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Together Against Drug Abuse Graduation Ceremony

The fifth grade students will graduate from the Together Against Drug Abuse program Friday, May 15, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in the Gym. Sponsors, parents & teachers as well as the public are invited to attend.

The Gorman Masonic Lodge would like to thank the following sponsors for their port: American State Bank, A.E. Smith Peanut Dryers, A.O. Easley Trucks, Birdsong Peanuts, Bobs Grocery, City Grocery, Comanche County Telephone Co., Con-Spec Roofing, Doug Caffey, Pandas Floral, Howard Hagood, Ed Rogers, Gorman Milling, Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Hirst Nut & Produce, Stan Harper, Matt Fritts, Jerry & Virginia Skaggs, Ron's Pump Service, T.J. Clark Construction, ZJs Steakhouse, Smiths Service Station and The Hair Shoppe.

Special Thanks to GISD, Gorman Police Chief Finley and to the Eastland County Sheriff and Deputy Caffey for supporting and instructing this program.

Please come and support the Gorman Fifth Grade in this achievement.

Gorman Sports Banquet Set Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club and Gorman High School will be hosting the Gorman Sports Banquet on Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. The banquet location is the Gorman High School gymnasium, and the meal is being catered by Cook's Fish Barn. It would be appreciated if tickets to the banquet be purchased in advance for \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Advance tickets can be purchased at Gorman High School. All athletes are being asked to get tickets for family members in advance so that we have an estimated count of attendance. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. We hope to see all of the Gorman Panther fans there!

Navy Seaman Zachary Paul Completes Navy Basic Training

May 07, 2009 (FHTNC)--Navy Seaman Zachary Y. Paul, son of Sandra and Roy Paul of De Leon, Texas, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Paul completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Paul is a 2006 graduate of De Leon High School of De Leon, Texas.

Senior Travel Club News

Senior Travel Club will be hosting a Cinderfella Contest on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. In the Gorman High School Auditorium.

Senior Travel Club will be hosting a Barbeque Sandwiches on May 22nd at Laminacks on Hwy. 6 at the Blinking light - BBQ Sandwich, Chips and a drink for \$6.00, from 10:30 to 2:00. To Place an Order please call Audrey at 734-5195 or Barbara at 734-6694.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Meeting at 2:00 p.m. On Thursday, May 14, 2009 in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

Discuss and consider accepting third truck and trailer bid for Precinct #3.

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Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the

Any of the Commissioner's Court.

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree Set May 16th at 6 p.m.

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree will be held on Satuday, May 16th at 6 p.m. - Concessions open at 5:30 PM. At the Civic Center - 301 E. Housley Street (Hwy. 16 to Downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108 (Housley Street) 2 blocks.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear a good lilne up of Country, Gospel and Bluegrass Music. Come On Out -- You'll be glad you did.

Alcohol and Smoke Free Environment -- Free Admission -- Everyone Welcome For information call Finis Butler at 254-672-5622 or 672-5816.

Come Early and visit our Downtown Shops and Restaurants, or visit Lake Tucker Park - 5 Miles West of town for Walking, Hiking, and Nature Trails, Bird-Watching, or just enjoy the scenery. Tables and Grills Available.

Yearbook Staff News

The Yearbook Staff will be selling Photo CD's of all Main Sports for \$5.00 Each at the Athletic Banquet to be held on May 18, 2009, @7:00 in the HS Gym, Each CD will have a group picture.

If anyone would like to place an AD in the Yearbook to honor their graduating Senior, please call the school at 254-734-2614 and leave a message for Mrs. Schaefer.

Anyone still interested in purchasing a 2009 Yearbook, please come by the school and pick up a form, a minimum \$15.00 deposit is required.

The Yearbook Staff will be selling Old Yearbooks from the past; we have only one copy of the following years available (1970, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1995, and 1999). For the following years we have 2-7 copies available of each year (1985, 1988, 1992, 1993, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2008). For the following years we have 11+copies of each year (1986, 1992, 1995, and 2003.) Yearbooks Dated before 2000 will be sold for \$20, Yearbooks Dated between 2000-2004 will be sold for \$25 and 2006-2008 will be sold for \$35. If you are interested please call 254-734-2614 and leave a Name, Phone Number, and Year for Mrs. Schaefer to return your call.

GARAGE SALE MAY 15/16

Gorman United Methodist Church will hold a Garage Sale on May 15/16 wih the proceeds to benefit the children of Gorman. If you will remember, last summer we held a 3-day Summer Day Camp at the church with the help of Glen Lake Methodist Encampment. It was so well recieved that we have ask them back and they have agreed! We are taking donations from the community. Donations can be dropped off at the church or by calling 734 4611 and ask for Pastor Sharon. Please bring items that will sell. ALSO, Pampered Chef will be available for purchase and 10% of those profits will be donated to the cause!

