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## Giles - Seaton - Johnston - Burgess Make All-District Team Prowling Panther Relays and De Leon High School Meet Results



Gorman ISD had one boy and one girl each make the all district 2nd team in basketball and one honorable mention girl and boy.

- Kimi Seaton Sr.
- 2nd team all district Girls District 14-A team
- Alex Giles Sr.
- 2nd Team all district Boys Basketball 14-A
- Jamie Johnston Jr.
- Honorable Mention Girls Team
- Ben Burgess Sr.
- Honorable Mention Boys Team

### Four Positions Open For School Board Election May 8

Four positions will come open for the May 8, 2010 election for school board trustee. These positions will include three three-year terms to be elected at large, currently held by Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, and one vacated by Melinda Harrington and currently filled by appointment by Don Whitten. The third position is an one year unexpired term ending May 2011, this term vacated by Jeff Seaton and filled by appointment by Noah Landa.

Incumbent Bob Powell, Incumbent Beth Underwood, Incumbent Don Whitten and Clifffa Vaughn have filed for the regular term. Incumbent Noah Landa has filed for the one year term.

Cuatro posiciones serán abiertas para la elección para el fideicomisario de la mesa directiva de la escuela el 8 de mayo, 2010. Estas posiciones incluirán tres términos de tres-año para ser elegidos en grande, actualmente tenido por Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, y uno desocupado por Melinda Harrington y actualmente puesto por nombramiento a Don Whitten. La tercera posición es un término de un año no caducado que termina el 2011 de mayo, este término desocupado por Jeff Seaton y actualmente puesto por nombramiento a Noah Landa. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la oficina del Superintendente durante las horas de clase.

### "Reclaim Our Community" Gorman To Hold Meeting Soon



On March 2, 2010, Mayor Robert Ervin, Gene Foster, Bro Barry Schahn, Brad Campbell, Jerry Skaggs, and Clifffa Vaughn attended a TMCN meeting in Abilene. Gary Decker, from Stamford, presented the Stamford "Reclaim Your Community" program that has had enormous success in their town. There were people from 14 counties to learn the mechanics of how to clean up vacant lots efficiently. We benefitted from their mistakes. He was able to tell us what worked for them and what did not.

Most small rural towns are in need of a face-lift and not just the downtown area. The older small towns are becoming an endangered species. Gorman will be having a meeting soon to form a volunteer group to help "Reclaim Our Community."

Look for the coming announcement and plan to attend. Let's clean up our town.

### Two Places To Fill On GYSC

The Gorman Youth Sports Council has two places to fill on the commission. We will be holding a meeting on 3/11/2010 at 7:00pm at the Senior Citizen Building. Anyone that is interested please come to the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

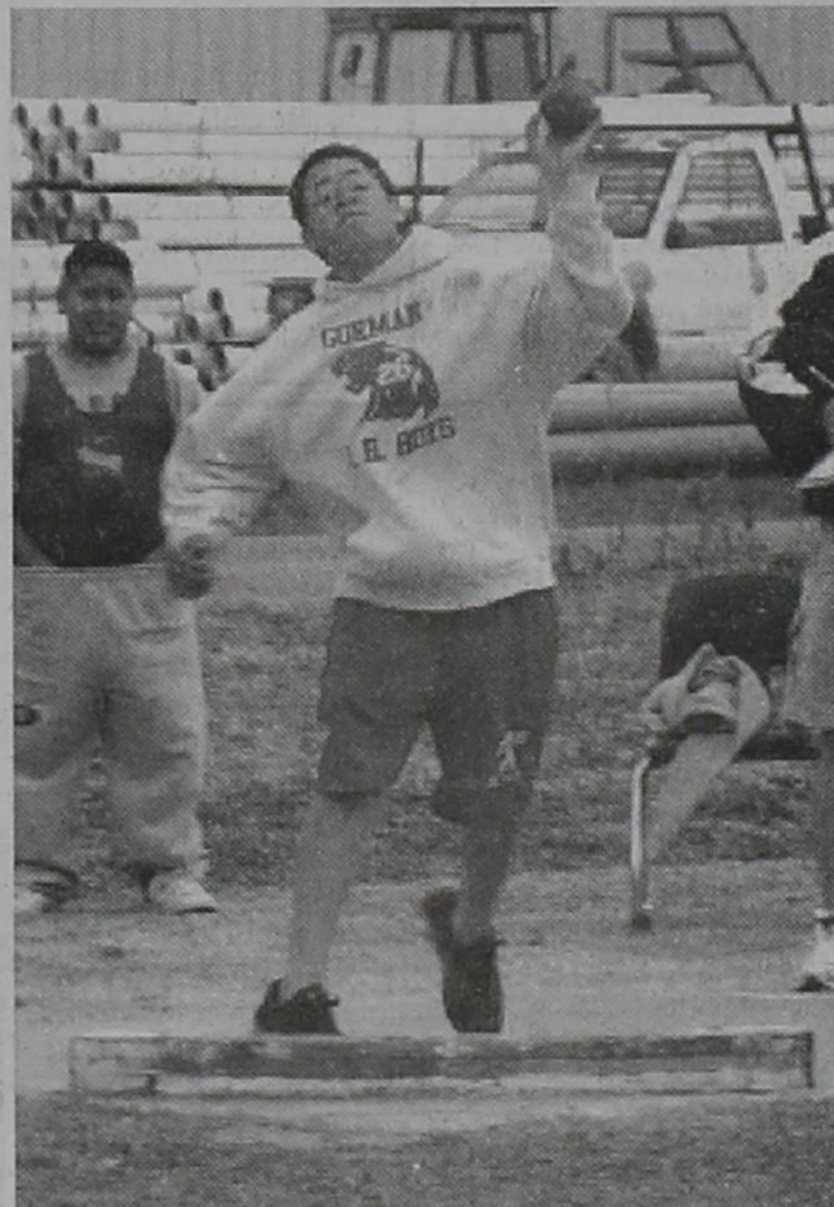
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Gorman Youth Sports Council

