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Happy Easter

Baseball/Softball Sign-Ups

We are having Sign-ups for T-Ball, Baseball, Softball, and Pony League. We will be at the gym on March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. If you need a form you can come by City Hall. The deadline to sign-up must be March 31, so that we know how many teams that we will have.

Please remember that there will be a meeting on March 24th if you are interested in being a coach or being on the commission. The meeting will be held at the Community Center at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in being an umpire, please come to this meeting, so we can get you in a class. This year they are asking us to have at least one certified umpire per game.

Benefit Rodeo Results

The Ranch Rodeo was a success. We had 8 teams. The weather was nice and a lot of fun was had. I hope that you were able to come out and support your favorite team and help a good cause. The rodeo was a benefit for Clint Cole and his family. The rodeo couldn't have been a success if it wasn't for all those that participated and donated.

The rodeo placed two top teams. They were 4S from Desdemona/Gorman and RM Ranch from Dublin.

We would like to "Thank" the Burgess Family for the use of the arena, Johnny Majors and Lee Hornbeck for the cattle and to all the others that moved the cattle to and from the arena. The Gorman Fire Department for being there just in case.

The Rodeo was able to raise \$2,469.90. We would also like to "Thank" those that have made monetary donations also.

Pre-K Registration and Changes

Maxfield Elementary will be holding Pre-K Registration for the 2008-2009 school year. This year students that are three or four by Sept. 1, 2008 and meet the criteria will be eligible. Registration will be Friday, March 28, 2008 from 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. in the Elementary Library. You will need to bring the student's Social Security Card, birth certificate, and immunization record. We will also need a picture ID of the adult registering the child. If you have any questions please call 254-734-2617.

Oncor Announces New Area Manager

Harriss will Manage Relationships With Customers and Cities.

Oncor, a regulated energy delivery business, has announced the recent appointment of Ken Harriss as Oncor Area Manager in Brownwood. In his new position, Harris will be responsible for relationships with cities in Brown, Comanche, Eastland, Erath and Stephens counties.

"I am extremely excited and honored to assume this new role with Oncor," said Ken. "As a native of Brownwood, I look forward to working with the local communities to highlight all the positive things Oncor does."

Harris joined Oncor in 1978 as a customer service representative in Brownwood. Over the past 30 years, Harriss has extensive experience in customer operations in the Oncor Electric Delivery areas. Harriss previously served as Distribution Services Advisor in the Temple area.

Harriss is a graduate of Angelo State University (1976) with a bachelor's degree in Management, as well as a 1972 graduate of Brownwood High School. He serves on several positions at First United Methodist Church, as well as the Cameron Chamber of Commerce.

Harriss and his wife, Shela Fay, have two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, as well as a son-in-law, Kal, Jennifer's husband.

Spanish Club Selling Hot Dogs March 20th

The Spanish Club is selling hot dogs (with chips and a drink) on Thursday, March 20, for \$3.00. Come by the Laminacks Construction and place your order.

Call Mrs. Sanchez at 734-6425 to place your order. We will deliver!!!

Thanks, Spanish Club

Mayoral Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Gorman Volunteer Fire Department has established a long tradition of distinguished service to the citizens of Gorman and our neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department freely give of their time and energy, placing themselves in harms way to ensure the safety of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department operates with the highest standards of training and competence; and

WHEREAS, an accidental fire broke out Thursday February 28, 2008 which rapidly escalated to a critical situation, posing an imminent threat to the City of Gorman and surrounding areas East of Gorman; and

WHEREAS, the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with their counterparts from neighboring communities and the Texas Forestry Service, worked tirelessly to bring the fires under control; and

WHEREAS, through their efforts and the grace of God, a near catastrophe was averted with only one home being lost;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is with a sense of profound gratitude, as mayor of the City of Gorman, that I, Robert Ervin, along with the City of Gorman Commissioners, do express our deepest appreciation to the members of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department and proclaim the week of March 23 – 29, 2008 "City of Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Week."

Robert Ervin, Mayor, City of Gorman

Much Needed Rains Received Tuesday



The Gorman area received much needed rains on late Monday night and all day Tuesday. The reports that we have from the coffee drinkers at the Dairy Queen say they have received two inches or more as of Tuesday noon. There is more rain expected until Wednesday. Maybe this rainfall will ease the terrible grass fires that have been terrorizing our area.

Gorman Panther Baseball

The Gorman Panther Baseball Team started District 13-A play with a game against Albany. The Panthers lost this game by a score of 4 to 3. Gorman scored 3 runs in the first inning on seven hits with three errors. Albany scored 2 runs in the sixth inning and 2 in the seventh inning on 4 hits with 2 errors.

Tyson Swanner was the pitcher. He pitched all seven innings facing 28 batters, threw 11 strikeouts and had 4 hits.

Hitting for Gorman was Underwood with 1, Swanner with 1, Bates with 1, Clark with 1 and Greer also with 1.

