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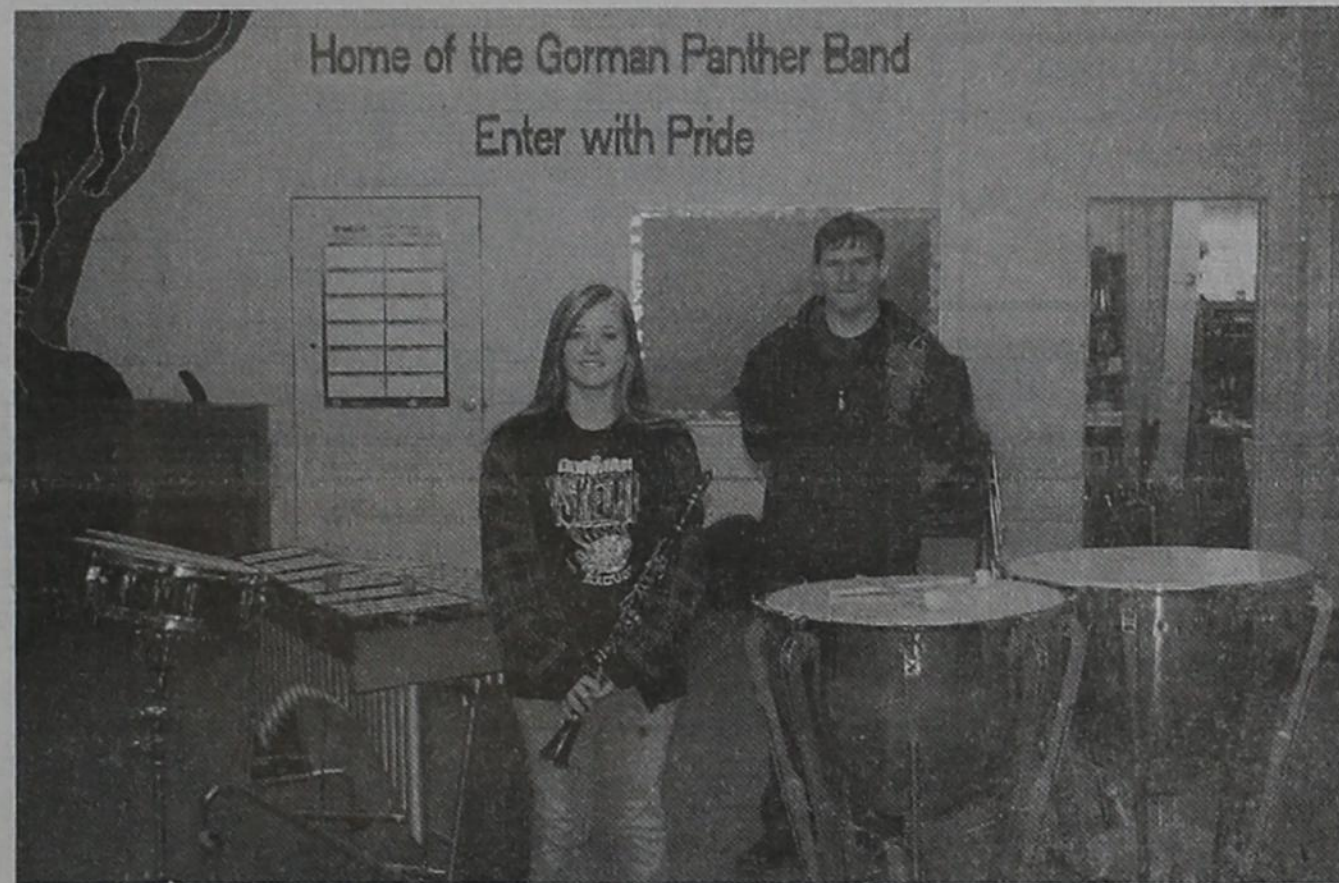
JANUARY 22, 2009

## Grass Fire At Carbon Fought By Several Area Departments



The fire on Monday was West of Carbon on FM 2526. Fire Departments from Carbon, Gorman, Eastland, Sipe Springs help fight the fire that covered several hundred acres. The fire was stopped around 3 p.m., then some of the fire departments when to help with the Sidney Brush Fire.

