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Two Positions Open For Gorman ISD School Board Trustees

TWO positions will come open for the May 9, 2009 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Daryl Hirst and Mark Simmons. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin February 9, 2009. Deadline for filing will be March 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours.

DOS posiciones serán abiertas para la elección el 9 de mayo de 2009 para el fideicomisario de la mesa escolar directiva para ser decidido en libertad. Estas posiciones serán para términos de tres años y son sostenidas actualmente por Daryl Hirst y Mark Simmons. Las solicitudes para archivar para una posición en la votación comenzarán el 9 de febrero de 2009. La fecha límite para la clasificación será el 9 de marzo del 2009 a las 5:00 de la tarde. Las solicitudes pueden ser completadas en la oficina de Administración durante horas escolares.

Lady Panther & JV Lady Panthers Basketball News

Gorman Varsity vs. Meridian

The Varsity Lady Panthers played a game with Meridian and lost by a score of 67 to 50. Scoring for Gorman was Andrey Johnston with 22 points, Val Longoria with 11, Kimi Seaton with 7, Jaime Johnston with 6 and Lindsey Laminack with 4.

Gorman JV vs. Meridian

The Junior Varsity Lady Panthers played a game with Meridian and lost by a score of 42 to 4. Scoring for Gorman was Carla Jackson with 2 points, Brittany Rameriz and Mayra Gusman each scored 1 point.

Gorman A Team vs. De Leon 8th Grade Team

The Gorman A Team played De Leon and lost by a score of 14 to 9. Scoring for Gorman A's were Rachel Tucker with 4 points, Melissa Ramirez with 3 and Amy Hendrix with 2 points.

Gorman B Team vs. De Leon 7th Grade Team

The Gorman B Team played De Leon 7th Grade and lost by a score of 34 to 15. Scoring for Gorman was Courtney Pyra with 5 points, Sky Lewis with 4, Ashlea Burt, Yari Montalongo and Mykisha Hampton each had 2 points.

Firemen In Need Of Bottled Water

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department is seeking donations of Bottled Water to help renew their stock available to be used when fighting fires. If you would like to donate bottled water please contact Fire Chief Jim Guthery or any Gorman Volunteer Fireman.

Remember Our Sweethearts

Everyone is invited to remember our Sweethearts here at Homestead Nursing on Valentines. We have our valentine card holders on each resident door. If you do not have time to distribute the cards yourself, they may be left at the Nurse's station, Business office or in Ina's office...or give to one of the staff members and we will see that they are handed out. Thanks. At this time we have 30 residents. Ina

Thank You To All

Thank You to All the Very Special Friends that came out last Thursday during the fire. Because of all the friends that knew we were not at home our belongings were being loaded and our house wet down by the time we got there. Even though the fire did not reach our place you made sure our belongings and animals were as safe as possible. We cannot express how grateful we are to all of you. We are very blessed to have friends such as you. Always enough cannot be said about our local firemen who worked so hard to make sure the fire was contained as soon as possible. Again, Thank You all for everything that you did.

Jim and Kelley Carruth
Cory and Joshua Carruth

Spirit Socks Still Available

The Gorman FCCLA still have spirit socks they are selling. They need to sell these to raise money for their Regional Competition which is scheduled March 5-7. Please help support these students as they have been working hard preparing for competition and raising money. You may contact any FCCLA member or Mrs. Kellar at 734-2616 or tkellar@gorman.esc14.net. The socks are \$2.50 a pair or \$8.50 Pkg. of 3, with Gorman Panthers embroidered on them.

Two Positions Open For Gorman City Commission Election

Two positions on the Gorman City Commission will be open for the City of Gorman May 09, 2009 General Election.

Places for election will be Place 1 and Place 3. Currently filling these positions are Nathan Files and Cliffla Vaughn. The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot is February 7, 2009. However, this is a Saturday and the law does not require the City to be open. Therefore the first day to file an application will be February 9, 2009. The last day to file an application for a place on the ballot is March 09, 2009.