Child Safety Seats

Are you in need of a child safety seat for your child? Eastland County Child Safety Program has

Are you in need of a child safety seat for your child? Eastland County Child Safety Program has seats that it needs to give away. These are new seats that will accommodate a child from 5 pounds up to 40 pounds. These are convertible seats, meaning that they will go from rear facing to forward facing so that your child can use the seat longer. We are currently out of the booster seats and will not be getting anymore of thse until we reapply next year for more seats. If you need a seat, please contract our office at 254-734-5989 for more information and to set up an appointment to pick up your seat. These seats are FREE.

County Drops Burn Ban - Need To Report Control Burn MAY 8, 2009 -- To: All Units and Stations: Commissioner Court Lifts Burning Ban.

MAY 8, 2009 -- To: All Units and Stations: Commissioner Court Lifts Burning Ban. EASTLAND COUNTY COMISSIONER'S COURT LIFTS BURNING BAN

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in Special Session, at 1 p.m. On Friday, May 8, 2009, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to <u>remove</u> the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch (254) 629-1728 and their nearest fire department to notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. <u>Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!!!</u>

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

It is hereby ordered by the Commissioners' Court of Eastland County that the outside burning ban in Eastland County be removed.

By a vote of 3 ayes and 1 nays, to be effective immediately.

Thank You Respectfully submitted, (s) Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge

Annual Spring Concert of Gorman Music Department

The annual Spring Concert of Gorman Music Department is scheduled for May 17th at 3:00 PM in the Auditorium. Please come and enjoy the music. The following titles are a few songs that will be performed: I Will Always Love You, Hit the Road Jack, March of the Ladybugs, Ballet of Spring, Kitty Hawk March, Centurion, & Simple Gifts.

On Friday, May 8, 2009, the Gorman Elementary Band, consisting mostly of 6th grade students, and the Cub band competed in a private festival here at Gorman in the auditorium. The adjudicators for this contest were Elizabeth Wetherbee, band director in Iowa Park, Texas, and Jim Perry who recently retired from the Stephenville ISD. Mr. Perry served as band director in the Stephenville district for several years and is now involved in judging contests, clinician services, as well as some interim positions for area schools.

The Elementary band received a "Superior" rating which is classified as a I and the Cub band received an "Excellent" rating which is classified as a II. The ratings are based on the UIL rating system.

In addition to competing in concert performance, many of the students competed in solo and ensemble performances. The following is the list of results from that portion of the competition:

Students who received a "Superior" rating: (I, these students received a gold medal for their performance)

Fifth Grade Solos: Jorge Hernandez, Yulissa Madera, Kaylynn Cowgell, Keighvin Kehl, Kathryn Woodall, Turner Whitten, Garet Vaughn, Kodie Sparger, Jose Maldonando, Rafael Mata, Vanessa Longoria, Kourtney Seaton, Hunter Childers, Artlette Giles Sixth Grade Solos: Chey Gibbs, Lauren Spivey, Lacey Wilson, Yovani Palacios, Russell Morrison,

Seventh Grade Solos: Connie Gonzales, Skye Lewis, Trey Howard

Eighth Grade Solos: Luis Limon, Rachel Tucker

Sixth Grade Ensembles: (Megan Gray, Brittany Burns) (Brittany Burns, Lauren Spivey) (Cindy Gonzales, Holly Rainey) (Chloe Cole, Chey Gibbs, Jacqueline Rainey)

Students who received an "Excellent" rating: (II, these students received a silver medal for their performance)
Fifth Grade Solos: Caden Winson, Rodrigo Mata, Daniel Perez,

Seventh Grade Solos: Rhys Vaughn

Eighth Grade Solos: Austin Marlow

Sixth Grade Ensembles: (Holly Rainey, Chey Gibbs, Jacqueline Rainey, Yovani Palacios, Lacey Wilson, Chloe Cole, Russel Morrison, Jose Maldonado) (Lindey Thackerson, Cindy Gonzales, Yovani Palacios, Jose Maldonado, Russel Morrison)

A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with the competition: Mrs. Woodall, Mrs. Whitten. Also, a big thank you to those students who volunteered to help with the competition: Jaylon Miley, Daniel Rivas, Josh Ryon, Randy Woodall

We couldn't have done it without you. All students involved in the competition are to be commended for all their hard work.

John Howard, Jr. Director of Bands

The Gorman High School Awards Assembly will be May 19th at 10:00 in the high school auditorium. Scholarship presentations will be made at that time. The Gorman Jr. High Awards Assembly will be 1:00 on the same day.

Belles and Bows

Please Join Us For an evening of Elegant Chamber Music on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. At First Baptist Church in Gorman, 218 West Ross Street. Beethoven String Trio in G - Piazzolla - Brahms Piano Quartet in A. Sondra Jones Brudnak - Violin; Meghan Birmingham - Violin; Vilma Peguoro Miranda - Cello; EstherWang - Piano Casual Dress - Admission is Free - Questions contact Sondra 214-870-3414.

