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Severe Weather Awareness Week

When it comes to severe weather events, the key to successful response - and survival - is preparedness. Every year the National Weather Service, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, local officials and emergency managers throughout Texas work together to recognize SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK. This year it is set for February 22 - 28, 2009. As a part of Severe Weather Week, we want to remind our residents to update their emergency plans, double ck emergency supply kits and get prepared for tornadoes, floods, hail, straight-line windstorms and other hazardous events.

Following a disaster, officials and relief workers will provide assistance, but they will not be able to reach everyone immediately. To sustain your family before help arrives, prepare a disaster supplies kit. It is best to keep your emergency supplies in portable containers (such as plastic tubs) in case you need to evacuate. If you do this, you can be ready to leave much more quickly.

Your kit should include the following items:

Bottled water • Food (non-perishable foods such as canned meats, fruits and vegetables) First-aid kit and an adequate supply of prescription medicines • Battery-operated radio Flashlight • Extra batteries • Signal flares and matches

Special items for babies, the elderly or disabled persons

Important documents (kept in waterproof containers) such as insurance policies, deeds, titles, stocks, birth certificates, passports, wills, immunization records, etc.

More tornadoes strike Texas than any other state. They can occur at any time of year, including winter, but are most frequent from mid-March through May. They are also common during hurricanes. To prepare for these violent storms, there are several precautions you can take: · Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of your home, such as a bathroom, closet or

room without windows. Cover yourself with a mattress or cushions.

• In an office building, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.

• If you are in a mobile home, get out and take shelter in a nearby building. If there are none, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

· Never stay inside a car. Get out and lie flat in a ditch or a ravine. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car.

• If you are in open country, take cover in a low spot away from trees.

· Learn the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning. A Tornado Watch means watch the sky. A Tornado Warning means a tornado is on the ground and you must seek shelter im- ticipates in Gorman FFA. He plans to purchase a pig with his award. mediately.

In the past few years, wildfire has become a great danger in our area. Here are some tips you can use all year to lessen the likelihood of a wildfire starting on your property and help yourself since 1984. as a homeowner from the threat of a wildfire that may emerge around you. Clear a 30 to 50 foot wide safety zone around your home or business. Keep trees and shrubs pruned so vegetation is away from buildings. Remove dead vegetation and dispose of rubbish and debris.

### **BEN BURGESS WINS CALF** SCRAMBLE AT SAN ANTONIO RODEO



San Antonio - The calf scramble was held Tuesday, February 10 at the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo.

4-H and FFA youth competed for \$800 certificates to purchase breeding animals to exhibit in the 2010 San Antonio Junior Livestock Show. Twelve certificates were awarded Tuesday to those who caught a calf.

One such winner was Ben Burgess of Gorman, Texas. Burgess is an 11th grader who par-

In pursuit of its mission "Helping Youth Today So That Agriculture Can Grow Tomorrow," the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has committed more than \$79 million to youth education

– LET'S RODEO SAN ANTONIO! –

Mow your grass regularly.

Make sure fire trucks can get to your house and outbuildings in an emergency. Keep your chimney in good condition, and ensure that it has a spark screen. Have enough garden hose to reach all the structures on your property. Keep fire tools (shovels, buckets, rakes, and saws) handy. Have a ladder that can reach your roof.

Observe burning bans announced by local government. Don't burn debris outdoors when it is windy and never leave a fire unattended.

Soak grill or fireplace ashes in water for a day before disposing of them. Stack firewood well away from your home and, if possible, uphill of it.

### **Firemen In Need Of Bottled Water**

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department is seeking donations of Bottled Water to help renew their stock available to be used when fighting fires. If you would like to donate bottled water please contact Fire Chief Jim Guthery or any Gorman Volunteer Fireman.

### Gorman UNC To Hold Ash Wednesday **Meditative Service and Imposition of Ashes**

Gorman United Methodist Church will be open at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb 25th for Ash Wednesday Meditative Service and Imposition of Ashes.

Some may ask what is Ash Wednesday and why is it important. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is the beginning of a time for recognizing our mortality and turning to God for forgiveness.

What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" celebration of the Jesus' victory over sin and death.

