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Gorman Church of Christ Honors Seniors With Ice Cream Supper



The Seniors of Gorman High School were honored Monday evening May 16 at the Church of Christ fellowship hall with an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Supper. More than sixty students, faculty, guests and church hosts were on hand to congratulate the young people. Each senior was presented a personalized Bible as a gift. Special guests and presenters were members of the Base Honor Guard of Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. This group presented an impressive patriotic program to the honorees and guests.

John Deere Lawn Mower Drawing

It's mowing season again! The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a John Deere L100 Riding Lawn Mower. The retail value of this tractor is \$1,499.00. The tickets are \$10 each and the lawn mower will be given away mid-May. To purchase a ticket contact Larry Thompson at 734-3354, or see a GLRA member. Happy mowing!

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.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

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. Bob Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m.
Methodist Church

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.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Thank You

I would like to thank all those who granted me the opportunity to serve on your school board 3 more years.

My family and I would also like to let all who called, came by, sent things and offered many prayers up for Kourtney while she was in the hospital know how much we care for you all.

This is the very reason we strive to continue to make Gorman our home. Even in the midst of conflict Gorman still has compassion above all. I'm truly blessed to call Gorman my home.

Thanks again,
Jeff Seaton

Thank You

I wish to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to those who supported and voted for me in the recent School Board election.

s/David Freeman

GHS Baccalaureate Set Sunday At 7:30 P.M.

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 22, 2005

7:30 P.M.

