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District 15-A Gorman Basketball All District Selections and Area Qualifiers For Track



Post season honors for District 15-A for the Lady Panthers include: Audrey Johnston-1st Team Unanimous Selection. Honorable Mention goes to Val Longoria, Kimi Seaton, Jaime Johnston, and Chelsea Griffin. Academic All District selections are Audrey Johnston, Jaime Johnston, Chelsea Griffin, and Lindsey Laminack.



Post season honors for the Panthers include: Tyson Swanner-District Offensive Co-MVP. (Not Pictured - Sean Bates - Defensive Co-MVP and Drew McCreless, First Team All District). Honorable Mention goes to Ben Burgess, Alex Giles, Kiefer Wilson, Trevor Williams, and Josh Ryon. Academic All District selections are Tyson Swanner and Matthew Cogburn.

Congratulations to all of these basketball players and their effort in being the very best that they can be.



Area Qualifiers from the district track meet include Matt Underwood in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash, Tyson Swanner in the discus throw, Audrey Johnston in the shot put, and Kimi Seaton in the discus throw. Congratulations to these outstanding athletes and we wish them best of luck in the area track meet to be held on Thursday, April 16, at Goldthwaite.

FCCLA To Compete In State Competition

The Gorman chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America will be attending the State Leadership Conference held in Corpus Christi on April 16-18, 2009. The members will be among approximately 3,500 delegates attending the three-day conference. The youth developed the theme "Find Your Treasure with FCCLA" which will be carried out through leadership tracks and general sessions. Members will learn to strategically plan ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth including decision making, goal setting, and career preparation.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition), LEO'S (Leadership Enhancement Opportunities) and State Proficiency Events are competitive events in which members will compete during the state meeting. These events will allow members to showcase their skills in different areas of competition. Also, the new officer's team for 2009-2010 will be elected to lead the state to greater heights.

Six young ladies along with their sponsors will be attending and hoping to return to Gorman with top honors. Jessica Williams, Connie Gonzalez, Abigail Pacheco, and Carrie Thetford will be competing in STAR Events. These ladies have been working hard and are well prepared for the competition. Marsela Gonzalez and Sonia Hipolito will be competing in LEO'S. These students have been studying and hope to bring back a gold certificate for their work. The students will be joined on the trip by their sponsor Tammy Kellar, and co-sponsor Maria Gonzalez.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as the central focus. FCCLA is considered the "best kept secret." The leadership skills gained from FCCLA can and will be beneficial for many years. All activities focus on family, career and community leadership. FCCLA members will utilize knowledge gained through leadership experiences to develop a solid foundation for the future. GOOD LUCK LADIES!!!

Rock Bluff Cemetery Cleaning

Saturday April 19, 2009 is the annual Rock Bluff Cemetery cleaning. We need your help and support in maintaining this old cemetery. The oldest grave is 1878 Samuel B Walker, the last grave is E M Spencer. There is lots of history to be found here. Bring a chair and something to eat. We start about 8:30. Tools are available and it is rewarding to see the finished look of the cemetery when we finish. A day in the country is relaxing and meeting new people and a little exercise is rewarding. If you are able make plans to attend.

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Kids Day In The Eastland Park

Saturday April 18th is the day for all kids to have a day in the Eastland Park. The kids day starts at 10 a.m until 2 p.m. Game Booths, Prizes, Fun, Pony Rides, Jump Houses, Finger Painting, Face Painting. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event is hosted by Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center and Crime Victim Assistance Center, Child Welfare Board, Department of Family and Protective Services, CASA, Eastland Fire Department, Eastland and Cisco Police Departments, Foster Family Care, and Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

15 - A District Boys Track

Meet Results From Tolar

JV Division

Discus - Jon Fenley place 3rd with a throw of 101' 0" ; Kiefer Wilson place 2nd with a throw of 105' 9"
100 Meter Dash - Nathan Gee place 3rd with a time of 11.93 sec.
200 Meter Dash - Nathan Gee place 6th with a time of 25.85 sec.
400 Meter Dash - Nathan Gee place 3rd with a time of 59.38 sec.
*** Other members of the team are Jacob Fritts, Matt Keith, Stetson Thompson, Daniel Rivas, and Eric Ryon