### rms TEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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.

#### **Boy Scouts** Food Ban Meeting Weekly New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays - 6:00 p.m. Second Thursday Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to

### T-Ball Softball and **Baseball Sign ups**

ing sign ups on Feb 21 from NOON until 4:00 P.M. at the gym. We will be having two and Shirley Lewis. more sign ups:

Feb. 28th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the gym March 7th from Noon to 2 pm Final sign up no exceptions

We have a deadline to turn in all the teams that we will be having this year on

### **Representative Keffer Appointed To Chair Key House Committee**

Austin--February 12, 2009-- Texas House Speaker Joe Straus today announced the appointment of Representative Jim Keffer as chair of the House Committee on Energy Resources.

Speaker Straus stated, "When I was elected Speaker of the House, I committed to create an environment where members could operate fairly and allow them to bring their best talent forward to confront the difficult challenges facing our state."

"In selecting Representative Keffer as committee chair, I considered his wisdom, experience and proven ability to provide new, dynamic leadership and offer fresh ideas. We are blessed to have Representative Keffer as chair of this important committee, and I know he will do what is best and right for the citizens of Texas," Speaker Straus added.

The Energy Resources Committee's broad scope includes jurisdiction over the production, regulation, transportation and development of oil, gas and other energy resources; electric utility regulation as it relates to energy production and consumption; and oversight of pipelines, pipeline companies and all others operating as common carriers in the state.

Keffer's other assignments include the Business and Industry Committee and the Redistricting Committee. Additionally, Keffer was appointed to the House Committee on Calendars, which determines the legislation that will be placed before the Texas House for consideration.

"My goal is to make sure this session is successful for the people of Texas," said Keffer. "I look forward to these new challenges, and appreciate Speaker Straus' confidence in appointing me to these influential committees."

Rep. Keffer represents House District 60, which encompasses Brown, Eastland, Hood, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, and Stephens counties.

## Look Who's New - It's A Girl

Tiny hands and tiny feet, Our little girl is oh so sweet, We joyfully announce Bella Grace Duske, Friday, Januaty 30, 2009, 7:44 p.m., 7 lbs. 12 Oz., 20 Inches. Proud parens are Brian Duske and We will be hav- Frances Lewis. Grandparents are Bennie and Margie Duske



### **Community Fellowship Set** For Saturday, Feb. 28th

The First Baptist Church of Carbon will be holding a Community Fellowship on Saturday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the Church Fellowship Hall located on 201 Cannell Street in Carbon. Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Games of Checkers, Dominoes, Games, and Cards will be held.

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. Techology 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.

March 13. A coaches meeting the paper.

You can also get your sign up forms at City Hall. If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the baseball commissioners.

PRAY FOR RAIN WE NEED SOME MOISTURE & WARMER TEMPS

For more information contact Pastor Mike Haggard at 254-631-9934. will be scheduled and put in Plan to attend, whether you come by Horse, Truck or Car - Come and Join Us!!!

### PEE WEE Basketball Tournament

The Gorman PeeWee Basketball Assoc. would like to invite you to come out to our yearly tournament. This your our tournament response was so large that we are having to use the gym at Carbon also.

> The Gorman Gym will be used for the 5th & 6th Boys and Girls. The tournament starts Mon at 5:15 pm. The Carbon Gym will be used for the 3rd & 4th Boys and Girls. The tournament starts Thurs. at 5:15 pm. The brackets are available at City Office - Contact Barbara

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### Obituaries

### **Dale Randals Smith**

Dale Randals Smith, age 79 of De Leon passed away on February 14, 2009 at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. Services were held Monday, Feb. 16th at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in De Leon with Rev. Lisa Neslony officiating. Music by Byron Smith and Dotty Hare. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Dale was born August 1, 1929 in Hico to Tullus A. and Daisy Johnson Randals. She married W. H. Smith, Jr on June 1, 1952 in Hico.

Dale was a Registered Dietician and had served 31 years as Community Health Center Consultant. She was a consultant for 20 hospitals and nursing homes for many years. She was a six year member and one term Chairman of the Texas Board of Examiners of Dieticians. She was a member of the Texas Diatetic Association, as well as the American Dietetic Association. Moving from Hico, she had lived in De Leon since 1954. Dale had served on the De Leon Chamber of Commerce and had been named Citizen of the Year. Dale was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church in De Leon, and had served on many boards and committees, both locally and throughout the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. For 16 years, she was a member of the Harris Methodist Hospital Board. She was a member of the Texas Association of Parlimentarians and had served 20 years as Parliamentarian of the Central Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She had served as Chairman of the Central Texas Conference Council on Ministries, and was a District Chairman of the Council on Ministries for many years.