### Panther Relays - JH Girls Results

- High Jump-Skye Lewis 2nd place
- Long Jump-Skye Lewis 1st place; Holly Rainey 5th place; Chloe Cole 6th place
- Triple Jump - Melissa Ramirez 1st place; Lauren Spivey 2nd place; Kinsey Johnston 4th place
- Shot Put - Cosette Keeping 4th; Yari Montelongo 5th; Cheyenne Gibbs 6th
- Discus - Yari Montelongo 3rd; Cosette Keeping 6th
- 400 Relay - Gorman 1st- Kinsey Johnston, Megan Gray, Skye Lewis, Melissa Ramirez
- 100 Meter Hurdles - Chloe Cole- 5th place; Holly Rainey-6th place
- 100 Meter - Melissa Ramirez 1st; Kinsey Johnston 3rd; Lauren Spivey 5th; Haven Johnston 6th
- 800 M Relay - Gorman- 1st place- Kinsey Johnston, Megan Gray, Skye Lewis, Melissa Ramirez
- 400 Meter - Chloe Cole 2nd; Cosette Keeping 4th
- 200 Meter - Megan Gray- 2nd; Skye Lewis-3rd; Lauren Spivey -4th

### Bearcat Relays

- High Jump - Melissa Ramirez 1st place; Megan Gray 3rd place
- Triple Jump - Melissa Ramirez 1st place; Kinsey Johnston 2nd place; Lauren Spivey 4th
- Discus - Yari Montelongo 5th
- 400 Relay - Gorman 1st-Kinsey Johnston, Megan Gray, Lauren Spivey, Melissa Ramirez
- 100 m Hurdles - Chloe Cole-2nd place; Mykisha Hampton- 5th place
- 100 Meter - Melissa Ramirez 2nd
- 800 Meter Relay - Gorman 1st place- Kinsey Johnston, Megan Gray, Lauren Spivey, Melissa Ramirez
- 300 Meter Hurdles - Chloe Cole 3rd
- 200 Meter - Kinsey Johnston 5th
- Mile Relay - Gorman 4th- Chloe Cole, Cosette Keeping, MyKisha Hampton, Lauren Spivey



Photos By Pastor Timothy White

The Prowling Panther Relays were held recently in Gorman. The De Leon High School Track Meet was held recently. The results are:

#### High School Boys

- Triple Jump - Fourth Place - Drew Flanary - 33' 1"; Fifth Place - A. J. Vaughn - 32' 1 1/2"
- Shot Put - Fourth Place - Velasquez - 32' 5"; Tyler Johnson - 32' 3"
- Discus - Second Place - Tyler Johnson - 91' 5"; Sixth Place - Jacob Frittz - 70' 3"
- 400 Meter Relay - Fifth Place - Gorman - 49.02
- 800 Meters - Fourth Place - Sergio Garcia - 2:18.84
- 110 Hurdles - Third Place - Drew Flanary - 19:22
- 100 Meters - Fifth Place - Ben Burgess - 12:55; Sixth Place - Tyler Johnson - 12:75
- 800 Meter Relay - Sixth Place - Gorman - 1:50.03
- 400 Meters - Fifth Place - Sergio Garcia - 1:00.81
- 200 Meters - Fifth Place - Thomas - 25:91