Notice of City of Gorman, Texas -- Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Vernon's Gorman, Texas Civ.St.Art. 5190.6 Sec. 4B(a-1) that the Gorman Economic Development Corporation intends to partially fund the construction of a new Community Center in City Park, in the City of Gorman, Texas. Further, notice is hereby given that the Gorman Economic Development Corporation shall conduct a public hearing regarding the submission of an application by the Gorman Economic Development Corporation for a Texas Leverge Fund Loan from the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division, to fund most of the cost of said project. The hearing will be held Friday, May 22m 2009 at 7:00 p.m. In the City Hall Commissioner's room.

A copy of the application and supporting documents will be available to review during regular office hours at the office of the City Secretary at City Hall. These documents will be ready for review by Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Written comments are welcome and will be accepted until the time of the public hearing and may be presented at the houring.

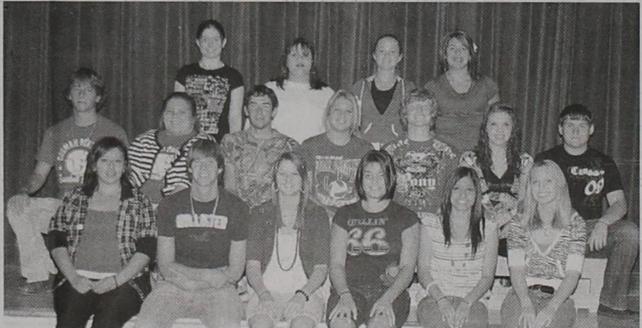
Tacy Warren

City Secretary - City of Gorman

I certify this document to be a true copyof the original.

(s) Tacy Warren, City Secretary

National Honor Society



The National Honor Society welcomed nine new inductees on May 6, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the auditorium. The inductees include Seniors: Marsela Gonzalez, Lindsey Laminack, and April Keaton. Juniors: Kathryn Fritts, Adriana Madera, and Perla Maldonado. Sophomores: Jamie Johnston, Jaylon Miley, and Abigail Pacheco. The induction ceremony included a description of the National Honor Society and the four main qualities: character, service, leadership, and scholarship. The induction was lead by Chapter President Olivia Jackson and the qualities were reviewed by the NHS officers: Audrey Johnston, Matthew Cogburn, Tyson Swanner, and Jordan Perry. A reception was held after the ceremony in the library for all parents, family and friends of the NHS members. All of the NHS members are shown in the picture they include: April Keaton, Marsela Gonzalez, Jaylon Miley, Erica Limon, Matt Underwood, Olivia Jackson, Jordan Perry, and Audrey Johnston, Matthew Cogburn, Lindsey Laminack, Nathan Flanary, Adriana Madera, Tyson Swanner, Jaime Johnston, Abigail Pacheco, Perla Maldonado, and Brittany Henderson, not shown is Tyler Johnson and Emily Lewis.

NOTICE:

The County Clerk's Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 for training.

The Office will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009 Thank You for Your Patience.

Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

Children In Action (CIA) continues on Monday nights at 6:30pm at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship here in Gorman. CIA is a children's program designed for children ages 6-12. Food, fun, games, music and the Apex Store are just some of the thing you will find at every CIA meeting. Every Monday 40 -60 kids come to learn how to be Agents for Christ. Many are saying "I've never seen a children's program like it." You are invited to come and see for yourself what all the talk is about. For more information or a ride call 254-734-3203.

Classifieds

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season.

You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR. You may pick up an application at the Gorman City office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman is now accepting applications for the position of Director of Nurses. For information or application contact the facility at 254-734-2202. Salary is negotiable and benefits are available. EEOC

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Kokomo Homecoming / Simpson **Cemetery Meeting Held Recently**

On May 2, 2009, people began arriving early for our 11 a.m. Annual Meeting. Lots of visiting and reminiscing was enjoyed by fifty-one registered guests. Jimmy Nelson, gave the prayer. Wayne Eaves, President, conducted the meeting. Secretary - Jimmy Nelson read the minutes and newly elected, Mary Webb gave the Treasurer's Report. Special Thanks to Norma Webb for serving as Treasurer for 18 years.

Descendents of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Simpson; Mr. Simpson and daughter, Mimi of Rockwall, Tx were recognized. Traveling the fartherest was Mark Eaves of Charlotte, North Carolina.

We were honored to have Delmon Fred Eaves able to attend. Delmon was accompanied by daughter, Deliah Lewis of Ennis, Texas and son Mark Eaves. Deliah and Mark presented a plaque to Delmon, for his many years of service to the Kokomo Community and caregiver of the the cemetery. The plaque was hung in the Community Center. Meeting adjourned. Time for our covered dish lunch and more visiting.