Varsity Division

Discus - Tyson Swanner place 4th with a throw of 117' 3"
100 Meter Dash - Matt Underwood place 2nd place with a time of 11.31 sec.
200 Meter Dash - Matt Underwood place 4th with a time of 23.43 sec.
800 Meter Run - JC Whitten place 8th with a time of 2:26.97 sec.; Matthew Cogburn place 10th with a time of 2:39.16 sec.
400 Meter Relay - Josh Ryon, Ben Burgess, Justin Magourik, James Thomas place 7th with a time of 51.17 sec.
300 Meter Hurdles - Josh Ryon place 6th with a time of 50.87 sec.
1600 Meter Run - Sergio Hipolito place 7th with a time of 5:32 sec. ; Matt Cogburn place 9th with a time of 5:47.00 sec
800 Meter Relay - Alex Giles, Ben Burgess, Justin Magourik, James Thomas place 7th with a time of 1:44.60 sec.
3200 Meter Run - Sergio Hipolito place 8th
*** Other members of the team are Matt Fox, and James Brown



The photo above shows Ira Wilson and Lois Melton who are about to celebrate their 91st and 94th Birthdays. Ira's birthday is April 29th and Lois's birthday is December 13th. Ira lives in Boyd and Lois lives in Azel with her son. They spent their early years in Gorman.

Important:

Band Booster Meeting-Monday night, April 20, 2009 at the Band Hall at 6:30 PM

Items for Discussion:

MakeMusic Software
Spring Trip 2009
Summer Camps
Fall Concession Menu/Schedule
Spring Trip 2010
Fund Deficit due to budget cuts

Thanks,
John Howard, Jr.

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.

District Track Meet

JV Girls

Erica Limo - Shot put—4th - Discus—1st
100m—5th - 200m—4th
Perla Maldonado - 1600m—4th Long Jump—2nd

Varsity Girls

Luisa Silva -- 800m—5th
*Kimi Seaton -- Discus—4th
*Audrey Johnston -- Shot put—2nd
*Advance to the Area Meet Thursday, April 16, at Goldthwaite

District Tennis Meet

JV Teams

JC Whitten/AJ Vaughn—2nd
Stephanie Risueno/Luisa Silva—3rd

Varsity Individuals and Teams

Ben Burgess—3rd
Abby Pacheco—3rd
James Thomas
Sergio Hipolito/Trevor Williams

Junior High Girls District Track Meet at Santo

7th grade girls

***2nd Place team overall**
2600m-- Chloi Comis- 3rd Place
400m Relay-- Kinsey Johnston, Amy Hendrix, Haven Johnson, Melissa Ramirez-1st Place
800m-- Skye Lewis-1st place, Alaina Swanner-6th place
100m—Haven Johnson-2nd place
800m Relay—Kinsey Johnston, Courtney Byrd, Amy Hendrix, Melissa Ramirez-1st place
400m—Courtney Byrd-2nd Place, Sky Lewis-5th Place
200m—Haven Johnson-2nd Place, Kinsey Johnston-3rd Place
1600m—Chloi Comis-6th Place
1600m Relay—Amy Hendrix, Skye Lewis, Courtney Bryd, Melissa Ramirez-2nd Place
Shot Put—Mykisha Hampton-5th Place
Discus-Yari Montelongo-6th Place
Triple Jump—Courtney Byrd-1st Place, Melissa Ramirez-2nd Place, Amy Hendrix-4th Place
Long Jump—Melissa Ramirez-1st Place, Amy Hendrix-3rd Place, Skye Lewis-4th Place

