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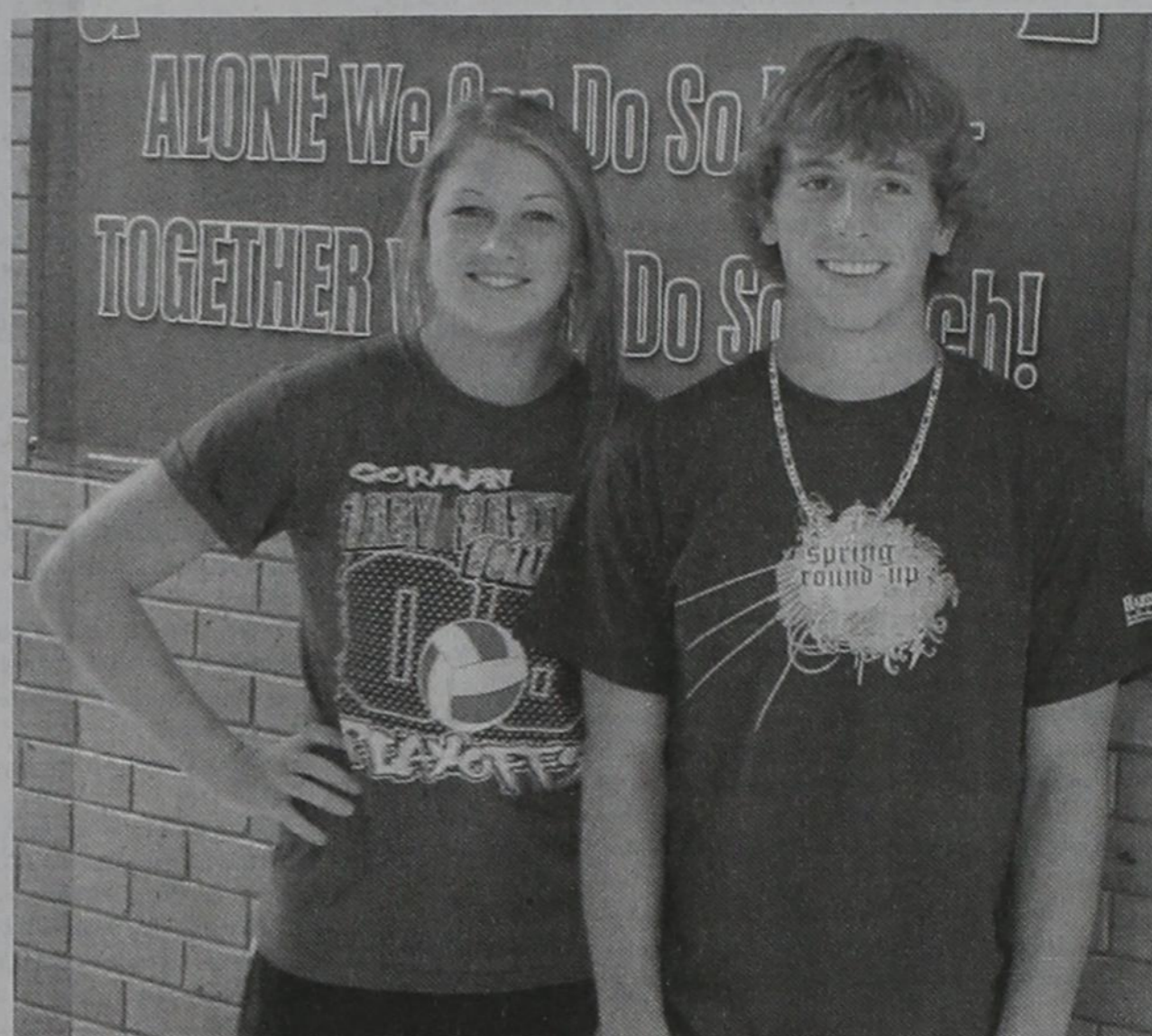
APRIL 30, 2009

Audrey Johnston Named To All Academic Team For 08-09



Audrey Johnston has been named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-State Academic Team for 2008-2009. Congratulations to Audrey for her outstanding performance in the classroom and in athletics!

Audrey Johnston and Matt Underwood To Compete at Regional Track Meet In Abilene



Audrey Johnston and Matt Underwood are advancing to Regional Track Meet to be held in Abilene at Abilene Christian University on May 1st and 2nd. Audrey will throw the Shot Put at 1:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 2nd. Matt, who qualified in the 100m and 200M. Matt will start on Friday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m. GO SUPPORT THESE ATHLETES.