#### Junior Varsity Boys

- Shot Put - Second Place - Luis Limon - 31' 9"; Sixth Place - Hoerta - 25' 5 1/4"
- Discus - Second Place - Cameron Clark - 80' 4"; Fifth Place - Stetson Thompson - 53' 1"; Sixth Place - Huerta - 49' 5"
- Long Jump - First Place - Matt Fox - 17' 0"; Second Place - B. J. Ramirez - 16' 9"; Third Place - Hippolito - 16' 3"
- Triple Jump - First Place - Hippolito - 31' 2"
- 100 Meters - Second Place - B. J. Ramirez - 12:80; Fifth Place - Stetson Thompson - 13:38; and Sixth Place - A. J. Vaughn - 13:77
- 200 Meters - Cameron Clark - 27:82

#### Junior High Boys

- Long Jump - Second Place - Palacios - 14' 9"; Fourth Place - Trey Howard - 14' 4 1/2"; and Fifth Place - Dakota Pacheco - 13' 9"
- Discus - First Place - Carlton - 105' 4"
- 400 Meter Relay - Third Place - Gorman - 53:31
- 100 Meters - First Place - Palacios - 12:84; Second Place - Carlton - 13:44; Third Place - Dakota Pacheco - 13:56.
- 800 Meter Relay - Fifth Place - Gorman - 2:06.03
- 400 Meters - Fifth Place - Tim Patel - 1:13.00
- 200 Meters - First Place - Palacios - 27:69
- 1600 Meters - Fourth Place - Gorman - 4:18.75

#### Varsity Boys

- 100 Meter Dash - Fifth Place - Ben Burgess - 12.62
- 400 Meter Dash - Fifth Place - Hippolito - 1:01.25; Sixth Place - Sergio Garcia - 1:01.82
- 200 Meter Dash - Sixth Place - B. J. Ramirez - 27.10
- 800 Meter Relay - Third Place - Gorman HS - 1:42.03
- 1600 Meter Relay - Sixth Place - Gorman HS - 4:15.33
- Triple Jump - Fifth Place - Drew Flanary - 33' 61/2"; Sixth Place - A. J. Vaughn - 33'
- 400 Meter Relay - Fourth Place - Gorman - 48.92
- 800 Meter Dash - Sixth Place - Sergio Garcia - 2:23.37
- 110 High Hurdles - Drew Flanary - 20.17

### Thanks To Citizens of Eastland County

To the Citizens of Precinct 1, Eastland County:

First of all, I want to thank each & everyone of you who went to the polls, voted your convictions and exercised one of our most valuable rights as a free citizen of the United States of America, regardless of your party affiliation. Our votes do make a difference!

Next, I want to thank those of you supported me in my re-election as your Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Eastland County. Whether you gave me encouragement, allowed me to put a sign in your yard or, by word of mouth, supported me, I say a special "thank you". I will continue to perform the duties of the job you elected me to do to the best of my ability.

Thanks,  
Ronnie

Daylight Savings Times - "Spring Forward"

Begins Sunday, March 14th

## Reminder

The City crew will have the chipper out on the last Monday of each month. The chipper will be running on March 29. If you have limbs, please pile them at the curb, phone the City Office @ 734-2317 and have Jill or Tacy make a work order.

## Classifieds

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Local Government Code 263.153 notice is hereby given that the County of Eastland will be selling salvage property in a public auction to be conducted by Rising Star Auction Company on March 27, 2010 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Rising Star Rodeo Grounds. The auction will continue at the Higginbotham Center in Rising Star on March 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

#### Cross Timbers Health Clinic

is taking BIDS through March 21st for a Storage Building to be moved from 1100 W. Reynosa in De Leon. The building is in good condition. It is 12x24 w/floor and windows. Submit bids to George Dudley at 1100 W. Reynosa or e-mail to gdudley@crosstimbersinc.org. Cross Timbers Health Clinic reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 1-3-11C

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## Obituaries

### Robert Arvel Barnett

Robert Arvel Barnett, age 88 of Gorman, passed away Monday, March 8, 2010 at the Mulberry Manor Nursing Home in Stephenville.

Graveside services will be 3:30 P. M. on Thursday at the Oaklawn Cemetery with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating.

Mr. Barnett was born on September 21, 1921 in Eastland County to Joseph Madison Barnett and Millie Mae Murray Barnett. He married Bobbie Joe Sanders on November 25, 1939 in Carbon, Texas. She preceded him in death in January 2004. He was a retired farmer and rancher and had lived all of his life in the Gorman area. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Larry Barnett and wife, Colene of Wylie; daughter, Kay Lynn Lasater and husband, Emmett of Eastland; two sisters, Connie Cate and Dortha Cate both of Eastland; four grandchildren, Pam Wheat and husband, David of Possum Kingdom Lake, Treva Keith and husband, Brad of Allen, Lori Akers and husband Miley of Charlotte, N.C. and Whitney Crews and husband Jeff of Lindale; five great grandchildren, Jake Keith, Miley and Kaylee Akers, Kelsey and Makenna Crews; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Donnie Mathison and two brothers, Billy Joe Barnett and Earl Gene Barnett.

