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## Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning In Unincorporated Areas Of County STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EAST <br> WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court has determined that circums

part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by
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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 December 14, 2009 and ending March 14, 2010, 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 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 op on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining op-
erations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manage 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(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C
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nor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $\$ 500.00$
Adopted this 14 th day of December, 2009, by a vote of $\leq$ Ayes and $\Omega$ nays. (s) Rex Fields
(s) Cathy Jentho
Eastland Count

Eastland County Clerk
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF EASTLAND
ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EASTLAND CO., TX

## and

WHEREAS, on the 24th of December,2009, The Commissioner's Court of Eastland County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County is greatly enhance
by the extremely dry conditions now existing. NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioner's Court of Eastland County adopts thi
or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County. or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Eastand County. A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. Part $173.100(\mathrm{r})(2)$ (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "Missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Eastland County:
B. This Order Does Not Prohibit:

Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U. S. Dept. of Trans. [Tex. Occ Code, Chapter 2154].:

The use of restricted fireworks at La Mancha Ranch on Lake or at the point area of Lake Cisco. C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally
lished by this Order. An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor. APPROVED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008 BY THE EASTLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

## 1st Annual Gorman Invitation Round Robin Basketball Tournament

The First Annual Gorman Invitation Round Robin Tournament was held recently in Gorman. Teams participating were from Moran, Gordon, Early Freshman Team, and Gorman. The games began on Thursday with Moran taking on Early Fresh-
man Team - Moran won the game by the score of 38 to 27 . The second game was Gorman Team - Moran won the game by the score of 38 to 27 . The second
man against Gordon. Gorman won the game by the score of 47 to 33 .

On Friday night the teams met again with Moran taking on Gordon. Moran won the game by the score of 47 to 30 . Bailey Spencer was high scorer with 26 and Jonthan Stockstill was high with 12 for Gordon. The second game was Gorman vs Early Freshman Team. Gorman came away with the game by the score of 46 to 37. High scoring for Gorman was Sergio Hipolito with 10 and Denison from Early with 24.

On Saturday the games consisted of Gordon against Early Freshman. Gordon won the game by the score of 51 to 45 . High scorer for Gordon was John Cherry with 31 and Cameron Denison for Early with 22. The Championship game featured Gorman against Moran. Gorman won this game by the score of 41 to 35. High scoring for Gorman was B. J. Ramirez with 16 and Alex Giles with 11. High scorer for Moran was Bailey Spencer with 22 .

The Gorman Panthers ended the tournament with 3 wins and no losses. Moran ended with 2 wins and 1 loss. Gordon ended with 1 win and 2 losses and Early Fresh man team lost all three games.
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## Lady Cub Basketball

## 8th Grade Gorman vs Winters - Hampton 4 Jo

 ston 2, Lewis 12, Alejos 2, Ramirez 15, Montelongo 2 8th Grade Gorman Vs Coleman - Hampton Johnston 9, Lewis 5, Ramirez 6, Montolongo 1 8th Grade Gorman vs Rising Star - Hampton 2 Johnston 5, Lewis 4, Alejos 4, Ramirez 7, Monte longo 27th Grade Gorman vs Winters - Cole 4, Grey 2, H Rainey 6
7th Grade Gorman vs Evant - Cole 8, Grey 8, H Rainey 6, J Rainey 2 8th Grade Gorman vs Evant - Johnston 8, Lewis 8 , Alejos 2, Gonzales 2, Ramirez 10 7th Grade Gorman vs De Leon - Cole 2, Grey 1, J Rainey 8
8th Grade Gorman vs De Leon - Hampton 2, Lewis 4, Alejos 2, Ramirez 15; Montelongo 2 7th Grade Gorman vs Meridian - Grey 6, H Rainey 2, Warren 2, Gonzales 1
8th Grade Gorman vs Meridian - Hampton 3, Johnston 8, Lewis 6, Alejos 2, Ramirez 10,

WE WILL BE CLOSING AT NOON ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR PEEWEE BASKETBALL WILL BE DEC. 17 BRING FORM TO CITY HALL
 ASSOCHATON LOCAL SHOW