## Jaylon Miley and Nathan Flanary Audition For District and All-Region Band



The Gorman Panther Band had two students audition for District and All-Region band: Jaylon Miley and Nathan Flanary. These auditions require a tremendous amount of effort from the students. The students must play two and three octave scales and a chromatic scale in addition to excerpts from a slow etude and a fast etude.

The etudes used in this process are technically difficult and require much practice if a student hopes to perform well at the audition. Both Jaylon and Nathan are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to musical excellence. Jaylon is to be congratulated for being chosen to play in the All-District band and the All-Region band. On Saturday, November 8, 2008, Jaylon traveled to Kennedale and participated in an all-day clinic, which resulted in a performance that night. This performance was well attended and the music produced by the District band was absolutely wonderful.

On Friday, January 16, 2009, Jaylon traveled to Abilene and participated in a 3 hour rehearsal Friday night and an all-day rehearsal on Saturday. The performance at McMurry on Saturday night was a wonderful experience. It is amazing what dedicated students are able to accomplish in such a short time.

John Howard, Jr., Director of Bands-Gorman ISD

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

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

**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.

### AARP Driver Safety Program

Jan. 27 and Jan.28 -- 1-5 pm, both days  
 DeLeon Senior Center  
 To register, call 254 893 6311 or 254 965 2145

**PRAY FOR RAIN WE NEED SOME MOISTURE & WARMER TEMPS**

## Gorman City Commission Minutes

JANUARY 15, 2008

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular session. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Cliffla Vaughn, Joe Casey and Nathan Files. Absent due to work was Charlie Torrez.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.  
 Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:34 p.m.  
 Cliffla made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Joe. Motion carried 2-0. (Nathan was a few minutes late)  
 Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Cliffla. Motion carried 2-0.  
 Nathan made the motion that all after business hour overtime is subject to approval by the Commission. Cliffla made a second. Motion carried 3-0. This will especially apply to Animal Control issues. Due to the nature of so many frivolous and non-emergency calls the Commission is seriously considering charging a service fee of \$20 to \$25 to the resident. The overtime pay for such calls needs to be stopped. Emergency calls will not be charged if this consideration passes.  
 Nathan made the motion to accept the bid of Scott Vanderhoof for \$600.00 for the GMC pick up and Doug Caffey's bid of \$650.00 for the 1999 Crown Victoria car. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.  
 After reviewing the original contract with the cable company Nathan made the motion to increase the tower lease by \$500.00. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.  
 Tacy will mail a letter informing the company and also enclosing a copy of the original contract indicating the time frame for any changes made.  
 There being no further business for discussion. Cliffla made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried, time was 6:35 p.m.

## Texas Twisters Cheerleading



The Texas Twisters tiny cheer team took home their first national Championship! The team competed at the Xtreme Spirit Southern National Championship at the Gayord Texan on December 14th. Team members are Caitlyn Clark, Larissa Hampton, Rachel Snider, Michelle Snider, Claire Mckennon, Bella Pena, Gracie Brooks, Raylee Pack, Dessa Sleeper, Harper Saxon, Logan Wright, and Aubrey Bullard. The teams next Competition is in San Marcus on January 25th. Good Luck Girls

## Lady Panther & JV Lady Panthers Basketball News

### Varsity Girls Lose To Evant

The Lady Panthers lost a District game against Evant by a score of 49 to 63. Leading scorers for the Lady Panthers were Audrey Johnston with 17 points, Kimi Seaton with 15 points, Chelsea Griffin and Lindsey Laminack with 5 points each, Jamie Johnston with 4 points and Angie Silva with 3 points. The Lady Panthers record is 6 and 8 and 0-2 in District.

### Junior Varsity Lose to Evant

The JV Lady Panthers lost a game with Evant by the score of 16 to 31. Scoring for Gorman was Abby Pacheco with 4 points, Stephanie Rivveno with 3 points, Laura Herrera, Perla Maldonado, Cecilia Olivarez each had 2 points and Carlie Jackson had one point. The record for the JV Lady Panthers is 1-9 and 0-2 in District.

