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Gorman PeeWee Basketball **Tournament Results**

The Gorman Pee Wee Basketball Commission would like to Thank all those that came and supported the youth this year. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as the kids did.

The tournament was Februry 25th thru March 1st. We had games all week. We had 35 teams in this tournament. Some nights were extremely long. The grades that participated were 3rd thru 6th.

Here are the top 3 in each group:

Third Grade - Girls First Place - De Leon Second Place - Gorman Third Place - Cisco Fourth Grade - Girls First Place - Stephenville/Dublin First Place - Eastland Second Place - Gorman Third Place - Hot Shots - De Leon Third Place - Cisco Fifth Grade - Girls First Place - Cisco Second Place - Eastland Third Place - Cross Plains Sixth Grade - Girls First Place - Bees-Stephenville Second Place - Eastland Third Place - De Leon

Third Grade - Boys First Place - Eastland Second Place - Gorman Third Place - Cisco Fourth Grade - Boys Second Place - Gorman Fifth Grade - Boys First Place - Eastland Second Place - Cisco Third Place - De Leon Sixth Grade - Boys First Place - Eastland Second Place - Cisco Third Place - Gorman

We would like to thank all those who helped through out the week. It could not happen without you. Thank You.

The Gorman teams played in De Leon this last week. There will be two more tournaments in Gorman (March 10 thru March 15 and March 24 thru March 29).

Come out and support our youth and the organizations that are putting the tournaments on.

Thank you to the school for allowing us to use the gym.

Thank you,

Gorman PeeWee Basketball Commmission

Ladyhorns Place 2nd



Fourth Grade Ladyhorns win Second Place at the Gorman Pee Wee Basketball Tournament. Pictured from left to right on the back row is Betty Montelongo, Kourtney Seaton, Arlette Giles, Alexia Madera and Yulissa Madera. On the front row from left to right are Vanessa Longoria, Kodie Sparger, Joanna McCreless and Kathryn Woodall.

Ms. Traci Keith Mr. and Mrs. Michael Parsons request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their children

Nikki Dianne

Michael Andrew Saturday, the fifteenth of March Two thousand eight at four o'clock in the afternoon First Baptist Church 405 South Seaman

> Eastland, Texas Reception to follow

Gorman On Regional Council

Cliffa Vaughn serves as Gorman's official delegate on the regional Council for Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). The alternate delegate is Emmett Lasater.

TMCN provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to learn how to address municipal challenges; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

The most recent program sponsored by TMCN is the Texas Midwest Chamber Cooperative which offers a way for businesses in the region to access affordable employer group insurance.

TMCN was founded in COUNTY OF EASTLAND 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities located in the 25 counties surrounding Abilene and San Angelo. The regional organization provides a network by which community leaders that can be directed to local community development programs and activities.

The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." In the words of Benjamin Franklin "we can all hang together or we most certainly will hang one by one".

about TMCN check the web site www.texasmidwest.com.

Member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brady, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

Lady Panthers Named To Represented All-District Basketball Teams



Val Longoria - Brandy Carlton - Audrey Johnston - Tecia Jones and Kimi Seaton

Offensive Player of the Year Audrey Johnston - 17.9 ppg, 7.4 rebounds, 6.2 steals, 2.1 assists First Team All-District - Val Longoria 11.3 ppg, 2.3 assists, 3.2 steals Second Team All-District - Brandy Carlton - 10 ppg, 8 rebounds Honorable Mention - Tecia Jones and Kimi Seaton Congratulations to these ladies on their great honors and hard work all season long.

County Burn Ban Dropped After Rains

STATE OF TEXAS

ORDER REMOVING OUTDOOR BURNING BAN

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined the danger of wild fires to be low because of recent precipitation;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that the outdoor burning ban is immediately removed in the unincorporated area of the county with the stipulation and request that share information and motivation anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact their nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity, and use extreme caution.

> Court Approved by a 3 ayes and 2 nays vote. ADOPTED this 10 day of March, 2008

(s) Rex Fields Eastland County Judge

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho Eastland County Clerk

Panther Track Looking Good

The Gorman High School Track and Field is off to a great start in this young season. The girls team is heavy in the relay events winning either 1st or 2nd in all three meets this season thus far. The Spring Relay For more information consisting of Megan Lewis, Nicole Cogburn, Tecia Jones and Audrey Johnston ran a 54:00 flat this past week in Cisco. They won both the Santo Relays and Gorman's meet as well. The 800 relay looks to be strong event as well with the same four girls handling the baton. The Lady Panthers this past week brought home the Gold at Cisco in the Mile Relay as well. Freshman Luisa Silva, Tecia Jones, Brandy Carlton and Audrey Johnston defeated the loaded 2-A field. Brandi Carlton also took first in the 800 meter run and senior Mary Powell finished 4th in the 1600 meter run. The Lady Panthers are expecting a strong year as well from Kimie Seaton in the Discus. Carlton and Johnston should be strong in the jumping events at the District Meet in April

The Boys team after qualifying all three relays this past year at the District Meet look very strong. The 400 relay hit a 45.2 least week in Cisco finishing with Silver behind Cisco. Then they came back and took another Silver in the 800 relay loosing to Cisco again in the last 5 meters of the race. They had a time of 1:34.3 which is very good this early in the season. The 1600 relay finished 1st at the Gorman meet the week before running a 3:33.87. They came back this past week in Cisco finishing 2nd with a time of 3:33.0 flat. The three relays consist of seniors Zack Fox and Orlando Valenzuela. The two other legs are Juniors Matt Underwood and Tyson Swanner. The four throwers are Seth Johnson, Sean Bates, Corey Clark and Tyler Johnson. The could be an outstanding year for the boys if they can stay healthy and they catch a break or two.

The Boys and Girls will be travelling to Cross Plains this week and May the following week. The meets will be held on Thursday and the field events will begin at 3:30. The running will begin 15 minutes after the conclusion of the field events with the 400 relay. Hope to see you all at the track.