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S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800.00

38 A M/L south Gorman, Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fence, sandy land. \$2,200.00

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.

130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400.00

S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting; \$3,000.00

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210 A, 2-1 home, 2 car garage, wells & tanks, cross fenced, coastal [WWS01] \$619,500

162 A, 2 story 2-1/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000

147 A, Horse Property, 5-4 1/2 Brick Home, 2-Car Garage, barn, much more [SW01] \$950,000

102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, minerals, possible owner finance [JB04] \$252,450

**SOLD** 100 A, water well, 3 tanks, minerals available [RS04] \$210,000

**REDUCED** 81 A Pecan orchard, 900+ trees, possible owner finance [REM01] \$405,000 \$300,000

**SOLD** 80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000

69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, costal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900

45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, costal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500

24 A, new water well and septic system, coastal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000

7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000

**REDUCED** 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$159,900 \$89,000

4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900

5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000

3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500

4-2 Brick Home, large shaded lot, privacy fence, near elementary school [KO01] \$65,000

**REDUCED** 3-1 Frame Home, carport, shaded lot, storage bldg [DS03] \$39,500 \$36,500

3-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, large living area & lot, CH&A, privacy fence [JG02] \$95,900

2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2.99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000

**REDUCED** 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000

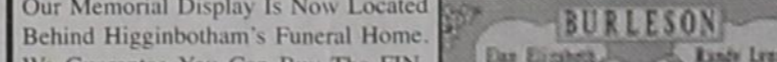
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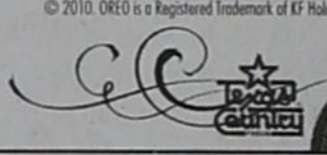
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# City Minutes

MARCH 04, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, Nathan Files, Durward Webb, and David Stanley. Others present were Johnny Smith and T J Cummings.

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

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

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes, with the addition, correcting the 2nd to the motion on the hiring of Cody Hodges. Durward made the second to this motion, and motion carried 4-0. David made a second to the approval and corrections of the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

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

T J Cummings was present to introduce himself to the Commission. Mr. Cummings was appointed to serve the vacancy left by the passing of Bill Underwood as County Commissioner Precinct 3. It is his intention to carry on duties as Mr. Underwood had in the past. The Commission expressed their appreciation for his attendance.

Johnny Smith was present to inquire about the last meeting which the Commission decided to have the City vehicles serviced in Comanche. Mr. Smith and the Commission each discussed reasons behind decisions made. The Commission discussed in more detail later in the meeting. It was decided and a motion made by Nathan to have the Mayor speak with Mr. Smith and to re-instate oil change servicing at Smith Service Station. David made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Commission also wanted to thank Johnny Smith for all of his support for community and school organizations.

Robert gave a brief report on the workshop which he, Cliffla, Barry Schann, Brad Campbell, Gene Foster and Jerry Skaggs attended in Stamford. The City of Stamford has cleared and cleaned up sixty (60) lots in their city. They had crushed approximately 400 cars. Stamford began their project with cleaning up properties that were seen as you enter their city. The mayor stated that a lot of good information was obtained. Cliffla is making every endeavor to get this plan initiated for the City of Gorman so that it appears more inviting to people and provide more housing for residents.

Durward inquired about the trouble with the lift station on Carter/Ector. The mayor told him the new pump had locked down, and Triple D had returned and all should be running smooth again.

The Commission wants Glenn to be making plans to get the fire hydrant installed on Crescent/Winkler when permissible weather allows. Other street repair issues were discussed. Mr. Fritts had spoken with the mayor and Nathan and Nathan about cost sharing street repairs on Ector St. Houston Street also needs repairs and Main St. needs seal coating.

The Curfew Ordinance will be updated at the next meeting.

Tacy will call Cain Pool, and Willis Pool to inspect the city pool and get a quote on pool floor repair. The Commission will discuss this at the next meeting, and consider plans for opening.

At 6:25 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:35 p.m. David made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried time was 6:45 p.m.

## Happenings At FBC!!

Unfold! God's will is not spontaneous combustion; rather the will of God unfolds through you and your life. When you know the difference between wrong and right, how easily are you persuaded and compromised?

