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Panther Baseball Cubs Dominate 16-A District Track Meet

Tuesday 4/10/12

The Panthers traveled to Cross Plains and defeated the Bufaloes 25-1. The Panthers plated 12 runs in the 1st inning, 2 in the 2nd, 9 in the 4th, and 2 in the 5th inning. BJ Ramirez, was hit 3 times and scored 2 singles, a double, scored five runs and had 3 RBI's. Matt Fox also scored 5 runs and had a double and a single and walked twice. Dakota Pacheco had 2 singles, a home run, & 5 RBI's. Zack Carlton scores 4 runs, had 4 RBI's, 2 doubles, a single, a base on balls, and was hit by a pitch. Jon Fenley had 2 home runs, and 2 singles driving in 4 runs. Sheldon Fenley had a single, a base on balls, and scored 2 runs. Randall Miley had a double. Sergio Hipolito and Yovani Palacios each scored a run. Dakota Pacheco gave up one unearned run, and recorded 7 strike outs while picking up the win. He improved his district pitching record to 3-0.

Friday 4/13/11

Gorman hosted the De Leon Bearcats Friday after noon and remain in the driver's seat of the district race. The Panthers defeated the Bearcats by a score of 11-1. It was the second time this season the Panthers run ruled the Bearcats. It was a defensive battle until the Panthers exploded offensively in the bottom of the 5th inning. With the score 2-1 in favor of the Panthers, Gorman scored 2 runs in the 5th and 7 runs in the 6th inning. Zach Carlton had 10 strikeouts, gave up only 1 unearned run and improved to a 3-0 record in district play. The Panthers had 4 sacrifice bunts and 5 stolen bases on the day.

BJ Ramirez had a double and 3 RBI's, Dakota Pacheco had a single, a base on balls, and double with 1 RBI. Zach Carlton had 2 singles, one RBI and a base on balls. Jon Fenley had one single, a base on balls, and picked up one RBI. Mat Fox had 2 singles and 2 RBI's. Daniel Herrera and Sheldon Fenley each had a single and 1 RBI. Sergio Hipolito had a single and a base on balls.

As of 4/13/12 District Baseball Standings with 3 playing dates left, Gorman has 2 district games remaining: Goldthwaite 4/17/12 in Goldthwaite at 6:30 and May on April 30th at 5:00. The Panthers have clinched a Play-off berth.

1. Gorman - 6-0
2. Goldthwaite - 4-1
3. DeLeon - 3-3
4. Cross Plains - 1-5
5. May - 0-5

Saturday 4-14-12

The Stephenville Yellowjackets JV baseball team defeated the Panthers by run rule on Saturday by the score of 13-3. The Yellowjackets scored 4 in the 1st inning, 4 in the 2nd, 1 in the 4th and 4 in the 5th inning. Matt Fox picks up the loss for the Panthers and was relieved by Jon Fenley in the 5th inning. The Panthers scored 3 in the 1st inning and were held in check for the remainder of the ball game. The Yellowjackets out hit the Panthers 11-7. BJ Ramirez and Matt Fox lead off the bottom of the 1st inning with a pair of singles and Dakota Pacheco drove them both in on a 2 RBI single. One batter later Jon Fenley drove Pacheco home on a 1 out single. The Yellowjackets Pitching staff held the Panthers to only 3 other hits the remainder of the game. Daniel Herrera had a single in the 1st inning. Sergio Hipolito had a single in the 3rd inning. Zach Carlton had a single in the 4th inning.

The team would appreciate your support over in Goldthwaite on Tuesday. The Game scheduled for Friday the 20th, here vs. Meridian has been canceled.

The Panthers will host Eastland's JV here at noon on Saturday the 21st.