Hay dos posiciones que van a estar abiertas para la Comicion de la ciudad de Gorman para la Eleccion General el 9 de mayo del 2009.

Las posiciones para la eleccion son para la primera y la tercera posicion. Las personas que estan trabajando en estas posiciones son Nathan Files y Cliffla Vaughn. El primer dia para meter una solicitud para estas posiciones es el 7 de febrero de 2009. Es un sabado y la ley no requiere que la oficina de la ciudad este abierta. El primer dia para meter una solicitud es el 9 de febrero del 2009. El ultimo dia sera el 9 de marzo del 2009.

Panther & Lady Panther Powerlifters Attend Meet

The Gorman girls and boys power lifting team travel to Santo last Saturday to compete in the Wildcats power lifting meet. Here are the results from the meet.

In the boys division, Nathan Gee place 4th overall in the 123 lbs class with a total of 655 lbs. Matt Fox place 6th overall in the 132 lbs class with a total of 725lbs. Jon Flores place 8th overall in the 181 lbs class with a total of 840 lbs. Matt Keith place 18th overall in the 220 lbs class with a total of 840lbs. Sean Bates place 7th overall in the 242 lbs class with a total of 1135lbs. Kiefer Wilson and Matthew Cogburn competed in the meet, but fail to record a result.

In the Girls division, Lindsey Laminack place 8th overall in the 148 lbs class with a total of 550 lbs. Rebecca Powell place 16th overall in the 148 lbs class with a total of 405lbs. Erica Limon place 6th overall in the 165 lbs class with a total of 570lbs.

Order Restricting Outdoor Burning In Unincorporated Areas Of County

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF EASTLAND)
ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order, beginning February 9, 2009 and ending May 10, 2009, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081, a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00
Adopted this 9th day of February, 2009, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields
County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho
Eastland County Clerk

Community Fellowship Set For Saturday, Feb. 28th

The First Baptist Church of Carbon will be holding a Community Fellowship on Saturday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the Church Fellowship Hall located on 201 Cannell Street in Carbon. Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Games of Checkers, Dominoes, Games, and Cards will be held.

For more information contact Pastor Mike Haggard at 254-631-9934. Plan to attend, whether you come by Horse, Truck or Car - Come and Join Us!!!

Eastland County Courthouse Elevator To Be Out Of Service For 3 Weeks

Eastland County is close to completing the elevator work in the main courthouse. The final phase will begin Feb. 9th. The elevator will be out of service to allow the construction team to complete the job. We will try to make this situation as "user friendly" as possible. If you require access to any office on the higher floors, please come down the ramp to the Justice Court administration office located in the basement. There someone will contact the office that you need and arrangements can be made for you to transact your business. I thank you for your patience during this construction.

Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge

Beth Moore Series On "Esther" Starting February 17

Community Women's Fellowship would like to invite all women in the area to participate in a Bible study beginning on February 17. The group will meet Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship.

Join Beth Moore in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story that contains treasures to aid women in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. This 10 week, interactive study will be led by Ruth Campbell and features personal, daily assignments and weekly group sessions with video.

If you need more information, a workbook ordered, or need childcare during the meeting time, contact Ellen Gressett (734-2805 or 5486), Angela Clark (893-5070), or Joy Campbell (734-2121) by February 12. We hope to see you there!

Life Skills Valentine Sales

Send a thoughtful gift this Valentine's Day! This year's new item is "Fortune Teller Game" we will still have the Heart Tattoos, Silicone Bracelets and UNTIL SUPPLY LAST OF "LOVE GORILLAS" Sales begin January 26; don't delay, place your order today!