Mark your calendars:

**March 13th - 8:00am** - Brotherhood Breakfast - Fantastic fellowship, food, & fun; please come!

**March 14th** - Spring forward, Daylight Savings Time Begins.

**April 4th** - Easter Sunday.

Children's Sermon: AJ Vaughn and Rhys Vaughn shared in showing the children a variety of pencils, and an eraser is the one thing the pencils had in common. People are like pencils, we all are different, and we all make mistakes. Jesus is our eraser, just ask God for forgiveness. Jesus gave His life on the cross so He could erase our mistakes. Give thanks to God!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Snow White" - Isaiah 1:18 - This year is the first time in history that Gorman has had seven measurable snows. The snow covers the cow patties and makes a beautiful scene.

Death is unexplainable in unfortunate circumstances. Life has reached a height with more divorces than marriages.

**GOD TELLS US - God uses His word to reason with us. Do we listen to what God says? How do we treat one another with our words?**

1) Something About Himself. - If you do what God says He promises plenty to eat, and if you refuse to listen you will be devoured. The snow is a visual aide from God; it covers the impurities of the ground. Likewise, the blood of Jesus covers our sin. God wants to hug you, and cover all of your impurities. You cannot save yourself. Only the living God extends the invitation to "Come now!"

2) Something About Ourselves. - Our sin is ugly and revolting, red as crimson scarlet, nonetheless, not staining because Jesus will wash it out. The death of God's son, and the blood He shed washes our sin as white as snow.

3) Something About the Way He Wants To Make Us. - God wants to change your life and make you a better person. The sin does not matter; by the Grace of God you may be a saved sinner. Jesus will make your life pure and snow white. God will never leave you alone. God is in the highs of life and the lows of life. How can God get your attention? Will you choose to obey Him?

A young girl made her public profession of faith and desire to follow Christ in baptism. Glory to God!

Sunday School is for all ages, and Classes begin at 9:45AM every Sunday morning, please come and we will help you find the right class for you.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

## Peanut Festival Committee Minutes

The Gorman Peanut Festival Committee met Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 5:30 for their monthly meeting. Members present were Jennifer, Chasta, Kristin, Ina and Jill. Sara was also present. Those unable to attend were Tiffany, Jeannie, Veronica and Tacy.

We discussed a "slogan" for this year's festival that will be held on September 11, 2010. Being that date, we also discussed our Grand Marshalls. We decided to ask the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department and our Police Department to lead our Parade this year.

There have also been questions as to the actual date the Peanut Festival began. Jill is going to check with the Gorman Progress to see back issues '84-86 to try and get an exact date.

Jennifer made a motion we accept Sara as a new member, Kristin seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Welcome Sara!!!

The committee is also searching for an alternate place to hold the street dance in the event of rain (like the 5+ inches we had last year). So if anyone knows of a good, covered place, please feel free to let us know.

We discussed the possibility of having different events take place throughout the day to add to the festivities. Things like a dunking booth, pie toss or maybe a Tug-of-War Tournament with all the local Fire Departments (we'll have to get the invitations sent out to see if anyone's willing to participate). We would love for the high school classes and boosters to get involved and sponsor booths like they use to.

We have got members designated to head up each function of the Festival. Basically, it is staying the same as years past with a couple of changes in the venue, Jill will be helping Jennifer with the entertainment and street dance.

Jill made a motion to donate \$25 to the Gorman Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Jennifer seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Peanut Festival Committee wants everyone to know we are always accepting donations of every kind (monetary to information). The best way to get in touch for more information is to call City Hall at (254)734-2317 and talk to Jill or Tacy.

With all business being discussed and the next meeting being set for April 8th at 5:30pm, Sara made a motion we adjourn with a second from Jennifer, motion carried 6-0, time was 6:30pm.

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

We had our largest crowd yet for breakfast last Saturday - the cooks had to scramble to keep the serving pans filled! Thank you to all who came to enjoy Saturday morning with us.

This Friday evening, March 12th will be our regularly scheduled dance. The concession stand opens at 6:00 PM and the music starts at 7:00.

I hope you are keeping Saturday, March 20th open for a trip to Desdemona - the DAC is having a fish fry on that night. You know how delicious the fish is here! Watch Pig Tales next week for serving time.

Our annual Spring Craft Show will be held on April 17th & 18th this year. If you are interested in a booth, please call me at 254-758-2420 for information. I know most of you are familiar with Dannis Lozano, the gentleman from Dublin who has been honored both by the state of Texas and nationally for his volunteer work in the area. He is a fantastic woodworker and he began several years ago going to nursing homes to teach the residents how to make pens. The program was so enjoyed by all that he was nominated for being an outstanding volunteer. Dannis' program is now in 7 states and Canada. We are very proud and pleased to call Dannis a friend of the DAC. Thank you, Dannis! Come and see his work at the craft show in April.