### Junior High A-Team Lost to De Leon

The Junior High A Team lost a close game to De Leon by a score of 23-24. Scoring for Gorman was Amy Hendrix with 8, Angelia Perez with 4, Kinsey Johnston with 4, Melissa Rameriz with 3, Dahila Hipilito with 2, and Jasmeen Ibarra with 2.

### Junior High B-Team Lost to De Leon

The Junior High B Team lost to De Leon by a score of 8 to 29. Scoring for Gorman was Skye Lewis with 4 points, Yari Montalongo with 2 points, and Ashley Burt with 2 points.

## Gorman PEE WEE Basketball Schedule

The Gorman PeeWee Basketball Tournament will be Feb. 23rd thru Feb. 28th. The Jr. Class will be having a PeeWee Tournament on Feb.16th thru Feb.21st. The Sr. Travel Club will be having a PeeWee Basketball Tournament March 10th thru March 13th. This is the league play for PeeWee Basketball:

### Jan. 24th At Gorman

9:00A-Sizzlers Vs Lady Buffs 4th Girls  
 9:45A-Lady Lakers Vs Lady Buffs 6th Girls  
 10:30A- Cats Vs Buffs 5th Boys  
 11:15A- Ranger 5th&6th Girls Vs Blaze  
 12- GATA Vs Raiders  
 12:45p- Lady Buffs Team 1 Vs Lady Panthers  
 1:30p- RS Boys Vs Buffs 6th Boys  
 2:15p- Bullets Vs Lady Buffs Team 2  
 3:00p-Roadrunners Vs Lady Buffs Team 1  
 3:45p- Bearcats Vs Buffs 4th Boys  
 4:30p-RedHots Vs Lady Buffs 3rd Girls  
 5:15p-Panthers 3rd Boys Vs Buffs 3rd Boys  
 6:00p- Gorman 4th Boys Vs Buffs 4th Boys  
 6:45p- Gorman 3rd & 4th Girls Vs Lady Buffs 3rd Girls

### Jan 31 @ DeLeon

9:00a- Sizzlers Vs Lady Buffs 3rd Girls  
 9:45a- Gorman 4th Vs Panthers 3rd  
 10:30a-Gorman3rd&4thGirls Vs Sizzlers  
 11:15a-Panthers 3rd Vs Buffs 4th Boys  
 12- Redhots Vs Lady Buffs 4th Girls  
 12:45p-Bearcats Vs Buffs 3rd Boys  
 1:30p-LadyPanthers 5th Vs Lady Buffs 6th Girls  
 2:15p-Blaze Vs Lady Buff Team 2  
 3:00p- Lady Buffs Team 1 Vs Roadrunners  
 3:45p-Raiders Vs Buffs 5th Boys  
 4:30p- GATA Vs Buffs 6th Boys  
 5:15p-Bullets Vs Lady Lakers  
 6:00p-Cats Vs RS Boys

### Feb. 7th @ Gorman

9:00a-Gorman 4th Boys Vs Bearcats  
 9:45a-Redhots Vs Gorman 3rd & 4th Girls  
 10:30a-Buffs 3rd Vs Panthers 3rd Boys  
 11:15a-Sizzlers Vs Lady Buffs 4th Girls  
 12-Buffs 4th Vs Gorman 4th Boys  
 12:45p-Lady Buffs 3rd Vs Gorman 3rd&4th Girls  
 1:30p-RS Boys Vs GATA  
 2:15p-Blaze Vs Lady Buffs Team 1  
 3:00p-Cats Vs Buffs 6th Boys  
 3:45p-Ranger Vs Lady Panthers 5th Girls  
 4:30p-Raiders Vs Buffs 5th Boys  
 5:15p-Lady Lakers Vs Roadrunners  
 6:00p-Lady Buffs 5th Team 2 Vs Bullets  
 6:45p-Lady Buffs 6th Vs Roadrunners