The record for Gorman is 7 and 1 overall - District 0-1.

Panthers Win Second Dist. Game

The Panther Baseball Team played May in the second District game of the season. Gorman had 20 runs on 14 hits and no errors. May had 1 run on 2 hits with 4 errors.

Matt Underwood was the pitcher. He pitched four innings facing 15 batters, thru 3 strikeouts and had 2 hits.

Hitting for Gorman was Fox with 4 hits, Swanner with 1 hit, Bates with 2 hits, Clark with 1 hit, McCreless with 2 hits, Burgess with 1 hit, Wilson with 1 hit, Gillen with 2 hits.

The record for Gorman is 8 and 1 overall - District 1-1.

GISD School Menu

FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 24 THRU MARCH 31

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hash brown, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Sausage, biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuit, Fruited Jello and Milk.
TUESDAY - Barbeque chicken or Corn Dog, Pinto Beans, Macroni & Cheese, Cornbread, orange smiles, Chocolate cake and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito or Soft Taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, crackers, fruit ice singles and Milk.
THURSDAY - Homemade Pizza or Ravioli, cheese sticks, corn on the cob, tossed salad, crackers, chocolate chip cookie and Milk.
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or sloppy Joe, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, fruit and Milk.
MONDAY - Chicken and Dumplings or Lasagna, tossed salad, fresh carrots, crackers, fruit and milk.

Desdemona Monthly Musical

will be held on Saturday night, March 22 at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. Serving good food, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and visit with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy Country and Western music combined with some Bluegrass and Gospel. Admission is "FREE".

Look Who's New It's A Boy!!!



With praise to God, Chad and Melissa Edgington announce the birth of their son, Sawyer Clark Edgington. Sawyer was born on January 24 at 10:17am. Weighing eight pounds, one ounce and measuring twenty-one and a half inches, Sawyer was born with his daddy's blue eyes and a full head of light brown hair. Big sister Adelaide has been taking good care of him ever since he arrived home.

Sawyer's maternal grandparents are Tommy and Michaelyn Clark of Gorman. His paternal grandparents are Charles and Bettye Edgington of Euless. Great-grandmothers are Roma Jewel Hood of Gorman and Mae Reed of Sulpher Springs.

Spaghetti Supper

The Seniors of 2008 would like to invite you to their Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, March 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gorman Senior Center

We will be serving plates of spaghetti, salad, and garlic toast along with a drink. The Cost will be \$5.00 minimum donation per plate. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

EASTER TREASURE HUNT

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

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OBITUARIES

G. A. "Allen" Hines

G. A. "Allen" Hines, age 95 of De Leon, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2008 in Stephenville. Services were held Friday, March 14th at 1:00 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Bill Campbell officiating. Music by Brad Hines. Interment in Action Cemetery in Acton, Tx.

Mr. Hines was born January 26, 1913 in Utica, Ok to Will N. And Bessie Whittle Hines. He married Winnie Wels on November 20, 1982 in Gorman.

He moved from Stephenville, had lived in De Leon since 1983. He was a Baptist and a member of Gorman First Baptist Church. During his lifetime, he had pursued several occupations including being a butcher, farmers and a horseman.

He is survived by one stepson, Ray Shipp of De Leon; 2 sons, Wendell Hines of Houston and Evertt Davis of Granbury; 2 daughters, Francis Lobb of Houston and Betty Anderwon of Dublin; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his wife, Winnie Hines; 3 sons, Bill Hines, Charles Hines and Charles Davis; 1 daughter, Teresa Bauman; 4 brothers, Coleman Hines, Homer Hines, Marvin Hines and Vestal Hines; 2 sisters, May Hines-Shupp and Omie Hines.

Pallbearers were Brad Hines, Benny Hines, Billy Hines, Jason Edens, Barry Hines, Jarred Hines and Cody Hines. Honorary Pallbearer was Bob Haggard.

Bobby "Bob" Ray Eads

Bobby "Bob" Ray Eads of Comanche, passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Friday, March 14th at 10 a.m. at East Side Baptist Church in Comanche with Bro. Dale Meinecke and Bro. Tim Skaggs officiating. Music by Jamie Skaggs and David Gregory. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Mr. Eads was born December 24, 1929 in Comanche County to Robert Carrol and Susan Minerva Crownover Eads. On September 2, 1949 he married Norma Jean Hatfield in Phillips, Texas. She preceded his in death on August 26, 1987. On March 2, 1989, he married Sue Laughlin Skaggs in Comanche.

He had worked as a Material Supervisor for Phillips Petroleum Co., where he had worked for 37 years. He had lived in Comanche since 1985, having moved from Fritch. He was a Baptist and a member of the East Side Baptist Church in Comanche.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Laughlin Skaggs Eads of Comanche; Neil Wayne Eads and wife, Cindy of Bartlesville, OK, Steve Skaggs and wife, Debbie of De Leon, Terry Skaggs and wife, Kitty of De Leon, Don Skaggs and wife, Amy of Gainesville; one daughter, Sandra Kay Gray and husband, Clyde of San Marcos; one brother, Jay Eads and wife, Janie of Meadowlakes, TX; 5 grandchildren; 14 step grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren with 2, Camden and Hudson, on the way; 25 step-great grandchildren.