Several ladies are meeting at the DAC on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM for exercise - come and get into shape with them.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## ORDER OF ELECTION FOR CITY OF GORMAN

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 08, 2010 @ the Gorman Community Center 118 S Kent for the purpose of:

Voting for Mayor and Commissioners Place 2  
And Place 4 .

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

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Gorman, TX

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 26, 2010 and ending on May 04, 2010. During this early voting period there will be two (2) days this office will remain open for twelve (12) hours. On April 28, 2009 and May 5, 2009 this office will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Early voting Judge is Jill Torres.

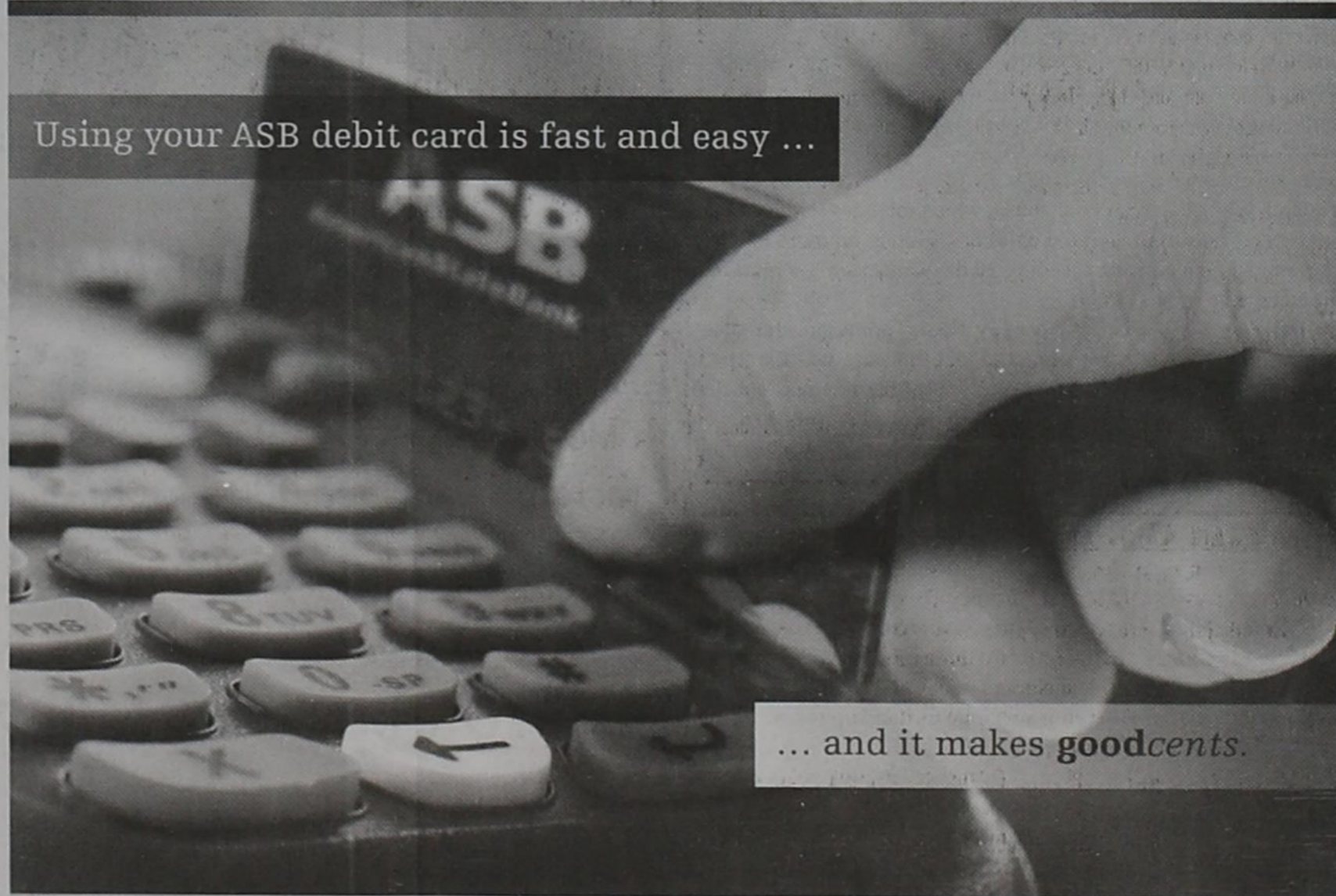
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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## Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.escl4.net

Sunshine, isn't it a wonderful thing! A little sunshine makes everyone's attitude a little more positive and seems to put a smile on more faces than on those cold grey days we've had so often this winter. It is looking like we might be in for some nicer weather. I am so glad!