8th grade girls

800m—Rachel Tucker-3rd Place
1600m—Rachel Tucker- 5th Place
Junior High Girls-Meridian Meet
7th grade girls
***2nd Place Team**
2600m—Chloi Comis-3rd Place
800m—Skye Lewis- 2nd Place
400m—Courtney Byrd- 3rd Place
200m—Kinsey Johnston- 3rd Place, Haven Johnson-4th Place
1600m—Chloi Comis-4th Place
800m Relay—Kinsey Johnston, Courtney Byrd, Amy Hendrix, Melissa Ramirez-1st Place
1600m Relay—Skye Lewis, Amy Hendrix, Courtney Byrd, Melissa Ramirez-3rd Place
Shot Put—Yari Montelongo-6th Place
Discus—Yari Montelongo-6th Place
Triple Jump—Melissa Ramirez-1st Place, Courtney Byrd-2nd Place, Amy Hendrix-6th Place
Long Jump—Melissa Ramirez-2nd Place, Amy Hendrix-5th Place
High Jump—Sky Lewis-2nd Place, Courtney Byrd-4th Place
8th grade girls
100m hurdles- Jasmeen Delatorre-6th Place
1600m—Rachel Tucker-6th Place
Discus—Dalila Hipolito-6th Place

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.

Gorman Senior Travel Club

CAR WASH

9:30 Saturday, April 18th -- At Smith's Station

BAKE SALE

April 18th at 5 P.M. -- In Front of ZJ's

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

On April 25, 2009, Gorman will host our annual city wide garage sale. If you want to participate in this event and have your sale marked on our city map, please contact Cliffla Vaughn (254-734-3933) or Jill Torres (254-734-2317). We also plan to have a flea market in the city park, please call for space. The cost for flea market space or marked sale on map is \$5.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK!

We have lots of new books again this week! Come by and peruse a nice selection of new hardback and paperback books. **One Ranger Returns** by Joaquin Jackson, **Gilead** and **Home** by Marilynne Robinson and **Chicken Soup for the Golden Soul** by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hanson. Also available is **The Way the Crow Flies**, a new mystery by Ann-Marie MacDonald.

COME BY AND "CHECK IT OUT"

Pre-K Registration and Changes

Maxfield Elementary will be holding Pre-K Registration for the 2009-2010 school year. Students that are 4 by Sept. 1, 2009 and meet the criteria will be eligible. Students that are 3 by Sept. 1, 2009 please go ahead and register, but at this time we are not sure if we will be offering the Three Year Old Program next fall. Registration will be Friday, April 17, 2009 from 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. in the Elementary Library. You will need to bring the student's Social Security Card, birth certificate, and immunization record. We will also need a picture ID of the adult registering the child. If you have any questions please call 254-734-2617.

Obituary

Juanita F. Gray

Juanita F. Gray, age 72, passed away on April 10, 2009 at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth. Services were held Monday, April 13th at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in DeLeon with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Martha and Rocky Bunting. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Juanita was born on December 10, 1936 in Gorman to Rex Stephens and Lily Belle Fisher McGinnis. She married Billy Charles Gray on June 10, 1955 in De Leon.

She was a tax assessor collector for the City of De Leon and had served in that capacity for many years. She had lived in the De Leon area all of her life, and was a member of the De Leon First Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff Gray of Fort, Brad Gray and wife, Milly of De Leon; a daughter, Cathy Gray of Garland; 2 brothers, Jerry McGinnis and wife, Janet of De Leon and Steve McGinnis of De Leon; 2 grandchildren, Linzi Gray and Brady Gray.

She was preceded by her husband, Billy Charles Gray (February 8, 2002); and parents, Rex and Lily Belle Fisher McGinnis.

Pallbearers were Paul Lawless, Brady Gray, Johnny Smith, Jordan Smith, Donald Nowlin and Mike Huddleston.

Classifieds

FOR SALE - Mobile Home to Be Moved, Clean Title, 1998 Fleetwood Single wide - 16'x76' - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Central Heat and Air, Make Good Offer. 817-579-5965 - Bill Hogan.

YARD SALE: April 25th - 8 til ?? - 408 N. Winkler - corner of Winkler and Hamilton - Toys - Room Decor - Backpacks and More. Girls Clothes, Womens, Business Attire, Miscellaneous Kitchen Items. 2TP.