Processional
Senior Class

Invocation
Leslie Vann, Superintendent

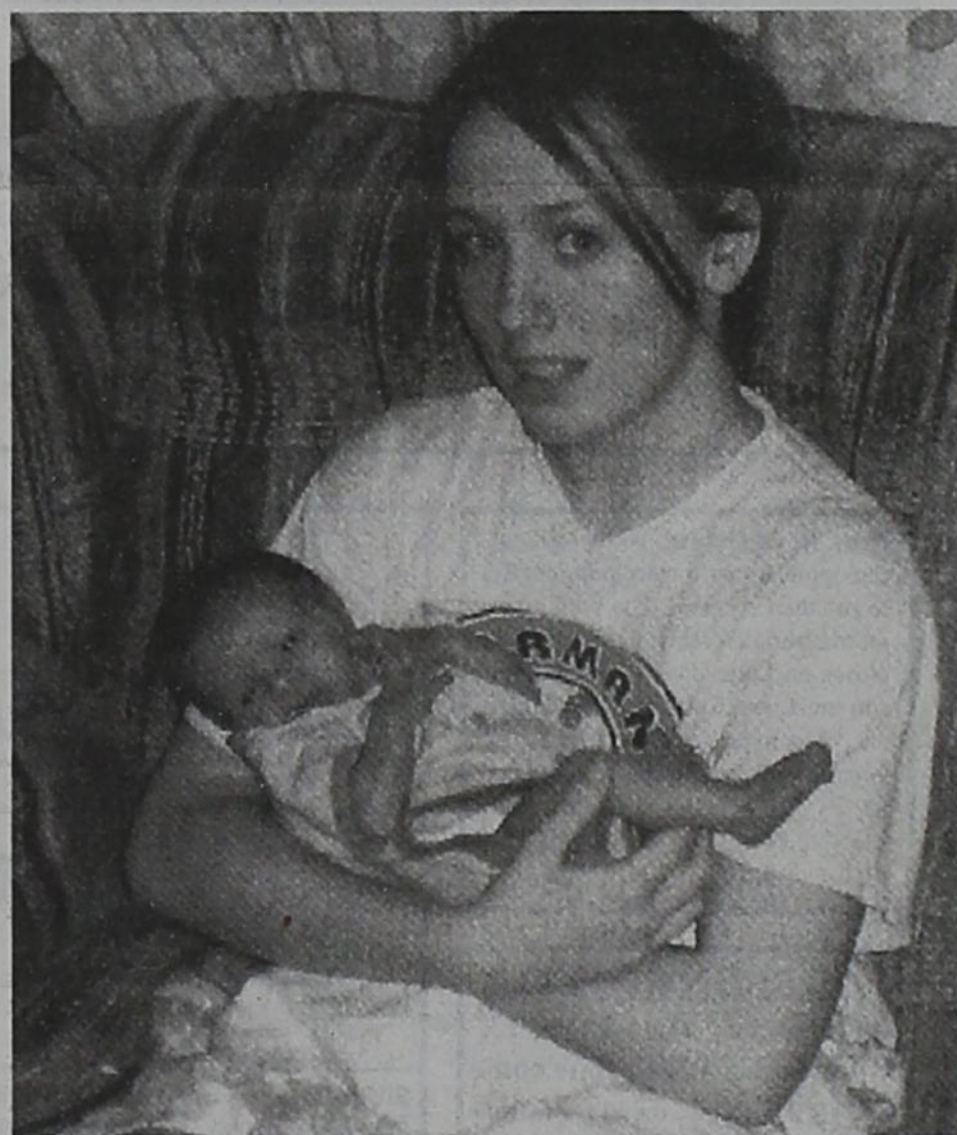
Senior Presentation

Baccalaureate Sermon
Richard Watson, Minister
New Hope Baptist Church

Benediction
Ronny Wright, Principal

Recessional
Senior Class

It's A Boy!!



Jimmie, Dezirae, and Dalton Murphy along with Tiyhler and Hayden Rainey would like to announce the birth of their new baby brother. Jerry Weldon Webb-Wilder Murphy was born at 3:26 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Jerry weighed in at 5 pounds and 10 ounces and he is 18 1/2 inches long.

He is also welcomed by Mommy and Daddy, "Kristy and Eddie." His maternal grandparents are Jimmie and Glenna Turner. His maternal great-grandparents are the late Miles Ervin and Georgia Ervin all of Gorman. His paternal grandparents are Judy and Ed Oliveira of Fruitvale, Texas, Edward Murphy Jr. of Gorman and Nana Elisha Phillips also of Gorman. His paternal great grandmother is Faye Pitcox of Stephenville.

Jerry is also welcomed by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jerry was delivered by Dr. Shultz at Brownwood Regional.

Relay for Life Wrap Up Party

The Eastland County Relay for Life Wrap-Up Party for Team Captains and Team Members and Sponsors will be on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at the Eastland Bed & Breakfast 112 N. Lamar, Eastland (located next to the majestic Theatre) from 2-4 p.m.

There will be awards and prizes, income results, slide show from the 2005 RFL Event, and year round Relay fundraising. Refreshments will be served.

School Menu -- Week of May 23

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, yogurt, milk, juice

Tuesday--Danish, milk, juice

Wednesday--Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice

Thursday--Cinnamon rolls, milk, juice

Lunch

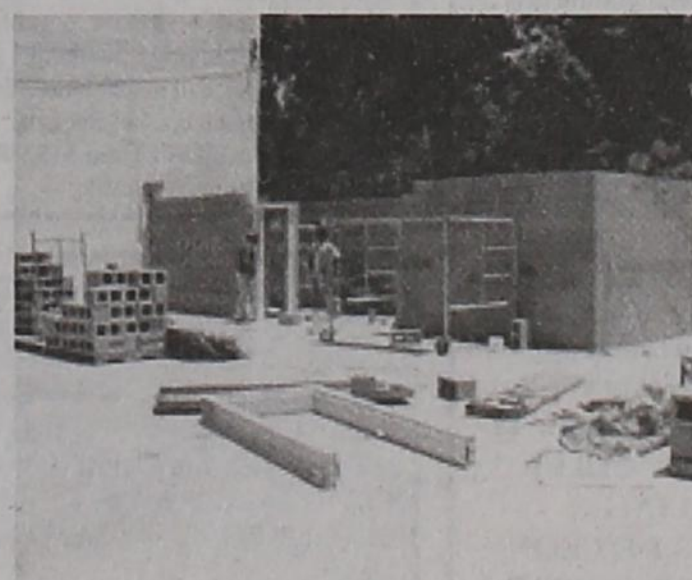
Monday--Chicken burritos, refried beans, Spanish rice, milk

Tuesday--Steakfingers, gr. beans, cr. potatoes, biscuits, gravy, milk

Wednesday--Tacos, salad, refried beans, cheese, salsa, milk

Thursday--Comdogs, pork-n-beans, chips, fruit, milk

Photos Of Gorman Improvements



The following appeared in the Eastland Telegram, Thursday, March 24, 2005 edition. The family wanted to share their precious miracles and thank friends in Gorman...