To People of the Community
You are cordially invited to a
Farewell Reception

For

Bill and Monda Oldham
As they depart Gorman
for their new home in Arkansas
Sunday, April 22, 2012
2:00 - 4:00PM Fellowship Hall
Refreshments and Fellowship
Gorman Church of Christ

FAJITAS

Gorman Kindergarten will have a Fund Raiser, Friday, April 20th at the Blinking Light from 11 until we run out. Beef or Chicken Fajitas with rice, beans and a drink - \$6.00. We can Deliver. Contact- Shelli- 254-433-0901 / Angela - 325-330-2970.

GORMAN CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE APRIL 28, 2012

To get your name on the list or for more information, please contact Cliffa Vaughn at (254)734-3933, or Jill Rainey at (254)734-2317.

The boys had 172 points to claim the district title Members of the team are Flavio Herera, Rodrigo Mata, Rafael Mata, Freddy Montelongo, Hunter Childers, Britt Hagan, Rylan Laminack, Jose Maldonado, Ethan May, Tomas Rodriguez, Turner Whitten, Shawn Estrada, Sam Rainey, Jonathan Rivas, Omar Velasquez, Ismale Herrera, Izael Herrera, Danny Limon, Ricardo Olvera.

CONGRATULATION GUYS!!!!
Coach Gerick



Field Events:

Long Jump- Jon Rivas 5th place with a jump of 15' 1/2"; Flavio Herrera 4th place with a jump of 15' 5 1/2"; Rylan Laminack 2nd place with a jump of 17' 2 1/2"
Triple Jump- Jose Maldonado 4th place with a jump of 32' 1"; Rylan Laminack 2nd place with a jump of 34' 1 1/4"; Freddy Montelongo 1st place with a jump of 34' 2 1/4"
High Jump- Freddy Montelongo 2nd place with a jump of 5'2"; Hunter Childers 1st place with a jump of 5'2"
Shot Put- Hunter Childers 5th place with a throw of 34' 6"
Discus- Hunter Childers 5th place with a throw 94' 9 1/2"

Running Events:

2400 Meter Run- Rodrigo Mata 6th place with a time of 9: 36.18 second
4 X100 Meter Relay- Jose Maldonado, Jonathan Rivas, Flavio Herrera, Rylan Laminack 1st place with a time of 49.85 second
800 Meter Run- Britt Hagan 8th place with a time of 2:53.00 second; Rafael Mata 3rd place with a time of 2:35. 46 second
110 Meter High Hurdles- Omar Velasquez 5th place with a time of 22.04 second; Jonathan Rivas 1st place with a time of 19.56 second
100 Meter Dash- Rylan Laminack 1st place with time of 12.18 second
4 X 200 Meter Relay- Jose Maldonado, Flavio Herrera, Hunter Childers, Freddy Montelongo 2nd place with a time of 1: 47.21 second
400 Meter Dash- Rafael Mata 6th place with a time of 1:04.00 second; Rodrigo Mata 4th place with a time of 1:03.00 second
300 meter Hurdles- Freddy Montelongo 3rd place with a time of 53.33 second
200 Meter Dash- Jonathan Rivas 4th place with a time of 25.96 second; Rylan Laminack 3rd place with a time of 24.82 second
1600 Meter Run- Rafael Mata 3rd place with a time of 6:06.01 second, Izael Herrera 8th place with a time of 6:41.41 second
4 X 400 Meter Relay- Rodrigo Mata, Jose Maldonado, Flavio Herrera, Freddy Montelongo 1st place with a time of 4:08.94 second

Seven Advance To Regional Meet

Seven students from Gorman High School will advance to the next level of competition on April 27 and 28 at Abilene Christian University. These students placed high enough at the Area Track Meet to participate.

Congratulations and Good Luck.



CONGRATULATIONS ATHLETES: (left to right) - Zach Carlton - Discus and Shot; Melissa Ramirez - 800M Relay and 1600M Relay; Megan Gray - 800M Relay, 1600M Relay, Long Jump and High Jump; Kinsey Johnston - 800M and 1600M Relay; Holly Wood - 1600M Relay; Lauren Spivey - 1600M Relay; and Matt Fox - Long Jump.