LARGE 5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Friday, 17th and Saturday 18th - 8 to 5 and on Saturday, 25th. Also I will open anytime during that week if you come by or call 734-2850. Linens, dishes, good clothes, puzzles, books and toom many things to name. Not Junk. 607 S. Brewer. West of Rest Home and the School. Follow Signs. ITP.

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254-893-6776 FNC.

TAKING APPLICATIONS
Eastland County Precinct 3 - Rising Star/Gorman is accepting applications for two Temporary Full-Time General Road Hand positions. CDL License is required. Experience with graders and dump trucks helpful. Applications available in the Auditor's Office, Suite 205, Courthouse 254-629-1082. Applications will be accepted through noon April 13, 2009 or until position filled. Eastland County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2tc

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MARIHUANA POSSESSION NETS PRISON SENTENCE

Vincent Antonio Griffith, 44, formerly of Carson, California, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (5) five year sentence for possessing 16 small baggies of Marihuana, 50 pounds or less but more than 5 pounds. Griffith was apprehended on August 5, 2005 by a Department of Public Safety State Trooper on Interstate 20 near Eastland.

Griffith had previously posted bond but did not appear for trial. An arrest warrant was issued and Griffith was re-arrested in November 2008. On April 9, 2009, Griffith entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced by the Honorable Steven R. Herod of the 91st District Court.

MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHEMICALS

David Glenn Vaughn, 46, formerly of Abilene, was sentenced to (15) fifteen years confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Possession or Transport of Certain Chemicals with intent to Manufacture Controlled Substance.

Vaughn and two other men were arrested on April 11, 2008 by the Cisco Police Department during a traffic stop for speeding on N. Hwy 6 near Cisco Jr. College. A search of the vehicle in which Vaughn was a passenger, revealed chemicals and other items necessary in the manufacture of Methamphetamine inside Walmart plastic bags. Investigators from the Cisco Police Department were able to obtain video surveillance tapes from Walmart in Eastland depicting the men purchasing some of the items. The men were headed to a cabin at Lake Cisco to "cook" the Methamphetamine. District Attorney Russ Thomason stated, "Thanks to the Cisco Police Department and their thorough investigation, these men were not able to complete their "cook" or spread this poison in our county."

MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF METH

Timothy Todd Gosnell, 44, formerly of San Angelo, was sentenced to (25) twenty-five years confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine, 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams. This offense is normally punishable as a Second Degree Felony with a maximum punishment of twenty years, but the Criminal District Attorney's Office enhanced the punishment range to that of a first degree felony utilizing a prior conviction of Gosnell. Fred Franklin of Brownwood represented Gosnell with Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF METH

Jerry Don Williams, 59, formerly of Abilene, was sentenced to (10) ten years confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Possession of Methamphetamine, Less Than One Gram. This offense is normally punishable as a State Jail Felony with a maximum punishment of two years, but the Criminal District Attorney's Office enhanced the punishment range to that of a second degree felony utilizing two of William's prior convictions.

PROBATION REVOCATION NETS MAN 15 MONTHS IN PRISON

Henrique Roberto Deleon, 51, formerly of Eastland, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (15) fifteen month sentence for the revocation of his probation stemming from a conviction in August 2008 for possession of two pounds of Marihuana. Deleon entered a plea of true to allegations by the Criminal District Attorney's Office that he had violated terms and conditions of his Community Supervision

AFTERNOON JOY RIDE NETS ONE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE

Jaysón Wayne Grumbles, 34, formerly of DeLeon, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison for the offense of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. On June 2, 2008, Grumbles test drove a vehicle from a used car dealer in Rising Star and did not return with the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered the same day in Ranger. Grumbles was sentenced to one year in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by District Judge Steven R. Herod.



The Gorman Eastern Star honored the Gorman and Desdemona Fire Departments with dinner. The Fire Department were given Certificates of Appreciation and cases of water. The Eastern Star appreciates these firemen for their dedication to the area in keeping us safe. Thank you.



