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Order Prohibiting 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 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 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 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 Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

Adopted this 14th day of December, 2009, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho Eastland County Clerk

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EASTLAND

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS

IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EASTLAND CO., TX

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Eastland County; 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 enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioner's Court of Eastland County adopts this order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. Part 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "Missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Eastland County.

Gorman Middle School District UIL Competition

Last week, Gorman Middle School competed in the district UIL academic competition in Ranger. This competition is our opportunity to compete against students from Ranger, Tolar, Santo, and DeLeon. Our students were great representatives of our school; they performed well and have a great attitude. Congratulations Middle School participants!

7th Ready Writing - 6th Madison Warren

7th Art – 1st Jacquelynn Rainey, 3rd Lacey Wilson, 6th Chloe Cole and 2nd team (Jacquelynn Rainey, Lacey Wilson, Chloe Cole)

7th Calculator Apps – 5th Cindy Gonzalez and 3rd place team (Cindy Gonzalez, Russell Morrison, Chey Gibbs)

8th Calculator Apps – 2nd Melissa Ramirez, 4th Connie Gonzalez and 2nd team (Yari Montelongo, Connie Gonzalez, Melissa Ramirez)

7th Oral Reading - 4th Lauren Spivey

8th Oral Reading - 5th Mykisha Hampton

7th Science – 2nd Jacquelynn Rainey, 5th Danny Gonzalez and 1st team (Jacquelynn Rainey, Cindy Gonzalez, Madison Warren)

8th Science – 3rd Yari Montelongo and 2nd team (Yari Montelongo, Trey Howard, Skye Lewis) 6th Spelling – 4th Kourtney Seaton

7th Spelling – 1st Jacquelynn Rainey, 3rd Lauren Spivey, 4th Chey Gibbs and 1st team (Jacquelynn Rainey, Lauren Spivey, Chey Gibbs)

8th Spelling – 4th Zach Carlton, 5th Kinsey Johnston and 2nd team (Zachary Carlton, Kinsey Johnston, Melissa Ramirez)

7th Maps, Graphs, & Charts - 6th Jacquelynn Rainey

7th Social Studies - 3rd team (Chloe Cole, Danny Flores, Jacquelynn Rainey)

8th Social Studies - 6th Melissa Ramirez and 3rd team (Melissa Ramirez, Alaina Swanner, Yari Montelongo)

7th Editorial Writing - 6th Jacquelynn Rainey

7th Number Sense – 3rd team (Jacquelynn Rainey, Russell Morrison, Lacey Wilson) 8th Number Sense – 3rd Zach Carlton

6th Mathematics – 3rd team (Rylan Laminack, Flavio Herrera, Jose Maldonado)

8th Mathematics - 3rd team (Yari Montelongo, Sheldon Fenley, Jessica Williams)

7th Listening - 1st Chloe Cole and 2nd team (Chloe Cole, Chey Gibbs, Russell Morrison)

8th Listening – 6th Yari Montelongo and 3rd team (Yari Montelongo, Mykisha Hampton, Skye Lewis)

6th Dictionary – 6th Kourtney Seaton and 3rd team (Kourtney Seaton, Arlette Giles, Flavio Herrera)

- B. This Order Does Not Prohibit:
 - 1. 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.
 A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a Prohibition estab-

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 COM-

MISSIONER'S COURT.

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho, County Clerk

(s) Rex Fields, County Judge

Ist 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 Freshman Team - Moran won the game by the score of 38 to 27. The second game was Gorman 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 Freshman team lost all three games.

Touranment MVP was John Cherry of Gordan.

Lady Cub Basketball

8th Grade Gorman vs Winters - Hampton 4, Johnston 2, Lewis 12, Alejos 2, Ramirez 15, Montelongo 2
8th Grade Gorman Vs Coleman - Hampton 4, Johnston 9, Lewis 5, Ramirez 6, Montolongo 1

8th Grade Gorman vs Rising Star - Hampton 2, Johnston 5, Lewis 4, Alejos 4, Ramirez 7, Montelongo 2

7th 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

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR PEEWEE BASKETBALL WILL BE DEC. 17. BRING FORM TO CITY HALL. GORMAN LIVESTOCK RAISERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL SHOW SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 2009

Gorman Ag Science Teacher: Shawn Boles Judge: Jimmy Key, Ag Science Teacher Joshua I S D 10:00 a.m. Lamb Show

Sr., Jr., and PeeWee Showmanship

7th Dictionary – 3rd Chey Gibbs and 2nd team (Chloe Cole, Chey Gibbs, Jacquelyn Rainey) 8th Dictionary – 6th Connie Gonzalez and 2nd team (Andy Madera, Fabian Garcia, Connie Gonzalez)

Bob, Deann, and Mary Powell

The following students participated but did not place: Holly Rainey, Crystal Brinegar, Randall Miley, Kathryn Woodall, Emily Turner, Garet Vaughn, Hunter Childers, Kodie Sparger, Freddy Montelongo and Vanessa Longoria.