### Feb. 14 @ DeLeon

9:00a-Bullets Vs Blaze  
 9:45a-Raiders Vs RS Boys  
 10:30a-Roadrunners Vs Lady Buffs 6th  
 11:15a-GATA Vs Buffs 5th  
 12-Lady Panthers Vs Lady Buffs Team 2  
 12:45p-Cats Vs Buffs 6th  
 1:30p-Lady Buffs Team 1 Vs Lady Lakers  
 2:15p-Sizzlers Vs RedHots  
 3:00p-Panthers 3rd Vs Bearcats  
 3:45p-Gorman3rd&4th Girls Vs Lady Buffs 4th  
 4:30p-Gorman 4th Vs Buffs 3rd Boys  
 5:15p-Lady Buffs 3rd Vs Sizzlers  
 6:00p-Bearcats Vs Buffs 4th



ABILENE, Texas – Cancer Services Network will present an educational program entitled, Artistic Expressions, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the Cancer Services Network office located at 240 Cypress Street. This project is a collaborative effort between Cancer Services Network (CSN) and The Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA).

Katherine Trotter, MFA and a cancer survivor, will facilitate this event. Katherine has more than 25 years of professional experience in the field of art education and currently serves as Education Coordinator at CCA. Stephanie Hamm, PhD, with a background in art therapy will present information about the healing potential of self-expression through art. Art supplies will be provided; no experience in art is required. Project participants will work individually in a combined effort to complete a mural to be displayed at the February ArtWalk.

"Cancer patients are increasingly turning to integrative care and complementary therapies to reduce symptoms, improve quality of life and boost their ability to cope with stress," says Nancy Estes, Executive Director of CSN. "We began to brainstorm with our neighbor CSN about a way for participants to focus on something positive – such as art, instead of their illness and give them something that they can control. Art is a vehicle for self-expression," says Jessica Dulle, Executive Director of CCA.

"Our goal is to share information and techniques that will help others to improve cancer patients' overall health, energy, coping skills, and reduce stress," said Suzie Shahan, chair of CSN Board of Directors and cancer survivor.

The Texas Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas provided funding for this event. There is no cost to attend but reservations are requested. You may call CSN office at (325) 672-0040 or send an email adodson@cancerservicesnetwork.org. CSN provides financial and emotional support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county service area. The mission of Cancer Services is to raise the level of hope for cancer patients by providing financial assistance for emergency funds, insurance assistance (COBRA), prescriptions, nutritional supplements, cancer-related medical supplies, transportation and emotional support through support groups and educational sessions.

## H-E-B Issues Voluntary Recall for H-E-Buddy Snack Packs Containing Peanut Butter Dip

(TEXAS) - H-E-B has issued a state-wide voluntary recall for H-E-Buddy snack packs that are packaged with a peanut butter dip. The recall is only a precaution. The product contains peanut butter supplied by Peanut Corp. of America, which is being linked to a national outbreak of salmonella. No H-E-B customers have reported any illnesses. However,

H-E-B is taking all the necessary precautions. The affected products are:

*H-E-Buddy Celery w/Peanut Butter - UPC 41220-29701*

*Expiration Dates - 01/16, 01/17, 01/18, 01/20, 01/21 and 1/22*

*H-E-Buddy Apples w/Peanut Butter - UPC 41220-98734*

*Expiration Dates - 01/16, 01/18, 01/19, 01/20, 01/21, 01/22, 01/23, 01/25 and 01/26*

*H-E-Buddy Snack Tray w/Two Dips - UPC 41220-54449*

*Expiration Dates - 01/16, 01/17, 01/19, 01/21 and 01/22*

"We are strongly committed to ensuring the safety of our customers and of the products sold in our stores," said Winell Herron, H-E-B Group Vice President of Public Affairs and Diversity. "The product has been removed from all our stores and will be returned only once it is completely safe."

To notify customers of the voluntarily recall, H-E-B has posted signage in its store and has locked the product's code in its computer system to ensure none of the affected products are sold at the register. The affected product has been removed completely from stores and has been disposed of safely.

Customers who have purchased the product are asked to return it to their nearest H-E-B for a full refund. Customers with any questions or concerns may contact H-E-B Customer Service at 1-800-432-3113.