Baseball/Softball Signups

Baseball / Softball Signups are going to be Friday, March 14th at the High School Gym from 6:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m. Parents please be with your child when they sign up., There will be another signup to be announced later.

YOUTH IN THE DARK

The 2nd annual Youth in the Dark egg hunt will be held on Wed. evening March 19, 2008 at the City Park. This event is for students in the 5th grade and up to 99 years of age. Remember you are as young as you feel. We will be cooking hot dogs again this year so we encourage you to come downtown to the basketball courts around 7:30 and enjoy some food, fun, and fellowship before the hunt begins. We are still looking for volunteers and donations to help make this another event to remember. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Ina Smith. A note to all those who will be hunting...bring something to put your eggs in and a flashlight. We do recomend you check every egg as there will be money, candy, gift certificates, free movie rentals and pizza coupons and who knows what else. There will also be a container there to deposit any empty eggs you do not wish to keep.

We look forward to seeing you on Wed. evening. Ina Smith

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree March 15th - 6:00 p.m. Concessions Open At 5:30 p.m. Civic Center - 301 E. Housley St.

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How the Youth of Gorman ISD Voted

The Honors English IV and Economics classes at Gorman High School held a mock election March 4th for presidential hopefuls. Students could only participate in the election by showing their voter registration card that was passed out to them at an earlier date. With a 33% turnout in the Jr. High and High School population, the results were as follows:

Huckabee-39% - McCain-37% -Obama-20% - Clinton-2% - Paul-0%

After the election, senior students broke down the demographics of the voters participating into groups of gender, race, and age. They then came to the conclusion that if you want a say in your future, you must have

EASTER TREASURE HU

Hey kids, it is nearly time for the annual Easter Treasure Hunt. This years hunt will be on Sat. March 22 at 2:00 at the city park. IN CASE OF RAIN OR SNOW the hunt will be postponed until another time. Mrs Bunny will be in town to visit with everyone. If it does happen to rain or snow, Mrs. Bunny will be at City Gro. from 1:00-2:00 for anyone who wants to drop by and have their picture made. We are still in need of donations to make this the best treasure hunt ever. If you would like to make a donation you may leave it at Smith's Service Station, City Gro. or Bob's Gro.

Remember to bring you a big sack to put all your treasures in. Age groups: 6 months(or child must be able to sit alone) to 1 year old. 2-3 years old,4-kindergarten, 1st -2nd grade and 3rd-4th grade. See you at the Treasure Hunt Mrs. Bunny

Eastland County Courthouse Elevator To Be Out of Service

SETEC Elevators will begin their final phase to complete the Eastland County Courthouse elevator replacement next Tuesday, March 11. Expect interuption of elevator service for a two or three week period after which time the Courthouse will have a new system that should be in operation for many years. If someone needs assistance from an upper floor and the elevator is out of service, contact the Justice Court admisnitration office by the east ramp in the basement for help. This notice is only for the main Courthouse elevator; the elevator in the Annex is not affected by this renovation.

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Toni Beth Underwood

OBITURARIES

Toni Beth Underwood, age 60 of Carbon died Friday, March 7, 2008 in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Barry Schahn officating. Interment was in Murray Cemetery.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Gorman. She was a Cashier at Red Star Cafe in Eastland. She married Bobby Underwood on March 5, 1966 in Comanche.

Survivors include, two sons, Joe Underwood of Carbon, Jace Underwood of De Leon; mother, Ora Lee Lawrence of Gorman; five grandchildren, Chance Underwood, Cole Underwood, Kelsey Underwood, Kelton Underwood and Kohen Underwood.

She was preceded in death by her father, Julian Lawrence and

Lois "Poodle" Zeola Bates

Lois "Poodle" Zeola Bates, age 81 of De Leon passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Granbury Care Center. Services were held Saturday, March 8th at 2 p.m. At Northside Baptist Church in De Leon with Rev. Malcon Johnson officiating. Music by LaRessie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born August 25, 1926 to the late Samuel Z. "Rube" Carnes and Anna Lois Culpepper Carnes. She married Lee Roy Williard Bates on December 2, 1961 in Ardmore, OK.

Mrs. Bates was a homemaker; had lived in De Leon 4 years. having previously lived in Granbury. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Fred Childress and wife Sherry of Stephenville; one daughter Shelley Woods and husband Rick of Weatherford; three step-sons, Robert Bates and wife Judy, and Roy Lee Bates, both of Crowley and Richard Bates and wife, Kathy of Tishamingo, OK.; 11 grandchildren, Shane Woods, Cameron Childress, Jeffrey Bates, Christina Widner, Caleb Bates, Cassandra Arthurs, Laura Bates, Jack Bates, Brooke Curfman, Amber Soderlinda ND Marenda Saldivar; and 9 great-grandchildren, Micayla Woods, Raymond Bull, Taylor Widner, Christopher Arthurs, Jayce Curfman, Devan Curfman, Lillie Soderlind, Dillan Soderlind and Maci Kilgore...

She was preceded by her parents, husband, Lee Roy Bates, one sister Minda Elizabeth Carnes.

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Pursuant to Local Government Code 263.153 notice is Hereby given that the County of Eastland Will be sellling Savage Property in a Public Auction

To be conducted by Rising Star Auction Company on March 29, 2008 beginning at 11:00 a.m. At the Rising Star Rodeo Grounds. The auction will continue at the Higginbotham Community Center in Rising Star On March 30, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

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Ora Lee Lawrence Joe, Chance and Cole Underwood Jace, Misty and their Sweet boys and Kelsey

"THANK YOU"

We want to say a Big

Thank You

To all the Fire Fighters and Other Volunteers Who have helped fight Grass Fires on three of our

farms in recent weeks.

Because of your efforts our cattle were not injured.