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 2009
Gorman Ag Science Teacher: Shawn Boles Judge: Jimmy Key, Ag Science Teacher Joshua I S D $\begin{array}{ll}10: 00 \text { a.m. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Lamb Show } \\ \text { Sr., Jr., and PeeWee Showmanship }\end{array} \\ \text { 11:00 a.m. } & \text { Goat Show }\end{array}$ 11:00 a.m. Goat Show
11:45a.m.
Sr.J.J.and PeeWee Showmanship
Lunch Break Lunch Break
Swine Show
Berkshire
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Duroc } & \text { Chester } \\ \text { Spots (Spots, Polands) } & \text { Hampshire }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Spots (Spots, Polands) } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Hampshire } \\ \text { Yorkshire }\end{array} \\ \text { Cross Breed }\end{array}$
Sr., Jr., PeeWee Showmanship As always, we the Gorman Livestock Raisers Asso-
ciation, along with Mr. Boles, ciation, along with Mr. Boles, appreciate your valued support.
Whether you support Whether you support-our concessions, friit, ticket, or meat sales, or just support our kids, you are e valuable part of our program.
Please make plans to attend Saturday, and see the efforts and work Please make plans to att
our kids have put forth.

Bob, Deann, and Mary Powell
Compete in "Santa Shuffle" in Srum
 ran the 5 K , and won her age group. Bob and Deann ran the 10 K ; and Deann won her age group, while Bob placed second in his.
Despite the fact that the race time temperature was in the upper


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


## Happenings At FBC!!

and trusting in bad times and good times God takes care of everything, May each of us surrender joyfully to God's plan for our life, and may you find yourself living your life with the Joy of the Lord.
Dec. 16th - Th your calendars:
Dec. 16th - Team Kids \& Mission Friends Christmas Program - Please come and be delighted
Dec. 20th - 10 am - Happy Birthday. Jesus. Party!
Dec. 23rd - 6:30pm - Candlelight Service and Low
Dec. 31st - 8pm - New Year's Eve Singing at New Hope Baptist Church
Children's Sermon: Liz showed the children a can and then read the label that said chill beans and sauce. When the label says chili beans and sauce we do not find fruit, green beans, dry beans, or peas in the can. When we open the can we find what the label say
is inside. Those that love Jesus and have accepted Jesus into their heart are labeled is inside. Those that love Jesus and have accepted Jesus into their heart are labeled as Christians. Some people wear things like crosse proclaim the Word of Jesus. Jesus loves you forever. Special Music: Sammye Mauney touched our hearts singing "A Grown Up Christmas List" and we couldn't keep the tear
from falling.
Bro. Barry's Message: "I Wonder?" - Luke 2:14 - Glory to God in the highest! When you look at the Nativity Scene do you wonder what Joseph and Mary were thinking? If there is no room at the Inn for the child to be born, will there be room in the world for the Son of God? The baby was wanted dead, do you wonder if the three Wise Men wondered if baby Jesus would even make it through the night alive?
toes Christmas mean to you? Do you wonder what Christmas means to those that live in third world countries and to he missionaries around the world?

Do you wonder what Christmas mean to merchants, is it all about their bottom line

1. God knows you, and you are important to Him. - Children remain impatient waiting for Santa. May we anticipate the return of most important to Him.
II. Your life matters, because God loves you. - God created you, "It a Wonderful Life" is the favorite Christmas movie of many. III. Your faith matters also. - Do you know how relevant your faith in Jesus is to living your life? The radiance of the Lord surDon't be afraid. Do you really get the wonder of Christmas? God will truly be faithful in always giving you what you need. Jesus gave His life for you, and Jesus loves you always

Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join U
Remember: God loves you like no one elsel Email

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## Pig Tales From Hogtown

What a great time we had at the Christmas Store this year! Especially last Thursday afternoon - The Back Porch Musical Society came to our building to practice. We had wonderful music to shop by!