## Tax Deferral Available For Over 65 or Disabled Residential Homestead Owners in Eastland County

Section 33.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires the following information concerning the Deferral of certain property taxes to be publicized.

Property taxes on the residence homestead property of those persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and/or those disabled may be deferred or abated if they satisfy the requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The property owner must (in most cases) occupy the residence on which the tax is being levied, or on which a suit has been filed for collection of delinquent taxes.

To obtain a deferral, the individual must file with the Chief Appraiser of the Appraisal District in which the property is located; an affidavit stating that he or she is sixty-five (65) years of age or they are disabled. It also must state that they own and reside in the residence that the tax is being levied on.

If a suit has already been filed by a tax unit; the individual must file with the court in which the suit was filed the same type of affidavit.

By filing the affidavit with the proper authority, the payment of taxes or forced collections through suit is postponed until the person filing the affidavit no longer owns or occupies the property as a residence homestead.

It is emphasized that the tax is only deferred; it is not cancelled. A tax lien remains on the property and interest in the amount of eight (8) percent per year will continue to accrue during the period that the collection of taxes is deferred.

For information concerning the tax deferral or abatement, contact the Eastland County Appraisal District. The office is located at 102 N. Lamar on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse Annex Building in Eastland, Texas. The telephone number to call for information and/or assistance is 254-629-8597.

## Thank You

The family of Bill Clark wishes to express our sincere appreciation for every kindness shown to us. We are truly grateful for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, memorials, hugs, and the many kind words of inspiration spoken of Bill and how he touched their lives. We feel so blessed to have the love and support of friends who have been so very comforting. We especially thank Bro. Barry and Sharlene for being with us and Bro. Barry for the beautiful tribute to Bill. We appreciate the delicious luncheon provided by the ladies of First Baptist Church. That was a great comfort and gave the family an opportunity to visit. A very special thanks to Donnie, D'Arla and Trevor Nowlin for their love and support and attending to each and every detail and to Price's Flowers and Pendas Flowers for the beautiful floral arrangements. Each and every expression of kindness was such a comfort to us. Bill was such a special person and we feel very blessed to have had him in our lives.

Louise Clark  
Carolyn and Benny Mathews  
Ginger and Triston George  
Greg & Kari George  
Kaitlyn and Hayden George

## REMINDER

**TRASH PICK UP ON TUESDAY BEGINS AT 7:00 a.m.  
IF YOU DONT WANT YOUR TRASH TO BE MISSED  
YOU MUST HAVE IT OUT BY THE CURB. THANK YOU.**

## Happenings At FBC!!

Pray! Call upon the name of Jesus and be a vigilant intercessor to love and lift one another up to God in prayer.

Mark your calendars:

Jan 25th – 11:00am - Bro. Barry begins a series called: "Signs of Jesus' Return!"

Jan. 28th – 6:30pm Evening Service – Everyone Meet at the Football Field to attend the second annual Youth Super Bowl Game – come and show your support.

Daily Request – Please pray for Martha Rainey as she is in Costa Rica receiving treatment.

Children's Sermon: Liz had a bag and asked the children what was in it. The children answered that it was a bag of trash. They all agreed that trash is stinky and we are glad when the trash collector comes to pick it up. We have trash in our lives that is sin and we don't want it. The Bible tells us that John saw Jesus, the Lamb of God, and it is He that takes away the sin of the world. Jesus is the trash collector of our lives and he delivers us from our sin. Give thanks to God for Jesus and the deliverance from sin!

Bro. Barry's message was "How Did I Mess Up My Life?" – Genesis 16:12.

Abram was known as a man of faith, and as the sand is on the shore so are his descendants.

The lives of Abram, Sarai, Hagar, and Ishmael are an example of what a tangled web our lives can become when we don't listen and obey God.

Four Stupid Ways:

1. Out of Control Fleshly Desire. – The flesh takes over and we make desperate decisions. How we live and what we say can be the most difficult damage to repair.  
2. Poor Advice from Non-Christians & Immature Christians. Beware whom you go to for advice. Make certain your advisor has your best interest foremost and decisions are based on God.

