and thought it was going to beat me to death before I got to the cafeteria. All kidding aside, you need to be careful and pay a little more attention when you go outside on these windy days we've been having due to things literally being blown around. Besides the possibility of being hit by something, just think of all the garbage you are inhaling due to all the dry weather we've had. I don't know about you, but all of us here at school are experiencing a lot of allergies! I hope by the time you read this it is pouring down rain outside your window as predicted by our fearless weather forecasters.

It was a lot of fun last week watching our girls and boys defeat Baird in softball and baseball. It is one of the few times this year when we have two games going on at once here at home. Unfortunately, most of our games are scheduled at the same time, but in different towns. There are usually no admission fees for these ball games although some schools out of our district do charge a small fee. I'd say in today's economy that's the best bargain around. Our teams have also been participating in several tournaments. In the interest of accuracy, I will leave it to the coaches to report the scores and our records to the paper, but it appears we are doing well. You have no excuses now to stay at home. The weather has been beautiful. Come support our kids!

Congratulations to Mrs. Kellar and her students that competed in the FCCLA regional competition March 5-7! We have student advancing to state. Look for their picture in the paper and more details about the competition. Great job!

Our TAKS testing went well last week. We won't actually know until we get test results, but our kids appeared confident and to take the test serious. We'll see! I do feel that our teachers have done a good job of preparing our kids and I'm expecting our scores to have improved over last year. I'll let you know when we get the results.

I was very proud of our State Representative Jim Keffer last week. He introduced a bill, HB 2471, relating to career and technical education in public schools and high school graduation requirements. I know that several superintendents have visited with him about this and appreciate his initiative to try and do something positive about it. Thank you Representative Keffer!

Spring pictures will be taken this Friday, March 13th, so dress your children in their favorite outfit. I am referring to the younger children. I know there is not much you can say as they get older. As a parent, I know that my idea of good fashion did not always coincide with the thoughts of my children. Good luck!

Next week is spring break. No School! I think the students and the teachers are ready for a break. When we return on the 23rd, expect to hit the ground running. I know that every year after we return from spring break time flies by so fast that before we know it graduation is here. Please help your kids finish the year on a positive note. Make sure they get the rest and nutrition they need and that they get all of their school work completed and turned in. This is especially important for the seniors!

Cheerleading tryouts will be Friday, March 13th, at 9:00am. The position of Cheer Leader involves a lot of responsibility! As a representative of our school, they are held to a high standard and have a lot of expenses. They are expected to be a model of good behavior and to perform well academically. Nobody should try out unless they take these responsibilities seriously and can afford the expenses involved! Good luck to everyone!

One Act Play competition will be March 26th at Ranger High School.

Monday night we held our regularly scheduled school board meeting. The meeting opened at 6:02pm with an invocation by Melinda Harrington. All board members and Mr. Perry were present. The board first approved the consent agenda and acknowledged the written reports in their packets from the principals, counselor, and athletic director. Mr. Perry then reviewed the school's fund balance and East End Special Education Coop's fund balance. The fund balance at the school was \$2,629,529.39 and the Coop was \$1,164,598.42. Both entities are in excellent financial condition. This does not include any of the bond money being used for new construction. He then reported that just over 87% of 2008 M&O and I&S taxes had been collected. Mr. Perry then gave his report citing several things including a picture of the scoreboard to be ordered for the new gym, possible score keeper's table, and custom chairs for the players. He then informed them that both incumbents had signed up for the May election. President Harrington then reported that she will be traveling to Austin to meet with legislators on March 17th. The board then approved:

- 2009-2010 school calendar
- Voting for ESC 14 board members
- New contract with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg, & Allen, P.C. for the collection of delinquent taxes
- Appointing Jud Maxfield as election judge and Terry Treadway as early voting clerk for the May school board election
- The interlocal purchasing agreement with Region 14 ESC

The board then addressed personnel issues and the following action was taken:

- Accepted all resignations received. Individuals that have resigned so far for the 2009-2010 school year are Holly Henderson, Morgan Mathews, and Darla Hendrix. Keith Hendrix has resigned effective 3-20-2009.

- Approved the extension of all term contracts on the elementary campus for another year
- Approved the two probationary contracts at the secondary campus
- Approved through multiple motions to approve all term contracts at the secondary campus as submitted except for one which was tabled until the next meeting.
- Approved the proposed non renewal of Jack Sloan due to the elimination of his position in our technology program and proceed with the process according to policy.
- Approved all contract extensions submitted by the East End Special Education Cooperative Board as submitted.

The board adjourned at 9:10pm. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is April 13, 2009 at 6:00pm.

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

"Ladies Monthly Social" was held on Monday morning at the Community Center. Several ladies attended to enjoy the food and fellowship. The tables were all decorated with St. Patrick's Day decorations. Next Ladies Social will be held on April 13th at the same time and same location. Visitors are welcome.

Alan Sadberry of De Leon was the guest speaker last Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. Alan is the son of Curtis and Freddie Sadberry of De Leon.

David and Fran Senger of Grove, Oklahoma visited the past weekend with her parents, Robert and Ima Brown.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery visited on Sunday afternoon with her sister, Avie Taylor. Others visitors in the home was Avie's daughter, Jean Cearly of Bedford.

Robert Brown killed a 42 inch rattle snake on Monday at his home in Desdemona.

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

Thanks, have a nice day, Vonnie.

## Happenings At FBC!!

Rain! Every person we talk to is praying for rain, so continue your prayers and give praise to God when the rain comes. Amen.

Mark your calendars:

**March 14th** - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - please come to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food.

Children's Sermon: Liz asked all the children to stand with their heel against the bottom step and reach as far as they could to touch the first pew. Well, none of their little arms could reach. Then Liz asked them to link arms with the first persons heels against the bottom step. When they all linked arms they were able touch the first step. Together they could do it! Jesus gave us each other, and the Bible says that two are better than one. The Bible tells us to help each other and lift one another up in love.

Special Music: We all love to hear Cortney Shirley sing! The words of her beautiful song ring true, there isn't anything we should rather do than live our life for Jesus!

Bro. Barry went on "The Walk to Emmaus", and had a marvelous time.

Guest speaker: Bro. Craig Rhoton - "Live Passionately" - Luke 5:18-24.

What would you do if you found out that you had only one month to live? How would you change your life? Would you do more to serve the Lord? We all run into obstacles. God knows what we need better than we know what we need. Don't allow your life to become so crowded that there is no room for God. When people are on their deathbed they generally do not talk about working more or having more money. Peoples dying wishes are to have spent more time with their families and to have mended relationships. What is most important to you?

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