I'll tell you, our Christmas Store is really a fun place to be - we have folks who store is really a fun each year, we have new folks who hear about the store in some way and we have folks who ome in. It's very fore for see sign and hey come from thertang to ta our shoppers ho came A hige 'THANKS' to donated all A he 'o the great cooks who helped run the store! goods for the store and to all who


Please come to our New Year's Eve celebration at the DAC. Bring your favorite game and a snack share and we will ring in the New Year together.


Let it crunch! Letit crunch! Letitcrunch!


Business Directory



## Air-Medical Christmas

 Lunch Held SundayOn Sunday. December 13, 2009, Tech*Star EMS Education held their 3rd Anve : AirMedical Luncheon for all of the area air-medical providers. This is something that w, ... .ach
year for all of the providers that service - the Gorman \& Eastland County area states Tim Dennis year for all of the providers that service the Gorman \& Eastland County area, states Tim Dennis,
EMTP \& Program Director for Tech $*$ Star EMS Education. This is isst a small jesture to show our appreciation for all that these providers do for the citizens in our part of the state, plus to it gives everyone a chance to sit and catch up on old time during the holidays. We also hold a luncheon during Texas EMS week for these providers and next May will be our 7th Annual EMS Week Luncheon.
plum jelly. Attending this year was; Air-Evac Brownwood and Mineral Wells \& CareFlite Granbury Base


L-R: Mark Dent, RN, Air-Evac, Tim Dennis, EMTP, Adam Paterson, Pilot, Air-Evac, Teresa Campbell,RN, CareFlite, Bonnie Clark, LP, Air-Evac, Phillip O'Rear, Pilot, Air-Evac, Steven Nelson, RN, Air-Evac, David Dunson, EMTP, Careflite, Mike Rarity, Pilot, CareFlite and Ramiro Montalvo, EMTP, Air-Evac

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

VET Science 4 -H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month techology Center / Gorman Community
tact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973
Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. \& A. M. Regular stated meet ings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at $7: 30$ p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are alw
ter - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary


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## Super Notes

By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.ne
be happy if it never got colder than 60 , but I don't want to move to South America. Well that's enoug about the weather, it will be what it will be, but we don't have to let it affect our attitudes or our faces; smil everyone and almost all of them will smile back at you.

The Junior Class has had fun with the Jingle Bell Shop. The Middle and Elementary Students have really enjoyed coming over to the High School and Shopping for family and friends. If anyone from Thursday-December 17th 10:40-12:30 Friday-December 19th 8:00-10:30

Thank you for supporting our basketball teams with your presence at the games. Your presence d your cheers mean a lot to our kids. Win or lose, just to see you there makes all their hard work worthwhile. Just knowing you care enough to be there is all it takes to make a child's day. I bet you didn't kno you were that important. The only basketball over the holidays will be the tournament at Priddy December 29th-31st.

Don't forget that we get out early on Thursday and Friday. Busses will run at 12:30pm. Scho ill start up again on January 4, 2010. We look forward to seeing everyone return well rested and read to go. The spring semester is so busy with stock shows, district Basketball, high school U.I.L. Academic
competition, One Act Play, Golf, Tennis, Softball, Baseball, and Track! Oops! I forgot Band, which has sight reading and concert competition as well as individual areas of competition. On top of that we have TAKS Tests and of course we have to fit "regular" education in there somewhere. Actually, I would apeciate it and the teachers would appreciate it if you would make your child's main focus their regular
apsoom work. Just remember that your child has an opportunity to do all of the extra-curricular activities
 is only so much they can do.

Thursday, December 17th starting at 9:00am Maxfield Elementary will have a Christmas Program where the Kindergarten will perform. Mrs. Laminack will lead a Sing-A-Long and Mr. Howard's ifth Grad

Friday, December 18th Maxfield Elementary will have class parties. The individual grades have sent out information with their students on their particular "class" party
The last day for Pee Wee Basketball signup is December 17 th,

The last day for Pee Wee Basketball signup is December 17th, 2009. If you have a child want ing to play it is not too late. I encourage you to get your kids involved in sports as soon as possible. It is a health issue. The sooner they begin, the better off they will be later in life (my opinion). You can pick up a
application at the city office and turn them in there as well. If you have any questions, call Barbara Fenley th $1-254-734-1318$ (cell). The kids will be playing in the new gym where the goals can automatically be lowered to 8 ft .
sent home until January 6th, 2010
Thil January 6th, 2010. num. Admission is free and you are invited. Hope to see you there.