3. Blame Everybody but Themselves. – The Bible says even Sarai told Abram he was responsible for the wrong she was suffering. You must make yourself accountable for your actions. Matthew 7:3 tells us to take the log out of our own eye first. Care enough about yourself enough to care about someone else.

4. Shirk Responsibility for the Sake of Keeping the Peace. – God can emerge from messes. Christians must speak up for their belief in Christ. Tell the Word of God - Jesus is coming again!

Lord, Give us mercy, for the times when we have foolishly disregarded your guidance. Give us sanity, in a day when insanity and disregard for you seem to rule.

A dear woman made a courageous decision to ask God's help to clean up the messes in her life.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:30AM on Sunday mornings – please come and join us!

Remember, God loves you like no one else! Email us at [thegorman@hotmail.com](mailto:thegorman@hotmail.com)

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION - NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER OFFERS PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR INDIVIDUALS IN EARLY STAGES OF DISEASE

Abilene, TX — A new Alzheimer's Association program will allow people in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease to turn to each other for understanding and information. A peer support group for individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease will be offered by the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter in Abilene. Peer support groups have proven to help deal with the problems that emerge with the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

"There are many support groups for caregivers of people who have Alzheimer's disease, but very few groups for the individuals who have the disease. We want to offer them an opportunity to learn about their disease and talk to others in the same situation," said Libby Connally, Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association Abilene office.

"People in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease often can communicate well enough to talk about the disease, the changes it has caused in their lives, and the ways they and their families deal with these changes," Connally said. "But individuals with the disease and their families typically find few opportunities to talk candidly about these issues. The new support group will allow individuals in the same situation an opportunity to discuss the changes in their lives since the diagnosis."

An early stage support group will meet two times per month starting in February. A caregiver support group will meet at the same time and location. Participants are being sought for the group, funded by the Alzheimer's Association and the United Way of Abilene. Those interested in participating in the support group should contact the Alzheimer's Association at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

## PANTHER/LADY PANTHER HS TRACK 2009

DATE	SCHOOL	SITE
THURSDAY FEB. 26TH	PANTHER RELAYS	GORMAN
THURSDAY MAR. 5TH	BEARCAT RELAYS	DeLEON
THURSDAY MAR. 12TH	BUFFALO RELAYS	CROSS PLAINS
SPRING BREAK		
SATURDAY MAR. 28TH	STRAIGHT "A" RELAYS	MERIDIAN
THURSDAY APRIL 2ND	EAGLE RELAYS	GOLDTHWAITE
THURSDAY APRIL 9TH	DISTRICT MEET	TOLAR
THURSDAY APRIL 16TH	AREA MEET	GOLDTHWAITE
THURSDAY APRIL 23RD	REGIONAL QUAL.	TBD
FRI. MAY 1ST/SAT. MAY 2ND	REGIONAL MEET	ABILENE
FRI. MAY 15TH/SAT. MAY 16TH	STATE MEET	AUSTIN

## JH TRACK SCHEDULE 2009

DATE	SCHOOL	SITE
THURSDAY FEB. 26TH	PANTHER RELAYS	GORMAN
FRIDAY MAR. 6TH	BEARCAT RELAYS	DeLEON
FRIDAY MAR. 13TH	BUFFALO RELAYS	CROSS PLAINS
SPRING BREAK		
MONDAY MAR. 23RD	STRAIGHT "A" RELAYS	MERIDIAN
MONDAY MAR. 30TH	DISTRICT (NORTH ZONE)	SANTO

## LADY PANTHER SOFTBALL SC

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
SAT. 2-14	DUBLIN SCRIMMAGE	DUBLIN
SAT. 2-21	DUBLIN TOURNAMENT	DUBLIN
TUE. 2-17	TBD	
TUE. 2-24	TBD	
FRI. 2-27	*EULA	EULA
TUE. 3-3	*BAIRD	GORMAN
FRI. 3-6/SAT. 3-7	PERRIN-WHITT TOURN.	PERRIN-WHITT
TUE. 3-10	*DeLEON	DeLEON
TUE. 3-17	*CROSS PLAINS	CROSS PLAINS
Fri. 3-20	*BYE	
MON. 3-23	*RANGER	GORMAN
TUE. 3-31	*ALBANY	ALBANY
FRI. 4-3	*BAIRD	BAIRD
TUE. 4-7	*EULA	GORMAN
FRI. 4-10	*DeLEON	DeLEON
TUE. 4-14	*CROSS PLAINS	GORMAN
FRI. 4-17	*BYE	
TUE. 4-21	*RANGER	RANGER
FRI. 4-24	*ALBANY	GORMAN