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS -- Eastland County Precinct 3 - Rising Star/Gorman is accepting applications for two Temporary Full-Time General Road Hand positions. CDL License is required. Experience with graders and dump trucks helpful. Applications available in the Auditor's Office, Suite 205, Courthouse 254-629-1082. Applications will be accepted through noon April 13, 2009 or until position filled. Eastland County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2-4-16 C.

NOW TAKING SEALED BIDS -- Gorman Independent School District is seeking bids on a sound system to be implemented in the new gymnasium. All bids need to be sealed and mailed to Gorman ISD, PO Box 8, Gorman, Texas 76454. For specs on the proposal, contact Cindy Underwood at 254-734-5085 or email cindy@gorman.esc14.net. All bids need to be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on April 24, 2009. Bids that are not sealed can not be accepted. No faxes please. 2-4-16 C.

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UNDER CONTRACT 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$1,995/acre
SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,280
102 A, water well, costal, corras, hunting, mins. & owner finacing 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 wrisers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
30 A, 3-2½ 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, +76' 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 2-1½ 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
Fully-equipped Restaurant, Hwy.6 DeLeon, 2,998sf(CAD), paved lot. [GM02] \$180,000

COGBURN REALTY
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NEW: De Leon: Nice older 3-1 Frame home, 1308 sf, new roof & Plumbing, 2 car garage, fenced yard, corner lot, large Pecan trees. \$33,900.
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, 2-2-2 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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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to all who attended last Friday's dance at the DAC. Our crowd was down a little bit - I understand that there was a big dance in Oklahoma that a lot of folks went to. Hope they had a great time and we are looking forward to seeing them next month!

Last week I failed to mention the AARP Defensive Driving Class that was held here at the DAC on April 2nd. Thanks to Carolyn Maupin for teaching a very informative class and thanks to all who attended.

Our 3rd annual Craft Show will be held April 17th, 18th and 19th. We have lots of vendors on board and are looking forward to a great show. The doors will open on Thursday, April 17th and Friday, April 18th at 9:00 A.M. and close at 5:00 P.M. On Sunday, April 19th the hours will be 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. To our vendors: we will have the Activity Center open on Thursday afternoon if you would like to set up your booths. We will open at 7:00 A.M. on Friday morning for those who want to come early to set up.

This Saturday, April 18th is, also, the annual cemetery meeting for the Desdemona cemetery. Lunch will be catered.

Our annual community garage sale will be held in late May - tentatively the 28th, 29th and 30th. If you have any good stuff you would like to donate, please call me at 758-254-2420 or bring it to the DAC during library hours. Our library is open Monday through Thursday from 3:00 - 5:00 and Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 8:00. Watch Pig Tales next week for a firm date - our Board of Directors is meeting tonight to firm up all details.

Remember 'Breakfast at the DAC' on Saturday, May 2nd.

We are so thankful for the rain over the weekend and pray more will follow. Please remember that, even though it rained, we still have a great fire danger. As of this writing, the burn ban is still on.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR CITY OF GORMAN (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Gorman, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Gorman, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 - 7:00p.m. on May 09, 2009 for voting in a general election to elect 2 Commissioners.

(Notifíquese por las presente que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se aboriran desde las 7:00 a.m hast alas 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Mayo de 2009para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir dos comisionado)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Office, 116 S Kent St. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 27 and ending on May 5, 2009.

(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en) (entre las 8:00a.m. de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 27th abril y terminado el 5 de mayo.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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Issued this the 8th day of April, 2009.
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Letter to the Editor

Sincere Thanks to Friends and Firefighters!

About the worst words you can hear when you're out of town are: "Your place is on fire."

That's what happened to us last week. The call came from our friend and neighbor Nan Stacey who, along with many others, was dealing with a fire that broke out in our pasture.

We're from Colorado and have owned Cullen and Eva Rodgers' place in Gorman for less than three months.

We are told that Mike Snider spotted the fire. He called 911 and Durwood and Aletha Burgess, who ran over and started moving our horses and cattle. Scott and Nan Stacey showed up and moved equipment and loaded our things into vehicles in case the wind shifted toward the house.