Boys Discus	Place	Girls Triple Jump	Place	Boys 300M Hurdles	Place	Girls 100M Hurdles	Place
Zach Carlton	3	Melissa Ramirez	7	Sergio Hipolito	7	Lauren Spivey	7
Jon Fenley	5	Lauren Spivey	8	800M Relay Boys	Place	800M Relay Girls	Place
Boys Shot	Place	Girls Long Jump	Place	BJ Ramirez	5	Megan Gray	4
Zach Carlton	4	Megan Gray	2	Yovani Palacios		Kinsey Johnston	
Melissa Ramirez	5			Dakota Pacheco		Lauren Spivey	
Boys Long Jump	Place	Girls High Jump	Place	Sergio Hipolito		Melissa Ramirez	
Matt Fox	4	Megan Gray	4	1600M Relay Boys	Place	1600M Relay Girls	Place
400 Relay Boys	Place	400 Relay Girls	Place	Sergio Hipolito	6	Melissa Ramirez	4
BJ Ramirez	8	Kinsey Johnston	5	Yovani Palacios		Holly Wood	
James Thomas		Megan Gray		Zach Carlton		Kinsey Johnston	
Zach Carlton		Lauren Spivey		Dakota Pacheco		Megan Gray	
Matt Fox		Melissa Ramirez					
Dakota Pacheco		Megan Gray					

GORMAN REPRESENTED AT REGIONAL NETWORK LUNCHEON



Cliffa Vaughn, Lori Dodd and Marilyn Harbour

Cliffa Vaughn and Lori Dodd attended the network luncheon in Hico sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. The luncheon was held at Blue Star Trading last Thursday. Immediately following lunch discussion focused on "Communities of Achievement".

The informal program included a brief video about TMCN and information about the awards program available to member communities. There was a lively discussion about the importance of rural West Texas cities being prepared for the future with the projected outflow from metropolitan areas of the state.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Hico, Hamilton, De Leon, Dublin, Gorman and Ranger. The meal was catered by Priscilla and Steve Morgan.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." For more information about TMCN call 325-795-8626 or visit www.texasmidwest.org.

Homestead Nursing And Rehab To Hold Open House May 2nd

On Wednesday, May 2ND, Homestead Nursing and Rehab will be having an open house from 11a.m to 2 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided by Alpha Omega Hospice. Please come by and enjoy lunch with the Administrator, Adam Maberry, our new Director of Nurses, Melissa Strickland, Assistant Director of Nurses, Quona Fron, and Homestead Staff. The owners of Homestead will also be in attendance. In addition, come and enjoy live entertainment provided by the Donnie Evetts Band.

This will be a great opportunity to come and see the facility and visit with friends and family. If you are able to RSVP please call the facility at 254-734-2202. We look forward to seeing all of you.

"Thank You"

Thank you to Clark Tractors and Supply for the use of a tractor and tiller to help with our field preparation for the upcoming season.

Thanks Again.

Gorman Youth Baseball Commission

Rock Bluff Cemetery Working - Saturday April 21st - More Inside

"Thank You"

The Gorman Junior Class would like to Thank Everyone for their help during our Fundraiser. Thank you for your Support.

"Thank You"

Gorman 4-H would like to say a special "THANK YOU" not only for the use of the building, but also to all of those that came out to support the 4-H.

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 THURSDAY - Pancake On A Stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Biscuit, Ham, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH
 MONDAY - Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Oranges, Cookies, and milk.
 TUESDAY - Chicken Strips, Cheese Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Rolls, Chocolate Cake and milk. **BIRTHDAY TABLE**
 WEDNESDAY - Grilled Ham and Cheese, Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Broccoli and Ranch, Fruit and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Taco Salad, Crackers, Salad, Fruit and Milk.
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 17.25 A: HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, good land, Dastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
 158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/H, fireplace, metal roof, 150+A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fences, 6A Lake, 2 ponds, 6 water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.
 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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 322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.
 NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00 acre.
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Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition Now Represents Over 40 Percent of Districts Across State

(AUSTIN, TX) - With multiple districts signing up in support of the school finance litigation each month, the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition (the Fairness Coalition), a group of school districts, taxpayers and parents claiming the current school finance system is unfair for taxpayers and students, now represents over 40 percent of the 1,024 school districts across the state.

