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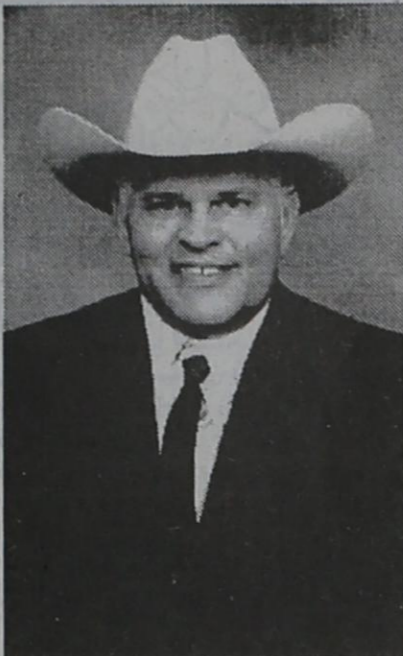
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## Sheriff Wayne Bradford To The Citizens Gifted Learner Seeks Relection Of Gorman Program

I would like to thank the citizens of Eastland County for allowing me to serve as your Sheriff for the last seven years. I appreciate the support I have been shown during my years as Sheriff. Since I was first elected in 1997 and re-elected 4 years later we have gone through some growing pains and changes.



Sheriff Wayne Bradford

The controversial jail expansion has proven to be necessary due to the increase in Eastland County inmates and the boom of "nazi" meth labs. Your Sheriff's Office under my direction has been a leader in taking down these drug labs. We have eliminated labs all across the county and we are continuing the fight. Most crime is directly related in some manner to the drug trade and culture and when we are battling the drug trade we are also clearing burglaries and thefts.

I have made a diligent effort to make the Sheriff's Office open and responsive to the needs of the citizens of Eastland County. I have put together a staff of dedicated and dependable employees to serve you.

Through our combined efforts we have tried to make the Eastland County Sheriff's Office an office you can be proud of and depend on when the need arises.

I would appreciate your support and vote in my bid for re-election on March 9th in the Republican Primary.

Paid Pol. Adv. by Wayne Bradford, 2001  
CR 335, Ranger, TX 76470

The Gorman City Commission has appointed me to be the acting Code Enforcer. The Commission wants to more aggressively enforce the City's existing Ordinances. Especially the ordinances that pertain to "eye sores" and accumulated objects.

I am asking the persons that have non-running, non-registered motor vehicles to have them removed, park them under covered or out-of-sight places, or if you would like to have them removed contact me for assistance.

The City has existing ordinances pertaining to abandoned vehicles, unsafe housing structures, etc. In the very near future the City has made arrangements for the removal of old tires. The times and place of disposal will be announced at a later date.

I thank you in advance for assisting with the clean up of our town.

Abel Saldana  
Code Enforcer

## Notice To Parents and Guardians

### Re: Unlicensed, underage drivers

This department has received several complaints in reference to unlicensed, no permit drivers driving to school and around town. Officers will start issuing citations to these offenders and parents for allowing unlicensed drivers to operate motor vehicles.

Doug Caffey  
Chief of Police

Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-6 during the coming school year.

Any child in our school whom you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. The program will specifically be for those students who score extremely high on Achievement Tests, Intelligence Tests, and Creativity Tests.

If you wish to nominate your child, please do so by going to the elementary office and complete the proper forms. Any nominations should be made before January 19, 2004.

Finally, please be aware that if your child is nominated by you or a teacher, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process. In order to make the screening process move more quickly, you will be asked to grant your permission for that testing at the time you place your nomination.

Sincerely,  
s/ Kristin Matteson  
GT Coordinator

## Together Against Drug Abuse Kicks Off

Together Against Drug Abuse kicks off Friday, January 9, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. Together Against Drug Abuse is a Masonic program to help young students make correct choices when confronted with the temptation to use alcohol, tobacco, prescription or hard drugs. With the help from teachers, parents, law-enforcement officers, local and state community leaders, local masons and Masonic lodges, and the local business community, we can help them fight a program they cannot fight alone.