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(1) Sucker	(1) Bracelet	(1) Bracelet
(1) Tattoo	(1) Tattoo	(1) Tattoo
(2) Chocolates	(1) Sucker	(2) Pencils
	(3) Chocolates	(4) Chocolates

Contact Ms. Smith or Mrs. Gonzalez to place and order at 734-2616
Thank You for your support!
Life Skills Fundraiser for there Special Olympic

SCHOOL MENU Week of Feb. 16 thru Feb. 20

LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken and Dumplings, Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Fresh Carrots, Crackers, Fruit and Milk.
TUESDAY - Beef Fajita, Chicken Fajita, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Shape Up and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Chicken Rings, Cream Potatoes, Corn Nuggets, Roll, Gravy, Fruit and Milk.
THURSDAY - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Chicken Wraps, Seasoned CORN, Garlic Sticks, Tossed Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Sparkle Apples, Crispy Rice Treat and Milk.

Gorman PEE WEE Basketball Schedule

The Jr. Class will be having a PeeWee Tournament on Feb.16th thru Feb.21st. The Sr. Travel Club will be having a Pee-Wee Basketball Tournament March 10th thru March 13th. This is the league play for PeeWee Basketball:

We go to Cross Plains on Feb. 14. The schedule is as follows:

New Gym
10:00 Lady Panthers Vs Lady Buffs 6th
10:45 Raiders Vs RS 5th/6th Boys
11:30 Bullets Vs Blaze 5th/6th girls
12:15 GATA Vs Buffs 5th
1:00p Roadrunners Vs Lady Buffs 5th Team 2
1:45p Cats Vs Buffs 6th
2:30p Lady Buffs 5th Team 1 Vs Lady Lakers

Old Gym
10:45 Lady Buffs 3rd Vs Red Hots
11:30 Panthers 4th Vs Bearcats
12:15 Panthers 3rd Vs Buffs 4th
1:00p Gorman 3rd/4th Girls Vs Lady Buffs 4th
1:45p Panthers 3rd Vs Buffs 3rd
2:30p Sizzlers vs Lady Buffs 4th

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th 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

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 - 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.

Boy Scouts

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

ALL-STAR ROSTERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 FCA ALL-STAR CLASSIC

Representing 52 Big Country high schools, the players and cheerleaders chosen for the 10th Anniversary Fellowship of Christian Athletes Greathouse All-Star Classic football game will be announced Saturday. The 2008 game is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium with all proceeds benefitting the Big Country Chapter of the FCA. Tyson Swanner named QB on the South Squad and Pedro Calzada from De Leon made the list as FB on the South Squad.

83 players, 28 cheerleaders and the coaching staffs will be introduced to the media and then attend informational meetings with organizers and coaches at Beltway Park Baptist Church. Teams, cheerleaders and coaches report for two-a-day practices in Abilene on Wednesday, June 10.

As announced earlier, the coaching staffs from the inaugural Classic in 2000 are reuniting as part of the 10th Anniversary celebration.

The North will be led by head coach Steve Warren of Abilene High, assisted by Albany head coach Denney Faith, former Colorado City head coach Gerald James and former Sweetwater head coach Hank Dowell. James is now an assistant coach in Bridgeport, while Dowell is on Warren's staff at AHS.

Wylie's Hugh Sandifer will return as head coach for the South and will be assisted by former Brownwood head coach Steve Freeman, retired Ballinger head coach Danny Slaughter and Wylie defensive coordinator Clay Martin. Martin replaces former Cooper head coach Randy Quisenberry from the first FCA staff. Quisenberry has a scheduling conflict and is unavailable for the 2009 game.

Information about the Big Country Chapter of the FCA can also be found at www.bigcountryfca.org.

Happenings At FBC!!

Hope! Emotions run high, and hope is an optimistic anticipation of something to happen. We all are thrilled to have Martha Rainey back in Gorman, in Church, and once again walking with the assistance of a walker. It is visibly evident that God is working a miracle through the treatment that Martha received. Please remember Martha in your daily prayers, and continue to pray for her progress and improvement.

Mark your calendars:

Feb. 12th - 6:00pm - Deacon's Valentine Banquet.

Feb. 14th - 8:00am - Brotherhood Breakfast - don't miss the great fellowship, food, and fun.

Feb. 14th - Happy Valentine's Day to all - You are loved!

Feb. 15th - 5:30pm - Youth Valentine Banquet.

