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Gorman Schools Erect Internet Tower



The Gorman Independent School District has recently added an Internet Tower to the campus by Maxfield Elementary building and the offices of the school. The tower construction crew drilled a base hole for the tower during the weekend and then started putting up the tower. On Monday the picture to the left shows part of the tower being put up. The rest of the tower was erected on Monday night. This tower should help the school get better internet signal to use for student experiences.

Bradford Makes Statement

I would like to take this opportunity to address the votes of Eastland County before the primary election on March 4th.

My name is Wayne Bradford and I am seeking re-election as Sheriff of Eastland County. I am an Eastland County native, born in Ranger. I am a former Department of Public Safety Trooper and have served as your Sheriff since 1997. I am active in community service as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Ranger. I served on the Ranger School Board from 1987 to 1995, first as a trustee and later as board president. I am an active member of the Eastland Masonic Lodge. I was appointed by the Governor in June 2005 to serve on the Texas Intelligence Council.



Since becoming your Sheriff in 1997 I have devoted my time to the service of God through my church, my family and my job. My wife Jerre and I have been married 35 years and have two grown daughters, two sons-in-law and two precious grandsons.

I first joined the Sheriff's Office in 1994 as a jailer. I have served as jail administrator, then deputy, civil/warrants deputy and chief deputy. The Sheriff's job is diversified and requires experience and training in several areas. The Sheriff is responsible for investigating criminal activity in the county, operation of the jail and housing prisoners. The Sheriff is also responsible for serving civil process and is the repository of warrants for the County which much be accessible 24 hours a day. He must also have administrative skills which enable him to coordinate and oversee each of these responsibilities. I believe I am qualified based on my experience and training in each of these areas.

My staff at the Sheriff's Office consist of a chief deputy, jail administrator, three patrol deputies, one warrant/civil process deputy, one MHMR/inmate work crew deputy, sixteen jailers, two courthouse security deputies and one secretary.

My deputies, chief deputy and I, of course, cannot be everywhere and see everything that goes on in this county. That is where we count on the citizens for input. I you see something that doesn't look right, give us a call. You may have valuable information on a case we are already working on, or you might help stop a crime before it starts. My door is always open to the citizens of Eastland County. If you have a problem, my staff and I are ready and willing to help you.

When I first ran for Sheriff in 1996, my campaign slogan was that I was "the right man for the job". I believe that given my experience and qualifications, I am still the right man for the job.

It has been an honor and my privilege to serve the citizens of Eastland County as Sheriff since 1997. I appreciate the support I have been shown and ask for your vote in the Republican Primary on March 4th.

(Paid political advertising by Wayne Bradford, P. O. Box 824, Eastland, Tx 76448).

Elton McCoy Makes Bid For Eastland County Sheriff

My name is Elton McCoy. I am running for the office of Eastland County Sheriff. With almost 20 years of experience in the law enforcement, my record speaks of my character and resolve to serve this county with integrity, commitment and fairness.

Currently, I am Chief of Police in Ranger. Having also served in the capacity of Police Chief of Rising Star, and as a Deputy and Jail Administrator of the Eastland County Sheriff's Department, I have obtained a good working relationship with local and state law enforcement entities.

My experience and strong moral values will allow me to uphold the high standards expected by the citizens of Eastland County. I believe I can influence our communities to unite positively in crime prevention.

My decision to seek this office is based on my desire to secure protection for your families and property. As sheriff of Eastland County, I will make your safety my highest priority by providing visible patrol and dependable coverage for the entire county.

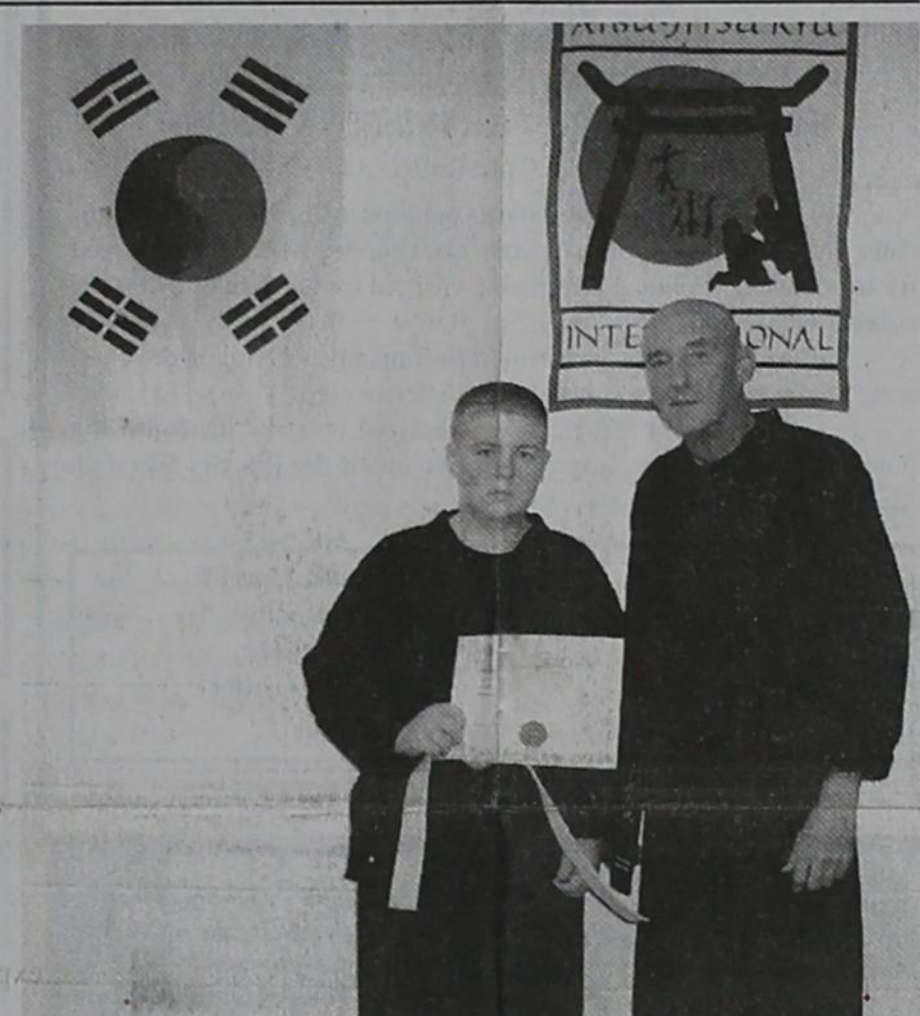
With my management and investigative experience, I will conduct thorough criminal investigations. I will follow through with the requirements for prosecution. My plan includes three primary strategies. First, I will do all I can to prevent crime. Second, I commit to protecting citizens against harm from criminals. Third, I will do all I can to see that criminals are indicted and prosecuted. Having been a resident of Eastland County for thirty years, I have always enjoyed serving the people of Eastland County.