He was preceded 2 brothers, Wesley Eads and Royce Eads; 2 sisters, Opal Hardin and Ileta Cavitt.

Pallbearers were Daylon Eads, Clint Eads, Monty Skaggs, Terry Lee Skaggs, Michael Skaggs and Stewart Thomas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Comanche County Hospice or the Building Fund at East Side Baptist Church in Comanche.

HELP WANTED: Need LVN, \$16.75 an hour. Also need Can, 3 / 11, \$9.00 an hour. Please Apply in person at De Leon Nursing and Rehab - 809 E. Navarro in De Leon 1-3-20 C.

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- 613 A, 3-2 Brick Home, carport, barn, wells & tanks, creek & hunting, partial minerals & royalties \$2,025,000 (WV02)
- 455 A, wells & tanks, creek, tree covered hills, wildlife cover, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage \$1,912,000 (RS01)
- 380± A, wells & tanks, gentle rolling terrain, producing gas wells \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000 (CW01)
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, wells & tanks \$3,350 Per Acre (RR01)
- 250± A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake, tanks, cabin, hwy. frontage, rural water \$850,000 (LB01)
- 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre (AB01)
- 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre (SS02)
- 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 (DK01)
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, wells & tanks, irrigation pit, hunting, minerals \$442,500 (LO01)
- 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals negotiable \$397,500 (BE01)
- 81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells \$405,000 (REMO1)
- 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 (LP01)
- 51 A, with highway frontage, spring creek and hunting 182,000 (RP01)
- 30 A, 3-2½ Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 (DB01)
- 25.6 A, 4-2½ Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings, water well & tanks \$210,000 (JB03) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway \$98,000 (MP01) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting \$75,000 (WM01)
- 14± A, 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, garages & storage buildings, hwy. frontage \$180,000 (FW01)
- 11 A, 16'x70' Mobile Home, metal awning, well, rural water, oak trees \$70,000 (TC01)
- 8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 (JK01)
- 8½ A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, work shop, wells, underground sprinkler system \$265,000 (JT02)
- 7± A, Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well \$65,000 (FW02)
- 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, wells & tanks \$120,000 (WK01)

RESIDENCES & HOME SITES

- 3-2½ Custom Brick Home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water, paved drive, storage building \$297,500 (DLV01)
- 3-2 Double Wide, screened porch, workshop, wells, 2 large lots and older frame home \$135,000 (JA02)
- 3-3 Brick Home, approx. 1 acre, carport, well, underground sprinkler, C/H/A, storage bldgs. \$130,000 (BC02)
- 3-2 Frame Home, 2.5 Acres, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, well, shop \$137,500 REDUCED \$99,900 (CC03)
- 3-2 Brick Home, carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000 (WC01)
- 2-1½ Frame Home, garage, storage building \$75,000 (ST01)
- 3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, on 3+ lots \$70,000 (LK01)
- 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch \$55,000 (GB02)

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Betty Sue Yarbrough

Betty Sue Yarbrough Gurlin, age 69 of St. James, MO. passed away on Friday, March 7, 2008 after a lengthy illness.

Betty was born March 14, 1938 in Gorman to late Avery and Aletha Kay Yarbrough. She graduated from Gorman High School in 1958. She married Neal P. Gurlin, Sr. in January 1959.

They lived many places as he was in the Air Force.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Kathryn Bergoyne and husband Mike of Raleigh, N.C.; two sons, Neal P. Gurlin, Jr. of CA, Richard Gurlin of St. James, MO.; Sister Ruby Jean Smith and husband Billy Joe, sister-in-law, Dorothy Yarbrough of Stephenville and 2 granddaughters of California.

She was preceded in death by husband, Neal P. Gurlin, sister Mary Ruth Beschoner, brother Arthur Ray Yarbrough.

Eastland Man's Probation Revoked

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court, revoked the probation of JOE RAY BROWN JR., 29, Monday afternoon after Brown entered a plea of true to allegations that he had violated his probation. Brown, an Eastland resident, had previously been placed on five years probation on June 25, 2007 for Injury to a Child. His spouse, Brandi Brown, also plead guilty and was placed on probation on June 11, 2007 for the same offense. The cases stemmed from reports by Child Protective Services that a child had received inappropriate punishment in the form of a spanking that left injuries. The Court sentenced Brown to five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Eastland County for your support in the Republican Primary as your nominee for Sheriff. Thank you for allowing me to place signs on your property, for your monetary support and most of all for your vote. I look forward to your continued support in the November General Election.
Paid Pol. Adv. By Wayne Bradford, P. O. Box 824, Eastland, Tx 76448

Railroad Commission To Hold Propane Safety Training

AUSTIN-For the last three years the Texas Railroad Commission has been training both volunteer and full-time firefighters around the state on how to respond to emergencies involving propane. The Railroad Commission-Texas' chief energy agency has been in charge of propane safety in the state for more than 50 years and offers free propane training to urban as well as rural fire departments.