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## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There were 25 at the Center on the 14 at 11:30 to enjoy our weekly gathering. People were slow in coming, so was glad to see this many. Bro. Frnak Shirley gave the blessing, we do appreciate him. He and Beth always brighten our day.

We were most happy to have Wilburn Overstreet back with us. He had been ill off and on for over a month. Looks good with the weight loss. What a way to do it. If I ever lost weight would have too that way.

The meal we enjoyed was meat loaf, chicken enchilda casserole, Lasagna, good by Emma Jane, pizza, a tret from the Shirley's. Also cabbage, greens, green beans and potatoes. Our desserts were 2 kinds of Jello, pie and several good cakes. Bill Barrentine was here, good to see him. He made an Orange cake that looked so pretty. Wish I'd tried a bite.

Good to Raymond Hattox. Had missed him for awhile, been going to Dr. He appears to be doing OK! And looks good. I know about going to Dr. and having tests. Thats all I've done for the last month. I'm now taking lasix to counteract the swelling I've endured. I'm better a little, still waiting on one test results. My heart is not quite right, but that goes with getting older. I hope to be around for a few more years. Daisy Slaton had been ill around Christmas and after with an upper respiratory infection. I was so glad she improved in time for our trip to Fort Worth. We enjoyed Carol Burnett, but wish we had sat closer. Couldn't quite see her features so far back.

On the 4th of February we will have a Special Dinner for a friend of Anne Lamnack. He is author and retired Baptist preacher. His name is Henry A. Buchanan. They have a lot in common from their past in Georgia. He says he is a teller of tales, old and new. Anne is bringing a Birthday Cake for him and Special Food. She is a great gal and we look forward to this celebration.

Our game night has slowed down to about six. Too many have been ill or out of pocket. I can't sit there with my feet hanging down. So have missed playing. Hope more of you will try and get out on good weather nights.

I do want to thank all for my ZJ's Gift Certificate on Christmas. I haven't yet used it, but will soon. I've enjoyed being Co-Director for you all. Don't know how long I can do this in my current health problems. Barbara Bush has been so good to help and go out of her way. Thanks again.

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

## Super Notes

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

Elvis is coming to Gorman! That's right, Elvis. The local Masonic Lodge is having a fund raiser in March that will be held in the Gorman ISD Auditorium. The tentative date is Saturday, March 28, 2009. More details will be available as the time draws near so save the date for an evening of fun! Of course, this is an impersonator and a very good one. All that attend are sure to have a great time. Gorman ISD is glad to be able to assist the Masons by letting them use the auditorium and hope for a packed house.

Basketball has its ups and downs! Literally, last Friday night we lost one, then won one, then lost one, then and won one. Both girls teams lost and both boys' teams won. The emotional highs and lows during basketball season are incredible for fans and it takes a lot of control not to sound like an idiot from the stands, just ask one of the players if you know one or you are related to one. Ask them what they hear. Ask them what they feel. Ask them what they wish they heard you yelling. Remember, they are just kids. I love to see them win, the look on their face, the smile in their eyes and it breaks my heart to see the look on their face when they lose after they've tried so hard, left it all on the floor. Remember that you have a job to do as a fan and that is to cheer them on when they are winning and to hug and console them when they don't win and encourage them. See you at the games!

Our kids represented us well at the Eastland County Stock Show. I do not have a list of all of the participants and their accomplishments but I expect that Mr. Boles will be submitting his own article as well as pictures. I wish I could have spent more time at the stock show, but for some of us that dust is a killer, literally. I applaud those parents and supporters that put in so many hours in support of our Ag Program. These students work as hard on their Ag projects as any other aspect of competition in which they are involved. Great job Mr. Boles!