Ted and Tracy Higginbottom

MOODY B. KOONCE

Moody B. Koonce, age 81 of Desdemona passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at his residence. Services were held Wednesday, March 12th at St. Joe Baptist Church in De Leon with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Marvin McKeehan and Courtney Koonce. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Desdemona.

He was born on September 25, 1926 to the late Williams Newton and Laurie Annie Jeffrey Koonce. He married Hazel Dell Riggs on October 12, 1946 in Desdemona. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U. S. Navy as Fireman First Class. He was a farmer / rancher and had lived in the Desdemona and De Leon area all of his life. He was a Baptist and was a member of St. Joe Baptist Church in De Leon.

He is survived by one son, Rickey Koonce and wife Debbie of Morgan Mill; daughter-in-law, Tenia Koonce of De Leon; 3 grandchildren: Christal Cogburn and husband, Toby, Courtney Koonce and Chandra Koonce; 2 great grandchildren, Zack and Tyler Cogburn.

He was preceded by his wife, Hazel Riggs Koonce; 6 brothers, Benjamin Koonce, Zillie Koonce, Robert Koonce, Jim Koonce, Clyde Koonce and W. D. Koonce; 3 sisters, Willie Brazil, Era Dollie Riley and Vera Brown.

Pallbearers were Brad Koonce, Scotty Koonce, Steven Riggs, Mike Riggs, Marvin McKeehan, Jason Cashon, Brandon Greenhaw and David Koonce.

Honorary Pallbearers were Ted Nowlin, Sid Miller, Bob Cashon, Terry Stephens, Jack Allen, Keith Grubbs, Morris Greenhaw.

Charlotte Parker

Charlotte Parker, age 87 of De Leon passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2008 in a Comanche Nursing Home. Services were held Sunday, March 9th at 2 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officating. Music by LaRessie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Burial was in Victor Cemetery.

She was born April 22, 1920 in Comanche County, Texas to the late Melvin Raymond Joiner and Estelle Sanders Joiner.

She was a Beautician; Director of De Leon Senior Citizens Center (retired); homemaker; had lived in De Leon since 1990; and a member of Round Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Phillip Parker, Ronald Parker and Michael Parker all of De Leon; three sisters, Vernell Miears and Christell Scott, both of Comanche and Evelyn Abel of Jal, NM; two granddaughters Michelle Keen and Kasey Parker and 2 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Parker Ray George, Mark Scott, Jeff Scott, Wayne Brown, Jimmy Bailey, and Jimmy Dale Johnson.

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Date: 03/15/08

Time: 4:00 pm

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

I am sending 'Pig Tales' to more newspapers in the area and some people may be puzzled by the name. The community of Desdemona was originally called 'Hogtown'. Hog Creek runs through town. When the community was incorporated, folks didn't think 'Hogtown' was a suitable name and it was changed to Desdemona. My husband and I are always surprised when we meet people in other areas who know of Desdemona and even more surprised that they refer to the town as 'Hogtown'.

The grand opening of Desdemona's first ever-public library was a success! We are now open Monday through Thursday from 2:00 until 5:00 and on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 until 9:00. We have a whole bunch of books – come check us out!

For all of you crafters – our 2nd annual Craft Show will be held at the Desdemona Activity Center (DAC) on April 18th and 19th. We had a great time last year and hope to have even more fun this time. We always have a great time at the DAC whether it's bluegrass, craft show, garage sale or breakfast! Come join us! Booths are \$30.00 and we have a concession stand. Call me for more information – 254-758-2420.

April's 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held, as always, on the first Saturday, which is April 5th. Come join us from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

We have been blessed with moisture this past week but remember with the winds we have, it only takes a few days to dry out. Please remember the burn bans in the area. SOME have been lifted temporarily but you MUST check before you burn. Welders, please have a spotter and some water with you on the job. Folks just north of town lost 75 bales of hay last week because of someone welding. The welder stated that he had the fire almost out when the wind changed and blew it out of control. Well, that's what the wind does around here! Please pay attention. The volunteer fire departments around do a great job, but they are volunteers and have to come from their homes or jobs when called and the fires get a head start.

Carol Pell



Kindergarten students at Gorman Elementary finished up a two week nutrition unit with a visit to the Veldhuizen Family Farm and Cheese Shoppe on March 10, 2008. There the students observed cheese vats while listening to instructions about how cheese is made. Later they visited the cold storage where the cheese is placed for aging. Students were then given the opportunity to taste test the fresh cheese and note the differences in the flavors.

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Local Talent Is Winner In Quilt Show

Pictured above is Christine Hammontree of Gorman with her prize winning quilt from the popular Cotton Pickin Quilt Show which is held each year in Munday, Texas. She won first place for the "Viewers Choice Award" in the contest. The large quilt was completely embroidered by Christine. She is well known in the Archer City area as well as Gorman for her exquisite embroidery and hand crafted items. She uses these talents in the Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ as well as in shows in the Archer City area where she lived before coming to Gorman to be near her son and daughter in law, Bob and Brenda Hammontree. Christine also received a beautiful custom crafted quilt rack along with her blue ribbon in honor of her first place hon-



CRIME STOPPERS PAYS

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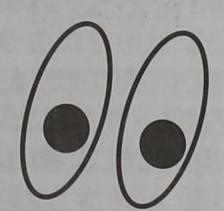
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Maxfield Elementary Competes in UIL District Competition

Maxfield Elementary students grades 2-5 competed on December 11 and 13 in a District Event held in Gorman. Maxfield Elementary 6th graders competed on the junior high level with 7th and 8th grade. School districts competing were DeLeon, Ranger, Santo, Tolar, and Gorman.

In the elementary division, Gorman placed fourth with a total of 267 points.