Feb. 17th - 3:00pm - Community Wide Beth Moore Bible Study at First Fruits Church.

Children's Sermon: Liz played the "I Spy" game with the children. Liz named a color and the children guessed an item until they found what Liz was describing. The Bible tells us that we should look to the interest of others, and notice their needs. Be alert to care for each other and lift one another up!

Bro. Barry's message was "He Is Coming!" - Mark 13:13 and Mark 13:23&24.

Be honest with God. Those that endure to the end will be saved. Endure means it is not going to be easy. Take heed and be on guard following distress. When you feel weak you must let the marvelous mystery of Jesus' power protect you.

We have a hunger and a thirst to know the future - physics, investments, bets, etc. Even the disciples asked Jesus questions concerning the future and signs to mark when the end will be.

Troubling Signs:

I. Love will grow cold. - People are cruel to one another. Divorce is at its height of 50%. Jesus compared the Church to marriage, and in some Churches there is a coldness of declining attendance. It's the Church's responsibility to make programs available that will help couples cope with their problems so families can stay together.

II. People will be deceived. - Religion is man made and false teachings lead people astray. Christianity is to pattern your life after Jesus and it is the only way to Salvation.

III. People will mock the truth. - There are scoffers of the Word. People have even invented a "New Christ" to suit their own beliefs. The Bible reveals Jesus coming again all throughout its pages. You must live, trust, and obey the Word of God.

IV. People will not want strong preaching. - Some Churches will turn to forefathers instead of prophecy. People want their ears tickled and will hear only what they want. We are nothing without Jesus!

V. The Gospel will be preached in all the world. - The Internet is truly a world wide web. Can you think of any place in the world today that is unreachable? The ability of today's communication technology has never been so vast.

Let the fulfillment of the signs of the times restore JOY to your life!

A young girl was saved - she came forward to ask Jesus to come into her heart and she will follow Christ in baptism. Glory to God!

Feb. 15th - Bro. Barry will continue the discussion of Christ's Return and the message is entitled "The End and Beyond"

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

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbgorman@hotmail.com

USDA Sets Date for Lamb Referendum

WASHINGTON, Dec 12, 2008 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will offer lamb producers, feeders, and first handlers the opportunity to vote in a nationwide referendum on whether to continue or terminate the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order, authorized under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. The referendum will be held Feb. 2-27, 2009.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. To be eligible to vote, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, which shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lambs during the period, Jan. 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008.

Beginning Feb. 2, 2009, and continuing through Feb. 27, 2009, persons eligible to vote should obtain form LS-86 from a county FSA office either in person, by mail, fax, or via the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms>. Persons must vote in the referendum at the County FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For those persons not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land.

Form LS-86 and supporting documentation must be returned in person, by mail, or by fax to the appropriate county FSA office. The form and documentation returned in person or by fax must be received in the appropriate county office prior to the close of business on Feb. 27, 2009. The form and documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 27, 2009, and received in the county FSA office by March 6, 2009.

USDA monitors activities of the American Lamb Board. The mandatory program is financed by producers, seedstock producers (breeders), feeders, and exporters who are assessed one-half cent (\$.005) per pound when live ovine animals are sold. The first handler, primarily packers, pays an additional 30 cents per head on ovine animals purchased for slaughter.

Notice of the referendum will be published in the Dec. 16, 2008, Federal Register. Copies of the Final Rule and Notice are available from the Marketing Programs Branch; Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA; STOP 0251 - Room 2628-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, D.C. 20250-0251; tel. (202) 720-1115; or via the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms.

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Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 11 Foreign Countries attend the 2008 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Locations include: Commerce, TX, Phoenix, AZ, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Ithaca, NY, Marietta, OH, Lebanon, TN, and Blacksburg, VA. There is also a Summer Camp available for Boys and Girls ages 9 - 18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME. www.tenstarcamp.com.

Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Breckenridge.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns.

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

City Commission Minutes

February 5, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey and Cliffa Vaughn. Absent was Charlie Torrez, due to his work schedule.