A Note to Say "Thank You So Much"



The family of Jayden Justice wanted to say "Thank You" for your support, your caring, and most of all your prayers that you gave to Jayd. We thought we would share with you Jayden's miracle and his long journey.

To begin Jayd was to have his heart surgery on Thursday, February 10th. We arrived at the hospital on time prepared for at least a 6 hour surgery and maybe an 8 hour. We knew that at best we would be going home in 7 days after surgery, at worst 14 days. The road begins...the doctors felt Jayd had more problems with his lungs than needed to go ahead with the sur-

gery so the surgery is postponed until March 2nd and we are sent directly over to a lung specialist to receive medicine and go home. The lung doctor put Jayd directly into ICU February 10th. On Sunday, February 13th Jayd's cardiologist came in and told us that it is not his lungs but his heart and he is worse now than when he came into ICE three days ago. So, medicines are changed and method of care and we go on. Finally!!! On Monday, February 21st Jayd goes in for surgery. The surgery lasted for 12 hours and they were unable to get his heart to beat on its own after 2 attempts. So our little Jayd (who by the way

11 Years Sentence for Injury to a Child

Freddie Lynn Huff, age 29, was sentenced to 11 years confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod for the offense of Injury to a Child, after entering a plea of guilty to the charge on May 11, 2005.

Assistant Criminal District Attorney Brenda Gray prosecuted the case with Stanley Smith of Breckenridge as defense counsel.

turned I during all this in ICU) came out of surgery on a small bypass machine (life support).

Miracle #1: Jayd's doctor explained to us that he could not tell us how sick Jayd's heart was that they do not see this kind of heart failure except in newborns because if not caught and corrected the child does not live. He also tells us that he will leave Jayd on a the small bypass machine for 5 days but that is all the time the heart will need to repair and rest if after 5 days it still doesn't work, there will be nothing else to be done.

Miracle #2: Tuesday morning, February 22nd the doctor finds a hole down in Jayd's heart, (he came out of surgery without being sewed up and remained that way for 7 days) so back into surgery he went for 6 1/2 more hours.

This time his heart started to beat on its own. However, the doctor left him on the bypass machine until Friday, February 25th to allow his heart to rest all that it could.

Miracle #3: All was going really well Jayd was sewn back together on Monday, February 28th and was to get his breathing tube removed on Thursday, March 3rd. Not liking something they say the doctors did another echo on Jayd and found that his patch over where they had went into the heart had come loose. So on Friday, March 4th we go back into surgery for 6 more hours. The doctor came out and told us that the heart muscle was too soft to hold the stitches, he had put a patch onto the end of the other patch and stretched it over to what he hoped was good muscle, but if it didn't hold there would be no use in going in again and we would probably just need to take him home and enjoy him for the time we had him. As you can imagine we were all very upset. We begin to pray and seek God's will and He lead us to Matthew 18:18-19. We all gathered in our motel room and prayed and read these scriptures out loud and believed, then we went back to the hospital and asked if we could all come into Jayd's room for just a minute (there were 6 of us). We went in and read these scriptures over Jayd out loud and then prayed and turned him over to God!!! Since then Jayd has not looked back! He

stopped draining on Saturday, March 5th, so, they removed his drain tube Sunday morning, March 6th and his breathing tube that same evening. After 34 days in ICU Jayd was moved to the regular floor on Wednesday, March 16th, and hopefully will get to come home before Easter!!!