Gorman students in grades 2-5 placing include:

Art 4th grade-2nd place Kourtney Seaton -5th place tie Garrett Emmons and Yulissa Madera Team Art- 2nd place-Kourtney Seaton, Garret Emmons and Yulissa Madera

Coached by: Mrs. Bussell Creative Writing-2nd place Jessica Ramirez

Coached by: Mrs. Vaughn

Dictionary 5th grade - Team 3rd place Jacquelyn Rainey, Adriana Brown, and Maty West

Coached by: Ms. Keith

Listening 5th grade - Tie-2nd place Chloe Cole - 2nd place Russell Morrison - Team 2nd place Chloe Cole, Russell Morrison and Jacquelynn Rainey

Coached by: Ms. Johnson

Number Sense 4th grade - 4th place tie Garret Emmons and Grant Emmons -Team 2nd place Garret Emmons, Grant Emmons, and Flavio Herrera Coached by: Mrs. Matteson

Oral Reading 3rd grade - 6th place Carrissa Cole

Coached by: Mrs. Warren

Oral Reading 5th grade - 2nd place Lacey Wilson Coached by: Ms. Keith

Ready Writing 3rd grade - 1st place Kayce Dodd

Coached by: Mrs. Caraway

Ready Writing 4th grade – 1st place Garret Emmons - 6th place Arlette Giles Coached by: Mrs. Emmons

Ready Writing 5th grade - 3rd place Jarimma Silva Coached by: Ms. Keith

Social Studies 5th grade - 4th place Lauren Spivey

Coached by: Ms. Kirk Spelling 3rd grade - 2nd place Mayra Ramirez - 5th place Kayce Dodd - Team 1st place Mayra Ramirez, Kayce Dodd, and Talee Jones

Coached by: Mrs. Caraway

Spelling 4th grade - 1st place Kourtney Seaton - 3rd place Garret Emmons - 4th place- Yulissa Madera - Team 1st place Kourtney Seaton, Garret Emmons, and Yulissa Madera

Coached by: Mrs. Matteson

Spelling 5th grade - 2nd place Jacquelynn Rainey - 3rd place Lauren Spivey - Team 1st place Jacquelynn Rainey, Lauren Spivey, and Chey Gibbs

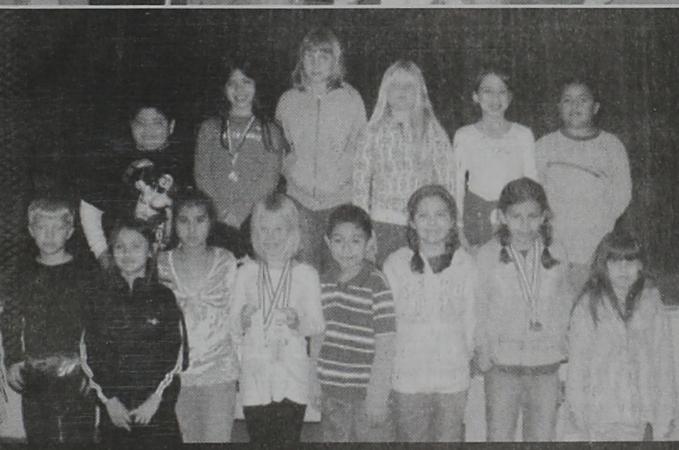
Coached by: Ms. Keith

Storytelling 3rd grade- 4th place Kayce Dodd - 6th place Carrissa Cole

Coached by: Mrs. Warren

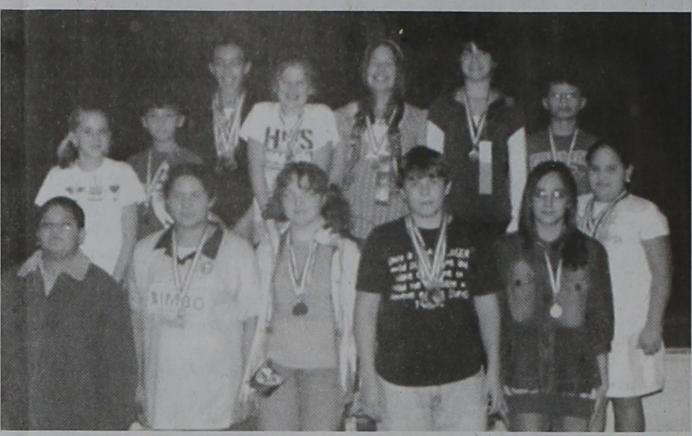
We are very appreciative of all the hard work theses students did in preparing for this once a year event. To the parents who helped the students study, the parents who volunteered to work the long hours in Music Memory 6th grade - 6th place Alaina Swanner the concession stand, and the ones who supported the children with words of encouragement we thank you so very much. The students were honored with an awards assembly at the first of the new year. We are looking forward to our next event and hope each child will strive to bring home a medal, ribbon, or plaque next year. Shanna Lewis, UIL Coordinator







Maxfield Elementary Six Graders Competed In UIL



Maxfield Elementary six graders competed in December as part of the Jr. High. Results were tabulated with 7th and 8th grade.

Art 6th grade - 6th grade Fabian Garcia - 3rd place team-Fabian Garcia, Kinsey Johnston, Zachary Carlton, Connie Gonzalez and Andy Madera

Coached by: Mrs. Welch

Calculator Applications grade 6th- 1st place Mykisha Hampton, 2nd place Connie Gonzalez, 3rd place Melissa Ramirez and as a team, they received 1st place

Coached by: Mrs. Snap and Mrs. Casey

Dictionary Skills 6th grade - 1st place Zachary Carlton, 3rd place Melissa Ramirez, 6th place Mykisha Hampton and as a team, they received 1st place.

Coached by: Ms. Keith

Listening Sixth grade- 5th place Skye Lewis

Coached by: Ms. Johnson

Maps, Graphs, and Charts 6th grade – 2nd place Zachary Carlton and as a team 3rd place Zachary Carlton, Dalton Murphy, and Haven Gibbs

Coached by: Ms. Kirk

Coached by: Mrs. Casey

Number Sense 6th grade- 4th place Melissa Ramirez, 5th place Zachary Carlton, As a team 3rd place Melissa Ramirez, Zachary Carlton, and Yari Montelongo.