Junior Hi Basketball

ketball results from 11-30-09 **8th Grade Team** 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Gorman 20 14 7 5 Deleon 10 7 2 8 Leading scorer for the cubs were Zach Carlton with 22 points, Dakota Pacheco with

13 points, Fabian Garcia with 8points.7th Grade Team1st2nd3rd4thGorman4044Deleon2982

Leading scorer for the cubs were Zac "little red" Ryon with 6 points, and Daniel Herrera with 6 points.

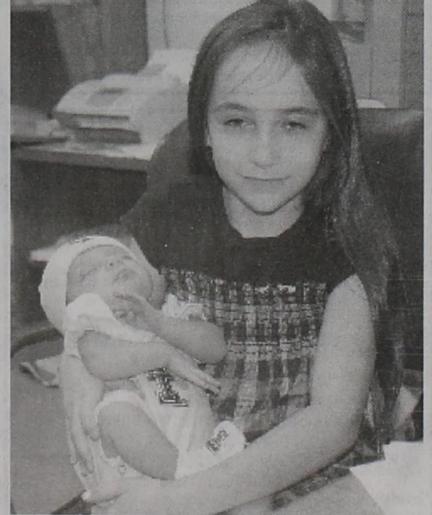
Junior High Boys Basketball results from 12-7-09 8th/7th grade team

lst 2nd 3rd 4th Gorman 3 14 6 Meridian 4 4 4 9 Leading scorer for the cubs were Zach Carlton with 17 points, Dakota Pacheco with 8 points, Fabian Garcia with 4 points and Trey Howard with 2 points. The cubs are 5-1 on the year. The cub's next game will not be until January 7, 2010 against Evant in Evant.



On December 5th, Bob, Deann, and Mary Kathryn Powell ran in the "Santa Shuffle" 5K/10K in Krum Tx. Mary Kathryn ran the 5K, and won her age group. Bob and Deann ran the 10K; and Deann won her age group, while Bob placed second in his. Despite the fact that the race time temperature was in the upper twenties; they had a good time and ran well.

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



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. 11:00 a.m. Goat Show

11:45a.m.

12:30

Sr. Jr. and PeeWee Showmanship Lunch Break Swine Show Berkshire Chester Duroc Hampshire Spots (Spots, Polands) Yorkshire Cross Breed

Sr., Jr., PeeWee Showmanship

As always, we the Gorman Livestock Raisers Association, along with Mr. Boles, appreciate your valued support. Whether you support-our concessions, fruit, ticket, or meat sales, or just support our kids, you are a valuable part of our program. Please make plans to attend Saturday, and see the efforts and work our kids have put forth.

Marley Carlton is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Keira Alana Laminack. She was born on November 25, 2009 to Chris and Melanie Laminack. Keira weighed 7 lbs. And 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Revise and Becky Laminack of Gorman. Maternal grandparents are Rick Eason of Waco and Belinda Eason of Cisco. Paternal great-grandparents are Don and Marceil Laminack of Gorman and Maternal great-grandparents are Betty Regian and the late Steve Regian of Gorman. Page 2 / Gorman Progress / Thursday, December 17, 2009

Happenings At FBC!!

Understand! May God help us to understand the true meaning in the Joy of the Lord. Joy is resting securely in God's care, 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.

Mark your calendars:

Dec. 16th - Team Kids & Mission Friends Christmas Program - Please come and be delighted!

Dec. 20th - 10am - Happy Birthday, Jesus, Party!

Dec. 23rd - 6:30pm - Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper.

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 chili 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 says is inside. Those that love Jesus and have accepted Jesus into their heart are labeled as Christians. Some people wear things like crosses and pins to show that they love Jesus. Being a Christian means you have Jesus on the inside, show love for one another, obey God, and 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 tears 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?

What does Christmas mean to you? Do you wonder what Christmas means to those that live in third world countries and to at the DAC. Bring your favorite game and a snack to the missionaries around the world?