Sylvia Buchanan Reporter

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Food Bank New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly Mondays - 6:00 p.m. Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

REWARD!!!

\$250 CASH for return of trailer or \$1000.00 for information leading to arrest and conviction of thief. Black - 5 Ft.x10 Ft. Single Axle Trailer with 2 Ft tall mesh side walls and 4 Ft. tall mesh tailboard. Taken from storage area behind Bob's Grocery on May 5th. Please Call 817-219-1496. Tenan or an analysis of 2-5-14 City

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102 A, water well, costal, corrlas, hunting, mins. & owner finacing possible [JB02] \$285,000 81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000 45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre 30 A, 3-21/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000 21±A, Sprigged with World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500 REDUCED 20 A, home site, rural water avail, possible owner finance [WM01] \$75,000 \$60,000 19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre 15.7 A, Hwy.16 frontage, costal, rural water supply avail, water well [JS02] \$40,820

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voir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond

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steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A. NEW: 130 A. West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county

NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.

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Obituary

Wayne White Sanders

Wayne White Sanders, age 71 of De Leon passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at Comanche County Medical Center. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m. At De Leon Cemetery with Jackie Auvenshine officiating.

He was born February 1, 1938 in Gorman to Gaston Wayne Sanders and Laura Moore Sanders. He married Clara Ann Moore on July 2, 1960 in De Leon.

He was a Telephone Communications Tech for GTE (retired); had resided in De Leon since 1963, having traveled around Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Sanders of De Leon; two sons, Rondall Sanders and wife Sharla of Abilene and Brad Sanders and wife Kristy of De Leon; daughter, Jennifer Tucker of Eastland; brother Bruce Sanders of Mullin; sister Hope Faulkner of De Leon; 7 grandchildren, Keith Darby and wife Stacy, Kelsey Darby, Paige Sanders, Sterling Sanders, Linsey Sanders, Jake Sanders and Laura Tucker; and two great-grandchildren, Kooper Darby and Kaylynn Darby.

Preceded by his parents Gaston and Laura Sanders.

Darla JoAnn (May) Dale

EASTLAND - Darla JoAnn (May) Dale, 39, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2009 in Lewisville Texas. Funeral services will be held at 3 P.M. Wednesday at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland with Chad Gosnell officiating. Burial will follow in the Murray Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 2 P.M. on Wednesday.



Born October 24, 1969

in Eastland to Gene and Shirley (Hogan) May, she grew up in Graham and Carbon and was a Graduate of Carbon High School. She married the father of her children, Alvin Dale in 1990 and they made their home in Carbon and Lake Leon where she worked as a seamstress for a short time and spent most of her time as a housewife and selling Rainbow Vacuum Cleaners. She enjoyed fishing with the children, playing cards and raising flowers. In 1999 she moved to Dallas and became a Medical Laboratory Technician working in the metroplex and living at Lake Dallas.

She is survived by: 3 Children, Son Andrew Erin Dale, daughters Alli Sierra Dale and Miranda JoAnn Dale all of Eastland; Mother- Shirley Morgan of Eastland; Sisters-Randa Bradley of Eastland and Sonya Neill of Gorman.

She was preceded in death by her father Gene May, brothers Ronnie and Robbie May.





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Super Notes

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

They say all things happen for a reason. Whatever the reason, Coach Bagby resigned last week. I know most of the community has already heard this, but for those that have not, he is gone. That is all I can really share with you about his departure. Rest assured we are diligently looking for replacement and are excited about the possibilities.

The scoreboard for the new gym has been delivered and should be installed by the end of the week. It is awesome! I look forward to each day to see what progress has been made in the classrooms and the gym. Everything is beginning to come together.

We held our regularly scheduled board meeting Monday night at 6:00pm. All board members were present as well as Mr. Perry, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Underwood, and Mr. Barton. Mr. John Howard stopped by at the beginning of the meeting just to see if the board had my questions about Project Graduation which his church will be hosting in the old gym the night of graduation. The board then opened with a prayer by Jeff Seaton and the Pledge of Allegiance by all. The board then unanimously passed the consent items after checking them. Mr. Perry reported the listrict fund balance at \$2,354,067.46. He also reported on the East End Special Education Cooperaive and the tax collection rate for 2008 which stands at over 90% for maintenance and operations ax and interest and sinking fund taxes. The district is in excellent financial condition. Mr. Barton hen reported on the building project that we were staying on schedule and said the contractor for the gym floor assured him he would have it completed by the end of June. Mr. Panter was absent, but his report was included in the board packet and he informed the board that overall attendance for the year was at 96.52% and current enrollment grades 7-12 stands at 145. Mrs. Hampton's written report was in the packet and she added that we are supposed to have TAKS results on May 22nd. Mrs. Reeves reported on all the activities at the elementary including their present enrollment of 226 and an attendance rate of 96.52%. That makes our total enrollment 371. The superintendent reported on some of the challenges that were faced getting the new scoreboard into the gym and about how well everything was going. He also reported on TASB training at the service center that he and Mrs. Harrington would be attending Thursday night. Ms. Harrington then discussed briefly some of the things in which she was involved with at TASB and legislation issues. The board then took a break and went across the street to tour the new facility and see the changes that had been made since their last visit. Upon returning, the board unanimously took the following action: Tabled action on a sound system in order to get more detailed information and possibly some additional proposals, accepted a proposal from Randy Haney on artwork in the new facility with some modifications, approve our shared service arrangement with the region 14 educational service center for the 2009-2010 school year as indicated on the agreement and to have them administer the stimulus money we receive, to table policy update to DEC (LOCAL) until TASB sees the legislation that may affect it, tabled any action on reimbursement of communication expenses pending a legal opinion, and approved the first reading of TASB policy update 85. The board then unanimously approve hiring an East End coop employee as submitted. The board then had a lengthy discussion regarding the hiring of a new athletic director and voted unanimously to pay Coach Bagby 11 days for his time and expenses while here at Gorman. The board adjourned at 11:20pm