Coached by: Mrs. Matteson

Maxfield Elem. - Gorman ISD Oral Reading 6th grade- 2nd place Kinsey Johnston, 6th place Melissa Ramirez Coached by: Ms. Keith

1st place Team of Zachary Carlton, Kinsey Johnston, and Melissa Ramirez

Social Studies 6th grade - 1st place Melissa Ramirez, 2nd place team of Melissa Ramirez, Alaina Swanner,

and Skye Lewis Coached by: Ms. Kirk

Spelling 6th grade - 2nd place Zachary Carlton, 3rd place Kinsey Johnston, 5th place Melissa Ramirez, and

Coached by: Ms. Keith

Third Grade Class Attends Safety City in Abilene



On February 25th, the third grade classes of Mrs. Caraway and Mrs. Warren went to Safety City in Abilene, Texas. This trip is one of the highlights of third grade. To prepare for this trip, the classes spent several weeks preparing by learning about fire safety, traffic laws, bicycle safety and pedestrian safety.

Although it was windy, the temperature was perfect for the trip. The students enjoyed the presentations and were able to practice what they had learned by taking a bike ride, practicing their pedestrian skills, observe in the firehouse, and of course, their favorite-driving their cars on the realistic streets of Safety

We would also like to thank the volunteers who took the trip with us. Without you, we could not have gone. Thank you to Noah and Miriam Landa, Enrique and Josephina Sanchez, Lisa Keeping, Ricardo and Maribel Olvera, Andrea Dodd, Joy Campbell, Jennifer Cole, Ismael Herrera, Oscar Herrera, Jack Rainey, Blanca Mata, Elisa Gutierrez, Susan Walton, LaDawna Rainey and bus driver, Denise Carlton. Thank you also to Mrs. Casey for filling in for Mrs. Caraway who was unable to attend.

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mission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Cliffa Vaughn, and Joe Casey. Absent was Charlie Torrez.

Also present was Tracy Gortt. Cliffa led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes with the addition of mentioning the dismissal of Jonathan Shoemaker as police officer. This dismissal was a decision made according to stipulations of his probation period. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made a second. Motion carried

No Citizens were present for Citizens in put.

Nathan made the motion to raise the transfer fee for transferring water from \$10.00 to \$25.00, and in addition to the deposit required on all meter accounts a \$25.00 connect fee. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Cliffa made the motion to contribute to the annual Easter Treasure Hunts. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion to add the early voting hours to the order of election in the minutes of the February 7 meeting. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission talked and interviewed Tracy Gortt. He currently has his Class C license in both Water and Sewer. Cliffa made the motion to hire Mr. Gortt @ \$13.11 per hour with a start date of March 10, 2008. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Gortt will be hired with the standard ninety (90) day probation period. If at the end of this period the Commission feels he meets the work needs of the city he will be a permanent employee and placed on the city insurance plan. If he does not meet the satisfaction of the commission his employment will not be continued.

There was a brief dis- carports, etc.

The Gorman City Com- cussion about better enforcing the improvements such as fencing, Time was 6:40 p.m.

There being no further mobil home permitting. Also to business for discussion, Cliffa initiate an ordinance that would made the motion to adjourn with a require permitting for on property second from Joe. Motion carried.

Happenings At FBC!!

Another magnificent day in the House of the Lord - Thank you Jesus!

Mark you calendars:

March 23rd is Easter Sunday – 11AM Worship Service - don't miss "The Messengers" in a mini concert debuting their new songs written and composed by Tommy Clark

. Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon: Liz loves M&M's. Some people think that the many colors taste different so she blindfolded Joanna Bates to demonstrate that you cannot taste the difference. Once we accept Jesus we all are like M&M's – different on the outside, but the same on the inside. We are the same to God. Treat others as God treats us – Love one another!

Bro. Barry's sermon was "As the World Turns" -James 1:19.

Be quick and swift to HEAR! Things that will Hinder Hearing:

I. IGNORANCE

- 1. I Don't Know
- 2. I don't Know How to Know

II. DISOBEDIENCE

- 1. I Don't Care
- 2. Somewhat Religious will NOT cut it.

III.UNBELIEF

- 1. I Don't Believe.
- 2. I am Good Enough, OK!
- 3. I'm Not So Bad of a Sinner.

IV. PROCRASTINATION

- 1. I don't Have Time
- 2. Isaiah 55:6 "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."

Sin will take you further than you want to go Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay Sin will cost you more than you want to pay.

Our Worship begins at 11:00AM on Sunday morn-

ings – please join us!

Also, our Worship Service is being broadcast on the radio – 88.7FM.

God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

Can You Answer These Questions?

1. Do you know why we celebrate Easter Sunday? 2. Do you know why God would leave a perfectly good heaven to suffer a tortuous, despicable death on a cross as a man?

3. Do you know the effects His actions have on you and your loved ones? 4. Do you know what the essential response is from mankind to God for this sacrifice?

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship (FCF) wants to help you explore the answers to these questions by inviting you to join any 1 of our 7 Life Groups that meet throughout the week.

"Recovery Meeting" Wed. 7pm, FCF Cisco Campus, 721 Conrad Hilton -learn to access power & truth to overcome addictions through a relationship with Jesus Christ -learn how to replace lies & deceptions that lead to self destructive behaviors with the wonderful truth of our Eternal God.

for more info call Clay @ 254-647-1064

"Balcony 10:25" 20's & 30's Singles & Couples, Wed. 6:30pm, FCF Gorman Campus, 325 Lexington Balcony people encourage & cheer you on in your walk with Jesus! Hebrew 10:25 says, "Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another all the more as you

see the Day approaching." -"Balcony 10:25" focuses on various topics such as; marriage, relationships, finances For more info call Rusty or Kelli @ 806-787-8315

"Women's Group" Tuesday or Thursday (Call ahead) @ 4pm, FCF Gorman Campus, 325 Lexington -Women of all ages are welcomed to visit this group on a journey to study the names of God. During this study they hope to come into a deeper heart relationship with God and to encourage one another through prayer and fellowship.