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

I. God knows you, and you are important to Him. - Children remain impatient waiting for Santa. May we anticipate the return of Jesus with such zest. God knows you, let that grab you and take your breath away. God knows you in bad and good, and you remain 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. What impact will your life make for God?

III. Your faith matters also. - Do you know how relevant your faith in Jesus is to living your life? The radiance of the Lord surrounds you.

Don'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!

> 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 fbcgorman@hotmail.com

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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!

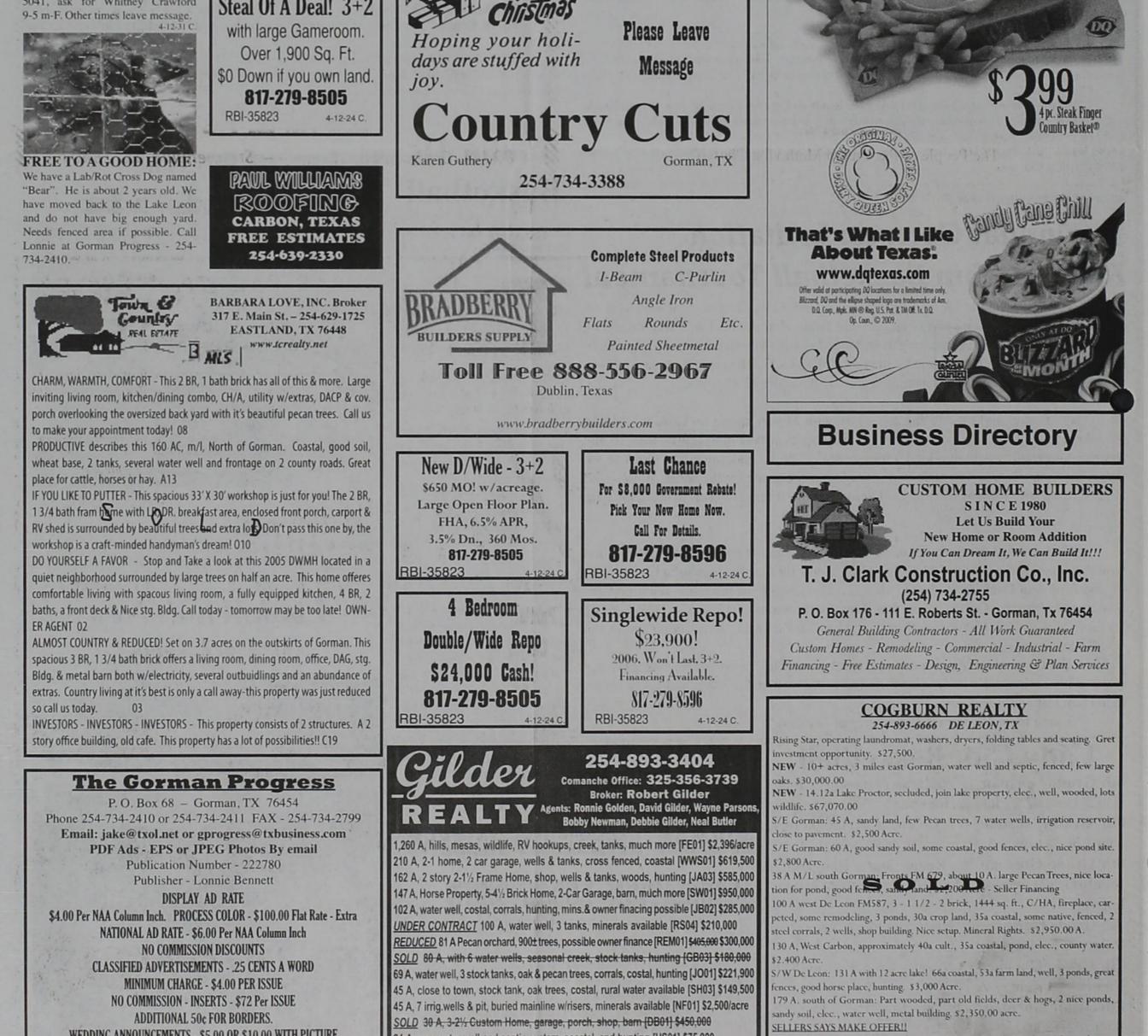
I'll tell you, our Christmas Store is really a fun place to be - we have folks who make it a point to come each year, we have new folks who hear about the store in some way and we have folks who see our sign and come in. It's very interesting to talk to our shoppers they come from all around the area! Thanks to everyone who came. A huge 'THANKS' to the great cooks who donated all the baked goods for the store and to all who helped run the store!