School districts, taxpayers and parents continue to join the Fairness Coalition, which now totals well over 400 school districts and represents over 1.3 million schoolchildren across the state. The Fairness Coalition represents the largest number of school districts to file a school finance lawsuit against the state.

"I think having over 40 percent of all the districts in the state participating in the Fairness Coalition sends a very clear message that Texas schools, students and taxpayers deserve and demand better," says Dr. Wayne Pierce, executive director of the Equity Center. "This level of involvement illustrates the importance of funding public education in a fair and equitable way, and we're proud to represent so many districts in the pursuit of this cause."

The Fairness Coalition represents districts from across the state ranging in size and demographics. Recent additions to the lawsuit include such districts as DeSoto ISD, Excelsior ISD, Crystal City ISD, Childress ISD, Benjamin ISD and Bland ISD. Visit the Equity Center web site: www.equitycenter.org for additional information and a complete list of participating districts.

The Fairness Coalition filed the original school finance lawsuit against the state in October 2011; this lawsuit claims the current school finance system is broken because it does not treat Texas taxpayers and students fairly. The Fairness Coalition says the goal of this lawsuit is to achieve a funding system that treats all Texas children and taxpayers fairly, and provides every child the opportunity for a world-class education. The Fairness Coalition is comprised of school districts of all sizes across the state.

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HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

Homestead Nursing and Rehab would like to welcome the students training to become Licensed Vocational Nurses at Ranger Junior College School of Nursing and their instructor, Patty Stiffemire. Students will be in our building Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of each week for an entire year. These students will be performing clinicals related to their program's course of study. In addition, these students will be building relationships with our residents and have the opportunity to experience how a great nursing home is run and learn from very qualified staff.

Everyone enjoyed our Easter hat Parade and Party on Good Friday. We had spent several days making the hats and everyone looked great wearing them.

Some of our recent visitors were Joe, Amy, and Adam Beaty of Lakeland Fl. Jimmy Little, Ruth Rodgers, Sylvia Buchanan, Joyce and Neal Gilbert, and Jerrilyn and Glenn Gilbert of Katy, Kenneth Welch, Jana Grice, Bob Perkins of Eastland, Mary, James, Henry and Anna Jesse of Ft. Worth, Cathy and Phil Webb of Ranger, Amber Gilbert of Abilene, Jonathan Gilbert of College Station, John and Teresa Gilbert of DeLeon, B.E. Simpson Alyssa Rubio of Ranger, Spider Clark, Marge Churchville of Ft. Worth, and the Gutherys.

Again Welcome to the RJC L.V.N. Students and Patty Stiffemire.

2012 Gorman Track Schedule

TBA	TBA	TBA	Area Track	Girls/Boys
Fri/Sat	April	27, 28	Regional Track (ACU)	Girls/Boys
Fri/Sat	May	11, 12	State Track (Austin)	Girls/Boys

"On The Wilder Side"

I have heard that possums are smart animals. You wouldn't think so because you hardly ever see one except when it's dead on the road. There's a joke that goes, "why did the chicken cross the road? To prove to the possum that it could be done!"

But it turns out that possums may be smarter than we think. An old legend says that they won't enter a hole if there's just one set of tracks going into it because they know there's something in there. But if there are two sets of tracks the possum will enter and not be afraid.

The message of the Bible is that we can enter the grave without fear because Christ left two sets of tracks: one leading in and one coming out. In response to this thought the Apostle Paul wrote "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O grave is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55)

The message of Christians today is the exact same message of the angels 2012 years ago "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen!" (Matt 28:5, 6). That is the message we proclaim today and the message we should proclaim every day, that "He is risen!"