Surviviors include her husband, W. H. Smith, Jr. of De Leon; one son, Byron Smith of Plano, Tx.; Two daughters, Allison Fogle and husband, Douglas of Houston and Meridith Albright and husband. Keith of Austin; two grandsons, Todd Fogle of Houston and Ryan Fogle of College Station; aunt Mary Nell Odom of De Leon and 2 nieces and 1 nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tullus A. and Daisy Johnson Randals.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that you make donations to Aldersgate Enrichment Center in Brownwood, De Leon First United Methodist Church, or the charity of your choice.



### **TSU Fall Graduates**

Tarleton State University's Fall Commencement was held December 13, 2008. The following undergraduate degree candidates have satisfactorily met the university's requirements for their individual degree programs and have been awarded their diplomas. Honor designations are: Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors), Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) and Cum Laude (Honors).

Degree abbreviations are as follows: BS - Bachelor's of Science, BA - Bachelor's of Arts, BAAS - Bachelor's of Applied Arts and Science, BFA - Bachelor's of Fine Arts, BBA - Bachelor's of Business Administration, BM - Bachelor's of Music, BSN - Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, BSK - Bachelor's of Social Work, and AAS - Associate's of Applied Science.

The following students are from Tarleton's main campus in Stephenville: Amanda Morganstean, BS in Exercise and Sport Studies from De Leon; Carrie Shipps, BS in Animal Production from Gorman

### **Rena Mae Kirk**

EASTLAND- Rena Mae Kirk died Sunday morning, February 15, 2009 in Eastland, TX. Services will be at 2 P.M. Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery near Duster, Texas under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

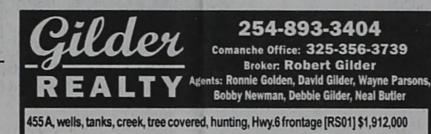
Mrs. Kirk was born on January 31, 1934 in Eastland to Everett Smith and

Flosse Pearl (Fox) Smith. She was a graduate of Eastland High School, and member of Lake Leon Baptist Church. She was active in several organizations including Crime Stoppers, Olden Volunteer Fire Department, Historical Association, Olden Extension Club and Olden Community Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Everett O'Neal and Roy Alfred; one sister, Mary Lou Sprague; and by her husband, Homer H. Kirk.

Survivors are children, Tim Kirk and wife Kathy of Eagle Rock, Missouri; Jim Kirk of Irving; Linda Wooldridge of Eastland, Brenda Newton and husband Jerry of Grand Prairie; 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; a sister, Deloris McDiarmid of Cisco; and several nieces and nephews.

Olden Volunteer Fire Department will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Jim Bruton and Wayne Marshall. Memorial may be made to the Olden Volunteer Fire Department.



ASSA, Weils, tanks, creek, tree covered, nunting, Hwy.6 frontage [KS01] \$1,912,000 REDUCED 320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000 \$800,000 SOLD 250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000 243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig.pit, on hwy., cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre REDUCED 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrian, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,280

### Eastland County Criminal Court News

#### MAN NETS (5) SIX YEAR PRISON SENTENCES

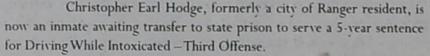
Fred Dwayne Phillips, formerly of Cisco, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve five sentences of six (6) years each for Indecency With a Child by Exposure. Phillips had previously been placed on probation in three of the cases in November of 2006 when he entered pleas of guilty to exposing himself to a child.

On November 16, 2008, Cisco Police Officers received a call that a man had exposed himself in the doorway of his home to two other children under the age of 17. The children were in an automobile driven by an adult and viewed Phillips standing in his doorway nude as they were driving down a Cisco street.

The District Attorneys Office filed two new cases of Indecency With a Child by Exposure and caused a Motion to Revoke Probation to be filed in Phillip's three cases where he had previously received community supervision.

91st District Judge Steven R. Herod revoked Phillip's probation and sentenced him to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County for six years in each case. After accepting a plea of guilty in the two new cases, Phillips was sentenced to six years confinement in each of those cases. Indecency With a Child by Exposure is a third degree felony and carries a maximum penalty of ten years confinement.