The program brings leaders from the business community, local law-enforcement officers, local and state leaders and masons together in their communities to help their children, grandchildren and children in their community to give them insight to what happens to them if they make bad choices now and in the future when confronted with the use of these drugs.

The program is designed for students in the fifth grade. Our program is designed to be presented to the students by a uniformed law-enforcement officer in their school and their room. The officer will present the program every week starting the 9th day of January 2004 until the second or third week of May. The instructor's manual has enough material to make about fifteen sessions in the classroom. The lessons are assisted by work problems in the manual and video tapes. Each student will receive his/her own T-shirt with the logo on the front to wear to class the day the officer presents the program. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate with his/her name. The certificate is nice enough to frame and keep and is signed by the officer teaching the class and the school principal.

The Gorman Masonic Lodge would like to thank the following sponsors for their support: American State Bank, A.E. Smith Peanut Dryers, A.O. Easley Trucks, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, Comanche County Telephone Co., Con-Spec Roofing, Doug Caffey, Foster Floral, Foster & Kelly Williams, Gorman Laundry, Gorman Milling, Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Hirst Nut & Produce, John C. Fritts, Marvin & Louise Rich, Matt Fritts, Miers Butane, Rons's Pump Service, Smith's Service Station, T.J. Clark Construction, ZJ's Steakhouse.



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With us on

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In the

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No gifts please



RELAY  
FOR LIFE

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Society

Relay For Life Committee Meeting will be held January 12th-Monday evening from 6 pm to 7 pm at the Eastland National Bank Conference in Eastland. Everyone is invited to come join us. We will be discussing projects to help our teams raise money for the Relay For Life Event that will be held April 16, 2004 for the American Cancer Society.

## Gorman EDC Talk

By Mike Brudnak

### WHERE DO I LIVE?

I'm sure that we all have been asked, "Where do you live?" Are you proud enough to say "in Gorman"? Gorman has many features to make us all proud of our town such as good schools and churches, people who care about their neighbors, medical care and the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP....all of which are trying to make Gorman a better place to live.

Why not add your two cents worth by attending the next EDC meeting and making suggestions on how we can improve. I have experienced a valuable fact of life, and that is *there is no bad idea given in a group*. Any idea can snowball to a perfect solution by adding additional parts to the idea by other members; the more members participating, the better the result. The most successful large and small corporations are run by a Board of Governors so that the corporations won't miss a good idea. Through addendums a poor idea can become a perfect solution to a problem.

Make it a point to attend the next meeting and add your ideas. For next meeting will be January 12, 2004 at 5:45 pm at the City Commissioners room.

## Look Who's New - It's A Girl

Hi, My name is Aryann Nichole Cook. I was born on December 19, 2003 at 2:23 am in Stephenville,



Texas. I weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

My proud parents are Sara Overstreet of Gorman and Scott Cook of Mingus. Maternal grandparents are Martha Overstreet of Gorman and Gary Overstreet of Kermit Texas. Paternal grandparents are Janet Cook and Bob Cook of Mingus. Maternal great grandparents are Annie Fay Foster and Wilburn Overstreet of Gorman. Paternal great grandparents are Margaret Phillips of Mount Gilead Ohio and Loyd & Diane Cook of Ft. Myers Florida.

## Dublin Cloverleafs Mainstream

### Lessons/Workshop

The Dublin Cloverleafs are going to sponsor Mainstream Lessons/Workshop every Tuesday night at the Dublin Recreation Center starting January 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. Your caller will be Walt Helgesen, Jr.

First three night are free, \$39 per person for remaining thirteen weeks. For more information call Ray Piner at 254-735-224-, Judy Beckham at 254-445-2866, Arlene Thompson 254-442-3266 or Fred Tucker at 254-629-1956.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast** - Third Wednesday each month at 7:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Various community Men's Groups will be hosting the breakfast.