We are told that at least 8 fire trucks with volunteer firefighters from Gorman, DeLeon, Sipe Springs and Ranger bravely fought the fire into the night. We are also told that Eastland County showed up with maintainers and plowed a firebreak around that 100 year-old house that has become so precious to us. We are overwhelmed by this support - especially because we weren't there and were helpless to do anything.

The fire took a lot of pasture, a few trees and a few calves but nothing more and we are so grateful. Without a bunch of brave and willing firefighters, I'm not sure we would have been so lucky.

I got an email recently listing the many reasons America is great. One of them was: "If your place catches fire a bunch of brave strangers will show up and risk their lives putting it out for you." I would add to that, in Gorman, Texas your friends will show up too.

Thank you to all of you brave firefighters, county employees and friends who came to the aid of a couple of new Texans. And to all of you we haven't heard about yet, thank you too. We are deeply grateful for all of you.

Sincerely,
Sam and Erin Kirk -- Gorman, Texas

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Eastland Co. Judge Reports On Wildfire

Cedar Mountain Fire - What has been named the Cedar Mountain Fire has been stopped. Once again, our Emergency Responders have stepped up and prevented what could have been a tragedy for 65+ homes.

The fire burned from north of Cisco to north of Morton Valley, a distance of about 14 miles west to east and about 4 miles wide. According to the Texas Forest Service, about 18 500 acres burned. With the high winds Thursday afternoon, no air support was available until Friday morning. This fire had to be fought the old way, on the ground with brush trucks, tankers, transport water trucks, graders and dozers. Each piece of apparatus had to be staffed and most of these people are volunteers giving of their time and own resources to prevent tragedy.

Every fire department in Eastland County was at the scene. Many fire departments from outside our county responded as their own fires allowed them to do so. Food and water were provided for two days by volunteers and the Red Cross. Law enforcement got the word out to residents to evacuate. TXdot kept the highways closed for safety. The Texas Forest Service finally got spotter aircraft and helicopters on the scene early on Friday morning in addition to operating TTS dozers in countless areas for many hours. Hearing that rotor sound and seeing the water drops from the air will always be in my memory.

Other state agencies, local businesses, and just people walking up to the Command Center were working to get us what we needed. The Mobile Command Center was sent to CR 331 and TX Hwy 112 where it became the emergency operations center (EOC) and home of the Responders and volunteers for the next two days. Fueling, water resupply, and food needs were met at the EOC. The EOC was also the forward communication point for radio traffic and fire assignments. Late Friday, the fire was contained and under control enough to demobilize the EOC and send the exhausted Responders home.

Saturday, a DPS aircraft took Eastland Fire Chief Arther into the sky to see if any hotspots were active. A fire was spotted near the canyons north of CR 155 and fire fighters were able to get extinguished. With the good rain on Easter morning, no active fires were reported.

I talked to Heath Begeman, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent about the agriculture losses. He is working with state agencies on fencing repairs and hay resources to assist the 40+ farms and ranches affected by this fire. Mr. Begeman can be contacted at 254-629-2222 if you have a need or want to help.

It is an enduring testimony to the emergency response groups that a fire of this size was not allowed to destroy even one home or take anyone's life. On firefighter from Rising Star was injured. He is still in the hospital with a hip injury and he will be there for a few more days; please keep him in your prayers.

I have life-long friends that live on CR 331, north of Hwy 112. When I got to the EOC Thursday I know that their home had been in the direct path of the fire after it jumped TX Hwy 183. When the smoke cleared enough to drive, I went to the home expecting to see burning rubble. Instead, I saw where firefighters created a miracle at the perimeter of the yard and diverted the fire away from the house and barn. This scene was repeated many times as the fire traveled with incredible speed. Finally, if you want to show your appreciation for a job well done, just contact your local fire department, tell them thank you, and ask how you can help.