#### MAN GETS 5 YEARS CONFINEMENT FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED



Hodge had previously pled guilty to the charge on October 27, 2008 and received a \$4,000 and community supervision (probation). On November 5, 2008, just nine days after being placed on probation, the District Attorney's Office filed a motion to revoke community supervision alleging that Hodge had consumed alcohol and violated other provisions of his community supervision.

After accepting a plea of true from Hodge that he had violated the alleged conditions, The Honorable Judge Steven Herod sentenced Hodge to five years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Driving While Intoxicated is a third degree felony carrying a maximum confinement of ten years. Hodges had two prior misdemeanor DWI's that were used to enhance his case to a felony.

#### DWI DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR EIGHT YEARS

Clark Partin, 39, formerly of Gorman, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve an (8) eight year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated. Mr. Gordon was apprehended on January 22, 2009 by a City of Ranger Police Officer on a routine traffic stop. A State Trooper from the Department of Public Safety assisted by performing field sobriety tests.

Gordon had been previously convicted two other times for DWI; in Hamilton County in 1992 and in Comanche County in 1997. Because Partin had previously been convicted of a felony – Aggravated Assault in Hamilton County- he was not eligible for community supervision.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court sentenced Gordon to 8 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Institutional Division after hearing Partin's plea of guilty to the charge. John Saringer of the Wagstaff firm represented Partin with Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.



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45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre 30 A, 3-21/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000 21±A, Sprigged with World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500 20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water avail, hunting, minerals neg. [WM01] \$75,000 19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CHA, 2 car garage; & a 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 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 *REDUCED* 2-2 Mobile Home 14X70, 12x28 add-on, strg.bldg/carport [PA01] \$29,900 \$22,500 *REDUCED* 2-11/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$20,000 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage building [GB02] \$55,000

#### More Info & Pictures at: www.GilderRealty.com

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS – The City of Gorman will be accepting applications for someone to run the Gorman Swimming Pool. You must be a certified liefegared, and certified in CPR. Please send your application to the City of Gorman, PO Box 236. Gorman, 76454. For questions you may call (254)734-2317. FNC.

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### HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER

906 Fox Hollow - Eastland. 2,900+ Sq. Ft., 4 bedroom, 2 bath with spacious floorplan - larger living room with fireplace ducted to heat entire home, family roomand master suite with jetted tub, separate shower and roomy walk-in closets, 3car caport and separate 2 car garage. For information call 254-433-0654 or 254-629-3160.Price Reduced -- Shown by appointment only.

#### COGBURN REALTY 254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX

NEW: De Leon: Nice older 3-1 Frame home, 1308 sf, new roof & Plumbing, 2 car garage, fenced yard, corner lot, large licean trees. \$33,900. NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, arge 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. Jarge Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land, \$2,500 Acre 40.A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$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 Getawav! \$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.
179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$1,950.00 acre.
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### ODESSA MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR COCAINE

Carlos Demeterius Stewart, formerly of Odessa, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (8) eight year sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams. Stewart was arrested by an officer with the Cisco Police Department on December 17, 2008 along with a female driver of the automobile he was in.

Stewart waived indictment and after entering a plea of guilty to the offense, was sentenced by District Judge Steven Herod to eight years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The City of Cisco had previously been awarded the 2002 Mitsubishi, Stewart was a passenger in due to the District Attorney's Office having procured a judgment after filing a petition to seize the car.

District Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Stewart to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County. Assistant Criminal District Attorney Bill Dowell prosecuted the case with John Saringer representing Stewart.

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### **Eastland Co. 4-H News**

Eastland County was well represented at the 2009 Fort Worth Stock Show. We had 15 head of various species participate in the show this year. We want to congratulate all of the 4-Hers who participated.

Swine - Jamie Young, First Place Medium Weight Cross, Ranger; Katie Young, Participant, Ranger: Rowdy Bond - Participant, Ranger; Nikkie Leath, Participant, Ranger; Colby LaRue - Participant, Ranger; Zoey Tucker - Participant, Carbon; Deric Stacy - Participant, Carbon; and Taylor Herrington - Participant, Carbon.