For all of the English teachers out there I know that the phrase "He is risen" seems grammatically incorrect but it is the best way to state the whole truth. Christ has been raised and He still is raised from the grave. The action happened in the past and is still in effect today. Christ went into the grave and then came out by His own power. Christ is risen!

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times
 Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
 Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
 Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

A Letter To The Editor -

Courage By Henry A. Buchanan

Cory Booker, Mayor of Newark, New Jersey, is a hero, but what he feels is fear. He rescued a woman from a burning building, getting his hands burned in the rescue, but he felt terror as he faced the fire. This is the essence of courage, to be able to do what a man is afraid to do, and yet do it because he knows it has to be done.

The firefighters who fought the wild fires in our state and county last year know they faced danger. One of them even lost his life. But they faced the fire with courage because they know the risk to both themselves and the rest of us whose lives were threatened by the fire. Only a fool would throw himself into the fray with bravado, ignoring the danger. Heroism is the selfless response that sees danger but responds to the threat the danger poses for another's life.

Our nation's leaders and would-be leaders must face the danger of a collapsing republic, and risk getting their hands burned in the rescue. In this case a great amount of money is involved. So is a great amount of political prestige. But the men who will be elected to office this year must recognize that our house is on fire and the people inside the burning house are calling for help. No doubt they will get their hands burned if they put their hands to the task of levying the taxes and cutting the expenses in order to save America's house and its people inside. They will feel the terror of the fire. But Mayor Booker has set an example to follow.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 4/11/2012

Shade Love or Sun Love

By: Gynnalyn Abbe

If only it was as simple as a plant that loves shade and one that loves sun. Let's face it, in the summer when it gets to be 100+ degrees almost everyday, in our town, even the shade has a lot of sun. On the other side, those sun-loving plants seem to be always screaming for more: water, shade or even more sun in the early spring. There's no fool proof way to diagnose what our plants need but knowing a particular plants tendencies along with a little advice from the experts can help us "plant for success" and help the novice gardener whose time and money are at stake.

Here's a guide for your next shopping trip. Get to know your plants so that you can interpret their "mood-swings". A little knowledge goes a long way in producing a healthy, happy garden.

Pansy - lots of colors, appears as though it has a black eye on the face of the flower. Versatile for sun or shade but cut back or add water in ratio to the sun.

Petunia - bell shaped, many colors and popular in hanging baskets. Typically needs 6+ hours of sun but will also stop blooming in extreme heat, windy areas should be avoided because it will blow off the blooms. Put it in the garage or off the hook when a thunderstorm is looming.

Sweet Potato Vine - lime green, but also comes in purplish varieties. A true sun lover! This seems to flourish when we haven't seen a cloud in a month but in our hottest summer days plan to water every day.

Dew Plant - small succulent leaves with round hair like flowers. Flourishes in any situation: too much water, not enough water, too much sun, and too much shade. This is the perfect plant for all black thumbs.

Moss Rose - cactus looking or succulent leaves with multi colored fluffy flowers. Sun and heat loving plant that will continue to grow in size and put on flowers through the summer.

Begonia - has more than 30 varieties. Most do well in shade areas and transition indoors easily during winter.

Wandering Jew - two different popular varieties that turn a deeper purple in the sun and can handle sun/ partial shade. These are perennials so long as they aren't uprooted over the winter, they will return.

Vinca / Periwinkle - has many available colors in the pink or purple family. These plants are ground covers and can easily take over an area if you're not careful. These are efficient under a tree and also work well in a hanging basket. Can handle shade or sun.

If you have plants, flowers, or landscape question that you'd like answered, you are not alone. I am happy to help. E-mail me at gynnalyn@hotmail.com with any questions or concerns. I am also available at The Greenhouse in DeLeon or visit www.facebook.com/TheGreenhouseDeLeon.