This is a busy time of year, especially at the elementary. There are a lot of field trips taking place and a never ending list of activities. It is going to be way too quiet around here before long. By the end of this week, most of the deals in Austin will have been made and we will have to wait until the dust settles to see what exactly happened. I'll let you know how it will affect our school as soon as I know. Thank you to all of you that contacted your legislators about school issues!

I apologize for any typo's. This is being written Monday night after the board meeting and it is way past my bedtime!

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

Ranger College Scholarships Now Available!

Ranger College is proud to announce that Regent Scholarships are now available! All high school graduates will be eligible for this scholarship!

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Scholarship applications are available on-line or by calling Ranger College. For additional information or questions, please call the Financial Aid department at Ranger College at 254-647-3234 Ext. 217 or Workforce department at Ext. 230.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Oink! We had a great crowd at the dance last Friday evening! Thanks to all who came. There were several new faces as well as our 'regulars'. We were so happy to see all of you. If you haven't attended a dance here at the DAC, please give us a try on the 2nd Friday of each month. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers play for us and they are a wonderful band.

On May 21st, 22nd and 23rd we will be having a huge garage sale here at the DAC. This is an annual event and the money that we make will help get our beautiful building paid for. If you would like to support our efforts and have items that you would like to donate, please call 254-758-2420 or 254-758-2548. Or you can drop items off at the building Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00. Those afternoon hours just happen to be the times that our library is open. Stop and see what a great collection of books we have for your enjoyment.

Folks, even though the burn bans are off in this area.

please use caution when you burn. We want to welcome all the volunteer firefighters who will be attending the Upper Leon Fire School here in Desdemona this weekend. The event will be held in the old Desdemona School House.

> See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

Wildfire Assistance from USDA

Cattle owners that lost livestock in the wildfires may be eligible for a Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Proper documentation of deceased animals will be needed to participate in this program.

Producers that have purchased insurance through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) may be eligible for fire losses on pasture or cropland. You must file a notice of loss within 15 days of the disaster event.

Because of the existing drought situation, producers in affected counties can apply for low interest loans through FSA farm loan programs that would help with outbuildings, farm structures, farm homes and fences.

Landowners can apply for possible financial assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for range deferment and cross fencing financial assistance. The NRCS can also help provide technical assistance that can reduce post-fire damage and aid in the rehabilitation process.

To find out more about these programs and assistance, landowners and livestock producers are encouraged to contact their NRCS and FSA representatives at the USDA Service Center in Eastland County: 254-629-1636.

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Happenings At FBC!!

Motherhood! Setting aside a special day to celebrate Moms is joyous! Thank God for your mother or the mother figure in your life!

Mark your calendars:

May 13th - 6:30pm - Team Kids and Mission Friends Recognition Program.

May 24th - 7:30pm - Baccalaureate at Gorman High School Auditorium.

Tribute to Mothers: Corsages were presented and devotions were given to recognize all Moms.

Children's Sermon: Liz showed the children a baby picture of herself with her mom. She pointed out how much she looks like her mom. It is cool to see how people in the same family look alike. God gave us Ten Commandments in the Bible; and one of the commandments is to honor our father and our mother. Love your mom. Give your mom hugs and kisses; and tell her that God loves her and tell her you love her!

Special Music: God has given this quartet many talents that include writing songs, writing music, playing music, and singing songs. We thank The Messengers for the powerful messages in their songs: Jesus said in John 16:22, "I'll see you again."; We are thankful for "Praying Moms"; and "God is with you and God is in control". Moms deserve honor and thanks everyday.