For more info call Ellen @ 254-734-2805, Joy @ 254-734-2121, or Sharon @ 254-592-2411

"Men's Group" Thursday 6pm, 520 W. McCall St., Gorman Texas -Men of all ages are welcome to visit this group in Bible Study, Prayer & Sharing on how God will meet your needs.

For more info call Bill @ 254-734-2805, Joe @ 254-842-1266, or Bennie 254-734-5964

"Youth Group Meeting" Sunday 1pm, FCF Gorman Campus, 325 Lexington -7th -12th Graders are welcomed to join this exciting youth ministry in Worship and Bible Study -Lunch is provided and transportation is available Contact Dion Fink @ 254-433-2326 or dionfink@yahoo.com

"Family Integrated Ministry" Sunday 12:45pm, FCF Gorman Campus, 325 Lexington -This small group focuses on the equipping for household ministry. They serve lunch with each meeting and encourage everyone in their relationship with Jesus and have family focused training once each month

For more info call David or Nichola @ 254-639-2149

"Finding Your Purpose" Sunday 5pm, FCF Cisco Campus, Vineyard Cafe, 721 Conrad Hilton -Worship, Bible Study, Fellowship and Finding your purpose. For more info call Teresa @ 325-280-9133 or tjpevey@msn.com

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship is a Christ Centered, Biblically based Church who's mission is the bring God's recognizable presence to every heart in the Eastland County area through the Gospel message of reconciliation, the equipping of the Saints, and the building up of the body of Christ.

Join us on your journey to learn more about God's plan for your life!

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship

325 Lexington, Gorman Texas (Corner of Crescent & Lexington) Coffee & Pastries @ 10:00am Worship Service @ 10:30am

Holy Week Happenings At Gorman United Methodist Church

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Holy Week is the week before Easter.

The time is fast approaching to commemorate Jesus entrance into Jerusalem, which is called Palm Sunday. On Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, we remember Jesus' teaching in the Temple. On Wednesday, Jesus rested at Bethany (about two miles from Jerusalem). On Thursday, Jesus returned to Jerusalem to have fellowship, wash the feet of the disciples, and shared the Last Supper with his disciples. In the sharing of the meal, Jesus tells the disciples that one of them will betray Him. Judas denies the plot he is involved in and thus denies Jesus through his lies; as well as through his plotting with the authorities to turn Jesus over for the bag of silver. Good Friday is the day we commemorate Jesus Christ crucifixion. Holy Saturday is the day Jesus Christ lay in the tomb-the humanity of Jesus is dead. On Easter Sunday, the divinity of Christ rises from the grave in final victory over death.

Easter tells something new about God-God is doing something new that does not just gently touch the heart of humanity-God has conquered death and quickened the flesh. He overcame what we could not. God conquered the dominion where we experience what we are (in essence) as children of the earth, who die; only to adopt us as heirs with Christ and therefore, sisters and brothers of Christ and children of God.

"If I am crucified with Christ, it is not I that live, but Christ that lives within me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:

First United Methodist of Gorman invites you to joins us for Holy Week Services. Palm Sunday Service will be Sunday March 16th @ 11 A.M. in our sanctuary. On Maundy Thursday, @ 7 P.M., join us to commemorate the Last Supper and hear the story of denial and betrayal. On Good Friday, @ 7 P.M., come hear the reading of the Crucifixion of Christ - "The Last Seven Words of Christ"-for how can we celebrate Easter Sunday's Resurrection, without the Crucifixion. On Easter Morning, there will be a sunrise service@ 7:30 and our regular 11:00 service.

These services are for one and all- denomination does not matter-this is a Christian's time of remembrance of what Jesus Christ did for one and all! If you are a Christian, please do not deny what Christ did for you by staying away. If you are not a Christian, perhaps it is time to hear the truth of the gospels of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior; He died for the sins and transgressions of all humanity-this includes YOU! That's why we call Friday of Holy week "Good Friday".

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US-PLEASE COME!!!!!

Rev. Sharon Bell

MAXFIELD ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

First Grade A Honor Roll JENNIFER CRUZ REECE SCITERN LAUREN UNDERWOOD LUKE WHITSELL **BRANDON HOGAN** RHETT WEST DANIELLA SEGURA JOHN WARREN

Second Grade TAYLOR EMMONS **JACOB ERVIN** KADE SPARGER JESSICA RAMIREZ

B Honor Roll PHILLIP ALFORD JUSTICE FISCHER **KOLBY GAINES** J.J. PRADO TAYLOR SHEPHERD CAMERON HULL JENNIFER VALDEZ MORGAN WRIGHT BRIANA LANDA **EMELY LARA** CHRISTOPHER SANCHEZ

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KATALINA LANDA

ISMAEL HERRERA

DANIEL KEEPING

VANESSA VALDEZ

JASMINE FISCHER

MAYRA GUTIERREZ

DAYANNA PALACIOS

DYLAN WALTON

SAM RAINEY

SHAWN REYNA

Third Grade KAYCE DODD **IZAEL HERRERA** CARISSA COLE **MAYRA RAMIREZ BRADI CAMPBELL** SYDNEY CASEY TALEE JONES **AUDRI SEGURA** RICARDO OLVERA

Fourth Grade **GRANT EMMONS KOURTNEY SEATON** RYLAN LAMINACK **GARRET EMMONS GARET VAUGHN**

HUNTER CHILDERS YULISSA MADERA VANESSA LONGORIA KATHRYN WOODALL FREDDY MONTELONGO JOSE MALDONADO FLAVIO HERRERA ARLETTE GILES KODIE SPARGER TURNER WHITTEN