High Flying Fun



Cameron Clark a sophomore at Gorman High School dazzles the crowd as he clears a table top jump at the MX track in Plains Dealing, LA. Cameron finished 3rd and 5th this past weekend to move him up in the standings. Cameron competes in the ATVCCS series that combines the Motocross section and Cross Country portions of racing.

The tracks on average are 6.5 miles long and the rider will complete 4 laps during the race. There are two races left in the first half of the series, Maypearl, Texas and Cloudy, OK.

Yearbook Staff News

The Yearbook Staff will be selling Photo CD's of all Main Sports for \$5.00 Each at the Athletic Banquet to be held on May 19th, 2009 @7:00 in the HS Gym, Each CD will have a Group Picture.

If anyone is interested in buying Yearbooks from the Past Years, please call the school and leave a message for Mrs. Schaefer 734-2614, and she will be glad to call you back.

If anyone would like to place an AD in the Yearbook to honor their Graduating Senior, please call the school and leave a message for Mrs. Schaefer 734-2614, and she will be glad to call you back.

If possible, run this up until the Athletic Banquet, I may change some of this after the banquet is over.

Thanks,
Maria Schaefer

Child Safety Seats

Are you in need of a child safety seat for your child? Eastland County Child Safety Program has seats that it needs to give away. These are new seats that will accommodate a child from 5 pounds up to 40 pounds. These are convertible seats, meaning that they will go from rear facing to forward facing so that your child can use the seat longer. We still have a few belt positioning booster seats left also. These will fit a child from 40 pounds up to 80 pounds. You must have a lap/shoulder belt type system in the back seat to use these seats. If you need a seat, please contact our office at 254-734-5989 for more information. These seats are FREE.

**THANK GOD FOR RAIN
WE NEED SOME
More MOISTURE
& WARMER TEMPS**

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working Set May 2

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working will be held Saturday, May 2nd. Dinner will be spread around noon. Bring a basket lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Ice, plates, cups, napkins and silverware will be furnished by the Cemetery. Make plans to attend.

4th Annual Lake Cisco Christian Camp Benefit Golf Tournament

The Lakeside Golf Course in Eastland will be hosting the 4th Annual Lake Cisco Christian Camp Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 2, 2009. The tournament format is a 4 person team scramble. Tee Off time is 8:30 a.m. The cost per golfer is \$80.00 with mulligans available for \$5.00 each. The deadline for signing up for the tournament is April 27th.

Proceeds from the golf tournament this year will go toward building a new bathroom for the boys. The new girl's bathroom is already in progress and scheduled to be completed by the end of May. With your help, we are hoping both bathrooms will be completed by camp time 2009!

If you are not a golfer and would still like to help, sponsorships for the tournament are available and most welcome! For more information, please contact Jason Hollinger at 254-442-1450 or jh-ciscococ@sbcglobal.net

To sign up, contact Jason Hollinger at 254-442-1450; 254-442-3557 or the Clubhouse at 254-629-2891. Lakeside Golf Course is located at 209 CR 157 in Eastland.

GARAGE SALE MAY 15/16

Gorman United Methodist Church will hold a Garage Sale on May 15/16 with the proceeds to benefit the children of Gorman. If you will remember, last summer we held a 3-day Summer Day Camp at the church with the help of Glen Lake Methodist Encampment. It was so well received that we have asked them back and they have agreed! We are taking donations from the community. Donations can be dropped off at the church or by calling 734 4611 and ask for Pastor Sharon. Please bring items that will sell. ALSO, Pampered Chef will be available for purchase and 10% of those profits will be donated to the cause!

CAR WASH

Is your car in need of washing? Need it squeaky-clean? Then come on down to the Spanish Club Car Wash!!! We will be washin' from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, MAY 2nd; we will accept a minimum of a \$5 donation. So bring on your worst "Wash Me" car in front of Dairy Queen. !!! See You There!!!

First Baptist Church - Gorman Presents:

TEEN CHALLENGE WOMEN'S CHOIR

Sunday, May 3, 2009 -- Evening Service -- 6:00 P.M.

Teen Challenge is the largest and most successful organization of its kind in the world. They help people with life-controlling problems overcome through the power of Jesus! The Trophies of Grace is their women's choir from San Antonio Teen Challenge.