Bro. Barry's message: "Mother's Day Prescription for her Family" –Deuteronomy 6:2 The key to a happy family is found in the Bible. Today we hear staggering statistics about the illicit activities and beliefs of the youth in America. Bro. Barry asked each of the youth in our congregation if they believed in Jesus and 100% said YES. Turning to the Word of God to guide our teaching and actions will change the statistics in our part of the world! God can do it

FIVE WAYS TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE:

I. Teach them Convincingly. - Kids won't believe what is not real. The Word of God must be in

II. Teach them Consistently. - God has given us the Words of life, even when life has hardships. Diligence keeps producing.

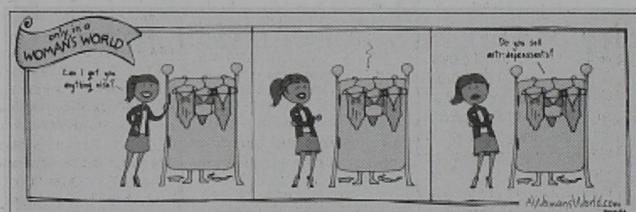
III. Teach them Conversationally. - Speak God's Word! How we live will influence our children. Jesus is our life and we must stand for His righteousness. Your kids are listening! IV. Teach them Creatively. - Show your children how having a relationship with God will manifest

goodness in your life. V. Teach them Conspicuously. - Boldly stand out, and let your children see the love of Jesus in

you. Are you a "covert Christian"? Profess your faith in Jesus! Your kids are watching!

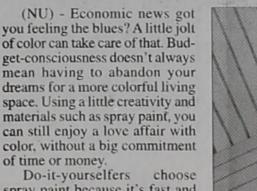
Thank God for Mothers!

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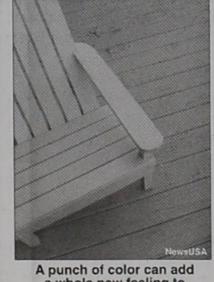
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CURB.

Brightening architectural details such as shutters, garden gates and light fixtures with a punch of color can increase a home's curb appeal. Indoors, strategic use of or can transform attic treasures and bargain finds ranging from tables and headboards to picture frames and wicker baskets into fresh accent pieces.

'The key color drivers this year are the economy, nature and fashion," says Donna Schroeder, who develops color palettes for the Krylon spray paint brand. 'Neutral colors are always popular during economic downturns, but today's more educated consumer loves color and seeks shades that are enchanting and beautiful, honest and natural."

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energy, counter despair and fulfill a genuine need for art, culture and beauty in life. Examples from Krylon's Indoor/Outdoor color palette include Rich Plum and Jade, Raspberry and Hyacinth floral hues that impart a dream-

"At the same time, the green movement is in everyone's consciousness, so consumers are exploring natural, honest colors and textures," Schroeder says. She points to Pistachio and Pebble as colors that are ideal for refreshing and repurposing the home with soothing, nature-inspired tones.

Once you've introduced a color you love, Schroeder suggests building on it with flower arrangements, pillows, throws and other accessories. For inspiration and home-improvement hints, visit the Krylon Web site at www.kry-

Letter To The Editor

I am writing this letter in order to thank the players and coaches from the Gorman Rays baseball team. I am a coach of the Deleon S&S team and we have had the tough task of playing against this team for the last couple of years. They have always acted with the utmost respect for everyone at any of these games and have set a great example for other kids to follow. I credit good parenting and coaching for the attitude and respect shown by these young men.

Earlier in this past week I had lost my father to a long battle with cancer. At our game on Thursday May 7th, these young men took the field and paid my father, myself, and my family the ultimate respect by coming out and shaking my hand one by one to let me know they were thinking of me and my family. There are not enough words to express our thanks to these coaches and players for their thoughts and prayers at this time.

There is only one word I can think of that describes these players and coaches. CLASS. I have long known that these values have existed in the Gorman community; this is just the first time that it has been brought home directly to me.

You should be proud of these young men and their coaches. They are why I believe that small towns are the best places to live. I have included a list of the players and the coach that was listed on the league website. I hope I included everyone, if not I apologize.

Trinity Padron Ike Torrez John Warren Colin Simmons Kaiden Petree Anthony Petree Jacob Ervin Rafael Ortiz Justice Fischer-Kolby Gaines Stratton Thompson Reece Scitern Tiyhler Rainey Joe Olvera - coach

Sincerely,

Brad Sanders Deleon S&S

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly lunch on the 6th of May with 25 in attendance. We were happy to have Geraldene Wright back with us and looking well. She gave the blessing for us with her usual good words. She helps brighten our day when here. Also she is a good dish washer, always helps us, as I hate to do the dishes.

It was good to see Bill Barrentine. He manages to be with us occasionally. I wish his wife Mary could come, but always at work in Wal-Mart. Betty Frasier was back with us and feeling much improved. Sure was good to see Martha Rainey with her grandson Ethan. He rides piggy back with her on electric chair.