I hope this virus has just about run its course. We have had so many people out sick. I understand it is pretty rough. I know it zapped Mr. Panter for a couple of days and we all know how he hates to miss school. Thankfully, it has passed some of us by and we wish we could get into a bubble until it goes away.

Everywhere I go, people ask me about our building project. It is indeed an exciting time in the history of Gorman ISD and it is an incredible experience being a part of it. I hope everyone who can will become a permanent part of history and contribute to the scoreboard and have their name displayed from now on in the foyer of the gym after it is completed as one that invested in making this project something special. I know my name will be there and I hope yours will be too.

We have a new red steel roof on the old Home Economics building that is almost complete. It really looks great and dresses up our curb appeal considerably. Drive by and take a look!

As of Tuesday, we have a new President and all of us witnessed or are a part of a historically significant event that is probably equal to any cultural or political event that has taken place in the United States in decades. Although I did not vote for President Obama, he is now my President and I will support him 100% and wish him success and hope he is able to fulfill many of the changes he envisioned during his campaign. I also know that many people in our area did not vote for President Obama. I hope you will support him too. We cannot accomplish anything positive if we do not move forward as a nation unified and supportive of our leadership. And although I know racial prejudice is alive and well, and that is unfortunate, the fact that the United States was able to elect anyone other than a white male to the presidency is a testament to how far we've come as a nation. I pray that one day the only thing that will be considered when selecting anyone for any leadership position anywhere in the United States will be their qualifications and ability and I bet we get there someday!

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

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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" will be held on Saturday, January 24th at the Community Center ("Ole" School Building). Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. Serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Come early to enjoy supper with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be Country and Western Music with some Bluegrass and Gospel for everyone to enjoy. This is a "Smoke FREE" environment and the Admission is "FREE".

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth visited last Sunday with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown. They helped Robert celebrate his birthday. I guess his is "39" and "holding".

Katie Duke, daughter of Russell Duke of Stephenville is recovering real well from recent back surgery. Katie spent the past week in Desdemona with her grandparents, "Humpy" and Betty Duke.

There is a lot of sickness in our Community. Several have bronchitis, colds and some with the flu. January and February are the months for respiratory trouble. So bundle up and take care of yourself.

Kaley Garcia spent the past weekend in Cleburne visiting with her Dad, George Garcia and family.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a great day, Coon.

## Artistic Expressions

ABILENE, Texas - Cancer Services Network will present an educational program entitled, Artistic Expressions, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the Cancer Services Network office located at 240 Cypress Street. This project is a collaborative effort between Cancer Services Network (CSN) and The Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA).

Katherine Trotter, MFA and a cancer survivor, will facilitate this event. Katherine has more than 25 years of professional experience in the field of art education and currently serves as Education Coordinator at CCA. Stephanie Hamm, PhD, with a background in art therapy will present information about the healing potential of self-expression through art. Art supplies will be provided; no experience in art is required. Project participants will work individually in a combined effort to complete a mural to be displayed at the February ArtWalk.

"Cancer patients are increasingly turning to integrative care and complementary therapies to reduce symptoms, improve quality of life and boost their ability to cope with stress," says Nancy Estes, Executive Director of CSN. "We began to brainstorm with our neighbor CSN about a way for participants to focus on something positive - such as art, instead of their illness and give them something that they can control. Art is a vehicle for self-expression," says Jessica Dulle, Executive Director of CCA.

"Our goal is to share information and techniques that will help others to improve cancer patients' overall health, energy, coping skills, and reduce stress," said Suzie Shahan, chair of CSN Board of Directors and cancer survivor.

The Texas Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas provided funding for this event. There is no cost to attend but reservations are requested. You may call CSN office at (325) 672-0040 or send an email adodson@cancerservicesnetwork.org. CSN provides financial and emotional support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county service area. The mission of Cancer Services is to raise the level of hope for cancer patients by providing financial assistance for emergency funds, insurance assistance (COBRA), prescriptions, nutritional supplements, cancer-related medical supplies, transportation and emotional support through support groups and educational sessions.

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