Since March 2005 the Commission's Alternative Fuels Division has held 90 classes from El Paso to Beaumont and Bovina to Harlingen. More than 2,000 firefighters from 300 departments have completed the training. Besides hazard identification and response techniques, each class covers propane safety topics ranging from barbecue cylinders to residential tanks and commercial bulk installations.

The instructor, Thomas Petru, is a nationally recognized expert with 35 years' experience in propane safety at the Railroad Commission.

Chairman Michael L. Williams said, "The Commission offers these free propane classes for local fire departments statewide. The classes familiarize firefighters with propane's physical and chemical properties and explain the safety features of propane tanks and equipment. This is specialized training that is often not readily available elsewhere."

Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo noted that every class is sponsored by one or more local propane marketers. "The 93 propane companies that have worked with us so far play a key role in the training," Carrillo said. "They bring their bobtails and show the firefighters features such as a remote shutoff device that can stop the flow of fuel and shut down a truck's engine from 150 feet away."

"Good things happen when agency experts, industry professionals and emergency responders meet to share information," said Commissioner Elizabeth Jones. "Participating fire departments and propane marketers deserve special recognition for their efforts to learn more about how to handle propane safely."

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The Paradoxes of Christ



He was the Light, yet he hung n darkness on the cross.
 He was Life, yet he poured out his soul unto death.
 He was the Rock of Ages, yet his feet sank into the deep waters.
 He was the Son of God, yet he died a felon's death.
 He knew no sin, yet he took our place and suffered in our stead.
 He invited the weary to come to him for rest, yet on earth he could find no rest for himself.
 He was Mighty God, yet he became a servant.
 He spoke and it was done; yet he humbled himself and became obedient unto death.
 He was the Desire of All Nations, yet he was despised and rejected.
 He was the Foundation of Life, yet upon the cross he cried, "I thirst!"
 He experienced death, yet through his Resurrection he brings us life, full and eternal.
 Can we understand these mysteries? To the world this is nonsense.
 But to those with eyes of faith, it is Truth incarnate—
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Submitted by Rev. Sharon P Bell
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 Holy Thursday 7:00 PM
 Good Friday 7:00 PM
 Sunrise Easter Service 7:30 AM
 Easter Worship 11:00 AM

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Cisco Woman's Probation Revoked

The presiding judge in the 91st District Court revoked the probation of KIMBERLY NICOLE WHITEHILL, 24, Monday afternoon after Whitehill entered a plea to allegations by the District Attorneys Office that she had violated her terms and conditions of probation. Whitehill, formerly of Cisco, had previously been placed on three years deferred adjudication on November 29, 2007 for a felony unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The Court sentenced Whitehill to prison for eighteen months for violating the terms and conditions of her probation.

Urgent, We Need Your Formal Dresses!

Eastland, Texas (March 17, 2008) — The Eastland County Crisis Center, Inc. (dba Crime Victim Assistance Center) is still needing more formal dresses to be able to host a prom boutique and time is running out. Dresses will need to be donated by Thursday March 27, 2008 at our local office. Call in advance to donate and to get directions to our office. If you are unable to drop off your dress, we will be glad to pick them up for you within Eastland city limits on Monday, March 24th.

Eastland County Crisis Center is collecting lightly used formal dresses of all sizes and in excellent condition. We ask that you donate dresses that you no longer want which are in excellent condition. You will receive a receipt that can go towards your 2008 tax deduction as the Eastland County Crisis Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The money will go towards establishing a Children's Advocacy Center for Eastland County to help children who have been abused.

We hope to have enough dresses to host a Prom Boutique in Eastland to sell these dresses in early April. When you donate a dress, keep your receipt and bring it with you at the Prom Boutique. You will receive a one-time discount of \$5 with a purchase.

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This article was written by Diana Bigham, MA. Mrs. Bigham is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate, working with Crime Victim Assistance Center (CVAC). Should you have any questions regarding the Prom Boutique, you may contact the CVAC office at 254-629-3223 during normal business hours.



Fifth graders competing in UIL competition. I misplaced this photo last week. Sorry about that.



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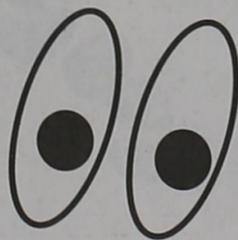
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Meek Bloodmobile To Be At Lawrence Brothers

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at Lawrence Brothers in De Leon on Thursday, March 20 from 1 p.m. To 6 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and well and healthy at the time of donation. Donors are asked to present a picture I.D. At the time of donation. Each donor will receive a T-Shirt and a free total Cholesterol Test.

