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## YOUTH IN THE DARK AND EASTER TREASURE HUNT BIG SUCCESS

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this years Youth in the Dark and Easter Treasure Hunt a big success. Both events were well attended.

I would like to thank Theresa and the youth from First Fruits for helping with both hunts. I would also like to thank Kevin and Amber Scitern, Cindy Stanley, and Cherrisse Lewis, for their help at the Youth in the Dark.

Thank you to Jeannie Whittier and Robert Ervin for their help at the Treasure Hunt.

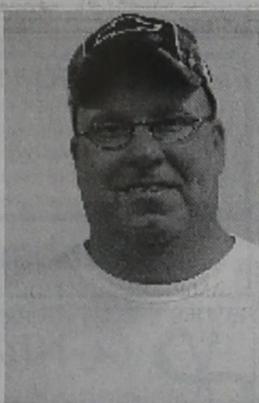
A special thank you to the Residents of Homestead Nursing and Rehab and Bob's Gro. employees for helping stuff the eggs. I appreciate Mark and Jeri and Bob and Brenda for allowing the cans to be put at their store and going ahead and rounding up goodies for me.

A great big Thank you to my husband Johnny for his support and helping me do whatever I needed him to do.

Thank you to the kids and parents for attending the hunts. But without the support of all those who made donations it would not have been possible. There are so many individuals who made donations, sorry I didn't get everyone's names. I appreciate our local business's for their support once again and I encourage each of you to be sure and tell them how much you appreciate them when you see them. There were some business that I was unable to connect with, maybe next time... But a big thank you to: American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro., City of Gorman, Clark Construction, Gilmore Auto, City Gro., Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Homestead Nursing, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Nathan's Barber Shop, Panda's Floral and Gifts, Smith's Service Station, The Hair Shoppe, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, The Peanut Hut, Simmon's Propane, Breakfast Delights, Gorman Economic Development, and Steve Singleton Plumbing. I apologize if I left anyone out and if I did please let me know. Again thank you, Ina Smith

## Vernon Gaines Files For Commission Place One

My name is Vernon Gaines and I am running for Gorman City Commission Place 1. I grew up in Comanche Texas and know the problems that arise in a small town. Currently I am a State Trooper for the Texas DPS in Eastland County. I have been in law enforcement for 18 years. Prior to going to the DPS Academy, I was Chief Investigator for Comanche County.



I am married to Molly (Vaughn) and we moved back to Gorman 4 years ago to be near her mother, Cliffla Vaughn. We have four children, Ty and Nicole, who graduated from Gorman High School in 2007 and Kolby and Kori who are presently enrolled in Maxfield Elementary.

If elected, I would like to help Gorman make the transition of recovery from the loss of tax based revenue the town has been dealing with the last couple of years. I would also like to see a City wide clean up that would rid this town of unsightly and unsafe houses and lots and make this town a more desirable place for people to come to. Gorman is an excellent place to raise children and I would like to assist in the planning for their future here in this community.

I appreciate your vote!

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

### Food Bank

New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.  
Second Thursday

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H – Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. 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.

## Area Track Meet

Tyson Swanner and Matt Underwood competed at the Area Track Meet held in Goldthwaite.

In the 100 Meter Dash - Matt Underwood placed 2nd with a time of 11.04 sec. In the 200 Meter Dash - Matt Underwood placed 4th with a time of 23.06 sec. In the Discus - Tyson Swanner 6th with a throw of 113' 3".

## Gorman High School Honor Roll For Fifth Six Weeks

**Seventh Grade - A** - Zach Carlton, Jessica Ledford, Yarixa Montelongo and Melissa Ramirez. **A-B** - Chloi Comis, Sheldon Fenley, Fabian Garcia, Connie Gonzales, Mykisha Hampton, Haven Johnson, Kinsey Johnston, Skye Lewis, Andy Madera, Randall Miley, Antonio Ramirez and Jessica Williams.

**Eighth Grade - A** - Sergio Garcia, Luis Limon, Austin Marlow, Robert Shawver and Rachel Tucker. **A-B** - Jasmine Delatorre, Drew Flanary, Skylar Henderson, Anna Hipolito, Viridiana Maldonado, Margarita Oronia, Angelena Perez, B. J. Ramirez and Haily Whitefield.

**Ninth Grade - A** - Chelsea Griffin, Erica Madera, Justin Magouirk, McKenzie Osborne and A. J. Vaughn. **A-B** - Matt Fox, Maria Garcia, Josh Ryon and Stetson Thompson.