They travel to different churches and share the ministry of Teen Challenge through song and testimony. The students sing and share their personal testimonies of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. These services not only give an opportunity to tell about the ministry, but they also allow them to minister to the members in the congregation who may have been affected by the drug epidemic. The testimonies of these saved lives will both challenge and inspire you to believe God for those impossible circumstances in your own lives.

We welcome all churches and their youth.

Thank You!

To Jackie Grice, Charles Little, Ronnie Pack, Chris Scitern, Johnnie Scitern, Shawn Boles, Zack, Zane, Scotty and Gary Mauney, who worked out cows while Donnie was in the hospital. A Special Thanks to each of you - Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming. To Troyat Underwood who checked on the cows and still is - A very heart felt thank you.

To all of you who called, came by the hospital, for all the kind deeds, cards and prayers we thank you from the bottom of our heart.

We've said it before - but really there is no place like Gorman and the people who live here - your are all "Special".

God Bless Each and Everyone,
Donnie and Nelda Mauney

Rock Bluff All Day Singing

The 100 Year Old Traditional All Day Singing will be held at Rock Bluff Baptist Church, Sunday, May 3rd beginning at 10 a.m. With singing then have Lunch and begin singing again until around 3 p.m. Make Plans to attend. Everyone Welcome.

Oakland Cemetery Working Set May 2

Please remember the Annual Meeting of the Oakland Cemetery Association is Saturday, May 2nd. Meeting time is 10 a.m. In the Hotel Lobby.

Your presence and inputs are needed. Lets not take the attitude that someone else will do it. I you have people who are buried or plan to be. You should do your part.

Jackie Guitierrez
Secretary / Treasurer

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, May 2 In Gorman Fire Station

There will be a rabies clinic Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the Gorman Volunteer Fire Station. Dr. Burke will be here from 9 am to 12 pm to administer the vaccines. The cost will be \$10 per shot. The City of Gorman will be offering city tags at that time also. For more information, please call City Hall at (254) 734-2317.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
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. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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

Obituary

Ruben Herrera

Ruben Herrera, 43, Father, husband, son, brother and friend to many. Ruben was a man of principle and moral values who stood for what was right and fair.

He was born into a family strong in their culture and work ethics with a devout reverence for their Catholic faith. His father Sixto embodied the American dream of creating a life of opportunity for his family in an effort to secure their future. His mother Catalina nurtured and molded the lives of their 10 children with a strong faith and steady presence.

He was born October 17, 1965 in Sweetwater to Sixto Quintana Herrera and Catalina Marquez Herrera. He was the 8th of 10 children and the 3rd of 4 sons. He spent his early childhood playing with his siblings and many cousins. He learned how to work at a young age, while farming with his father and brothers. When he started school at the age of 5, he spoke only Spanish, but with the help of older siblings and teachers, he learned English quickly. As a youth he was involved in Boys Club and had many fun stories and memories about trips and events with his friends and George Parks. He played softball and football in Jr. High and went to Austria with the band during High School. He was varsity center for the Roscoe Plowboys from 1980 to 1984 and received many football honors during his High School years.

After graduating from High School he went to college at Western Texas College in Snyder and then Angelo State University where he graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor in Business Administration.

He married Jonna Rodgers Herrera on March 15, 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has been a member of Saint Albert's Catholic Church his entire life and served as president of the church council for many years. He was a school board member for Roscoe ISD for 3 years and was very supportive of the community youth. He had a successful trucking company with his partner and brother, Michael.

He took great pride in knowing they were responsible for providing support to many drivers and their families. His loyalty and honor for his mother was shown each day with his providing for her well being. He had the joy and blessing of having 4 beautiful, precious children, Daniel 18 years old, Mia 11 years old, John Ruben 7 years old, and Layla 4 years old. He passed on to his children his love of horses and the outdoors, the importance of the brother and sister bond and to always finish what you start and to never ever quit.

Throughout the last 2 1/2 years of Rubens life, the process of dealing with his illness, he never lost sight of the necessity and absolute power of faith in God and the grace he shows us each and every day, allowing us to have life. His spirit and fierce determination to never quit and never let this disease take his passion for life is an example to all who knew him. He often stated there was one memory he always carried with him and lived by each day. As a teenager Coach Young told him "to never ever quit anything you start, always see it through to the end, NO MATTER WHAT" His lions heart saw him through to the end of his journey and he never ever quit.