Opening prayer was led, and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was recited.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The Commission decided to request two more bids for the unit at the Community Center. Shirley's Heating and Air Conditioning currently has a bid placed. Two more will be considered before making a final decision.

The Commission feels like a new contract needs to be drawn up with the current cable company. The contract on file appears to be somewhat outdated.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bid price with Denver Rainey. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

The City will be accepting applications for operating the City pool.

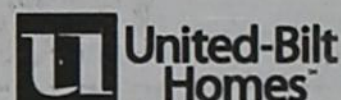
The Commission discussed purchasing a Professional H2O leak Protector, hand held unit. Currently we have one that has been lent by the Texas Water Development Board.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 3-0, time was 6:40 p.m.

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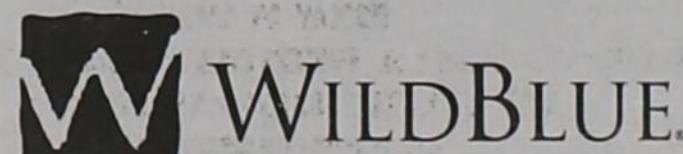
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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our Birthday Celebration Dinner on the 4th at 11:30 was a great success. There were 32 in attendance to enjoy the festivities. We all had a good time talking with Henry Buchanan. His friend, Anne Laminack, had Cecilia Hirst make a beautiful cake shaped like a Book. As he is a retired Baptist minister and also a Author. A very interesting man. Then the next day Anne and Henry went to Dallas to visit the King Tut Exhibit. I had seen one in Albuquerque, NM., a few years back, and they are quite interesting. But you do wonder how much is real or duplicate. The King himself is still back in Egypt.

I had tried to surprise Barbara Bush and Emma Jane Larch for their Birthdays on the last Wednesday of January -- Well we couldn't meet due to the extreme cold and icy conditions. So we included theirs in with Henry's 87th Birthday. We all signed a card for Henry that was from Gorman. Our City Grocery has these cut cards printed with our City's name. I also had Cecilia make a beautiful two layer chocolate cake, so good. The other was a white cake.

We enjoyed a delicious meal of Brisket, Chicken, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Corn, Peas and Carrots. Also green salad, rice pudding, pink whip and fruit, pie and cookies. We also had two delicious casseroles, hot rolls, and cornbread. Bro. Frank Shirley gave the blessing for us all. Always appreciate his good words.

It was wonderful to have Ailene Garrett back with us after her illness. She makes such goodies for her age. I can't even imagine being here at 90. Those who lie this long are fortunate. Also good to see Geraldene Wright. She had been ill with that upper respiratory illness so many have had. Glad your well and looking good.

The Nurses were here to take our Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar. Thanks to you Charlotte and Nellie for coming the first Wednesday of each month. We appreciate Medway Home Health in sending you to us. So glad you had time to stay and eat with us.

Daisy Slaton and I went to Desdemona for their monthly breakfast on the 7th. The food better than usual. Daisy enjoys seeing her old friend Margie Swanner and visiting. They used to work together at Peanut Association. Also saw Dr. Dan and wife Sondra and his mom Lil. Winston Brown, Ellen Parker and their group were also there. Lavelle Hallmark, the nurse that used to take our BP, also there. Good to see her. I had to miss game night on the 5th as it was the last games for Jr. High. We traveled to De Leon and they won. Had to see my granddaughter Alaina Swanner and the others play. The 7th grade improved in their play. Our basketball season has not been too good this year for all grades. Maybe next year will be better.

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

Super Notes

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

It is Monday morning and I am wondering where the rain went. We got less than a quarter of an inch and dust is in the forecast this afternoon. It seems a little ironic, don't you think? Pray for rain! If you've been praying, keep it up. If you haven't been, start! We are dangerously dry out there. If you smoke, please be careful and don't throw your lit cigarettes out of the car window. Better yet, quit smoking!