Goats - Megan Moore, Participant, Carbon; Hailey Parks, Participant, Carbon; Joani Parks - Participant, Carbon: Travis Parks - Participant, Carbon and Clay Brewer- Participant, Carbon.

Steers - Jacob Henson - Participant, Carbon and Heather Henson - Participant, Carbon. Congrats to these participants!!!

### Ag Viewpoint

By Heath Begeman

#### **Implants Vs. Genetic Potential**

Growth implants have been shown in numerous studies to increase weith gain but decrease marbling. Montana State University researchers wanted to know if the effects were similar in cattle with differing genetic potential for growth, muscling, and marbling. In one study Angus steers sired by bulls high in EPD for retail product yield but near breed average for marbling and other traits were compared to steers sired by bulls high for marbling but near average for retail product and other traits. Half of both sire groups received a combination implant when placed on feed. As expected, were higher for that trait. Implanting increased carcass weight and reduced both marbling sires were higher for that trait. Implanting increased carcass weight and reduced both marbling and tenderness, but did not affect Yield Grade. Response to implanting did not differ for the two sire groups.

In a second study, half of groups of British-sired (BS) and Continental-sired (CS) steers and heifers received combination implants. CS had heavier carcasses, superior Yield Grades, and lower tenderness, but marbling did not differ. Implanting effects were the same as the first study, excewpt that implanted cattle had superior Yield Grade. There were no significant interactions between implanting and sire type, though CS-Implanted tended to be less tender than CS-nonimplant or either of the BS groups. (J.Animal Sci. 87:269)

### **Happenings At FBC!!**

Valentine! A sentimental or humorous greeting sent to a sweetheart, friend, or family member. Celebrate your love for those close to you this sweet month of February! Mark your calendars:

#### Feb. 17th - 3:00pm - Community Wide Beth Moore Bible Study at First Fruits Church.

Children's Sermon: Liz loved Valentine Day parties when she was in school. Now she loves the tulips her husband sends her. Liz asked all the children to try to touch their nose with their tongue, and it was quite a humorous sight. Some could do it and some could not. The Bible tells us the greatest love story of all, and it is God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son so all those that believe in Him may have eternal life. God loves those who can touch their nose with their tongue and those that cannot, those that are good at sports and those that are not, those that can sing and those that cannot. God loves you and your abilities do not matter. God's love endures forever and God commands us to spread love. Liz and the Youth gave everyone a kiss, a Hershey's chocolate kiss, Yum!

Bro. Barry's message was "The End and Beyond!" - I Corinthians 2:9 .

There is a clock that goes tick tock tick tock, and it is God's clock. Only God alone knows the time. When the alarm of the trumpet sounds it will be the end time. It is written that

FEBRUARY 19, 2009

### **Thank You**

Thank you to the Eastland, Desdemona and Gorman communities for the expressions of love following the death of our beloved Husband, Dad and Granddad, Elwood Ragland. Words cannot describe our gratitude for the prayers and gifts of time, food, donations and flowers that gave testimony to the caring spirit of all who ministered to us.

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### TEXAS MIDWEST DAY AT THE CAPITOL



Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol group photo with Governor Rick Perry



State Representative Jim Keffer (left) and Senator Troy Fraser (right) joined in the photo with \* residents of House District 60

More than 130 people representing rural cities in the Texas Midwest region traveled to Austin for "Texas Midwest Day" on Feb. 3rd to honor legislators and demonstrate a unified voice for rural Texas. Participants from Gorman included Cliffa Vaughn, Joe Casey, David Perry, and Robert Ervin.

God has prepared a place for those who love Him.

The Truth About Heaven:

I. Heaven Will Be Real. - What will it be like? It will be where you always wanted to be. 1) Heaven will not be some ethereal existence. - It will be a real place prepared for those who love Him. We have in our hearts a yearning for a better place to live. 2) We are living East of Eden because Adam & Eve sinned. - We sin every day of our lives because we inherited sin from Adam and Eve. You cannot keep your life together without Jesus. 3) We will return to the Paradise of Eden first erected by Our God. - Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden because sin's desire was more persuasive than their ability to obey God. Jesus paid the complete price so we can return.

II. Heaven Will Be Right. – The perfect presence of God. 1) All wrongs of the world will be made right. – This life is not fair. Wrong will be no more! 2) Everything Evil will be absent. – Think of the "Lord's Prayer", things will be on earth as they are in heaven.