Survivors include: wife, Jonna Herrera, 2 daughters, Mia Herrera and Layla Herrera, 2 sons, Daniel Herrera and John Ruben Herrera all of Roscoe, Texas; Mother, Catalina Herrera of Roscoe, Texas; Sisters, Lorina Hoffman of Marion, Texas, Juanita De Leon and husband, Lano of Sweetwater, Texas, Yolanda and husband, Johnny Gonzalez of Sweetwater, Nilda De LaCruz and husband, Tommy Davila of Abilene, Texas, Diana and husband, m Raymond Reyes of Monahans, Texas and Sandra Herrera of Sweetwater, Texas; Brothers: Henry Herrera and wife, Gloria of Sweetwater, Texas, Edward Herrera and wife, Claudia of Harlingen, Texas and Michael Herrera and wife, Stephanie of Roscoe, Texas.

He was preceded in Death by his Father, Sixto Quintana Herrera. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to an education fund for Mia, John Ruben, and Layla Herrera. These gifts can be sent to Jonna Herrera, P.O. Box 123 Roscoe, Texas 79545.

Holy Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday April 18, 2009 at Immaculate Heart Of Mary Catholic Church with Father Michael Rodriguez officiating.

Burial will follow in Roscoe Cemetery under the care and direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Pallbearers: Robert Williams, Adolf DeLoera, Antero Rostro, Frank Young, Montie Hale, Freddy Martinez, Gaines Price, Benny Cornett and Fabian Armendariz.

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Information About Swine Flu

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security: People cannot get swine influenza from eating pork or pork products. Most influenza viruses, including the swine flu virus, are not spread by food. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe. No food safety issues have been identified, related to the flu. Preliminary investigations have determined that none of the people infected with the flu had contact with hogs. The virus is spreading by human-to-human transmission.

The CDC recommends the following measures to prevent the transmission of flu:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands frequently and use alcohol-based sanitizers.
- Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Try to stay in good general health.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Detailed information and updates on the flu outbreak may be obtained at: Texas Department of State Health Services <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/> (then click on Swine Flu) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

If you own swine, consider the following practices to enhance the biosecurity on your farm to prevent the disease from being transmitted to your herd:

- Workers should shower and change into farm-specific clothes and shoes before entering swine facilities.
- Establish, implement and enforce strict sick leave policies for workers presenting influenza-like symptoms.
- Recommend that workers with symptoms be seen by a medical provider immediately.
- Restrict the entry of people into your facility to only workers and essential service personnel.
- Prevent international visitors from entering your facilities.
- Ensure adequate ventilation in facilities to minimize re-circulation of air inside animal housing facilities.
- Vaccinate pigs against the influenza virus. Vaccination of pigs can reduce the levels of virus shed by infected animals

Contact your swine veterinarian if swine exhibit flu-like or respiratory illness, especially if the onset or presentation of the illness is unusual.

Notify your Texas Animal Health Commission area office or the Austin headquarters at 800-550-8242, after you have contacted your veterinarian.

The Texas Animal Health Commission is ready to assist with on-farm investigations, if pigs are present where a known human case has occurred, and to assist with epidemiological investigations with any human cases that may have links to swine in Texas.

More information for producers may be obtained at:
National Pork Producers Council <http://www.nppc.org/>
Texas Pork Producers Association <http://www.texaspork.org/>

Anna Bell Cogburn Ellis

Anna Bell Cogburn Ellis, age 75 of Odessa passed away on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Services were held Monday, April 27th at 2 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Geoff Litke officiating. Burial was in Oliver Springs Cemetery.

She was born December 22, 1933 in Comanche County, Texas to the late Buford Calvin and Minnie Frances Cantwell Cogburn. She married L. S. Kennedy were divorced but remained friends he lives in (Buffalo Springs) Comanche, Texas and Jack Ellis who preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker. Member of Church of Christ. She was a Beautician and Cosmetologist.

She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda D. Goveia and husband Joe of Dumfries, VA. And one grandson, Michael Goveia; two sisters - Lona Mae Henderson of De Leon and Meri Dene White of Sulphur Springs.

Preceded by five brothers, Otto, Otho, Otis, Edwin and Tinnie Ray Cogburn. Pallbearers were Bill Cogburn, Vick Cogburn, Fred Bookout, Wayne Bookout, Jim Womack and Jerry Clark.