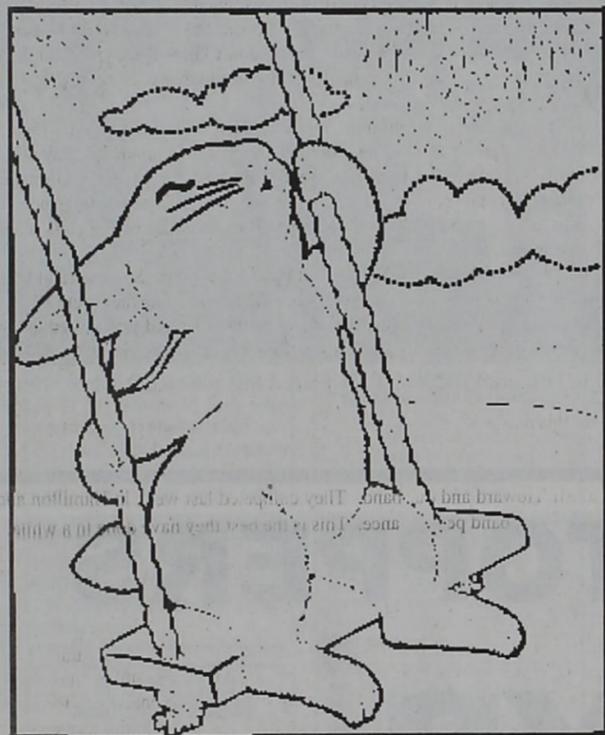
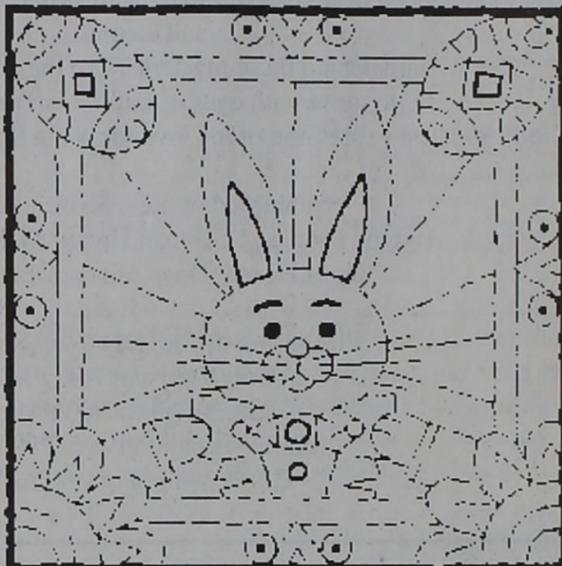
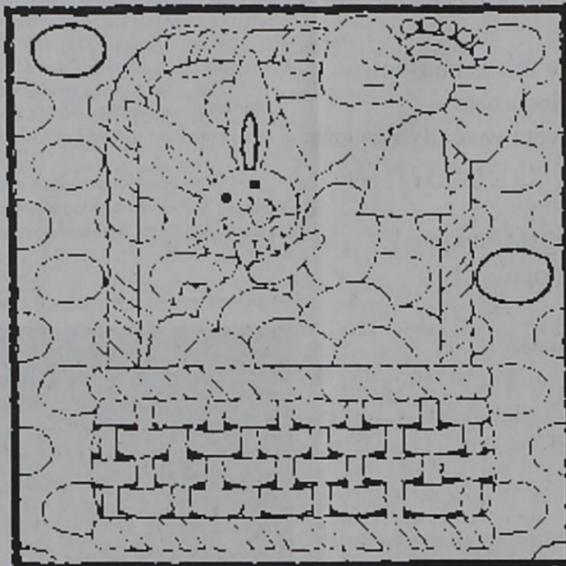
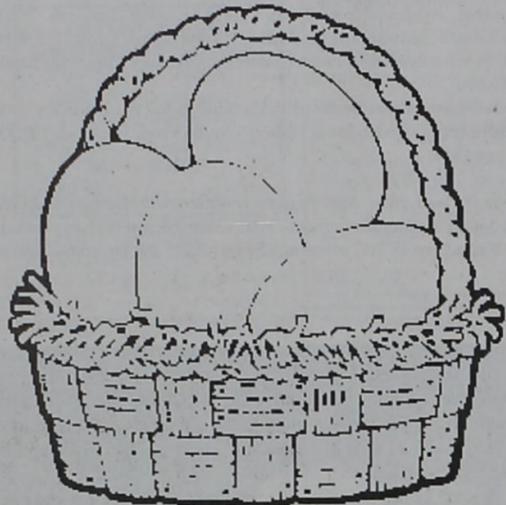
Spaghetti Supper

The Seniors of 2008 would like to invite you to their Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, March 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gorman Senior Center We will be serving plates of spaghetti, salad, and garlic toast along with a drink. The Cost will be \$5.00 minimum donation per plate. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