I look forward to helping you with your gardening needs.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Our Pastor, Bro. Charlie and all the members invites visitors to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Worship Service.

First Baptist Church Youth Group meets each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Young children of this area are invited to attend for Bible Study, Games followed with snacks and drinks.

Upper Leon Firefighters Association hosted a Fire School last Saturday at the Desdemona School Building. Approximately 170 firemen registered to attend with teachers coming from Texas A&M University. Noon Meal was catered by Cook's Fish Barn.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the Old School Gym. Mark your calendar for this Special Event. If you have a change of address please contact this reporter at P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, TX 76445. We need to "update" the mailing list.

This reporter continues to receive short notes and phone calls from Ex-Students. They always say how much their school days was enjoyed here in Desdemona. It is always good to hear from these former residents and most of them have plans to attend the Homecoming and School Reunion in August.

Virgil and Jo Holdman recently moved from Desdemona to the Metroplex Area. Jo called this past week to say they love their new home and neighbors. Jo is slowly recovering from surgery and Virgil is doing better since his recent stroke.

Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Sorry I forgot to put this in paper last week. We will meet today, the 18th at the Center, for our monthly get together. We were unable to meet in March as the City needed Center for a trial. Hope those that receive Gorman paper will be able to come out and visit. Remember we always meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30. Hope to see you there.

I've had Carpal Tunnel surgery and all is going well. It was a much easier procedure than I anticipated. I can write OK without had going to sleep, also drive. I put this off for years in fear of surgery. I recommend Dr. Strefling in Brownwood very highly.

I visited Daisy Slaton on the 14th of April. She is looking and doing good. I wish they would move he here so more folks could visit her. Also would be easier on her daughter, Sarah Jane. Some of us don't have cars, or if they do, its hard to drive to Eastland. We are all getting older, I've got to where Brownwood is far enough.

Haven't the Wildflowers and Butterflies been gorgeous? They have sat on me in yard and town. Bluebonnets are fading now as they are going to seed. This Spring has been glorious!! They only thing, Butterflies have been hard on my car. Need to clean them off again. Wish we would get more rain. We've had several chances this last week, but no go. All is beginning to dry up with the warmth. But haven't the days been beautiful and the nights cool. Reminds me of Southern California weather where I come from. Do dread this summer, hope its not like last year.

The First Baptist Church had a real good Easter Service. Especially with the Messengers performances, they are great!! Saw my great grandchild Cannon Wright blessed with several other babies. This past Sunday the 15th they had a actor put on a performance. He told the story of David and Goliath. He was very dramatic in the telling and good. The kids were quiet and listened, that was a new one. HA!

Hope to see you at the Center - Carol.

County Democrats Will Meet April 21

Eastland County Democrats will meet Saturday, April 21, at 1:30 at Hardin's Barbeque, on the I-20 East Access Rd. in Eastland. After a visitation and registration time the group will meet in Convention to conduct the business of election of a delegation to attend the State Convention in Houston in June. Other business will be conducted.

The State Democratic Executive Committee has voted for three propositions to be on the May 29th Primary Election Ballot. The propositions having to deal with making a college education affordable for most, asking the legislators to allow people to vote on casino gambling in Texas, and giving a high school graduate with the last three years residency in Texas in-state tuition rate at college. These resolutions will be discussed further at the local level.

Plan now to attend the County Convention. Bring your new voter Registration Card.

Because of the timing of a late Primary Election and an early State Convention, no Precinct Conventions will be held at 7:15 p.m. as historically held.

For more information you may call June Hicks, Eastland County Democratic Chair at 254-639-2444.

NOTICE TO MOW

The city is aware that the recent rains and sunshine have caused grass and weeds to grow very quickly, therefore we would like to remind you to please keep your property mowed and maintained. Please also remember that any pets you may have are to be kept in your yard in a pen or on a leash at all times. They are also to be registered with the city. You can get tags at City Hall with proof of current rabies vaccination.

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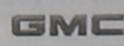
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