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season. You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR. You may pick up an application at the Gorman City office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

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SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,200
102 A, water well, costal, corrias, hunting, mins. & owner financing possible [JB02] \$285,000
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000
52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500
45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
21 A, Sprigged with World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500
REDUCED 20 A, excellent home site, rural water avail, hunting [WM01] \$75,000 \$59,000
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
15.7 A, Hwy.16 frontage, costal, rural water supply avail, water well [JS02] \$40,820
7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [JN02] \$220,000
4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage, + 7'6" x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900
4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
REDUCED 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900
2-2 Brick Home, 2car attach garage, new flooring, large lot, fenced yard [MG02] \$75,000
2-2 18'x 60' Mobile Home, 3 car garage, more buildings, water well, fenced [CR01] \$50,000
REDUCED 2-1/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000
2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000
Commercial Bldg, on Hwy.36, 6,480 sf, 3 separate units & entrances, CH&A [RC01] \$82,500
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More Info & Pictures at: www.GilderRealty.com

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NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees. \$59,900.

NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre

77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg, a/C, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.

NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.

NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.

156 A, Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/C, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.

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The Gorman High School prom was held on April 25, 2009 at PAR Country Club. The prom theme was "A Night in Paris", with decorations including an 8 foot by 14 foot mural of the city of Paris, complete with a sidewalk café, and Eiffel Tower and the Arc 'de Triomphe, and lots of twinkle lights and greenery. Altogether, the decorations were beautiful and represented the city of Paris nicely. The junior class did an amazing job of setting up these decorations in an effort to give the seniors who attended a memorable prom. The juniors are responsible for the prom, and not only to decorate it, but they must also plan and pay for it. As anyone can understand with all the work and planning for prom it is certainly an educational experience. Through fund raising efforts including catalog sales, concession stands and hosting a youth basketball tournament (planned and worked by the juniors) and through the support of the wonderful people in and around our town of Gorman the juniors were able to host a successful event. The class of 2010 would like to express a huge thank you to the citizens of Gorman for all the support that has been given this year.



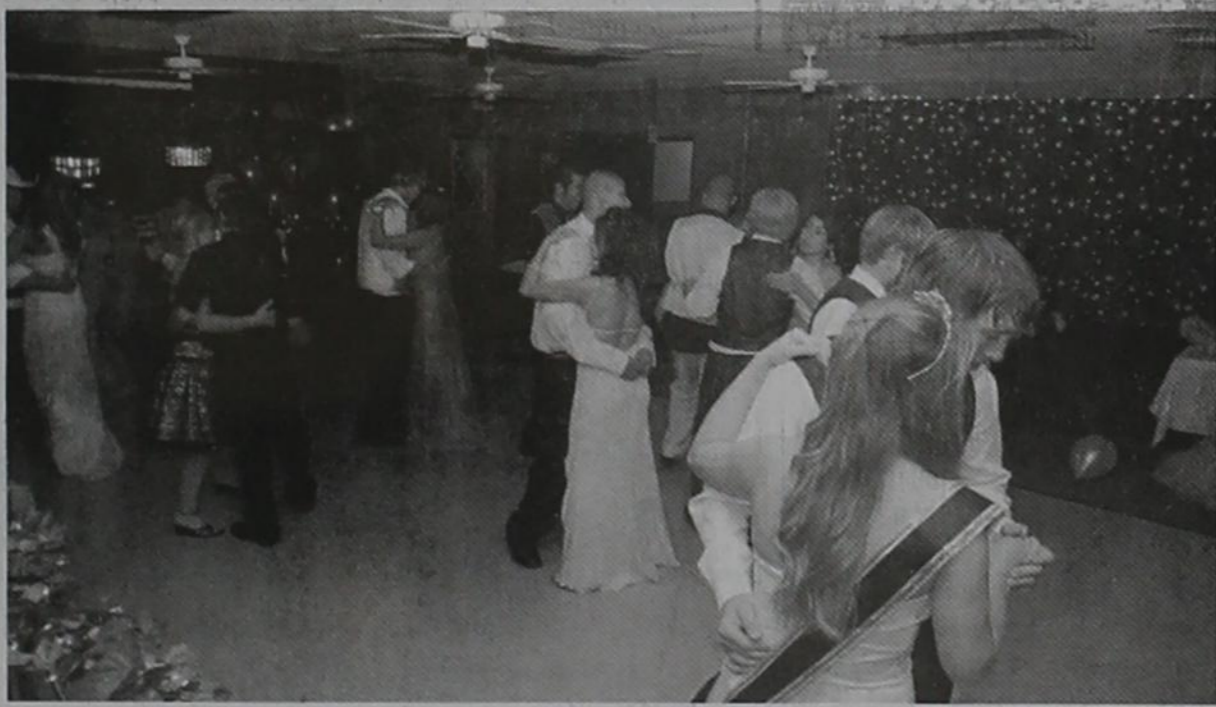
The junior class would also like to acknowledge and thank a few individuals for all of their help. First, the parents and grandparents that came out to help with decorating were Shelly Little, Kim Ryon and Cecilia Hurst, without their creativity and work the decorations would not have been nearly as nice. Also, thanks to Kelly Majors and the Gorman faculty members Jackie Gutierrez, Becky Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, and Mr. and Mrs. Hampton who came to prom to help chaperone and who also enjoyed a dance or two. Mrs. Smith did an amazing job of teaching her students to dance and allowing them the opportunity to have a great evening. We would also like to mention our DJ, Joel Espinoza who does an outstanding job and who I recommend highly if anyone needs a DJ. Also Connie at PAR Country Club, who is a truly great person to help out and then to stay all night while we have the prom, thanks Connie. And of course, Kyle Riley, who I also highly recommend of Riley Studio in Comanche who takes our pictures and was able to come to prom even through his personal crisis, another thank you. For anyone interested in seeing prom pictures by Riley Studio they will be online at rileystudio.com and then go to the online proofing link. You can also order pictures at this site.