III. Heaven Will Be Relational. – Relationships with those you love. 1) You will meet again those you have lost. – Would you know me if I saw you in heaven? The Bible says that you will.
2) No more Hurting each other. – No more break ups. Relationships will be mended.

IV. Heaven Will Be Rewarding. – God will do it! 1) Reward for Good, Godly Life. – Gorman is a piece of heaven for those who love and care for one another. The place God has prepared for those who love Him is more rewarding that our human brains can ever imagine.

V. Heaven Will Be God's Home. – 1) I Corinthians 13:12&13 – We will see face to face that love is the greatest, and the love of God is complete. 2) Revelation 21:3 – God will dwell with men, and we will be in His perfect presence. God has prepared a place for those who love Him that is called heaven, therefore, there must be a place prepared for those who don't love Him and it is called hell. Hell is a separation from God and people. When we enter the Real Heaven, we will say, "This is what I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now."

Reason why we loved the old earth so much is that it sometimes looked a little like this." It will be a New Earth. Each and every one of us has the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. Take this opportunity to know Jesus and to love Him so you can go to the place He has prepared for you!

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

# **Super Notes**

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

It appears that most of us were blessed with a little more than rain last week. I hope none of you got caught in the hail or received any damage. I know we need all the moisture we can get, but I hate to see it come in solid form. As it is, the burn bans aré still in effect everywhere in our area as far as I know and the country side is still a very volatile place. Please be careful and turn in any suspicious activity you observe to your local police or fire department immediately.

Congratulations to Representative Jim Keffer on his appointment as Chairman of the House Committee on Energy Resources! Representative Keffer's leadership skills and experience will prove extremely valuable to the State of Texas not only as the leader of that committee, but he will also serve on the following committees as well: Business and Industry, Calendars, and Redistricting. These are all very important committees! We are fortunate to have leadership from our district selected to serve in this capacity and I look forward to see what has been done at the close of the session. Representative Keffer has always been receptive to input from his constituency, so please contact him or one of his very capable staff if you have a concern.

Baseball and Softball have begun. We even participated in a softball scrimmage this weekend in Dublin. I was not there, but I am sure everyone was a little chilly. Our schedules are postTexas Midwest Community Network sponsored its eighth biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Highlights of the day included a photo session on the steps of the Capitol, a briefing on regional issues, visits to lawmaker offices and an evening reception.

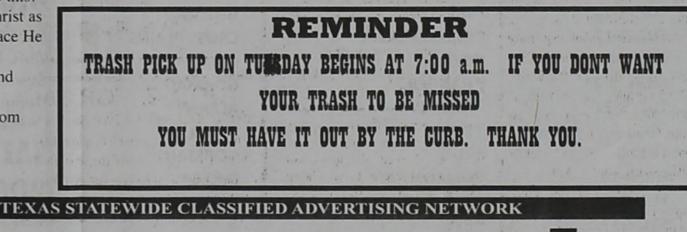
"Texas Midwest Day provides a means for community leaders from our region to be recognized at the State Capitol and have face to face visits with lawmakers," says TMCN President Mike Schweikhard. "Our presence in Austin helps legislators from our region send a message to urban lawmakers that concerns about such issues as state services, tax reform and natural resources have special significance to us."

The Texas Midwest delegation gathered on the Capitol steps for a photo session with state representatives and senators serving the region. Governor Rick Perry joined the group for the photo and used the opportunity to offer comments related to the State's economy. The day included visits to legislative offices to meet with staffs and an evening legislative reception sponsored jointly by TMCN and the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce.

State Senators for TMCN include Troy Fraser-Dist. 24, Robert Duncan-Dist. 28 and Craig Estes-Dist. 30. State Representatives include Harvey Hilderbran-Dist. 53, Sid Miller-Dist. 59, Jim Keffer-Dist. 60, Rick Hardcastle-Dist.68, Susan King-Dist.71, Drew Darby-Dist. 72, and Joe Heflin-Dist. 85.

TMCN includes 43 member cities in 26 counties: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Menard, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network visit the web site at www.TexasMidwest.org.