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

**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. Daryl Hirst, Master — Bob Wilkerson, Secretary.

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

## FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
Second Thursday

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

**Oakland Cemetery Association** is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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

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

**Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association** is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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

**PRAY FOR RAIN!!!**

Obituary

Ester "Jessie" Varner

Ester "Jessie" Varner, 91 of Aledo, a homemaker, passed away Saturday, January 3, 2004 at a care center. Services were Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at the Desdemona Church of Christ with burial at the Lowell Cemetery.

Mrs. Varner was born September 17, 1912 near Cisco to the late W.W. and Lillie Webb Trammell. She married C.H. Varner on October 27, 1926, and lived most of her adult life on a farm near Desdemona in Comanche County until the death of her husband in 1965.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Smallwood and husband, Richard of Aledo; sons, Delmar (D.L.) and wife, Glenda of North Richland Hills, D.W. "Toby" Varner and wife, Alice of Fort Stockton, Dennis H. Varner and wife, Glenda of Houston and Dwayne O. Varner of Weatherford; brother, Less Trammell of River Oaks; sisters, Berniece Williams of Jasper and Madge Stewart of Cypress; 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

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Online Courses at Ranger College

Ranger College currently offers three courses via the Internet, making it easier for some people to learn skills and to complete a Certificate or Degree. Students who work full time or who live a long distance from college campuses can now take courses, doing most of the work at home.

"Courses can now be delivered in a very interactive and personal format on the Internet," said Sandra Cunningham, teacher of the first Internet course at Ranger College. "Students in these classes do better if they are self-motivated and self-disciplined," she adds, "and most of the students have done very well. It may seem strange, but I get to know my on-line students better than I get to know the students in my regular face-to-face classes. I enjoy the online classes very much."

In order to enroll in an online course at Ranger College, the student needs an Internet connection and an email address. In some courses the student also needs a specific software package such as Microsoft Office.

There will be three courses offered on-line during the Spring 2004 Semester at Ranger College:

- In COSC 1301 Microcomputer Applications students learn computer terminology and concepts, and Microsoft Office XP. This is a 3 credit hour academic course.
In ITSC 1313 Internet / Web Page Development students become effective users of the Internet, download and send files, and learn to make their own web sites using Microsoft FrontPage. This is a 3 credit hour WECM course designed to teach skills for the workplace or for personal enrichment.
POFI 1200 Introduction to Computer Fundamentals is a good course for beginners as students in this class become more efficient on a computer keyboard, create documents using MS Word, and learn to design attractive presentations using MS PowerPoint. This is a 2 credit hour WECM course designed to teach basic computer skills.

In all three of these courses, students are required to attend class on the Ranger Campus four times for orientation and testing.

Commuters may register for the Spring Semester on the Ranger Campus on January 12. Regular registration will be held on January 14 and 15. For more information, please contact Ranger College at 254 647-3234 or visit the website at www.ranger.cc.tx.us.

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Gorman Senior Travel Club

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts again in the first part of February.

Celebrating Christmas, New Year's, and Birthday

Helping Doris Martin celebrate were: H.L. and Billie Martin of Wichita Falls, Donald and Wilma Holder of Desdemona, Danny Martin of Graford, Connie Martin of Gorman, Neil Martin of DeLeon, Eddie Martin of Millsap, Harold and Ruby Cottle Jr., Kim and Doug of Pollok, Heather Kartive of Lufkin, Patsy Walker and Chad of Olden, Tim Martin of Santo, Shirley Martin, Frances, Emily and Scotty of Gorman, Terry and Suzie Martin and Tacy of Weatherford, Daniel and Carrie Martin, Jessica, Rosie, Calvin and Ashlyn of DeLeon, Cody and Nickie of Arkansas, Justin Blackney of Granbury, Michelle Collier of Santo, Lee and Sonja Hornback of Desdemona, Lawrence and Sheila Perez of Gorman, Melissa Martin and Colter of Mineral Wells. Calls came from Burt and Mary Valanty of Beverly Hills, Michigan, Bobby and Dorothy Shutter of Dublin, Dale and Joyce Box of Mineral Wells, Cody Blackney of Granbury.

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