I am very proud of my family. Cindy McCoy, my wife of twenty-nine years, has been employed as an admission clerk for sixteen years at Eastland Memorial Hospital. We have three daughters. Amber Parker is a stay at home mom. Leslie Stoker is also a mom and employed by the Erath County Sheriff's Office. Cassie McCoy is a dispatcher for Eastland County. I am also proud of my two sons-in-law and grandsons -- Jeff and Jayden Parker and Spike and Brayden Stoker.

Not only do I enjoy living and working in Eastland County, I plan to retire here. I believe by working with the good people of this county, we can make it an even better place to live.

Please allow me the opportunity to serve as Eastland County Sheriff by voting for me in the **Republican Primary on March 4, 2008.**

Paid Pol Adv. By Elton McCoy, P. O. Box 1042, Eastland, Tx 76448.



Jeffery Rainey received his Yellow Belt in Progressive Jujitsu. He is pictured here with Sensei Rick Davis. He is currently enrolled in two different Martial Arts Classes at the TNT School of Self Defense in Stephenville.

Historical Program at Breckenridge Library

The Breckenridge Library, Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Historic Breckenridge are sponsoring a program entitled "The Milling Brothers, Mystic Healers" by Gene Fowler to be performed in the historic Breckenridge National Theatre on Saturday, February 23rd at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. For questions, please call the Breckenridge Library at 254-559-5505.

Notice:

City Elections Will Be Held May 10, 2008

The terms that will be expiring this year are Mayor, Commissioner Place #2 and Commissioner Place #4. First day to apply for a place on the ballot is February 9, 2008; the last day to do so is March 10, 2008.

Two Positions To Open For School Board

TWO positions will come open for the May 10, 2008 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Jeff Seaton and Larry Thompson. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 11, 2008. Deadline for filing will be March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours.

DOS posiciones serán abiertas para la elección el 10 de mayo de 2008 para el fideicomisario de la mesa escolar directiva para ser decidida en libertad. Estas posiciones serán para términos de tres años y son sostenidas actualmente por Jeff Seaton y Larry Thompson. Las solicitudes para archivar para una posición en la votación comenzarán el 11 de febrero de 2008. La fecha límite para la clasificación será el 10 de marzo del 2008 a las 5:00 de la tarde. Las solicitudes pueden ser completadas en la oficina de Administración durante horas escolares.

Daylights Savings Time
Switches Back
On March 9th

GISD School Menu

FOR WEEK OF
FEB. 25 THRU FEB. 29

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
- TUESDAY - Eggs, Toast, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
- WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hash Browns, Juice and Milk.
- THURSDAY - Biscuit, Ham, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
- FRIDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY - Pork Chop, Chicken Leg, Cheese Potatoes, Broccoli, Rosie Applesauce, Biscuits, and Milk.
- TUESDAY - Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Rings, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp and Milk.
- WEDNESDAY - Baked Ham, Corn Dog, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni and Cheese, Bread, Oranges and Milk.
- THURSDAY - Tony's Pizza, Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Tossed Salad, Seasoned Corn, Bread Stik, Oatmeal Cookie and Milk.
- FRIDAY - Chili / Cheese Dog, Toasted Ham and Cheese, Pork-n-Beans, French Fries, Fruit and Milk.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH 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
Tuesdays - 7:00 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. Technology 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.

- PROCLAMATION - SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Severe Weather Awareness Week is February 24 - March 1st and
WHEREAS, each year brings the potential for violent weather to Texas, and
WHEREAS, large portions of our State including Eastland County, can be devastated by flooding, tornadoes, hail, windstorms and other emergencies, and
WHEREAS, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have joined together in urging all citizens to prepare for severe Weather events and to educate themselves on safety strategies, and
WHEREAS, Governor Rick Perry has declared the week of February 24 - March 1, 2008, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas, now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastland County Judge and Commissioner's Court urge Everyone in our community to learn more about and to participate in Severe Weather Preparedness activities available in Eastland County.
THEREFORE, in official recognition of this statewide event, we the undersigned do Hereby proclaim February 24 - March 1, 2008 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Eastland County.

- (s) Rex Fields - Eastland County Judge
- (s) Wayne Honea, Pct. 1
- (s) Norman Christian, Pct. 2
- (s) Bill Underwood, Pct. 3
- (s) Reggie Pittman, Pct. 4