Please come to our New Year's Eve celebration share and we will ring in the New Year together.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell





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Kindergarten students had a blast decorating a Christmas tree at the City Park. Students made decorative pinecones that glittered to help brighten up one of the park's trees to help brighten things up for the holidays. We hope everyone will get to visit the park or drive by to see what a great job they did with the decorations.

THE BELL

THE BELL I KNOW WHO I AM I am God's child (John 1:12) I am Christ's friend (John 15:15) I am united with the Lord(1 Cor. 6:17) I am bought with a price(1 Cor. 6:19-20) I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1) I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8) I am the sait & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14) I am a member of the body of Christ(1 Cor 12:27) I am free forever from condemnation (Rom.8: 1-2) I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20) I am free from any charge against mc (Rom. 8:31-34) I am a minister of reconciliation for God(2 Cor.5:17-21) I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18) I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6) I cannot be separated from the love of God(Rom.8:35-39) I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22) I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28) I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16) I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13) I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5) I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10) I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1) I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship(Eph. 2:10) m confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil 1: 5) I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child(Eph 1:5)

I belong to God Do you know who you are!?

Keep this bell ringing...pass it on.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 5:24-26

The People of the United Methodist Church"

items of interest

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 Boy Scouts

Air-Medical Christmas Lunch Held Sunday

On Sunday, December 13, 2009, Tech*Star EMS Education held their 3rd Annu, 'Air-Medical Luncheon for all of the area air-medical providers. This is something that we ac each 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 just 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.

Each crew member was presented with a notebook portfolio and a pint of homemade plum jelly. Attending this year was; Air-Evac Brownwood and Mineral Wells & CareFlite – Granbury Base.

Thanks to the Gorman Vol. Fire Dept for taking time out of their Sunday to set up our LZ.



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

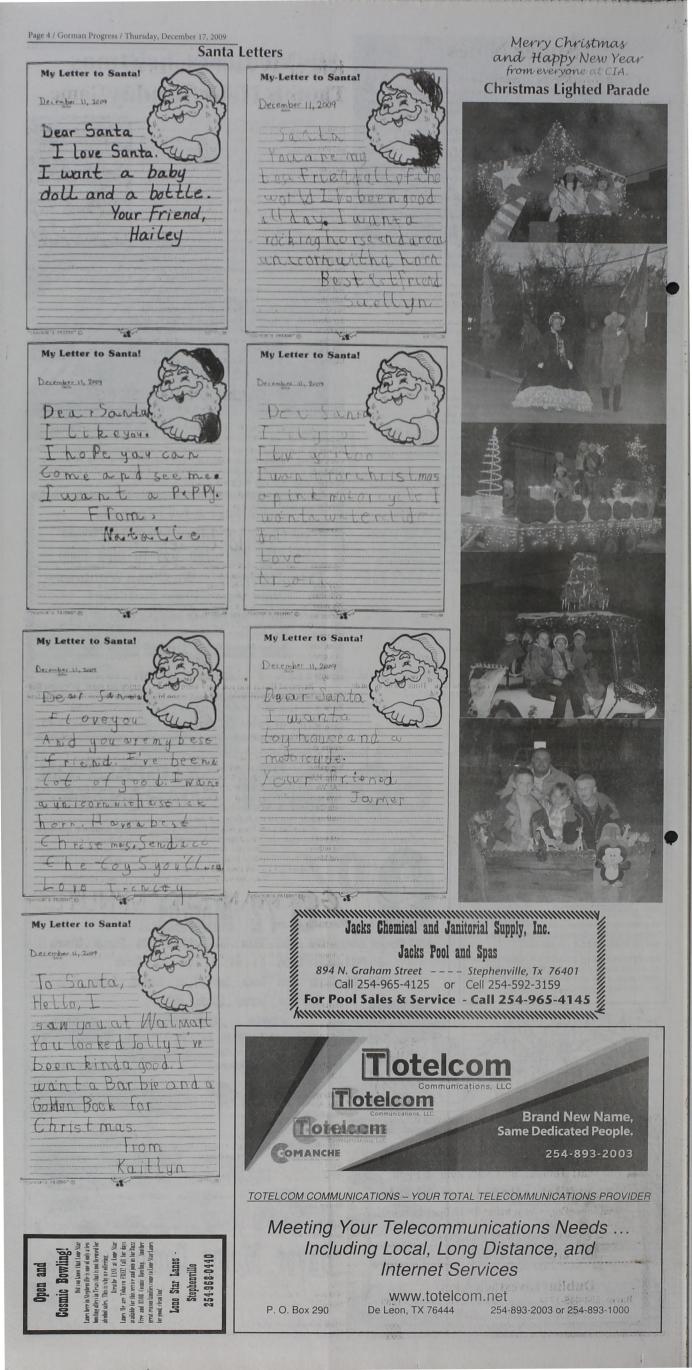
Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master – Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