Our regularly scheduled board ith a prayer by Nor Mark Simmons, Bob Powell, Beth Undervood, Larry Thompson, Noah Landa, and Don Whitten. Dery Mark Simmons, Bob Powell, Beth Undervood, Larry Thompson, Noah Landa, and Don Whitten. Das
Hirst was absent. Mr. Perry, Mrs. Reeves, and Mr. Byrd were also present. We then heard two poems Hirst was absent. Mr. Perry, Mrs. Reeves, and Mr. Byrd were also present. We then heard two poems re-
cited by Annette Lara which she had performed at U.IL. competion where she came in fourth place. She did an excellent job and we are very proud of her! Her coach, Mrs. Scitern, accompanied her. We greatly appreciate her for sharing with us this very talented young lady. We then proceeded with the business of
the district. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda and then heard reports from Mrs. Reeves, the district. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda and then heard reports from Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Perry. The only action taken in the reports was to appoint community members to the School Health, Advisory Committee pending their acceptance. Mrs. Reeves reported on the success of the
Fall Festival and the Book Fair. Mr. Byrd reported that they would be doing a mock TAKS test at the high Fall Festival and the Book Fair. Mr. Byrd reported that they would be doing a mock TAKS test a. he he her
school to help them get ready for the real thing. Mr. Perry reported fund balances of $\$ 2,233,941.30$ for GISD and $\$ 1,034,484.15$ for the EastEnd Special Education Cooperative and that over $22 \%$ of the 2009 taxes had alread

The board then unanimously selected Melissa Osborne as Co-Chair Person of the School Health
Council. They then discussed personnel and adjourned at $7: 40 \mathrm{pm}$.
I know I said this last week, but this is the last article until after we return from the holidays. I sincerely wish for you all to have a blessed Christmas and that the birth of Jesus will be on your mind and in your heart and for us all to be thankfully for the wonderful gift He gave us! Merry Christmas!
Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be succesful and you are

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome
volved 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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## Mrory Chzistmas <br> This Year: Tuesday, December 29th @ 1 p.m. <br> Annual Winter Replacement Sole <br> Bred Cows • Pairs - Young Bulls • Bred \& Open Heifers All Cows will be aged \& preg. tested. All bulls will be fertility tested - CONSIGNMENTS WELCOME NO SALE DECEMBER 25TH <br> Dublin Livestock Auction <br> Barn: 254-445-1734 Dale's Cell: 254-485-1289 <br> 9862 E. State Hwy. 6 - Dublin, Tx

## Kiefer Wilson Shines At

The State Championship Game
The Goldthwaite Eagles took on the two time de-
fending state champion Canadian Wildcats on a beautiful day ending state champion Canadian Wildcats on a beautiful day
in Lubbock, Téxas. The two teams were both highly talented in Lubbock, Texas. The two teams were both highly talented ship game, just like it should be. The Eagles lead 13-6 at the half, and after receiving the kick-off they scored on the first play of the second half giving Goldthwaite a $20-6$ advantage. Then both teams started trading touchdowns back and forth. Then, the wildcats scored leaving 27-25 on the board, and were going for a two point conversion to tie the game, however the pass was picked off and the Eagles intercepted the ball ran it all the way back to give the Eagles a $29-25$ lead. Trading possessions gave the wildcats the ball with little time on the clock and they were driving successfully down the field with a determination to score, however with $1: 12$ left on the clock and the Canadian quarterback looking for a pass deep in Eagle territory Kiefer Wilson steps into the line of fire and picks off a beautiful interception!! He runs it back several yards with the ball around mid field. The Eagles can then take victory formation and kneel the ball twice to run out the clock for the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. Kiefer also had 7 tackles on the day along with the game aving interception, he played a superb football game, and if you know Kiefer he wasn't finished when the game clock ended, he then took off his helmet and executed a perfect round off followed by a back hand spring to celebrate the victory. It was a great game and a great time as around 40 Gorman fans travelled to Texas Tech to root for Kiefer and the Eagles. Congratulations Kiefer and the Goldthwaite Eagles.

## HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

## By Ina Smith

December is here, What a wonderful time of the year. Everyone is so good to us here at Homestead. What a blessing it was on Dec. 4th when Sondra Brudnak and Alison Read came and preformed a Christmas concert on the harp and violin. This week we look forward to school band and John Howard coming and then on Friday we will be blessed by the 5th grade class from Gorman Elementary. Dr. Dan just told me he plans to be here with the Band-Aids on Sat. at 10:00. We will have our Resident Christmas party on the 22nd. Daryl Hirst will be here to sing for us. Everyone is invited to come and join us at any time.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## Senior Citizens News

We enjoyed our Wednesday the 9th get together with twenty in attendance. Th only drawback was Jerry Underwood became that morning. She is still in the hospital We dizzy spells. It doesn't seem like she had a heart attack, as heart is working good. Portiss her, 1 had hoped she would be back for our Christmas Party the 16 th. Ruthie Porter was gracious to offer the blessing for us all.

Our meal was great with meat loaf, fish sticks and a wonderful soup that Martha Harrington prepared. Also three dishes of sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green peas, two veggie salads and carrots. Good beans and cornbread. Estelle Lindley made us a good pecan pie and last week I forgot to mention her delicious prunes with crean cheese and pecans. Martha Harrington made a good berry cobbler. Anne Laminack Raymond Hattox and son Gary were with us to enjoy our meal
Raymond Hay mond is here $11: 30$ so the fod will be warm. Good to see the a litle lat He needs to come by 11:30 so the food will stim be warm. Good to see them all.

I traveled to Lubbock with my family to see the Goldthwaite State game on Satsure. We had a hard time seeing all as everyone stood up. I had never been to a game where they didn't sit down. So I had to watch some on that big screen. We did move three times trying to get a seat where we could see. Keifer Wilson sure did shine in this big game. He caught an interception and had many good tackles. At the end he turned a flip, HA!. His brought Ryan Wright was so pumped he had chewed all finger nails offi, HA! We arrived home at $3: 30$ in the morning, I could barely walk. It has taken me two days to recover. They played this Class A State game in the Texas Tech Jones Stadium with Canadian. Keifer is Kendra Swanner Wrights brother-in-law. His sister Holly and Mother Mary were there to cheer him on also.

Our Christmas Party will be this Wednesday the 16 th. I forgot to put in paper last week, so this a bit late. Hope word of mouth got around. Bring a present that will go for Mery and Merry Good Christmas to all

Hope all is well and see you next time - Carol

## GORMAN CITY MINUTES

## DECEMBER 3,2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin Commissioners Durward Webb, David Stanley, Nathan Files, and Joe Casey. Chief Barbara Fenley, and EDC Director Cliffa Vaughn were also present.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.
Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order@ 5:30 p.m.
Nathan made the motion to leave out the sentence of "This year will not follow suit."" , and with that correction approve the minutes of the November 19th meeting. Durward made a second, motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made the second. Motion carried
Cliffa reported approximately 32 structures / houses that should be torn down or done away with. She indicated she had a map with the locations marked. Cliffa is working to get a pro gram to Gorman that can clear these unsightly lots.

Items 7,8 , and 9 were all discussed in conjunction with the EDC report. The city attorney is currently working on amending the current clean up ordinance. This will give the City a better process of pushing through with property clean up letters and penalty. The attorney also stated hat a board will have to be appointed to serve as a review board for citizens to answer to or appeal to. This board will be appointed with volunteer citizens.

At $6: 25$ p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.
At 7:15 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go out of Executive Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0. (Note: David had to leave @ 6:40 to report to work.)
No action was taken upon adjourning from Executive Session.
The Commission had Tacy make note of numerous work orders they wanted issued for comple-
And there will be a look into issues concerning dogs on chains, and chickens not contained to

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