Thank you. Respectfully submitted,
Rex Fields - Eastland County Judge

- a. a much-needed road trip
- b. paid for with pennies
- c. saving memories
- d. all of the above



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Super Notes

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

Thank God for the rain! I hope we are blessed with some more this week. Our volunteer firemen around the area are getting a workout and they could use a break. Our volunteers in the area are doing a great job. If you know one, thank him or her the next time you see them. Your home may be the next one they save!

Easter is always a great holiday to celebrate. Without Easter, as Christians, where would we be? On what would our faith be based? Without Easter, this would be it, there would be no hope for a life after we die. What a gift!

The was news travels in Gorman, I'm sure most everyone already knows that the board voted unanimously last week to hire Greg Bagby from Ganado ISD as our new Athletic Director and head football coach. He has an impressive background and he is extremely excited to be coming to Gorman with his family. He will be visiting around town getting to know everyone once he is able to be released from Ganado. His wife teaches and he has a 16 year old daughter and a 13 year old son.

We held our regularly scheduled school board meeting Monday at 6:00 pm in the conference room at Maxfield Elementary. The meeting opened promptly at 6:00 pm with all members present with the exception of Beth Underwood and Melinda Harrington. Ms. Harrington arrived at 6:20 pm. Others present were Superintendent Perry, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Cindy Underwood, Mr. Barton, and Mrs. Kellar and two of her students who gave a presentation to the board. I will say no more about the presentation because I know Mrs. Kellar is going to submit the picture of these girls and their accomplishments in an article of her own. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Seaton and he gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Harrington took over when she arrived. The board then approved the consent agenda unanimously and Mr. Perry reviewed the fund balances and tax office reports with the board. This was followed by the Construction Superintendent's report (everything is on schedule), a report from Mrs. Hampton and a report from Mrs. Reeves. Mr. Perry discussed artwork in the new gym with the board; sound system for the new gym; had Cindy Underwood present proposals for running cable in the new building and the board unanimously chose Level One Technology's proposal. Ms. Harrington then reported on the need for everyone to contact our legislators and to have others do so as well in support of HB 1555 and SB 982. We also need to support Representative Keffer's bill that will support career technology education courses in our schools. The board then unanimously approved: the development of an advocacy resolution to submit to TASB; a two year extension of our depository agreement with American State Bank: the initial list of transfers for the 2009-2010 school year; the hiring of a elementary counselor and one elementary teacher; and the hiring of two professional employees at East End Special Education Coop. The board then adjourned at 8:00pm

Please contact your legislators in support of the bills mentioned above.

Senator Troy Fraser

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist24/dist24.htm>

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If anyone reading this article lives in another area and need to know who their legislators are and how to contact them, please e-mail me or call me at the number provided at the top of this article and I will help you. Thanks!

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!

Happenings At FBC!!

Happy! Easter is a celebration honoring the miracle of Jesus. Jesus was born, Jesus lived, Jesus was crucified to death, and Jesus is risen! Jesus lives! Honor Jesus, live your life for Him!

Mark your calendars:

April 23rd – 7:00pm – “Town Hall for Hope” – Everyone is invited! Please join us in the Auditorium for a live nationwide telecast as Dave Ramsey, Christian and Professional Money Expert, addresses the nation on what is really going on with the world's economy.

Children's Sermon: Liz loves spring time for many reason including the flower blooms and baby animals. Liz also loves Easter Baskets. Liz opened some special eggs from her basket. The first egg had a cross in it. The Bible says that Jesus was born to Joseph & Mary and that He would die on a cross; Jesus even had to carry His own cross. The second egg had a nail in it. Jesus was crucified and nailed to a cross. The Bible says that Jesus even asked God to forgive the criminals hanging next to Him for they know not what they have done. The third egg had a rock in it. The Bible says that when Jesus died they wrapped Him in cloths a put His body in a tomb and closed it with a rock. The fourth egg was empty. The Bible says do not be afraid because the tomb is empty. Jesus is risen. Jesus has prepared a place for us in heaven. Liz showed all the children a darling baby bunny, and they loved it. The baby bunny is new life. We can have new life in Jesus.