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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! 1129, www.nationalcarriers.com

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There were only 15 in attendance for our Wednesday Dinner on the 11 of February. Where were all you people? It was a pretty day, just a little nippy in the early morning wind. I do hope many of you return for our meal on the 18th. Barbara Bush and I go to a lot of work to prepare the food we need. We do appreciate more here to enjoy and fellowship with one another. All our regular prayer givers weren't here. They are all gifted with words of wisdom. So none of the rest of us are good in that field, but Ailene Garrett saved us by saying a sweet blessing. Thanks dear little one, we are so glad to have your back and feeling good.

We were happy to have James Bruton eat with us, hope he returns soon. My ex-neighbor in De Leon had recently passed away. He was such a good man and James was like a son to him. His name was Ross Miller, maybe some of you knew him. He was an excellent carpenter and the best neighbor ever. So James and I had lots to discuss about his life and sweet wife, Lewis.

We missed having Jud and Ann Maxfield with us the past two dinners. They were off to the coast in Corpus Christi for a bit of vacation and business. I've run into Jud around town but missed seeing Ann. Hope to see them at our dinner on the 18th. I nearly forgot to mention our menu on the 11th. We enjoyed chicken, fish sticks, trying something different, they were good. Also sausages, beans, Spanish rice casserole, green bean casserole, greens and sweet potatoes. We had 1 pie, 1 cake and cookies and fruit. But enough as there were so few here, also hot rolls and cornbread.

I traveled to Desdemona to watch the Super Bowl with Virgil and Jo Holdman. They have a new large flat screen TV. How good it is to watch a larger picture. You are right up in the game with them. Virgil doing better after having a bad spell about a month ago. Always enjoy visiting with them.

Well game night on the 12th was a bust. Only four of us showed up, so we went home to watch basketball and my show, Gray's Anatomy. We might change game night as too many good shows on that night. If I'd known the day before about the Valentine Banquet the FBC gives, I'd called off game night. We have many widows and widowers in our group. Hope more will be back next week.

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

### **Extremely Critical Wildfire Danger Alert For Much Of Texas**

#### **Texas Forest Service Urges Caution**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas-- Texas Forest Service (TFS) is urging citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to high winds and low relative humidity levels on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The areas of highest concern are the Panhandle, West Texas, Central Texas, the Hill Country and South Texas. This includes the cities of Paris, Witchita Falls, Childress, Perryton, Dalhart, Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Brownwood, Midland/Odessa, Pecos, El Paso, Presidio, San Angelo, Del Rio, San Antonio, Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Victoria, La Grange, Austin, Waco and Dallas/Fort Worth.

"The combination of dry fuels, strong winds and critically low humidity will make fast moving wildfires," said Kent Prochazka, a National Weather Service meteorologist working with

### **Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department" recently moved to their new building located on Highway 16 just south of the Church of Christ. They will have "Open House" soon as they get settled in. Continue to support our local Firemen as they are very dedicated to their work.

Ruth (Crenshaw) Knaack, 94, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Memorial Services were held on Wednesday. Ruth attended school in Desdemona. Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Ann of Fort Worth.

Betty (Yancey) Stewart of Fort Worth passed away and burial was in the Alameda Cemetery northwest of Desdemona. She attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1957. Preceded in death by her husband, Edward Stewart. Edward attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1951.

Friends in Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

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

Pug Guthery is doing real well following recent gall bladder surgery. As you all know - his nurse (Coon) will keep a "tight hold" on him until he is up and going again.

"Hello" to our friends, Rex and Billie Tilly in Gatesville. Rex and this reporter stated school together in Desdemona in September 1940. Our fir grade teacher was Miss Edith Creighton. Rex and family moved later on to Der Leon where he graduated with the Class of 1951.

Take time out from your busy schedule to remember the sick and shutins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

Elise Duke of Stephenville spent the past weekend visiting with her Dad, Russell Duke in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ronda James and Emily of Whitney spent the weekend visiting with her parents, Humpy and Betty Duke.

Thought for Today - "The easiest way to make those around you happy - Is to be happy yourself"

Have a Nice Day, "Coon".

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Since the beginning of the winter 2009 wildfire season, which began on January 22, 2009, TFS has responded along with local fire departments to 167 wildfires for 27,563 acres. During the same period, local fire departments have reported an additional 1,149 wildfires for 24,095 acres according to an online database managed by TFS.

For more information on fire advisories and area conditions, go to http://texasforestservice. tamu.edu and click on Fire Danger/Advisories.

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