I would also like to thank Vicki Brown who is the world's best door prize gatherer, through her efforts we were able to give away close to \$2500 in door prizes, including gifts, gift certificates and cash. These door prizes are extremely important and we coordinate our efforts with TXDOT and project prom to keep students at prom throughout the entire evening in a good healthy, fun environment instead of leaving and pursuing other activities. A list of businesses and individuals who donated door prizes follows this article. We thank these donors for their generosity and willingness to help the youth of Gorman.

Also, I would like to personally thank Justin Little, Ben Burgess, Alex Giles, and Cole Underwood who were all present to help on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday morning and Sunday. No other juniors were there on every occasion that I asked for them except these four. However, I do thank all the juniors for their hard work and willingness to be there every time you could, I know some of you had other obligations that prevented you from being there each day. And last but not least, the clean up crew need to be thanked, the ones willing to come out on Sunday afternoon and clean up all the mess, but hey it was a pretty good "after prom" party anyway. These were James, Ben, Jon, Kelsie, Alex, Brittany, Laura, Tyler, Justin, Kimi, Cole, Brenda and Jose.

Gorman Businesses and Individuals donating to prom: ZJ's Restaurant, Panda's Floral and Gifts, Bob's Grocery, Gorman Video, Clark's Building Supply, Pizza Pro, Hair Shoppe, Peanut Hut, Hampton Paint and Body, Brown Trucking, American State Bank, Gilmore's Auto, Birdsong, Gorman Milling, Gorman Progress, Smith's Service Station, City of Gorman, and Higginbotham's Funeral Home.

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Thank you for all your generous donations!



Our monthly Huddle meeting was held at Ranger College this month. The towns represented were Eastland, Ranger, Rising Star, and Gorman. Reports from around the county are encouraging, despite what we hear on national news, Eastland county is still moving forward in many areas. Jill Torres and Cliffa Vaughn represented Gorman. If anyone is interested in attending one of these meetings, please call either Cliffa or Jill. The next meeting will be held in Rising Star on May 27, 2009 at the Higginbotham museum.

Gorman City Minutes

APRIL 16, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez and Cliffa Vaughn.

Charlie led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Cliffa made the motion to approve the minutes of the last meetings with a second from Charlie. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Under New and Old City Business and Operations the Commission discussed the sewer line problem the city crew was working on at Kent / Carter.

Charlie made the motion to pass and approve Resolution #2009-01, the Appointment of a Park Committee. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0. Seven members appointed with no expiring terms. If one can no longer serve, the Commission will approve the appointment of a replacement. All projects for improvement and repair must first be approved by the City Commission. Members are listed in the Resolution.

At 5:50 p.m. Charlie made the motion to go into Executive session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:15 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive session and return to Regular open session. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken upon returning to Open Session.

There being no further business for discussion Cliffa made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:25 p.m.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

What a glorious day! The rain is pouring down and we all are breathing a sigh of relief! But, folks, we went to a fire last evening (Sunday)! We had only had a slight mist and the wind was blowing ninety to nothing and someone was burning large brush piles!! This area and places to the north were extremely fortunate that we got the fire put out before it got away and blew clear to Hwy 20!