Special Music: The Messengers blessed all with an amazing concert. Jeff Seaton led a congregation singing of “In the Garden”. Tommy has written an incredible Easter song; they sang “When Christ was Raised”. “Riding the Highway to Hell” reminds us to make sure we're staying on the right track. They sang “Satan's Monument” while we watched the video clip from “The Passion of the Christ” and the two together really get emotions running high. We feel the Holy Spirit move and we know God is preparing us for His message.

Bro. Barry's message was “The End of Easter” – John 19:5 and John 20:30-31 - Life is Newness! We will not be the same person a year from now because our cells are constantly being replaced. We are given life in the name of Jesus. We are Christians, and it is because of us that there will always be Christianity in America.

Bro. Barry told us all the names of Jesus in the Bible from A to Z. It is quite an extraordinary list.

Easter is not an end; Easter is the beginning. The price is paid, and you are forgiven. You may have new life in Jesus. Please call the Church Office at 734-2420 if you would like to speak to Bro. Barry about accepting Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. We will be having baptism on Sunday – April 19th.

One young girl, Brittany Burns, accepted Jesus and will be following Christ in baptism. We welcome two new members, Jerry and Bobbie Henley, to our family and fellowship.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings – please come and join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

“Ladies Monthly Social” was held on Monday at the Community Center. Several ladies attended to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Next ladies social will be held on Monday, May 11th. Visitors are welcome.

Easter Sunday visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke were Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and daughter, Lauren of Midlothian; Elise Duke of Stephenville; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona.

Karen Fair and granddaughter, Lorin hosted Easter Family Dinner. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane, Donal and Kandice Cogburn and children, Dylan and Taiah all of Desdemona and Avie Taylor of De Leon. All the children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt after lunch.

Easter Sunday visitors with Robert and Ima Brown were Robert Alton and Jana Brown and children, Preston and Julie, Michelle Medart and husband with their daughter, Libby and son, Dylan all of Fort Worth.

Desdemona Cemetery Association will have their Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 18th at the new Chapel buiding. Business meeting at 11 a.m.

Have a great day, Coon..

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I was unable to be at our weekly luncheon on the 8th of April due to a Dr. Appt. I'm going to tell them no more Wednesdays please. I sure miss being with you folks. I'm glad Barbara Bush has been there to take over. There were about 25 in attendance to enjoy and fellowship with each other. Alan Gibbs gave the prayer for our Easter Dinner.

We had Ham and all the trimmings. Also an egg and sausage keish, hated to miss that. Beth Shirley makes these extra goodies for us. Several veggie dishes and Icy Munn's good deviled eggs. Also beans, cornbread and rolls by Betty Regian. We were low again on desserts, with two cakes, 1 pie, but made it OK!. Hope to see more next week.

I'm sorry I keep missing Alan and Linda Gibbs. But so glad they continue to come. Also Wynogene Smith and her daughter Barbara were with us, had been a long time. Hope they come again when I'm there. Betty Frazier's daughter, Virginia and a friend came to visit. Hope they all come more often. I believe our banker James Bruton was also in for lunch, missed our good talks. Maybe more people from town will come and eat with us. It only costs \$3 dollars, can't beat that!!

We finally decided on Boomtown for our supper out. We will go on the 16th and be there about 5 p.m. Any of you who need rides come to the center a little before 5. Hope we have a good turnout as the bill is paid by our fund.

So sorry Jud Maxfield has had a time of it with his back. We have missed him at the dinner and I'm sure the domino players have also. I hear he is some what better. Sorry we didn't get a card sent earlier to cheer you some. With my problems and the others filling in, we all forgot. You may just get a little get well card. HA!

We enjoyed a good turn out on game night the 9th of April at 5 p.m. There were 12 of us to play 88's, Skipbo and Spinner. Also Marley came with her grandma Betty Regian and learned a little about Spinner. Good to see Adriana Chamberlain out to play, as that is her Chemo day. I believe I'd want to stay home, quite a ordeal. Also good to see Winston Brown and Wilburn Overstreet feeling better.

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



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