Fifth Grade LAUREN SPIVEY JACQUELYN RAINEY LACEY WILSON

MATY WEST ADRIANA BROWN JARIMMA SILVA CHLOE COLE **CHEY GIBBS** DANIEL HERRERA MADISON WARREN COSETTE KEEPING **HOLLY RAINEY**

Sixth Grade CONNIE GONZALEZ MELISSA RAMIREZ ZACHARY CARLTON **DALTON MURPHY** MYKISHA HAMPTON KINSEY JOHNSTON

HAVEN JOHNSON COURTNEY BYRD ANDY MADERA JESSICA LEDFORD RANDALL MILEY ALAINA SWANNER

Gorman Jr. & High School **Honor Roll**

Seventh Grade

A - Luis Limon and Austin Marlow; A-B - Jasmeen DelaTorre, Drew Flanary, Sergio Garcia, Skyler Henderson, Virdi Maldona, Angelena Perez, B. J. Ramirez, Robert Shawyer, Mario Silva, Jaime Tavarez, Rachel Tucker and Tyson Underwood. **Eighth Grade**

A - Chelsea Griffin, Erica Madera, McKenzie Osborne, and A. J. Vaughn; A-B - Jonathon Fenley, Matt Fox, Maria Garcia, Carlie Jackson, Karla Lara, Rebekah Powell, Cortney Shirley, Katey Thackerson, Stetson Thompson, J. C. Whitten and Trevor Williams.

Ninth Grade

A - Jaylon Miley; A-B - Brice Campbell, Jaime Johnston, Maria Raygoza, Stephanie Risueno and Keifer

Wilson.

Tenth Grade A - Chance Bryant and Eric Ryon; A-B - Sean Bates, Ben Burgess, Kathryn Fritts, Brittany Henderson, Tyler

Johnson, Erica Limon, Kimberly Seaton and Brenda Valasquez. Eleventh Grade

A - Audrey Johnston and Valerie Longoria; A-B - Nathan Flanary, Marsela Gonzales, Lindsey Laminack, Emily Lewis, Jordan Perry, Martin Ramirez, Matt Underwood and Veronica Walton.

Twelfth Grade

A - Ashley Burkeen, Brandy Carlton, Nicole Cogburn, Zack Fox, Carlos Gutierrez, Aaron Keith, Jimmie Murphy, Mary Powell, Daniel Shirley and Trey Underwood; A-B - Michaela Burns, Corey Clark, Ester Cruz, Yhdira Garcia, Reba Granado, Brandon Greer, Jose Guzman, Seth Johnson, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis, Carlos Palacios, Tony Perez, Sunny Stalker and Nancy Velasquez.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday at the Community Center School Building. Twenty ladies attended this morning event to enjoy the good food and to visit with their friends and neighbors. Next Ladies Social will be held on Monday morning, April 14 at the same place and same time. Visitors are welcome to attend. Hostesses were Betty Duke and Gail Clayton.

Rudolph and Betty Duke visited the past weekend in Whitney with their daughter, John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily.

Roy Lemaster, 85 of De Leon passed away and burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery. Roy was born in Desdemona to Scott and Cora Lemaster. Survivors include a son, Fred Lightfoot of Kempner; step-daughter, Sherron Pistole of Lake Jackson; two sisters, Pauline Lee of Eastland and Grace Cummins of Waco; a special friend, Avie Taylor of De Leon. Preceded in death by his parents; wife, Wanda Lemaster; sister, Iris Newsome; two brothers, Scotty and James Lemaster. The Lemaster Family are former residents of Desdemona where all of their six children attended school. Pauline gradauted with the Class of 1932; Roy with Class of 1941 and Grace with the Class of 1943. Pauline and Grace were unable to attend the services due to health problems. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

was on Sunday in the Victor Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Phil, Ronnie and Mike Parker all of De Leon; three sisters, Vernell Miears and Cristell Scott both of Comanche and Evelyn Abel of Jal, NM. Preceded in death by her parents, Ramon and Estelle (Sanders) Joiner and husband, Arden Parker. The Joiner Family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Charlotte graduated with the Class of 1938; Vernell with the Class of 1940; Evelyn with Class of 1943; Cristell with Class of 1949. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Moody Koonce of Desdemona passed away and burial was on Wednesday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include one son, Ricky Koonce and wife of Morgan Mill; daughter-in-law, Tenia Koonce of Desdemona; three granddaughters, Christal, Courtney and Chandra all of Desdemona. Moody attended school in Desdemona. A complete obitruary is in the paper. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

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

Have a Great Day, Vonnie.

Super Notes

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

Nicole Cogburn leaves Thursday for the Girl's State Power-lift competition in Levelland, Texas. We wish her the best and our prayers will be with her. She is a great competitor and has worked very hard this year at everything she's done. Good luck Nicole!

Our relay teams got in at the last minute in the Cisco Track Meet last Saturday when they had a cancellation. Coach Talbert is trying to get them as much competitive practice as possible and that has been extremely difficult considering all of the things in which our athletes compete. I hate to brag on them so early in the season, but they did extremely well against those big schools, the girl's even won the mile relay. The boys did very well too. They came in a close second right behind the Cisco in a near photo finish. If they continue to improve like they should, they will be very competitive and there's no telling how far they can go. Not bad for a class-A school.

The girls softball team won again against Ranger 8-5 at Friday's make-up. The girl's continue to look strong and our pitching is improving. The girl's are having a good time and winning to boot.