We had our regularly scheduled school board meeting this week at 6:00pm. All board members were present as well as Mr. Perry, Mrs. Reeves, and Mr. Byrd and one guest-Jim Barnes from DSA. After Daryl Hirst gave the invocation and everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance the board unanimously passed the consent agenda. The reports from the principals and Mr. Perry followed. The board then passed unanimously the following: the 2010/2011 school calendar, to offer driver education, and TASB Policy Update 87. Then under personnel, the board approved contract extensions as presented for the East End Special Education Cooperative and the elementary campus. The board then in a separate action approved all but one of the recommended contract extensions at the secondary campuses. No other action was taken and the board adjourned at 8:15pm

Spring Break begins this Friday after school through Sunday, March 21st. School will begin at regular time on Monday, March 22, 2010. Please remember that shorts and/or capri pants can be worn after the break. Be sure they are long enough. The dress code reads that dresses, shorts, and skirts must be mid-thigh or longer.

There will be someone at the Senior Citizens Center to help anyone fill out the Census Report that needs help. You may also apply there to work for the Census Bureau. They will be there Monday through Friday from 2:00pm to 5:00pm through April 16th. Please encourage everyone you know to fill out the census forms. It is very important for our state that everyone be counted. Our numbers affect our federal funding and also determine how many representative we have in the Legislature.

The Awards Ceremony for the Fourth Six Weeks will be Thursday, March 4th, 2010 in the auditorium. First, Second, and Third grades will be presented awards beginning at 2:00 PM. The Fourth and Fifth Grades will begin their award presentations at 2:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

The P.T.O. is conducting another Scholastic Book Fair March 29th through April 1st. The project that the P.T.O. is earning funds for is resurfacing the playground. This will be wonderful for the children as the surface will be all weather, durable, and padded. The P.T.O. deserves a big thank you for their efforts. Volunteers are needed for the book fair. If you would be able to help, please see Melissa Whitten at the Elementary campus to sign up.

Lifetouch will take spring pictures for Maxfield Elementary this Friday, March 12th. Information regarding the purchase of the pictures was sent home Monday. Please follow the instructions your child brings home.

This time of year there are so many activities going on that everyone should have plenty to do. We have baseball and softball games as well as tennis, power-lifting and track. Beside all of the school activities you have your yard! I don't know about you, but my weeds survived all of the snow and cold weather just fine. We have our work cut out for us.

Don't forget to spring forward Saturday night or you will be late for church!

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!

### Daylight Savings Times

Begins Sunday, March 14th

## 99 Year Sentence For Child Sexual Abuse

A conviction of Michael Jarrod McGough of Cisco for the offense of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child, came with the maximum sentence of 99 years from an Eastland County Jury. This past week, in the 91st District Court, with Judge Steven R. Herod presiding, the 32 year old defendant was on trial for multiple allegations of sexually abusing a child under the age of 14 years. This offense was added to the Texas Penal Code in 2007 with an enhanced penalty range.



The law provides that sexual abuse, which includes sexual contact and sexual assault of a young child or children, on more than one occasion, over a period exceeding 30 days, must carry a minimum sentence of 25 years.

Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason, the state's lead attorney on the case, remarked that this case was the first to arise in Eastland County immediately after the law was enacted. "This is now the most effective tool in Texas law to keep sexual predators of young children locked up and out of our communities, thereby preventing additional victims."

Jurors deliberated regarding guilt/innocence for approximately 40 minutes before returning with the guilty verdict.

During closing arguments to the jury on the issue of punishment, Assistant District Attorney Bill Dowell reminded the jury that the length of sentence they would choose, would send a message about this community. After returning with the maximum sentence of 99 years and being released from service, a juror commented that the jury felt it was time to stand up for our kids in Eastland County and send a message.

Thomason remarked, "In my seven plus years of public service in Eastland County as District Attorney, I have experienced many excellent citizen jurors who have stepped up to protect this community with bold sentences. The 12 citizens who were on this jury could not have made a more emphatic statement of this community's intolerance for sexual abuse of young children. I am, and this community should also be extremely proud of these 12 citizens who served us well." "I am equally proud of the thorough and caring investigation that was conducted by the outstanding officers of the Cisco Police Department."

Many around the city, made remarks about the large number of motorcycles and leather clad individuals at the courthouse during the trial. As many as twenty-five men and women, members of BACA, a strong organization of dedicated individuals existing to provide aid, comfort, safety and support for children that have been sexually, physically and emotionally abused, were present to assist the victim in this case. BACA provided escort services and protection for the child as well as her family from start until finish. Members from Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Ft. Worth and Stephenville participated in assisting her to feel less frightened and intimidated in the courtroom setting. BACA is an acronym for Bikers Against Child Abuse.

## News from GISD By Jonathon Flores

This year sure is going by fast. It feels like it was only yesterday when school began. Now spring break is less than a week away and Gorman High is as busy as ever. With track, baseball, softball, tennis and various other school activities going on, spring break is a welcomed set of holidays. Another welcomed benefit from the spring break holiday is the return of shorts to the acceptable dress code, along with the better weather that is sure to ensue. I'm sure I speak for many when I say this is some of the best news of all.

However, the weather has been very impressive so far this week. Hopefully it will be compliant the rest of the week so that all the games and track meets that are scheduled to take place this week go off as planned. Unfortunately this bad weather that has plagued us has also taken up all of our bad weather days. This means that instead of having an extended weekend on Good Friday, we will have school instead. So don't forget to take that day off your calendar if you marked it as a day away from school.

That's all for now and I hope you have a very safe and exciting spring break.

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Ladies Monthly Social** was held on Monday morning at the Community Center. Several ladies attended to enjoy the good food served by the Hostess. Next Social will be held on Monday, April 12th. Visitors are welcome.

Lots of sickness in our Community at this time. Remember these on the sick list and our shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Albert Holdman is recovering slowly from recent heart by-pass surgery.

### "Birthday Party"

"A Surprise it was" -- Is the way Dorothy Greenhaw described the event of her ??? Birthday Celebration. At exactly 2:00 p.m. On February 28 a group of 25 arrived at her home. They were family and friends. Tommy and Verne Carr were the host and hostess joined by: Hardy and Kay Tidwell, Bob and Alta Cashon, Jason and Kenna Cashon, Kenny and Linda Laughlin, Bobby Justice, Kenny and Susan Payne, Todd, Liz and Dylan Tidwell, Gayle Damron, Michael and Diana Rothstein, Brandon Greenhaw, Morris and Pat Greenhaw, Jack and Linda Allen. "What a Day"!!!

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciate.

Thanks and have a great day, Coon.

## HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

We would like to say a big THANK YOU once again to Birdsong Peanuts and Higginbotham Funeral home for subscribing to the Abilene Reporter Newspaper for us. We receive 8 papers daily. Thank you again.

On Friday afternoon Teresa Santibanez, Hannah and Courtney came by to visit everyone and popped corn for us and served punch. Then on Monday they came and helped with bingo. As we finished with popcorn and punch Mrs. Casey, and some of her students, Ricardo, Daniel, Danny, Bradi, Dayanne, Vanessa and Sydney came and visited and played games with several of the residents. What a great way to end the week. Thank you.

Bro. Jason from the Gorman Church of Christ come for Bible Study on Wed. for Ima Boles, Mayvis Lasater, Harry Lynch, Don Estes, Frankie Stacy, Troy Scitem, Melvin Daniels, Wes Couch, Dorothy Beaty, Marie Cook, Elias Guitierrez, JoAnn Murdoch, Robin Taylor, Lula Schneider, and Christine Crews.

Our bingo winners on Monday were: Melvin Daniels, Wes Couch, Faye Johnson, Ima Boles, Christine Crews, and Frankie Stacy was our blackout winner.

Everyone is invited to come exercise with us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and sometimes in between.

The members of the First Baptist Church came for Sunday School on Sunday morning. A record number of 20 residents attended. That afternoon Bro. Barry came and held church services.

Maxine Huddleston and Raymond Hattox visited with Frankie Stacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shugart of Clovis N.M., Faye Faulk, Johnny Smith, and Kenny Welch visited with Edgar Reynolds.

Ewellen Hammond visited her mom, Claudie Shelton. Lois Ann Boles of Granbury, Nelda Fails of Arlington, Carolyn Little and Betty Little visited Ima Boles. Stacy and Cody Wyatt of Gordon, Jeff Smith of Eastland visited Jelma Smith. Francis Couch of DeLeon visited Wes Couch, Ray Daniels visited Melvin Daniels. Mabel DeLaTorre of Proctor, Carolyn Matthews and Triston visited Louise Clark.

Anna Watson celebrated her birthday on Monday.

Jenny Plowman of Lighthouse Hospice treated us to donuts again. Thanks Jenny, they were great.

Have a good week.

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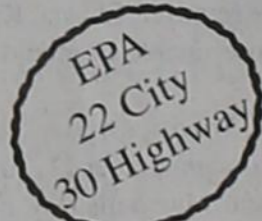
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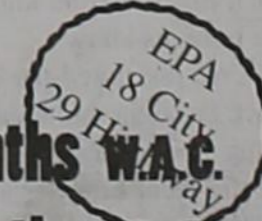
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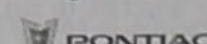
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