> Homemade Cowhide Triple Crosses Abre Back! Poinsettias Have Arrived In Many Colors Order You Christmas Arrangements Early For Best Selections And Much More. Come In and Pick Up Your New 2010 Calendar

Wishing Everyone & Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! We Will Be Closing At Noon on Christmas Eve Panola S

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.net

It's cold! I know that's normal, but I suppose I like abnormal weather this time of year. I would be happy if it never got colder than 60, but I don't want to move to South America. Well that's enough about the weather, it will be what it will be, but we don't have to let it affect our attitudes or our faces; smile at 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 the community is interested in shopping, please feel free to come by the high school at the following times: 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 and 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 know 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. School will start up again on January 4, 2010. We look forward to seeing everyone return well rested and ready 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 appreciate it and the teachers would appreciate it if you would make your child's main focus their regular assroom work! Just remember that your child has an opportunity to do all of the extra-curricular activities isted that they want to do, but they can do none of them if they don't pass all of their classes. So please

help them by seeing they do their class work and stay well nourished and rested. Remember too that there 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 Fifth Grade Class will lead additional Christmas Carols. This will be held in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome!

Friday, December 18th Maxfield Elementary will have class parties. The individual grades have Eagles. Congratulations Kiefer and the Goldthwaite Eagles. sent out information with their students on their particular "class" party.

The last day for Pee Wee Basketball signup is December 17th, 2009. If you have a child wanting 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 at 1-254-734-1318 (cell). The kids will be playing in the new gym where the goals can automatically be lowered to 8ft.

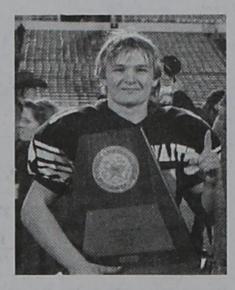
The third six-weeks (first semester) will end December 18th, 2009. Report cards though will be sent home until January 6th, 2010.

The Christmas Band Concert will be Thursday, December 17th, 2009 at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Admission is free and you are invited. Hope to see you there.

Our regularly scheduled board meeting was held Monday evening: The meeting began at 6:00pm with a prayer by Noah Landa and then everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Present and voting were Mark Simmons, Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, Larry Thompson, Noah Landa, and Don Whitten. Daryl Hirst was absent. Mr. Perry, Mrs. Reeves, and Mr. Byrd were also present. We then heard two poems recited by Annette Lara which she had performed at U.I.L. competition 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, 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 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 already been paid. Procedures for Superintendent Evaluation, which takes place in January, were

Kiefer Wilson Shines At The State Championship Game

The Goldthwaite Eagles took on the two time defending state champion Canadian Wildcats on a beautiful day in Lubbock, Texas. The two teams were both highly talented and closely matched making for an exciting state championship 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 and has visions of touchdown in his head; however his training overcomes and he goes down 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 saving 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

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.