Our nurses from Medway Home Health were with us to check our BP and BS. We sure appreciate their help at the first Wednesday of each month. So glad they could stay and have lunch with us this time. Thanks to Charlotte and Robin for their time to be with us. Also enjoy visiting with them.

Our meal was enjoyable with meat loaf, corn and green lima beans, Cole slaw, beans, cabbage and other veggies. We had banana pudding, several cakes, 1 pie, Jello with fruit and deviled eggs. Our usual cornbread and sourdough french bread warmed. We missed Betty Region and her rolls. She had been feeling ill with a cold. Hope she is much improved by now. I also forgot last week to mention Ann Maxfield brought us some good crab salad. We sure enjoyed the treat, something different. I'll have to get some more soon.

Most of my family attended Kendra (Swanner) Wright graduation from Tarleton State University last Saturday, the 9th. I never saw so many graduates and the football stadium filled. It was most miserable, sitting there on those metal bleachers. My body still aches. Believe it or not, it was so cold, and the wind blowing. I did not enjoy, couldn't even see my granddaughter. We left as soon as her name was called and tried to warm up in the car. After we had a part for her and Nikki Keith here at ZJ's. Also Nikki celebrated her 21st birthday.

We all signed a get well or better cards for Willo Rice and Lendon Shipman. I do hope she is improving as John is staying with her. The facility is one the nicest in Brownwood. We miss Lendon, so at the games and our meal. Hope he is getting on with some kind of treatment.

It was good to have Adriana Chamberlain back with us. SHe had been to Houston for treatment, hope she is feeling better.

Hope you all had a good Mother's Day. We went to ZJ's where the buffet was excellent.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Ladies Monthly Social" was held on Monday at the Community Center. Several ladies attended to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Hostesses were Carol Sue (Hall) Willis and her sister, Linda (Hall) Hahn. Next monthly social will be on Monday, June 8th at the same time and same location. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Robert Alton Brown and family of Fort Worth spent Mother's Day with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown.

Larry and Gay Moore of Desdemona hosted lunch for her father, P. E. "Shorty" Fox to celebrate his 86th birthday on Sunday, May 3rd. Other family members attending were Bruce and Renee White, Chelsea White, Jeremy Lanier, Cory White and Elizabeth Whitefield all of Stephenville; Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagan and Scarlett of Lingleville.

Larry and Gay Moore of Desdemona served birthday cake and punch on Monday night, May 4th at the Senior Citizens Dance in De Leon to celebrate P. E. "Shorty" Fox 86th Birthday. "Shorty" enjoys attending these dance nights with his friends and neighbors.

Mother's Day visitors with "Humpy" and Betty Duke were Rodney Duke of Pantego, Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley of Midlothian; Elise Duke of Stephenville and Katie Duke of Early.

Larry and Gay Moore of Desdemona and Ruby Lee (Riggs) Hathaway of Stephenville was in Corpus Christi on Wednesday, May 7th to attend graduation for Kathy Williamson. She received her R.N. license from Del Mar College. Kathy is a step-daughter of Ruby Lee. They reported a good trip.

Desdemona Community Center (former School Building) will host the "Firemen's School" on Saturday, May 16th. Area firemen are invited to attend. Teacher's from Texas A&M will conduct all the classes. Support your local firemen -- They do a great job when needed.

Victor Cemetery Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, May 30th. Business Meeting at 11:30 a.m. Followed with lunch and visitation.

Thought for today – "Kindness is like a Boomerang - It will always come back."

City of Gorman Commission Minutes

MAY 7, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin and Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey and Cliffa Vaughn. Absent was Charlie Torrez. Others present were Glenn Scitern, and Trace Gortt.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to accept the minutes of the last two meetings. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 3-0. (There was one called meeting)

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried 3-0.

Tacy read an information letter from Allied waste. The letter informed the City commission of Allied's intent to increase the charge for trash service per month by 4%. After deliberation, and consideration, Cliffa made the motion to increase the City's customer's rate from \$16.00 per month for trash service to \$16.50. Joe made a second, motion carried 3-0. The new cost will be effective June 1, 2009, this also being the date of the new budget year.

The Commission discussed the existence of too many mobile homes that are violating the mobile home ordinance regulations. Two mobile homes were discussed that were not only out of the date range of being more than twenty years in age, also not being properly underpinned nor in good physical living condition. These structures will be noted and have until the end of the month of May 2009 to get into compliance and or moved out of the city limits. The Commission wants to get some notices out to numerous citizens to clean up lots owned or lived on by them. It is the wish and goal of the Commission that all citizens take some pride in bringing out the beauty of Gorman, rather than exposing trash and rubbish. The appearance of our city should reflect an image that entices people to want to come here.

The 1st reading of Ordinance #2009-5-7 The Gorman EDC Loan Application was read at this time.

The 1st reading of Ordinance # 2009-01 an ordinance for compliance of the National Plumbing code.

The 1st reading of Ordinance #2009-02 was also read at this time. This is the ordinance for the 2009-2010 fiscal budget year.