This Saturday, May 2nd, is "Breakfast at the DAC" - we hope you all can come and enjoy a delicious start to your weekend. We will have our usual bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, gravy and biscuits. The cost is by donation.

Friday, May 8th, is the date of our next monthly dance. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here at 7:00. The concession stand will open at 6:00.

Put May 21st, 22nd and 23rd on your calendar - those are the dates of our annual garage sale at the DAC. We will begin accepting donations of goodies for the sale after the May dance. Please call me if you would like to donate to support the DAC - 254-758-2420. This activity center is for the entire community and we invite everyone to take part in the events we hold here.

Apparently one of my previous articles caused some consternation to someone here in Desdemona. It has been the topic of conversation at the local establishments around town. It certainly was not my intention to offend anyone.

I heard through the grapevine that we are to have another new business in Desdemona! There is a cute little building across the street from the Country Corner that I hear will open soon with some neat stuff. As I said, this is all hearsay right now so I can't say anymore but keep watching Pig Tales for details. This little town is on the move!

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. Several musical groups attended and the music was "Great". Thanks to all the musicians, singers and visitors that attend each month. Thanks to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Next musical will be on Saturday, May 23rd at the same place and same time.

Russell and Susan Duke and son, Bram of Houston; Katie Duke of Early; Elise Duke of Stephenville visited last Saturday with "Humpy" and Betty Duke.

Robert and Ima Brown was in New Braunfels last Tuesday to attend the Soil Conservation Service Retirees Reunion. They reported a good visit with everyone and excellent food.

Virginia Griffith spent several days in Zapata visiting with her daughter and family.

Desdemona Community Center (former School Building) will host the "Firemen's School" on Saturday, May 16th. Area firemen are invited to attend. Teachers from Texas A&M will conduct all the classes. Our rural area firemen are very important and they need our support.

Lowell Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd. There are several from the Desdemona Community buried in this Cemetery.

Thought for today - "Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a mystery, Today is a Gift."

Have a great day, Vonnie.

Super Notes

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

Let the rain come down! It was so nice to awake to the sound of rain Monday morning and even better to hear the weatherman say there was a chance of rain all week. I am sure glad we had the last of the outside concrete poured Friday. There is so much going on in the new building it is impossible to talk about all of it, but I will try to cover some of the things being done. Most of the walls have been painted and await ceramic tile. No flooring has been installed so far. I expect the rest of the exterior doors to be installed this week as well as the last glass window looking into the gym from the foyer. Our HVAC is about complete. The crane for installing the roof mounted gym heating and A/C units is supposed to be here and finish up this week if they don't use the rain for an excuse to delay. Most of our fiber optic lines were run last week and the electricians are getting ready for the power to be turned on. A lot of clean up is also going on to prepare for flooring and cabinets to be installed. As of this week we are pretty much on schedule to finish by the end of June.

Just a reminder, we are still accepting donations for the scoreboard and other accessories being purchased for the gymnasium. For those of you that may not have heard about our fund raiser, all of our donors will have their names displayed on a permanent plaque in the foyer of the gym for all donations of \$100.00 or more. The funds are being used to purchase a four sided - center hung scoreboard, score keepers table, podium, sound system, custom team chairs and artwork. Our facility will be fantastic! We expect to get a lot of playoff games in the future. So get your name on the plaque today! An event like this only happens every fifty years or so. I honestly believe that every Gorman resident will not only be proud of this facility when it is completed, but for many, many years to come!

Greg Bagby, our new athletic director began his first week here Monday. I know he will be around town introducing himself to everyone. Please make him feel welcome. He has several coaches to interview for the positions we have open so he will be quite busy this week I'm sure.

Speaking of new coaches, we will need homes to rent to our new employees. If you have a rental or know of any, please contact my office and leave the information or e-mail me. We would like for our new folks to live here if at all possible. Our new secondary principal will arrive next week. He is looking for a home and some land to purchase. Please feel free to e-mail me with any information for him and I will pass it along.