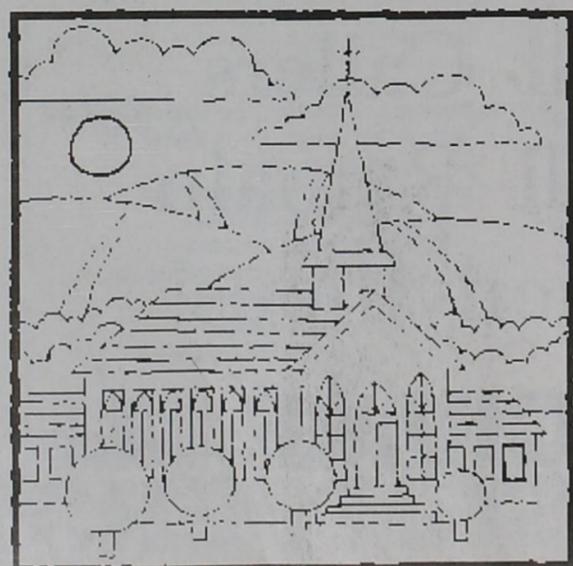
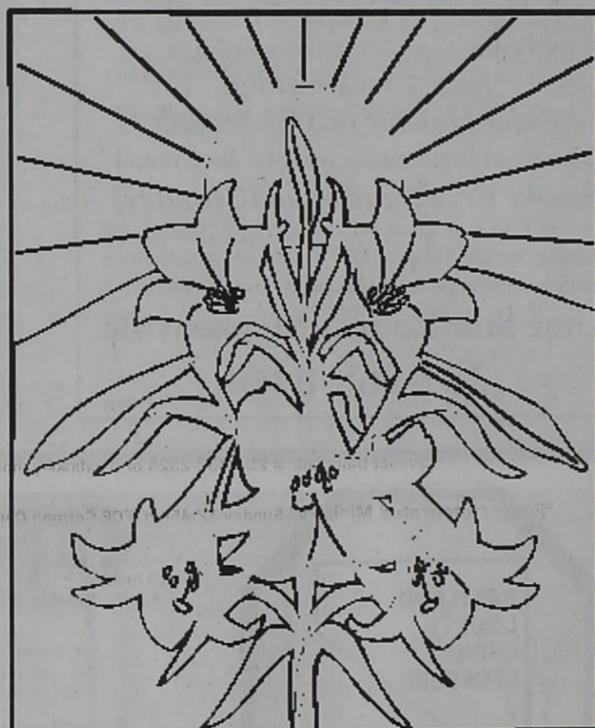
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What wonderful rain! Let's all send up a little prayer of thanks for it. This will certainly help our fire situation. Maybe things will start to green up now and we can all give a sigh of relief for a while.

Everyone get out your Pig Tales calendars - I have a few things to remind you of:

The next thing coming up here at the DAC is our usual first Saturday of the month breakfast, also known as 'Breakfast at the DAC'. April's breakfast will be held on April 5th from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Can you believe we are talking about April already!!

DAC's second annual Craft Show will be held April 18th & 19th. We still need some crafters to fill our building. Each booth rents for \$30.00. We have one space left for a camper outside our building. We will have a concession stand during the show. If you want more information or would like to rent a booth, please call me at 254-758-2420 or Helen Depwe at 254-758-2522.

Watch for information about a huge garage sale coming up at the DAC in May.

Desdemona's first ever-public library is now open. We have lots of great books! Come check us out. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and every Tuesday evening from 6:00 P.M. until about 8:00 P.M.

Every Tuesday evening the DAC is open for dominos - everyone is invited. We also would like to invite anyone who would like to jam for a while to come. If you would like to bring your board games, we have room for you, too. Come on in!

Did you enjoy our 2 evenings of bluegrass? Weren't the bands wonderful! We will try to get another jam together within the next few months. The bands are very difficult to get on short notice - their schedules are usually filled up by this time. We thank 'Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids' for always being willing to play for us. This is a great local group and we enjoy them each time! Maybe Dr. Dan will be able to join us soon - he has been very busy and not able to come lately.

I hope you have all this on your calendars now and are making plans to come to Desdemona! See you there!

Carol Pell

Super Notes

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

Nicole Cogburn competed in the State Power Lifting Meet last Friday. Although she did not place, we are very proud of her for making it that far and for representing her school so well all year. Nicole is a senior and for the three years I've been here she has done such a great job. Now we get to see what she can do in track. Thanks Nicole and good luck!

Our track team is looking very good. They competed last Thursday at the Cross Plains meet. I did not get all the results and our junior high competed Friday. These kids need spring break. I do know our boys relay won and I believe Orlando Valenzuela won the high jump with a jump of six foot, two inches. I'm sure the coaches will submit all the results as soon as they have time to take a breath.