Joe made the motion to amend the Parks and Recreation budget to reflect the payroll

changes. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to purchase the 1997 sewer jet machine from Kinloch Equip-

ment & Supply, Inc, in Arlington. Tacy will call them first thing Friday morning.

The 2nd reading of the EDC Resolution was read at this time. Joe made the motion to

The 2nd reading of the EDC Resolution was read at this time. Joe made the motion to adopt said Resolution with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business for discussion Nathan made the motion to adjourn. Cliffa made a second, motion carried, time was 6:45 p.m.

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

Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

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Protect Your Little Leaguer's Eyes

(NewsUSA) - As the weather warms and children gear up for little league t-ball, baseball and softball, parents know to ask certain questions. "Do you have your glove, your bat, your baseball?" But many parents let one piece of equipment slide -- protective eyewear.

Proper protective eyewear is one of the most important pieces of sports equipment your child will use. Every year, Americans experience 40,000 eye injuries during sports and recreational activities. Most of these injuries occur in athletes under the age of 25. Using protective eyewear could prevent 90 percent of those injuries.

America's favorite pastime, baseball, is the most common cause of sports-related eye injury in children 14 and under. The most common eye injury? Getting hit with a ball. Other sports known for causing eye injuries include softball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey and football.

The American Optometric Association
(AOA) urges parents to protect their children's sight by having them wear proper protective eyewear while playing sports. The AOA cautions that everyday frames and lenses do not meet the minimum requirements for impact resistance in most sports. The lack of proper protective eyewear can turn a

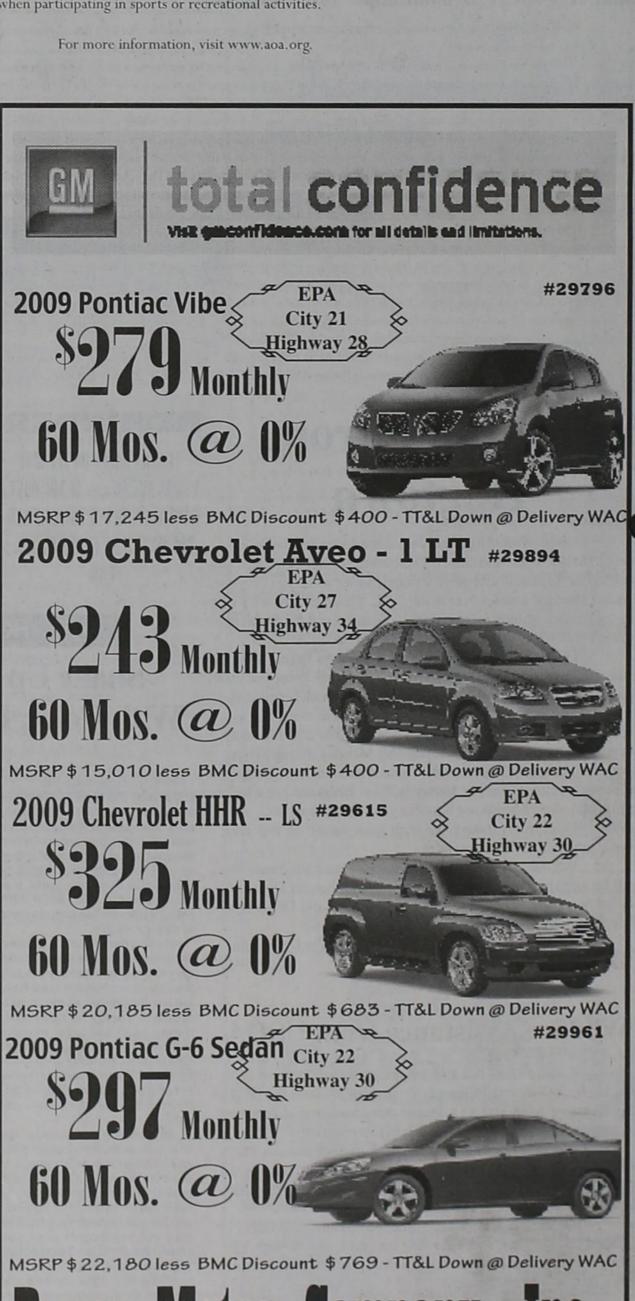
small collision into a sight-threatening injury.

The AOA offers these sports safety tips:

 Have your child's eyes examined. A comprehensive eye exam can detect vision problems like nearsightedness, farsightedness and others that could hinder performance and lead to injuries.

 Ensure that your child has certified protective eyewear that will protect against injury and ultraviolet radiation. Sports-related eyewear is tested to meet rigid standards, and some have been independently verified and have received the AOA Seal of Acceptance.

Set a good example. Eye injuries happen to adults, too. Don't forget to put on your protective eyewear
when participating in sports or recreational activities.



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