Our politicians are still hard at work in Austin, but we still do not have a finance bill out of committee. Our legislators still need to hear from all of you regarding your support of HB 1555 and SB 982. Senator Fraser has still not signed on in support of anyone's school finance bill. The more people that contact his office in support of SB 982, the better. We need for him to make a commitment. Contact information is below (all phone numbers without an area code are 512 and second phone numbers listed are the FAX):

Senator Troy Fraser <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist24/dist24.htm>
The Honorable Troy Fraser - P.O. Box 12068 - Capitol Station - Austin, Texas 78711 -- (512) 463-0124
500 Chestnut - Suite 810 - Abilene, Texas 79602 - (325) 676-7404 - fax: (325) 676-8060

Representative Jim Keffer <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist60/keffer.htm>
Capitol Office - Room EXT E2.418 - P.O. Box 2910 - Austin, TX 78768 - (512) 463-0656 -
(800) 586-4515 Toll-free - (512) 478-8805 Fax -
District Office - P.O. Box 857 - Eastland, TX 76448 - (800) 586-4515 Toll-free - (512) 478-8805 Fax

Field Day Shirts are on sale for \$10.00. Paid orders are due on Monday, May 4th. Keep in mind that donations are welcome! We would for every child to have a Field Day Shirt.

This week is our second big round of testing. At Maxfield Elementary, Third, Fourth, and Sixth Grade will take the Math TAKS on Tuesday, April 28th. Fourth and Sixth Grade will take Reading TAKS on Wednesday, April 29th, and Fifth Grade will take the Science TAKS on Thursday, April 30th. The high school is testing.

The Kindergarten Zoo Trip that was planned for April 28th has been moved to Tuesday, May 5th due to the weather. We hope the weather forecasters are correct that it is going to rain all week.

We have had additional money turned in for the Math-A-Thon Fund Raiser. The final amount earned for cancer research was \$1,092.16. Thank all of you for your participation and the work involved to raise this money for such a worthy cause.

Thursday, April 30th the Fourth Grade will go to Frontier Texas for their end-of-year Field Trip and Friday, May 1st the Second Grade will go to Dinosaur World for their Field Trip. I want to thank all of you that have help raise money to help fund these field trips this year.

Panther/Lady Panther HS Regional Track Meet will be Friday, May 1st and 2nd in Abilene at ACU. We have Audrey Johnston who qualified in the shot put and Matt Underwood who qualified in the 100 and the 200. We wish both of these athletes great success. They have both had extremely good senior years! We will miss them next year.

Three week notices went out Monday, April 27th. If your child received one, please contact their teacher and meet with them to see what may be done to improve your child's success.

Maxfield Elementary has many items in Lost and Found. Please feel free to come by and check through these in an effort to find any of your family's clothing. We dispose of these items over the summer, so now is the time to check it out.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly gathering with 27 in attendance on the 22 of April. Our menu was great with many different dishes, quite a smorgasbord of delights. We enjoyed celebrating Wilburn Overstreet's 93rd birthday with cake and song. He is doing good and looks great. Then I asked him to please give our blessing as none of the usual prayer givers were here. He always says such good words to inspire us all. A dear sweet man.

We were happy to have Martha Rainey with us, looking good and much improved. Also we were surprised to see Karen Guthery out to be with us. She looks good after back surgery, and like a teenager with her new trim figure. Come back anytime Karen even though your not a Senior yet. HA!! Also good to see Jimmy Stell again.

Our meal was great with many different types of food. We enjoyed 2 types of Brisket, one corned beef with carrots, onions, cabbage and potatoes. Emma Jane Larch made us some good Spaghetti and a wonderful cake. Ray Warren is quite the cook and made some delicious chicken and dumplings. We all devoured them and took some home. They were gracious to let us have the whole pot. We had missed these, as Anna Rush used to make them for us. We certainly miss her, especially that good dressing. We also enjoyed stewed onions, green beans, vegetable soup, beans, cornbread and rolls. There was pink stuff of Cool Whip, strawberries, bananas and pineapple. Icy Munns delicious deviled eggs, always good. Wynogene and Barbara Smith brought two heavenly pies, one peanut, my favorite and a coconut. We also enjoyed 2 other pies, 2 cakes, a carrot for Wilburn's Birthday and some cookies with plums.

On Thursday the 23rd there were 10 out for games. We were surprised that many came, as the FBC had a speaker that night. I couldn't attend as I had a surgical procedure that day. After many delays Jo Holdman and I didn't get home till nearly 8 p.m. A long tiring drive from Abilene, we were frazzled.

We saw numerous police out, even city cops sitting at the edge of the interstate. As many trips as I've made lately, hardly ever see the police. Jo thought they were all after her, HA! I appreciate her going with me and doing the driving. She even ran into some old friends from Abilene, when they were young, and all lived there. These people now live in Anson. So she had a good time talking of the older days.

I had to miss the City Wide Sale on the 25th, just not up to it. Daisy Slaton managed a few houses. That lady loves the sales, got me going years ago.

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

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