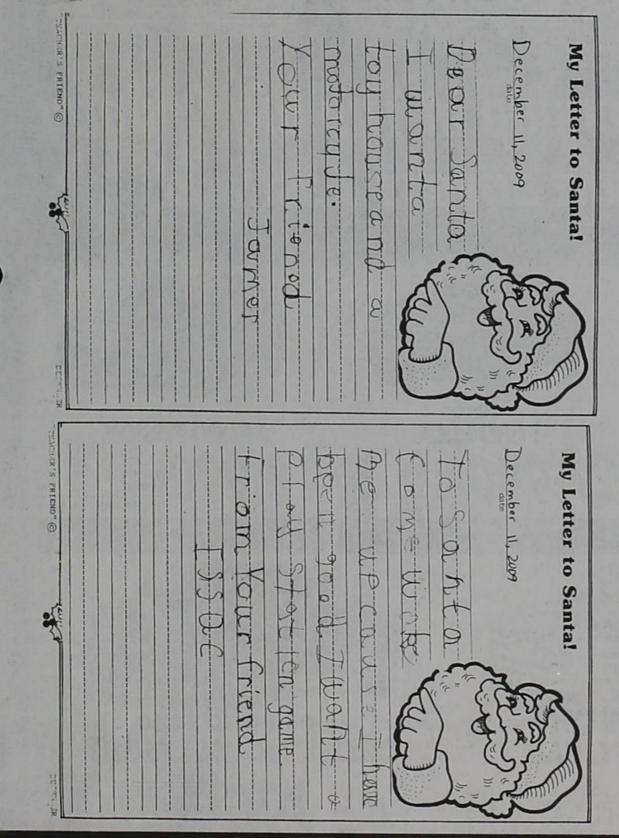
We enjoyed our Wednesday the 9th get together with twenty in attendance. The only drawback was Jerry Underwood became that morning. She is still in the hospital with dizzy spells. It doesn't seem like she had a heart attack, as heart is working good. We miss her, I had hoped she would be back for our Christmas Party the 16th. 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 cream Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome cheese and pecans. Martha Harrington made a good berry cobbler. Anne Laminack brought Christmas tree cakes. Our desserts were every slim this week.

then discussed.

The board then unanimously selected Melissa Osborne as Co-Chair Person of the School Health Advisory Council. They then discussed personnel and adjourned at 7:40pm.

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!

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!



Merry Christmas This Year: Tuesday, December 29th @ 1 p.m. Annual Winter Replacement Sale

Raymond Hattox and son Gary were with us to enjoy our meal. Of coarse Raymond is here nearly every week, but good to see his son. James Bruton came a little late. He needs to come by 11:30 so the food will still be warm. Good to see them all.

I traveled to Lubbock with my family to see the Goldthwaite State game on Saturday the 12th. What an exciting game! They won with a 29 to 25 score. A nail biter for sure. 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 off, 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 16th. 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 either sex and no more than five dollars in cost. Maybe we will have a good turnout and Merry Good Christmas to all.

Hope all is well and see you next time - Carol P.S. - We will not meet the week of Christmas

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.

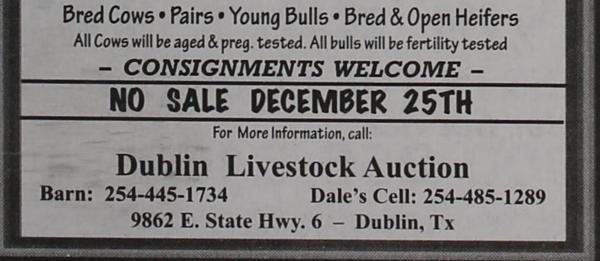
Nathan made the motion to leave out the sentence of "This year will not follow suit..", and with that correction approve the minutes of the November 19th meeting. Durward made a second, motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

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 program 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 that 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 completion. And there will be a look into issues concerning dogs on chains, and chickens not contained to proper pens or coops.

There being no further business for discussion, Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Durward. Motion carried, time was 7:35 p.m.

Page 6 / Gorman Progress / Thursday, Decemb My Letter to Santa! My Letter to Santa! My Letter to Santa! December 11, 2009 P.C. a. r Suite Dear Santa, ILOVE I have been I Like yoy, good. (with a grin) Please you. Ic'thee How do you make toy acodican I have a bring me a guitar and I want a S. ForChristma? a toy car. motorcycle because my old one broke Latson takocking Love 170000 Jacob Love I Love you Cayder Anne Stenley Ford Libren www.stanleyfordeastland.com Ford) MERCURY 2010 FORD RANGER REG. CAB AUTOMATIC, STK# 0T7890 MSRP DISCOUNT. REBATE ^{\$}670 ^{\$}2500 SALE PRICE Newest Ford Dealership in The Big Country Make that short drive to Eastland ALT FORD MUST 2010 FORD FUSION EXPLORER XLT FORD EDGE \$\$1 5990 SALE PR 74990 2010 FORD 2009 FORD F350 2010 FORD F250 CREW CAB F-150 4-DOOR **CREW CAB 4X4 LARIAT** OUR-DOOR DIESEL, AUTO, HE 2008 F250 CREW 4X4 \$ 2004 FORD F150 4 DR, V8, AUTO 2006 FORD F150 SUPERCREW, XLT V8, AUTO 5.990 \$**9,990** CARS & TRUCKS COST LESS IN THE COUNTRY **Better Price, Better Service** 800-256-5464 1308 E. Main • Eastland, Tx www.stanleyfordeastland.com