The girls pounded Dublin's JV softball team. It was 26-3 when I left to attend a meeting. Our girl's played extremely well and they hit well. They also did an excellent job of capitalizing on the other team's mistakes. I have to make an apology now. Last week I said we had beaten Ranger 8-5 and I was wrong. Mr. Russell, the superintendent at Ranger ISD, called me Wednesday afternoon and informed me that we have yet to play them. OOPS! I guess that's what happens when I get in too big of a hurry. The team we actually beat was Baird. I asked Mr. Russell if he thought we'd beat them when we did play them and he said he didn't think so. So, I'm challenging our girls and our coach right now to win that first game. I've been bragging on them quite a bit. The girls also participated in a softball tournament at Santo that began last Thursday. I can't tell you how they did because of spring break. I am actually turning this article in on Friday and the tournament does not end until Saturday.

The baseball team is playing well, but they need some rest. I guess that goes for all of our athletes. They are involved in so many things. For example, this week the boys played a game on Tuesday, made up a game on Wednesday, participated in a track meet in Cross Plains on Thursday, and played another game on Friday. The girl's schedule is just as packed and on top of that they have their academic work to do plus prepare for any U.I.L. academic competitions in which they participate. Parents, these kids need to eat well and get enough sleep to replenish them daily. For their sake, please insist that they eat properly and get to bed at a reasonable time. I know you love them even more than we do and that you will do what you can.

This being the busiest time of year for us, students and teachers emotions are close to the surface and everyone is easily stressed out. If your child shows any signs of having any problems at school or otherwise, please let someone at school know about it. You can contact me, either of the principal, our counselor, or one of your child's teachers. We are here to help!

I know I brag on our school board occasionally, but I think I am justified. Our seven members work together as a team and keep the best interest of your children as their focus. The eight of us comprise the "team of eight". This is what the Texas Association of School Boards says the superintendent and board should be and your board embraces that philosophy. They are a great board! They give many hours of their time every year, completely without any pay, contributing to the well being of your children and this community as a whole. These are your trustees: Melinda Harrington - President, Jeff Seaton - Vice-President, Mark Simmons - Secretary, Larry Thompson, Daryl Hirst, Beth Underwood, and Bob Powell. Their pictures are posted at our website if you don't know them and would like to see what they look like so that the next time you see one of them you can thank them for doing such a wonderful job for your children.

Since we will be having an election on May 10th, our candidates will be drawing for their position on the ballot March the 24th at 9am. Early voting will begin April 28th and end on May 6th. The hours for early voting will be from 8:00am until 3:30pm Monday through Friday at the Gorman ISD administration office. All voting (early and at the poll) will be electronic. There will be no paper ballots to the best of my knowledge at this time. Mrs. Terry Treadway will be the early voting clerk at GISD. Jud Maxfield will be the Election Judge.

I am really looking forward to seeing our TAKS test results this year. Students and teachers have been preparing so hard for the tests. As I said last week, our kids looked like they were doing well during the test with regards to their physical appearance. Most of them looked well rested and clear headed and it appeared they were taking the testing seriously, as they should. In a small school like ours, it is extremely vital to our success for all students to be trying their very best on these tests. Their future and the rating of our school depend on it. It is hard to believe, but it only takes a few students to raise or lower our ratings. It is for this reason that I always ask you through this article to please be sure your child is well rested and fed prior to test taking. Thanks for your help!

Congratulations to Mr. Howard and our band. They competed last week in Hamilton and received a rating of 2 for their concert band performance. This is the best they have done in a while. Mr. Howard has done an excellent job of improving our program a little each year. It is hard to show steady improvement in a skill like music when you are sharing kids with athletics and Ag. Keep up the good work. Way to go Band!

Although we are still a long way off from the 2009 session of our State Legislature, there is still a lot going on in Austin. Committees meet, decisions are made, and policies implemented based on the committee's interpretation of the legislative intent of new laws which were enacted in the previous session. I just read a notice warning schools that the High School Completion and Success Initiative Council has approved a strategic plan that would opening the door for vouchers in Texas. I personally don't think that vouchers are an enemy to public education as do many people that work in public education. There is no benefit for the majority of school districts in Texas. It takes money away from schools that need more money not less to do the job they've been asked to do. If you have the opportunity to talk or write your legislator, you might mention how you feel on the matter. By the way, the intent of the last legislature was clear that they did not want any state money being spent on vouchers, yet this committee does not appear to respect that intent.

This is the last bit I am going to write before going to the softball and baseball games against Eula. There will probably be no article the week of the twenty-fourth. We'll see what happens between now and then.

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!

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 torturous, 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

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-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 tpevey@msn.com

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

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Vonnie Guthery was in Eastland on Saturday to attend the wedding of Nikki Keith and Andy Parsons. Nikki is the daughter of Traci Keith of Gorman and the late Larry Keith.