Last Tuesday I visited the capitol in connection with Gorman's Economic Development Corporation that is a member of the Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). I, along with Clifton Vaughn, Robert Erwin, and Joe Casey represented Gorman and we spoke with Jim Keffer, our state representative, and with Troy Frasier, our state senator, about the concerns and needs of rural Texas west of I-35. We were well received and I appreciate Representative Keffer and Senator Frasier for the time they spent with us individually and the group of over 130 as a whole. Officially, we were all there for "Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol".

This week will end our basketball season. The junior high finished up last week. It will be just boys playing in DeLeon this Friday night. Although our varsity teams lost Friday night here against Meridian, our teams played their very best. We have just been in an extremely hard district, especially when the majority of the schools we play have almost twice as many students from which to choose. I expect that we will be more competitive in baseball and softball.

I have given several tours through the building project and one of the comments that was made recently was that they did not think that most people in town realized what a great project this was and that it was not just a gym, but a new high school that will house state of the art science, computer and drama labs and classrooms. This is a facility that will last. It will be here as long as the old two story and attract new students and families to Gorman. Two of the three sets of steps were poured last week and we are setting windows as well. If you have not been by lately, you should at least drive by and see the progress. We hope to finish by the end of June and we will have an open house when it's finished. Remember, this is your school!

Don't forget our scoreboard fund raiser. We will be sending out a letter to all tax payers and vendors with whom the District does business soon. Until then, if you wish to make a donation, please come by my office or mail it in. It is tax deductible.

The India Children's Choir that was to perform at Maxfield Elementary on Thursday, February 19th has been canceled. They have been detained in India due to a problem with their visas. We hope they will be able to be here at a later date next year. We will let everyone know when we find out.

We held our regularly scheduled school board meeting Monday evening. The meeting began promptly at 6:00pm with a prayer by Jeff Seaton and then the Pledge of Allegiance. The board then reviewed the consent agenda and unanimously approved payment of the bills, payment of payroll, and an amendment to the budget (not additional money just moving it from one area to another). Tim Barton then gave his report on the construction project indicating that we were on schedule and all was going well. He reviewed the timeline, the latest work that had been done and the work to be completed in the near future.

This Friday is the end of the fourth six weeks. Report cards will be sent out next Wednesday. If your child is failing any subject or close to failing, please call their teacher and schedule a conference to see how you might be able to help your child improve their performance. It takes team work between teachers and parents to insure a child's success. Mr. Perry then reported the just over 85% of 2008 M & O and I & S taxes had been collected; that GSD's fund balance was \$2,857,496.64; and EastEnd Special Education Coop's fund balance was \$1,151,402.33. Mr. Perry said that we were in excellent financial condition. Reports were then received from Coach Hendrix, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Reeves, and Mr. Panter. The highlights of those reports were that baseball and softball practices had begun. Our enrollment is holding at 386 right now and our attendance has dropped just a little due to illness. Mr. Perry then reported several information items: a picture of our electronic sign is being used by the sign company on the front of their sales brochure; we are a part of the RUS III Grant being applied for by the Region 14 ESC; discussed legislation that might affect us at the state and federal level; discussed the color schemes to be used in the new gymnasium; Discussed financial commitments already made toward the purchase of our four sided scoreboard. The board then authorized Mr. Perry to continue to negotiate with the different scoreboard companies for the best price for a scoreboard that will meet our desires and then make the purchase. There has been excellent response so far regarding donations/gifts for the purchase of the scoreboard which is estimated to have a total installed cost of around \$25,000.00 and it is believed that we will receive at least that much in donations if not more which will help use with other items needed in the gym. The board then unanimously approved calling for a trustee election on May 9, 2009, approved the amendment of our joint election agreement with the city, and authorized Mr. Perry to make application to TEA for a separate campus number for a middle school campus to be established next year in what is now the high school and to move sixth grade to the new campus. The board then discussed personnel needs of the district. After the discussion, the board took action to continue the employment of Mrs. Reeves as Elementary Principal and Mrs. Hampton as Counselor as well as placing Cindy Underwood on a 12 month 227 day contract as Director of Technology. The board meeting adjourned a 10:30pm. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be March 9, 2009.