The baseball team keeps getting rained out. Hopefully they will get their rained out game made up this week. The boys are looking strong and we know how to win. I expect the best out of them this season. They are certainly talented enough to possibly win district, but at least make the playoffs. Good luck guys! (No pressure)

Our regular scheduled board meeting was Monday night. All members were present except for Mr. Seaton. Mrs. Hampton reported that our TAKS testing went well and the students appeared to be doing well. She also talked about upcoming tests. The principals both reported that their campuses were doing well but as usual the spring schedule was extremely full of activity. Also reported was our enrollment which sets at 376 right now with four new students expected this week. Our school continues to hold our increased enrollment and hopefully will increase because of all the good things going on here at Gorman ISD. During the superintendent's report he discussed the status of the building project and that bids would be opened in the auditorium on March 27, 2007 at 2:00pm. All action items on the agenda passed which mainly dealt with required items that had to do with the building project and a TASB policy update. The final item on the agenda was personnel. Contracts were extended one year for all term and probationary teachers and the list of personnel submitted by the EastEnd Special Education Cooperative for contract extensions were approved also. All votes were unanimous except for the coop assistant director and the director. Those votes were 4-2 with Bob Powell and Beth Underwood voting against.

I thought were going to dodge the bullet one more year to make it three years in a row that we did not have to bear the expense of a school board election, but we had a last minute candidate sign up Monday so we will have an election this year on May 10, 2008. Our candidates up for re-election are Jeff Seaton and Larry Thompson. Mr. Seaton will have served six years at the end of this term and Mr. Thompson will have served three years. Both trustees have children enrolled at GISD. Mr. Seaton lists his employment as self-employed. Mr. Thompson lists his occupation as a pipeliner. Our third candidate is Wesley Spivey. Mr. Spivey has two grandchildren enrolled at GISD and lists his employment as retired. The exact cost of an election is unknown at this time, but I believe it will be approximately \$2,000.00. Since the city is not going to have an election this year, early voting will be at the administration office beginning April 28th through May 6th.

Spring sports are in full swing. We have something going almost every night during the week and some Saturdays. Don't miss an opportunity to see our young people win and your opportunity to cheer them on to victory. We have great kids here at Gorman and they deserve your support!

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

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

This week at our weekly lunch we only had 20 people. Where were you all? The week before 35 were in attendance. That is the kid of numbers we like to see. We met on the 5th of March at 11:30 to enjoy good eats and fellowship. Very good to have the Shirley's back with us. Bro. Frank gave the blessing as only he can do. Beth made her most delicious coconut cake for us to enjoy.

We had a most delicious dinner with Brisket, sausage, potatoes, sweet potatoes, broccoli casserole, beans, macaroni and cheese, corn on the cob, sauerkraut and pea salad (very good) and Jello, Cakes, Pies, Plus Corn and French Bread. Wynogene Smith brought us some very good egg custard pies, UM!!

There were several birthdays for March. So we sang to all at one time. They were Ora Lee Lawrence, Wynogene Smith, Ruthie Porter, Annie Fay Foster, Roy Johnson and Bro. Frank Shirley. Happy Birthday to all and many more to come.

We sent cards to Russell Cordell for the loss of his Mother Anna Rush. Also to Annie Fay Foster to feel better. Hear she is improved and hope she can return and be with us soon.

Good to see Raymond Hattox back with us. He had been ill with this flu bug that has been goin around. I do believe all this is about over with. Since Spring is in the air and trees budding out, all illness should be gone, hopefully.

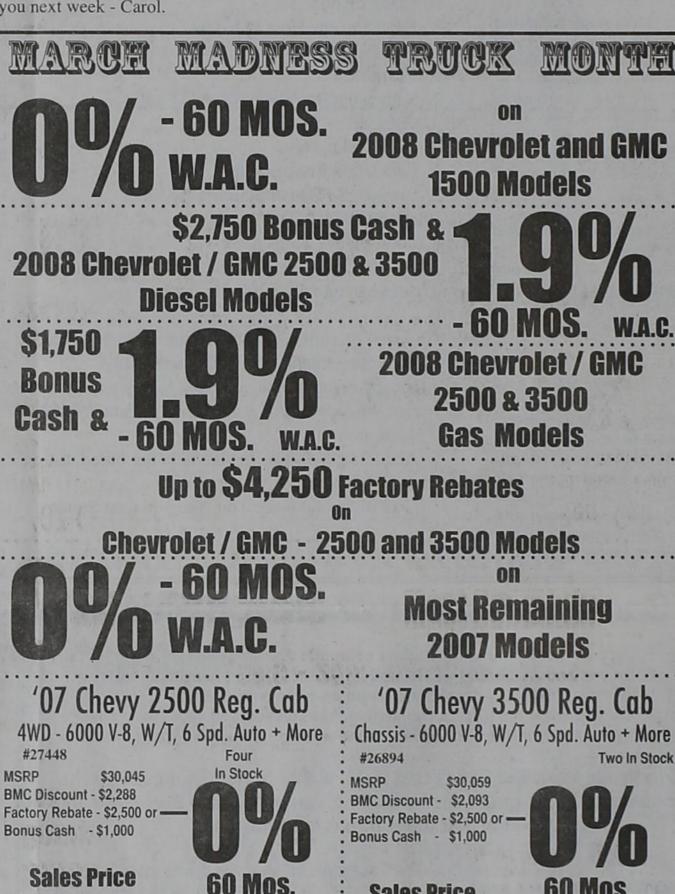
With the several rains everything is starting to green up. I've never seen so much of that purplue stuff everywhere. I had my Grandson Tyson Swanner mow my weeds, sure does look better. Now if I can work up the courage to tackle the flower Charlotte (Joiner) Parker of De Leon passed away and burial beds. Just don't have the get up and go I used to.

We had to cancel game night on the 6th due to the frozen weather. Also severla of my Grandsons baseball games were rescheduled. I missed going to most of the them. Maybe when the weather settles down I'll make the games again.

One thing I must mention and so happy for my Granddaughter Alania Swanner! She tried out and made Cheerleader for the 7th grade!. She has wanted to be one like her sister Kendra since she was four years old. She would be out on the field with the girls every chance, also riding in the trucks at parades. Congratulations!!!

We were all saddended at the loss of Ora Lee Lawrence's daughter, Toni Beth. We have had many funerals lately, almost overwhelming. The Seniors always send a plant or gift at these occasion. We think of these lovely people often who have left us.

Hope all is well and see you next week - Carol.



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