**Tenth Grade - A** - Jaylon Miley. **A-B** - Troy Gilder, Jaime Johnston, Cecilia Olivares, Abigail Pacheco and Stephanie Risueno.

**Eleventh Grade - A** - Chance Bryant, Eric Ryon and Brittany Henderson. **A-B** - Kathryn Fritts and Erica Limon.

**Twelfth Grade - A** - Nathan Flanary, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Lindsey Laminack, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Jordan Perry, Martin Ramirez, Tyson Swanner, Matt Underwood and April Voyles. **A-B** - Matthew Cogburn, Marsela Gonzales, Sonia Hipolito, Stormy Hurd, Angelia Silva, Colby Spivey, Carrie Thetford and Perla Velasquez.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who cleaned the Rock Bluff Cemetery. A special thank you to all who came from such a distant. People from Houston, Wharton, Arlington, Gorman, and DeLeon arrived to transform this old cemetery. The ages of five months to soon to be ninety one, worked to preserve the past.

Rock Bluff Cemetery Association

Jerry, Jan Grisham  
840 Burleson

DeLeon, Texas 76444

## Thank You

Our Family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all of the calls, prayers, cards, food, visits and flowers. We gratefully acknowledge and deeply appreciate the sympathy shown in our time of sorrow in the death of our daughter and grand-daughter, Meagan Holder.

The Families of

Donald Wayne, Stephanie and Jeremy Holder

Donald and Wilma Holder

## Oliver Springs Cemetery Working Set May 2

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working will be held Saturday, May 2nd. Dinner will be spread around noon. Bring a basket lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Ice, plates, cups, napkins and silverware will be furnished by the Cemetery. Make plans to attend.

## 4th Annual Lake Cisco Christian Camp Benefit Golf Tournament

The Lakeside Golf Course in Eastland will be hosting the 4th Annual Lake Cisco Christian Camp Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 2, 2009. The tournament format is a 4 person team scramble. Tee Off time is 8:30 a.m. The cost per golfer is \$80.00 with mulligans available for \$5.00 each. The deadline for signing up for the tournament is April 27th.

Proceeds from the golf tournament this year will go toward building a new bathhouse for the boys. The new girl's bathhouse is already in progress and scheduled to be completed by the end of May. With your help, we are hoping both bathhouses will be completed by camp time 2009!

If you are not a golfer and would still like to help, sponsorships for the tournament are available and most welcome! For more information, please contact Jason Hollinger at 254-442-1450 or jh-ciscococ@sbcglobal.net

To sign up, contact Jason Hollinger at 254-442-1450; 254-442-3557 or the Clubhouse at 254-629-2891. Lakeside Golf Course is located at 209 CR 157 in Eastland.

### GARAGE SALE - MAY 15/16

Gorman United Methodist Church will hold a Garage Sale on May 15/16 with the proceeds to benefit the children of Gorman. If you will remember, last summer we held a 3-day Summer Day Camp at the church with the help of Glen Lake Methodist Encampment. It was so well recieved that we have ask them back and they have agreed! We are taking donations from the community. Donations can be dropped off at the church or by calling 734 4611 and ask for Pastor Sharon. Please bring items that will sell. ALSO, Pampered Chef will be available for purchase and 10% of those profits will be donated to the cause!

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.

## Area Track Meet—Girls

Audrey Johnston and Kimi Seaton competed in the area track meet Thursday, April 16th, at Goldthwaite.

Kimi Seaton threw a personal meet best in the discus and placed 7th.

Audrey Johnston placed 3rd in the shot put and will advance to the regional track meet. Regionals will be held at Abilene Christian University on May 1st and 2nd.

## CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

On April 25th, 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 plan to have a flea market in the city park, please call for space. The cost for market space or marked sale on map is \$5.00. Maps may be picked up by 7:00 at the Community Center on Saturday morning.

## Maxfield Elementary Honor Roll For Fifth Six Weeks

### A HONOR ROLL

KELSIE GUTHERY  
LARISSA HAMPTON  
YULIANA HERNANDEZ  
ISAIAH LANDA  
DESTINY FLANARY  
KAYLEE GRUMBLES  
KEATON MOORE  
KARSYN SCITERN  
RACHEL SNIDER  
JUSTIN WHEELER

### B HONOR ROLL

DYLAN CARLTON  
ALEXIS ESTRADA  
KORI GAINES  
ABBY JOHNSON  
GENARO MADERA  
GWENIVERE MONTOYA  
DRISTON PETREE  
KAMREN SPARGER  
CATLYN CLARK  
KACEN ERVIN  
MICHELLE HERNANDEZ  
ASAEI MALDONADO