The Valentine's Day Fundraiser is ongoing until Friday, February 13th. This is a fund raiser for our Life Skills Class. It is appreciated and recommended that you get your order in as early as possible. Thanks in advance to all that participate.

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you! I hope that all of you realize that you have someone to love and that you are loved by someone regardless of if you are alone. We are all blessed by a loving God who gave us the greatest gift of all, his Son!

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!

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Ladies Monthly Social" was held on Monday, February 9th at the Desdemona Community Center. Several ladies attended this morning event to enjoy the food and fellowship. The next Ladies Social will be held on Monday morning, March 9th at the same time and same location. Visitors are always welcome.

Humpy and Betty Duke visited the past weekend in Whitney with their daughter, Ronda James and family.

Elwood Ragland, 80, of Desdemona passed away and burial was on Thursday, February 5, 2009 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Nell (Grimshaw) Ragland of Desdemona; three sons, E. C. Ragland, Robert Ragland and Gerald Ragland; two daughters, Jana Pittman and Carol Marlow; two brothers, his twin Dorwood Ragland and Bobby Jack Ragland. Preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Gussie (Hightower) Ragland and brother, Johnny Dean Ragland. The Ragland children attended school in Desdemona. Elwood and his twin, Dorwood graduated with the Class of 1946.

Earl Fonville, 67, of Ranger passed away and burial was on February 10, 2009 in the Howard Cemetery, north of Desdemona. Earl attended school in Desdemona.

Imogene (Burleson) Norris, 82, of Gorman passed away and burial was on Monday, February 9, 2009 in the Simpson Cemetery, north of the Kokomo Baptist Church. Survivors include three daughters; one son; one brother, Bob Burleson. Preceded in death by her husband, Paul Norris; parents, Russ and Alice (McClellan) Burleson and two brothers.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

Take time out from your busy schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

"Wall Of Memories" is located in the entrance hall of the old Desdemona School Building. Each brick in this wall has names of Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends. To order a brick for yourself, a loved one, parents, etc. Contact Vonnie Guthery at 254-758-2665 or Gay Moore at 254-758-2240. One wall has been completed and another wall is two thirds full. Get your order in so your brick can be placed in this "Wall of Memories" before our Annual Homecoming and School Reunion on Saturday, August 8th. It takes 5 to 6 weeks to get these orders back - So don't waste time. Order soon!!!

Desdemona Community Center has very pretty Throws (size 50"X60") For Sale. These throws have colored pictures of early "Boom Days", all three School Buildings and Much More. These throws are very colorful and makes a nice gift for someone "Special". To order these contact Vonnie Guthery at 254-758-2665.

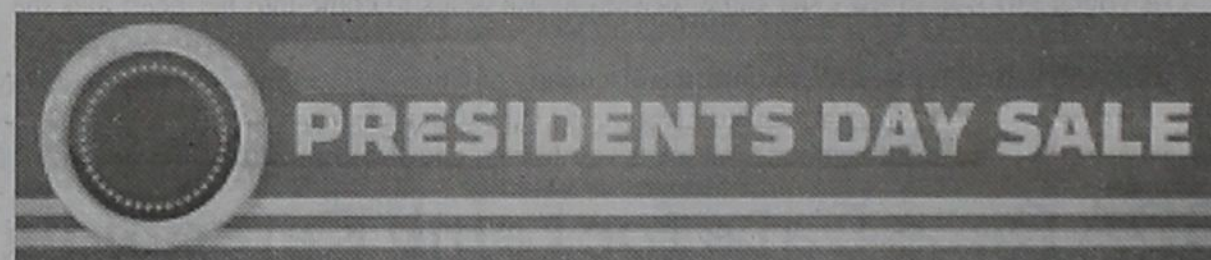
Please Contact is reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. This new article is written on Sunday night and delivered by noon on Monday. Thanks and have a nice day, Coon.

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