Carol Sue Willis's step-son Rickey L. Willis, age 47 of Levelland, Texas passed away March 11, 2008 from an apparent heart condition. Funeral services and military burial was March 14th in Levelland. He was preceded in death two years ago by his father, Wayman F. Willis. Besides his step-mother of Desdemona, he is survived by his mother, Jean Willis and a sister, Vickie Freeman of Levelland; a brother, Freddie Gene Willis of Haskel; a sister, Teresa Hand of Burleson; three step-sisters, Cynthia Heinz and Susan Shirley both of Arlington and Pam Horn of Desdemona. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Jim Horn of Desdemona was honored with a 53rd Birthday Celebration on Saturday, March 15th. A large crowd of family, friends and neighbors enjoyed a wonderful Bar-B-Que feast prepared by his wife, Pam Horn, with some calorie-laden additions brought by other family members plus a couple of rather unique gifts. A tour of their remodeled home previously owned by the late Dorothy Roberts, showed off Jim's work expertise and Pam's decorating abilities and their collection of antiques - including a very old library table owned by her grandparents, Ted and Otilia Hall and a wonderful old buffet from Jim's parents, Jim and Ruth Horn of Eastland. The lively celebration last from 3:00 p.m. To 3:00 a.m. And was much enjoyed.

Visitors during "Spring Break" with Humpy and Betty Duke were Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney.

Have a great day, Vonnie

Happenings at FBC

Celebrate Life! Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, today is a gift called the Present!

Mark your calendars:

March 23rd - Easter Sunday - The Messengers in Concert debuting new songs - please don't miss this special blessing.

We solved the technical difficulties with our radio receiver so our Sunday Morning Worship Service is again successfully being broadcast.

Corey Clark's Children's Sermon: Corey brought his pre-calculus book, and told about "Bob" who is your best friend in this difficult math class because "Bob" is the answer section in the back of the book. Corey illustrated that temptation in life is like the answers in the back of the book. We must be diligent in studying the Bible and learning about God so we can resist temptations.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "What Makes Jesus Mad" - March 11:15-18.

Jesus Gets Mad:

I. When He sees Promise without Performance. - Wasting God given talents.

1. People who don't walk the talk. - Exclusion instead of inclusion.
2. People going through the motions. - We don't have next year when it comes to promises to God.

II. Profession without Prayer. - Being saved is not just professed, it is lived with a prayerful attitude.

III. Practice without Purpose. - Did corruption or no prayer come first in the Temple?

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Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM - please come and join us!

Our Worship Service is broadcast on 88.7FM.

God Bless and Keep You! See you next Sunday!

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We gathered on the 12th at 11:30 for our weekly dinner. There were 26 present to enjoy and fellowship together. Geraldene Wright gave the prayer in thanks for our food.

Our meal consisted of fried chicken, spaghetti, tuna casserole and many good veggies. We had several cakes and pies and a tasty rice pudding. And always corn and bean salads and hot rolls.

Very nice to see Ann Laminack and Ann Warren back with us. Missed them for a couple weeks and hope they continue to visit in the future. We need some new people.

Daisy Slaton, Syliva Buchanan and I went to Eastland on the 8th of March to see the Bucket List. What a funny movie, even though it was about death. It would of been much nicer if they had left our the bad words. There is too mucu of that in movies now days. They could get the message across without those words.

We all decided to eat out April 10th in Desdemona. The Seniors will pay for our night out. We will meet in tow at 5 p.m. And try to be there by 5:30. For those who don't care for fish there are other items to order.

I visited Opal Burton on Wednesday afternoon and she was up and waiting for supper. Thats the time to visit a meal time or she is asleep. We talked some, but hard to have a conversation as her mind waders. There was a tray left over so they gave it to me and I ate with her. I carried her an Easter Hyacinth, a pretty hot pink. It was from us Seniors I hope she enjoys and knows its there.

My family and I traveled to Eastland for Nikki Keith's Wedding to Andy Parsons. This was on Saturday the 15th at 4 p.m. They had a lovely wedding with a very large crowd of people. The reception was fabulous with lots of good Mexican food and wonderful cake. Everyone sure enjoyed the strawberries and dip.

We enjoyed games on Thursday the 13th at 4 p.m. Our usual 10 showed up for Spinner, Skipbo and 88 dominoes. I wish more people would come out, we do have a good time. We were glad to see Jo Holdman and wish she would bring Virgil. They were at the baseball game Friday afternoon to watch our boys beat Eula. We won, can't remember the score but a good win. I was happy they won as Eula had beat us many times in the past. Our boys are really look good!

Hope all is well and see you next time.

Caro

CARD OF THANKS

The Family of Anna Lou Rush would like to express their appreciation for all the cards, flowers, memorial gifts and food. Words are not adequate to express our gratitude. Brother Barry did an excellent job and the music provided by Gary Mauney was great. The food provided by the ladies of First Baptist Church was excellent as usual. Mother will be missed by all who knew her and we know she would miss all of us down here if she were not sitting at the feet of Jesus. Her memory will never die in our hearts. Thanks again to everyone.

The Family of Anna Rush.

EASTER

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

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

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