### SECOND GRADE

JENNIFER CRUZ  
LAUREN UNDERWOOD  
REECE SCITERN

BRANDON HOGAN  
DANIELLA SEGURA  
LUKE WHITSELL  
MADISON WINSON  
JENNIFER VALDEZ  
TAYLOR SHEPHERD  
JESENIA RODRIGUEZ  
BRYCE PETREE  
BRIANA LANDA  
KOLBY GAINES  
JUSTICE FISCHER

### THIRD GRADE

JACOB ERVIN  
CONNOR KEHL  
KAIDEN PETREE  
ISAAC SEGURA  
STRATTON THOMPSON  
HALEY WRIGHT  
JESSICA RAMIREZ  
KADE SPARGER  
SARA WOODALL

DALTON FRALEY  
NEYDA HERRERA  
BRANTLEY PEREZ  
COLTON WHEELER  
RAFAEL ORTIZ  
TRENT FENLEY  
DIANNA RAINEY  
CHRISTIE SHEPHERD  
COLIN SIMMONS  
DANETTE LARA

### FOURTH GRADE

SYDNEY CASEY  
KAYCE DODD  
IZAEL HERRERA  
TALEE JONES  
BRADI CAMPBELL  
SAM RAINEY  
MAYRA RAMIREZ

SHAWN ESTRADA  
MYRA GUTIERREZ  
STEPHANIE JANECEK  
DANNY LIMON  
DAYANNA PALACIOS  
ALEX RAINEY  
VANESSA VALDEZ  
DYLAN WALTON  
KENDLE COAN  
CARRISSA COLE  
ISMAEL HERRERA  
KATALINA LANDA  
RICARDO OLVERA  
JONATAN RIVAS  
AUDRI SEGURA  
DANIEL KEEPING

### FIFTH GRADE

KOURTNEY SEATON  
GARET VAUGHN  
RYLAN LAMINACK

HUNTER CHILDERS  
ARLETTE GILES  
FLAVIO HERRERA  
VANESSA LONGORIA  
BETTY CRUZ  
YULISSA MADERA  
JOSE MALDONADO  
KODIE SPARGER  
TURNER WHITTEN  
KATHRYN WOODALL

### SIXTH GRADE

CHEY GIBBS  
JACQUELYN RAINEY  
ADRIANA BROWN  
BRITTANY BURNS  
LAUREN SPIVEY  
LACEY WILSON

CHLOE COLE  
MADISON WARREN  
COSETTE KEEPING

## Oakland Cemetery Working Set May 2

Please remember the Annual Meeting of the Oakland Cemetery Association is Saturday, May 2nd. Meeting time is 10 a.m. In the Hotel Lobby.

Your presence and inputs are needed. Lets not take the attitude that someone else will do it. I you have people who are buried or plan to be. You should do your part.

Jackie Guitierrez  
Secretary / Treasurer

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.

# Obituary

## Meagan Len Holder

Meagan Len Holder, age 17 of Desdemona passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2009 in Fort Worth. Services were held Saturday, April 18th at 2 p.m. in De Leon High School Gymnasium with Bro. Jeff Emery officiating. Music by Tami Henson. Burial in Desdemona Cemetery.

Meagan was born August 25, 1991 in De Leon to Donald Wayne and Stephanie Polbado Holder.

She had lived in Desdemona her entire life, and was a Senior at De Leon High School. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was the announcer at the girl's softball games. She played basketball. She was in the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was a member of the Student Council. She was on the Junior Bank Board at F&M Bank. She was named Outstanding Sophomore Student in the 10th grade. She was Freshman Class President. She was voted Most School Spirit. Meagan was planning to attend Ranger Junior College to become an LVN and then attend Tarleton State University to become an RN and BSN.

Survivors include her parents, Donald Wayne and Stephanie Polbado Holder of Desdemona; brother, Jeremy Holder of Desdemona; grandparents, Donald and Wilma Holder of Desdemona, Debra Place of Granbury, Richard Polvado of Early and Bettie Ann Burkett of Early; great grandparents, Doris Martin of Gorman and Evelyn Gray of Comanche; 2 aunts, Carolyn Holder of Gorman and Sherry Abels of Gorman; 2 uncles, Cody Polvado of Granbury and Todd Polvado of Early.

Pallbearers were Timothy Lopez, Jorge Hernandez, Matt Nowlin, Pedro Calzada, Justin Lindley and Clayton Stokes.



Luncheon attendees from Gorman: Lori Dodd, