



### Author Visit

The boys and girls at Gay Avenue Primary were treated May 8th by the appearance of author David M. Sargent, Jr. and his furry friends.

Mr. Sargent travels across the United States to speak to boys and girls about the books he has written and encourages young readers to become writers. His travel mates are the subjects of his stories and the children at Gay Avenue have read several of his books. The students were very excited to meet Mr. Sargent and especially excited to meet his travel companions; four cute little dogs who were gracious enough to perform for their audience.

### GMS Students Develop Surveys and Statistics

The sixth grade math classes are continuing their study of statistical representation of data with an emphasis this week on bar graphs and line plots. Students first developed their own survey question, conducted a survey, and then created a bar graph and a line plot which reflected the results of their survey. Then the students presented a summary of the information reflected in their graph and gave two examples of questions that their graph answered. Lastly, the students identified the mean, median, mode and range of their data. Next week, these students will go to the computer lab, input their data into Excel and use it to convert their same data into a circle graph (pie chart).



*GMS sixth grade students pictured above are: Ana Lee, Daniel McKnight and Kyle Hancock*

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### Gladewater High School Class of 2009

Graduation will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2009, at Jack V. Murphy Bear Stadium.

Valedictorian - Kelsey Nowlin: Kelsey is the daughter of Carl and Rosemary Nowlin. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler where she plans to major in Political Science/Pre-Law. Kelsey was recently named a National Merit Finalist. While attending GHS, she participated in the Band, Debate Team, Theater and several UIL events. Kelsey is a member of the National Honor Society.

Salutatorian - Jennifer Koester: Jennifer is the daughter of Michelle Koester and Michael Koester. Jennifer plans to attend Kilgore College and the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue a degree in Nursing. Jennifer has participated in FFA, UIL, Honeybear Drill Team and Choir. She has been very active in the One Act Play, winning numerous awards. Jennifer is a member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as president.

Historian - Kelly Gillit: Kelly is the daughter of James and Wanda Gillit. Kelly has participated in UIL and One Act Play. She is the Art Club Historian, a member of TAFE, and NHS. Kelly will be attending Kilgore College.



*From left to right: Historian Kelly Gillit, Salutatorian Jennifer Koester, and Valedictorian Kelsey Nowlin*

### GMS Math Department to Present at CAMT Conference

This summer Gladewater Middle School math department members Candy Keller, Devin Lee, and Jamie Cook pictured below will be traveling to Houston, Texas, to present at the state-wide CAMT Conference (Council for the Advancement of Mathematical Teaching). The GMS math teachers hope to share their excitement and desire to motivate students and communicate with parents. These teachers will be presenting ideas and recommendations to other math teachers from around the State of Texas on parent involvement and student motivation.

The past several years at GMS the Math Department has hosted a "Math Night" where parents are invited to sample questions their students encounter in the math classroom as well as on the TAKS test. At the CAMT Conference our math team will be speaking about the incentive point system used in the math classrooms, benchmark incentives, as well as the real life application and use of math bucks and check registers.

These teachers will also present the GMS math strategy of "read, think, solve, justify" that is used daily in the classroom as well as on the weekly homework assignments and benchmarks. Our teachers will discuss the fundraising efforts the math department has made in order to pay for student incentives as well. The teachers will be discussing some of the fun things (hosted water balloon dodge ball with the students and teachers, a school dance, a pie-in-the-face contest, and sold bottle-cap necklaces) that have occurred throughout the previous and current school year to help motivate students.



*GMS teachers Candy Keller, Devin Lee, and Jamie Cook*



### Take a Bow!

Fourth grade students participate in the final show of the school year. Students celebrated Texas style with classics such as Texas, Our Texas, Davy Crockett, Red River Valley, Yellow Rose of Texas, and Home on the Range. This was Mrs. Majors final performance as the music teacher at Weldon. She is retiring after 10 years worth of service with Gladewater ISD.

### First Graders Tour Broadway Elementary

First graders express excitement about moving to second grade and attending Broadway next year. After touring the Broadway campus on Wednesday, May 20th, all first graders were geared up about "graduating" from Gay Avenue Primary. Some of the favorite spots picked out by the future Broadwayers after the tour were the gym "it has carpet", the computer lab, the stairs "those are really cool", and of course the playground. Although there are some mixed feelings of anxiety, some fear and sadness about the step up, the majority of first graders are eager to get started on the next school year and enjoy being second graders at Broadway Elementary.



### Broadway Welcomes U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert to 75th Anniversary Celebration

Neither thunder, lightning or torrential rains could keep hundreds of students, parents, former teachers and administrators, and special guests from packing the gymnasium in order to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Broadway Elementary School. This very special event was held on Friday, April 17, 2009. With Principal Darren Richardson serving as Master of Ceremonies, the audience enjoyed a spectacular prelude played by the GHS Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Nathan Templeton. School Board Member, Rev. David Floyd led the invocation. The pledges of allegiance were led by student council officers Colin Keller and Tyler Bewley, while members of the Gladewater Cub Scout Troop #196 posted the colors. Student Council member Tyler Glenn led the audience in the singing of the National Anthem, accompanied by the GHS Wind Ensemble. The Honorable United States Representative, Louie Gohmert presented a US flag to the school. This flag has special significance because it once flew over the United States Capitol Building in Washington D.C. The audience then heard special remarks from Mayor, Walter Derrick; Superintendent, Dr. J.P. Richardson; Gregg County District Attorney, Carl Dorrough; Kilgore Jr. College Trustee, James Walker; Upshur County Commissioner, Lloyd Crabtree; City Manager, Jay Stokes; GEDCO Chairman, Lon Welton; and former principal, Harold Keller. The Broadway School Gusher Days Singers under the direction of music teacher, Mrs. Lori Nino entertained the crowd with a rousing rendition of "You Raise Me Up." Soloists for this beautiful song were 3rd graders, Dee Dee Davis and Farren Lincoln. Each member of the 3rd grade class then received his own dictionary from Gladewater Rotary Club President, Mr. Mike Formby. The dictionaries, donated by the club, are to be kept and used by each student. Mrs. Cindy Rowe (2nd Grade Teacher), and 3rd grade members of the student council, thanked the family of Mr. James Moore, a former Broadway student for donating the beautiful oak tree planted out in front of the building. Ms. Laura Copeland (2nd Grade Teacher), assisted by 2nd grade members of the student council, told the audience of plans to bury the time capsule created especially for this occasion. The program ended with the singing of the school song led by Student Council President, Dee Dee Davis. The special guests then recessed to the auditorium for refreshments, a slide presentation and tour of the picture gallery.



*Broadway Principal Darren Richardson greets U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert*

### Bears Compete in Technical Skills Competition

Gladewater High School students recently competed in the East Texas Technology Students Association competition in Tyler. Students participated in numerous events and captured various awards throughout the competition.

In the Projects Division, team members Jerry Smith, Cardavian Christian, Kasey Shaffer, Robert Forrest, and Robert McClain placed first with their bumper pull trailer project. Robert McClain also finished first in Technical Sketch and Application. Robert Forrest and Jacob Noe placed second in the Construction System event, which required team members to complete a 50 question exam over construction knowledge. In Debating Technical Issues, Caitlin Apple and Haley Hill placed third. Ms. Apple again placed third in Extemporaneous Speaking. She spoke on the topic, "If gas returned to four dollars a gallon, what would be your advice to the American Automaker?" Quinton Thomas and Robert McClain placed sixth in the Technology Problem Solving event.



In Architecture and Construction, the Bears competed in two areas: Graphic Solutions and a written exam. Graphic Solutions required students to sketch views of an object and label them. Overall about 20 students from different East Texas high schools competed in this event, and Gladewater students took five of the seven places. First place was awarded to Caradavian Christian, second place to Robert Forrest, fifth place to Zavean Miller, sixth place to Quinton Thomas, and seventh place to Haley Hill.

GHS students Robert Forrest and Robert McClain competed in the writing examination portion of the contest. Team members were asked to answer a 50 question exam covering topics in the architecture and construction industries. More than 25 high school students entered the competition, and Robert Forrest placed second while Robert McClain finished fourth.

### Gay Avenue Hot Dog Supper

Gay Avenue Primary held its annual Hot Dog Supper on May 7, 2009. Hot dogs, cooked by principal, Mr. Bryce, chips, and cold drinks were provided for all who joined in on the fun. Game booths were set up by Gay Avenue Primary staff members with door prizes donated by local merchants. Students and their families were able to enjoy events such as a giant jump house, stick horse races, fishing booth, bean bag toss, sand art, and face painting. The raffle was a focal point at the conclusion of the evening with two bikes awarded to Gay Avenue students, Kaylynn Miller and David Head. As with every year, the Hot Dog Supper was a memorable occasion and enjoyed by all who attended.