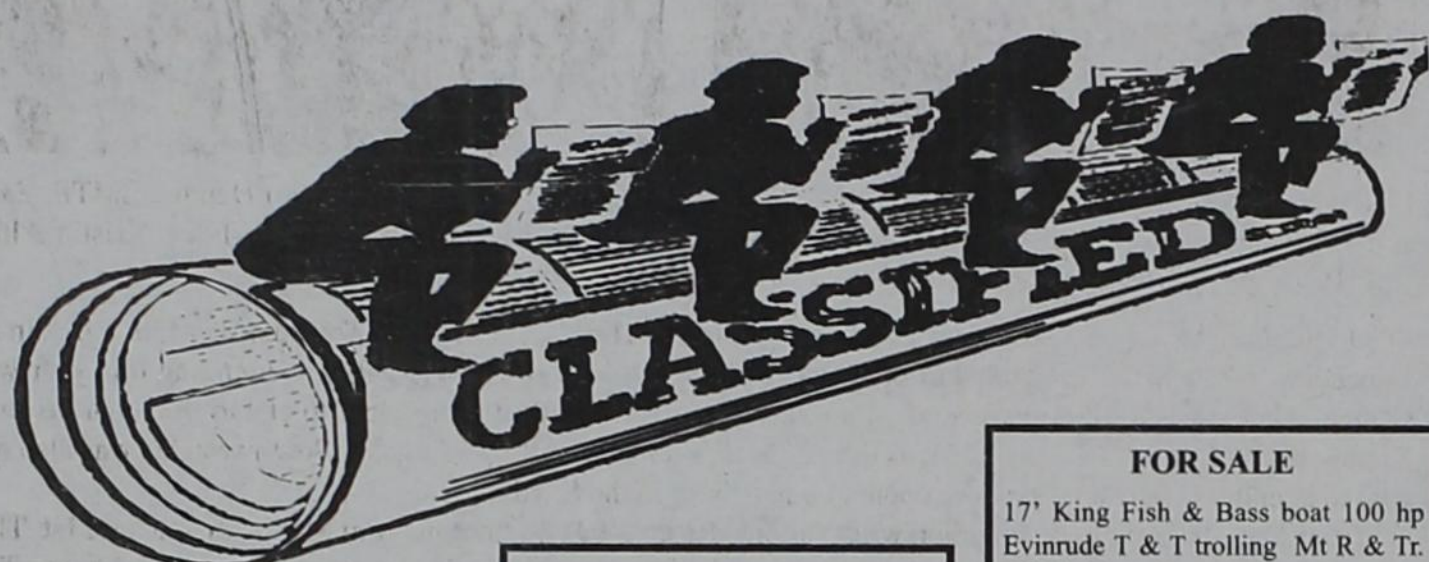
We had the very best doctors and staff and their effort and concern over Jayd was amazing but without the prayers of everyone Jayd would not be with us today.

"Thank You" seems so small but we are truly grateful, and will never forget the kindness and concern of everyone.

The Family of Jayden Justice

P.S. Jayden is now at home with his big 2 years old sister and renewing all he had learned before his long journey of illness. Your prayers and support has truly been our precious blessing returned,

Jayd's families in Gorman



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GARAGE SALE: Saturday, May 21 - 8:00 A.M. - 431 Susqehanna in Gorman. 1-5-19 C.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS DENYING ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION'S REQUEST AUTHORIZING THE COMPLIANCE TARIFFS FOR THE ANNUAL GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM RATE ADJUSTMENT IN THIS MUNICIPALITY.

2-5-19-C

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2005 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2005, PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2-5-19-C

The City of Gorman is now accepting applications for an individual(s) to run the City pool. The pool opens on Memorial Weekend and normally closes on Labor Day weekend. Person must be a Certified Pool Operator, also must be a Certified Life Guard. Apply in person or mail an app to City of Gorman, POBox 236, Gorman, TX 76454. (254)734-2317

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New Listing: 204 A with 2/2 1,375 sf brick, carport, 7 wells, and 2 tanks. \$353,500
New Listing: 7A with 3/3 2,239 sf brick, fireplace, water well, carport, storm cellar. \$115,000

New Listing: 69A wooded, rolling terrain, corrals, 3 tanks, hunting. REDUCED \$172,500.
New Listing: 2A 3/2 1,900 sf frame, 2 wells, CH/A. REDUCED \$72,000.
235A on Sabanna River, 6 reservoirs, irrig. wells, hunting, \$325,000

63A coastal, corrals, water wells, hunting. \$123,700.
7 A., 3/2, 2,347sf brick, carport, stock tank, corrals, RV shed, metal barn, 2 wells, hwy. frontage. \$145,000.

201 Acre. on Leon River, several ponds, woods, pecans, pasture, hunting. \$331,650 **SOLD**

90 A. Eastland Co., Hwy. frontage, 3 tanks, heavy cover for hunting, cultivation, home-site. \$139,500

82 Acres at Proctor Lake, well, tank, home site, hunting & fishing. \$164,500

157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250

97A 5/4.5, 5632 sf brick, swimming pool, deck with hot tub, metal barn, pecan trees, tanks, corral, and much more. \$650,000

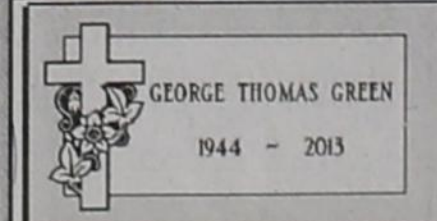
13 A. Hwy. frontage, tank, creek, barn. \$32,000 **SOLD**

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– Letters To The Editor –

We feel it is time for the people, who believe in the current Administration of Gorman I.S.D., to speak out and support these fine people. They are keeping our children first in their concerns when it comes to finances and providing the best education possible. This is to be commended especially since Gorman I.S.D. is a small Class A school with a shrinking tax base.

I know from personal experiences that they are caring people. When my wife had to be away from work so much during my illness, Mr. Vann and School Board Members assured her that she would have a job to return to. That was a comfort to both of us at a time when we were unsure of how long that she would have to be away from work. They did not have to do this, but they did. This goes to show that the Administration and School Board do care about the faculty as well as the students.

We ask you, if you believe in what they are doing, let all of them know how much you appreciate them and what they are doing. The Superintendent, Principals, and all of the School Board need to hear from you. They need to know that we are here for them and that we support what they are doing.

Thank you,

Gary & Sammye Mauney

s/Gary Mauney

Letter to the Editor

To the Citizens of Gorman:

On Saturday, May 7th, the people of our community went to the polls and voted for the people of their choice. Now we have new school board members and we would hope a new start, but yet in only a few days time we are back on the news over the same old thing. You have turned it over to the State Auditor so leave it alone. I am sure if they find any wrong doing (which I don't believe that they will) they will handle it. We have more important issues to deal with.

On Sunday, our town was hit with a real tragedy, the death of a young teacher who left behind family, friends, and students. I work at the school and have seen the sad faces and wondering minds of how this could happen. This should be our focus now, helping our children get through this tragedy and help them heal. I beg each and everyone of you, sit down and think about what is really important and then sit quietly and pray for our community.

Sincerely,

Gena and Ricky Rone

s/Gena Rone

A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

"Happy are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9)

The implications of Christ's words here in the Sermon on the Mount are enormous. The authenticity of anyone's claim to be a child of God, someone who truly knows the Lord, is proven through a lifestyle of making peace with folks.

The Bible is very clear about strife and contention: *"Where there is jealousy and strife, there is confusion and every evil thing."* (James 3:16) Every evil thing? Come on. Is strife that serious?

Jealousy and **strife** are the open door to "every evil thing." They are root issues. Though our society may agree on the wickedness of child molesting, murder, or selling drugs, many of us are willing to let strife and jealousy run rampant in our own lives with little concern. For many folks it is a surprise to find out that God considers jealousy, anger and strife to be more problematic than other sins.

A strife-filled life is an unhappy one. Generally, it is an unhealthy one as well. There's a heavy spiritual, emotional, and physical price to pay for allowing strife to exist in one's life (and in one's marriage, family, business, church, community, etc). God created us to live in peace. But self-centeredness (a.k.a. "sin") has entered and robbed our lives and our world of the peace that God would give. Sin has turned us into fault-finders and experts in denial and blindness to our own faults.

Jesus Christ came to restore peace between us and God. He bore our sins on the cross where He died. God is now willing to forgive and forget our misdeeds. He's fully ready to make peace and start afresh on the grounds of Christ's sacrifice. This is how God makes peace with us. It's the only way to make peace with God as well. Finally, it's the only way to consistently live in peace in a troubled world. Have you accepted the peace of God that comes at the expense of Jesus' own blood? Have you extended that peace to those who have offended you?

Trying to justify your jealousy and strife is a life of denial. The Bible says that God's children are peacemakers.

Tech*Star Ems Education Hold 3rd Annual EMS Luncheon



L-R: James Boss, Associate Director, Tech*Star EMS Education, Vaco Division, Tim Dennis, EMT, EMS and Critical Care Education Director, Tech*Star and Trans-Care Medical, Brent Welch, Pilot, Kristin Allin, EMT/RN and Cliff Garretson, EMT

On Sunday, May 15th, Tech*Star EMS Education and Trans-Care Medical Transport held its 3rd Annual Luncheon at ZJ's Steakhouse to start off Texas EMS Week here in Gorman. Those attending this year was Critical Air based out of Brownwood. CareFlite out of Ft. Worth was not able to attend this year, as they already had another event scheduled, as did Air Med 1 based out of San Angelo. Southwest Air was also not able to attend this year as they were opening a new base in the Snyder area.

Texas EMS Week is in conjunction with National EMS Week which runs from May 15th to May 21st. This is a week that is set aside each year to honor those that answer your calls for emergency medical help. The EMS profession has progressed from the days when they were operated out of the local funeral home where personnel were trained only in basic first aid, to present day where EMT's and Paramedics are trained to perform highly advanced procedures on scene and en route to a trauma center. EMT's and paramedics work for various types of providers from; private based EMS providers, fire based EMS providers and volunteer first responders such as our local fire based first responder group.

Each of the four air medical providers, play a vital role in getting a trauma patient to definitive care during that is called the "golden hour" for trauma related patients. Besides handling trauma or "scene calls", these providers also transport critically ill patients from local facilities to those that can provide a higher level of care for that particular patient, and when ground transport would be too long. In July, Eastland County and Gorman will have a fifth air medical provider serving this area based out of Fort Worth area.

Without these peoples hard work and dedication to the EMS profession, many of the rural and frontier communities in Texas would not have medical care if it were not for EMS, first responders or air medical providers.

School Board Minutes - (Draft)

Regular Board Meeting -- May 9, 2005

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Gorman ISD met in Regular Session in the High School Library, Gorman, Texas at 7:00 PM on May 9, 2005.

1) Jeff Seaton gave the invocation.

2) Quorum was present and Vice-President Jeff Seaton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present : Jeff Seaton, Beth Underwood, Melinda Harrington, and Mark Simmons

Members absent: Bobby Rich

Visitors present: Leslie Vann, Ronny Wright

Visitors present: Martha Harrington, Lisa Laminack, Melody Vann, Miles Vann, Ashlee Hornback, Ryan Wright, Clint Jones, Cheryl Smith

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Open forum: none

5) **Minutes** - Mark Simmons moved that the minutes for the April 11, 2005 meeting be approved.

Seconded by Melinda Harrington. Aye-4; No-0

6) **Approve Disbursements** - Mark Simmons moved that the Board approve the payment of disbursements as presented. Seconded by Beth Underwood. Aye-4; No-0

7) **Approve Payroll** - Melinda Harrington moved that the Board approve the current monthly payroll. Seconded by Mark Simmons. Aye-4; No-0

8) **Board Information**

a. Fund Balance (see attachment)

b. Tax Office Report (see attachment)

c. Principal report:

1. Calendar of Activities

2. Enrollment

3. TAKS Report

4. Student Presentations -- The senior students who competed in UIL Speaking events present their speeches, and prose/poetry pieces.

d. Superintendent's report

1. Legislative Report

2. Board Training Opportunities

3. Lamar Academy

4. Budget Development

9) **Student Insurance** -- Mark Simmons moved that the Board award Stanley Walker-Texas Monarch the bid for the Student Accident Insurance Coverage. Seconded by Melinda Harrington. Aye-4; No-0

10) **Lighting Project** -- Mark Simmons moved that that Board award Texas Scenic the bid for stage lighting. Seconded by Beth Underwood. Aye-4; No-0

11) **Big County Library Media Cooperative** -- Melinda Harrington moved that the board continue its agreement with the Big Country Library Media Cooperative for 2005-2006. Seconded by Beth Underwood. Aye-4; No-0

12) **School Calendar** -- Mark Simmons moved that the board approve the 2005-2006 school calendar as presented with the first day of school beginning August 22, 2005. Seconded by Melinda Harrington. Aye-4; No-0

13) **Bank Depository** -- Beth Underwood moved that the board approve American State Bank as the school depository bank. Seconded by Mark Simmons. Aye-4; No-0

14) **Update 75** -- The Board reviewed TASB Policy Update 75. No Action Taken

15) **Property Donation** -- Mark Simmons moved that the Board accept the donation of property from Denver Rainey. (see insert) Seconded by Beth Underwood. Aye-4; No-0

16) **Canvass Meeting** -- Beth Underwood moved that the board set May 16, 2005 at noon for the canvassing of the May 7, 2005 board election. The meeting will be held in the Elementary Conference Room. Seconded by Melinda Harrington. Aye-4; No-0

17) **Personnel** The Board entered closed session at 8:30 pm.

The Board exited closed session at 8:53 pm.

a) No employees were presented for board approval.

b) Mark Simmons moved that the board approve the employment agreement with Martha Harrington. Seconded by Beth Underwood. Aye-3; No-1 Melinda Harrington abstained

c) Melinda Harrington moved that the board approve the employment agreement with John Howard. Seconded by Mark Simmons. Aye-4; No-0

d) Beth Underwood moved that the board approve the employment of Kerry Loveland and Joni West with the East End Special Education Cooperative. Seconded by Melinda Harrington. Aye-4; No-0

18) The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm with a motion from Mark Simmons and a second from Beth Underwood. Aye-4; No-0

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KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

A thunderstorm rumbled through the community last Friday night with high winds, some small hail, and a little over an inch of rain at my house. We needed the rain and we are very thankful for it.

The special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church was rendered by Woodrow and Helen Browning with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano. Ima Boles of Granbury and Ann Warren of Gorman were visitors.

Several members of the Kokomo Baptist Church attended the Cisco Baptist Association Music Rally at the First Baptist Church in Eastland on Sunday night. Groups from several churches in the Association presented the special music, and the congregation sang several songs. It was all very good and uplifting. A time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed following the service.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan attended the Senior Adult Day at the Big Country Baptist Assembly at

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

The May Birthday Party for residents will be Thursday, May 26th at 2:30 p.m. Four residents will be honored for having May birthdays. There will be refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Some guests were Becky and Dwight Maxwell, Delton Maxwell, Gayla Cox, and Peyton Cox of Belton, Bobby and Mary Jane Little of Eastland.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Johnnie B. Griffith, Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Nancy Hendricks. Bro. Wilson's message, "All About Mother." Bible passage Proverbs 3. Woodrow, Helen, Leona and Jimmy brought the special. There were eleven residents present. J.W. and Glenna Davis of Dublin visited everyone.

Some visitors were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Connie Cate, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland, Bonita Richards of Ft. Worth, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Irene West.

On Monday morning Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop and did hair dressing.

Recent guests were Estelle Craddock, Mary Margaret Hudson, Kay Ann Craddock, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona.

One day Billie Marble, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo for fourteen residents.

Some visitors were Nell Files of Carbon, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Zelda Jordan and Joey Beaty of Dallas.

On Monday afternoon, Gospel Singers coming were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Jerry Majors, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Johnnie B. Griffith, Winelle Browning and Nancy Hendricks. Special music was rendered by Ruby Lee, Woodrow, Helen and Billy Joe. There were ten residents present. Woodrow voiced the dismissal prayer.

Recent visitors were Winston Brown, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Levi Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Rodney and Vickie Roberts, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine.

Residents were happy to have Rose Hamilton manicure their fingernails.

Some guests were Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Steve and Derenda Minton, George Rodgers, and Betty Duke of Desdemona.

On Tuesday morning, residents enjoyed a movie and popcorn.

Some visitors were James, Ellen, and Rachel Tucker, James, Leah Searcy of Hobbs, NM, Irene West, Louise Smart, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Winelle Browning, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, James Bruton of DeLeon, Pam Hulse of Hobbs, NM, and Kay Snider.

On Tuesday at noon, in honor of "National Nursing Home Week" Heritage Manor hosted a fun time and served free hotdogs and all the trimmings plus bottled water and soda pops. Everyone had a good time.

Recent guests were Thomas and Vicki Seay, John and Georgia Hopper of Georgetown, Billie Lightfoot, Daisy Slaton, Tommy Lyn Seay of Alpine.

On Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard for thirteen residents and guests Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks. There were drinks of bottled water and sodas.

Some visitors were James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth, Marie Cook of Carbon, Sylvia Estes of DeLeon.

On Wednesday morning, Bro. Larry Stogsdill of the Church of Christ came and had chapel. Topic was "The Lord's Prayer." Bible passage Matthew Ch. 6. There were eight residents attending.

Some guests were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mozell Boucher of Stephenville, Billie Marble, Mary Jeffs, Frances Warren, Zelda Jordan, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Recent visitors were Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Harold and Tody Zink.

Wednesday afternoon Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had 'crazy bingo' for residents.

Some guests were June Carruth and Susan Carruth of DeLeon.

Visiting were Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Wilburn Overstreet.

"Caring Hearts" with Shannah Bass was enjoyed by several residents. Residents send 'Heartfelt Sympathy' to the family of Amanda Kay Rainey.

Visiting were Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Freddie Rodgers of Ranger.

On Friday, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo for 10 residents.

Residents send 'Get Well Wishes' to Opal Burton.

Lueders on Tuesday, May 10th, enjoying the music by the Brazos Boys of Abilene, the message by Dr. James Semple of Dallas, the silent auction and the arts and crafts., and the delicious Mexican food lunch. Bro. James and Jerrie Holt of Carbon were also among the 397 that registered for the event.

Justin Snider of Pierre, S.D. visited some during the week with LaVon Snider. On Friday, LaVon and Justin were in Stephenville to eat lunch and visit with Dwayne Snider of Stephenville and Sheri LaBonte and Lisa Snider of Fairfax, VA. Connie Snider was in a University Meeting and was unable to have lunch with them. On Sunday, LaVon along with members of the Snider family and the Park family ate lunch in the home of Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville where they visited with Sheri and Lisa before they had to return home. Recently LaVon visited with Carolyn Eaves in Brownwood.

Bob and Beverley Pharris of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Saturday.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Elizabeth Vaughn of Lake Leon, Monie Faye Craddock of Stephenville, Norma Webb, Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

Verna Lee Little and Jill and Breckley Little attended a program presented by the Siebert Singers at the Siebert Elementary School in Eastland on Monday. Ashley Little is a member of the Siebert Singers.

Ima Boles of Granbury visited during the weekend with Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Norma Webb attended a bridal shower honoring Alice Bergmark and Jacob Webb in Comanche on Saturday. Also attending were Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin.

Aaron Jacob Suniga Honored With Birthday Party

Oren and Norma Webb were in Comanche on Sunday, May 15, to attend a birthday party honoring their great-grandson, Aaron Jacob Suniga on his 2nd. Birthday. Also attending were his parents, Randell & Kaci Suniga and his little sister, Kaelee Jean Suniga; his grandparents, Stacy Webb, Rancee Fox and Brenda Webb; uncles Chad Suniga of Comanche and Jacob Webb of Burleson; Judy and Sarah Porter and Tino and Scarlett Torres of Austin, Hatomie, Steven and Alice Bergmark of Comanche, Pamela and Ashley Parske of Comanche, Craig Parske of San Angelo and numerous other friends and family of Comanche.

Zelda Jordan met Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and David and Cassie Brasher for a visit and dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night.

Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene on Saturday with Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell, and attended a luncheon with Sheri at the home of Mrs. Angela Wiley. The luncheon honored the "Mothers of Multiples"

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Robert and Ima Brown visited recently with a sick relative who is recovering from surgery at a hospital in Lubbock.

Vicki Robinett of DeLeon; Nikki Febinger and children, Christopher and Allison of Stephenville; Bernard and Ann Keith of Desdemona spent the past weekend in Amarillo visiting with Keitha Robinett. They attended Keitha's graduation from LVN school.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Karen Eaves and Lorin attended a Dance School Recital for Kaley Powledge on Sunday afternoon, May 15 at the Cisco Junior College auditorium. Kaley is the daughter of Roy and Angela Powledge of Eastland. Theme for the dance recital was "I Love Life."

Richard and Ulenda Cofskie of Fort Worth spent the past weekend with her mother, Dorothy Roberts. They helped Dorothy celebrate her birthday on Sunday, May 15.

Robert and Ima Brown visited in Fort Worth last Saturday with their son and daughter-in-law, Robert Alton and Jana Brown and children, Preston and Julie. They enjoyed a family meal to help Preston celebrate his 16th birthday.

E.M. "Mutt" Price, 85, of Mineral Wells was buried on Friday, May 6 in the Lingleville Cemetery. He attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1938.

Jr. and Luella Trice of Lingleville and Dorothy Roberts attended the funeral of Damon Northcutt, 89, of Stephenville. Burial was on Wednesday, May 11 in the East Memorial Cemetery in Stephenville. Damon is a cousin to Cleta (Clark) Coffman of Ranger. Our sincere sympathy goes out to these families who have lost their loved ones.

Gospel Singing Day will be held on Sunday, May 29, at the Desdemona Community Center. Concession stand will open at 12:30 p.m. and the singing will begin at 1:00 p.m. Come early and enjoy lunch before the singing begins. All area singing groups and visitors are invited to attend. If you need more information call Betty Duke 254-758-2571. No admission fee.

Thought for today— "One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks."

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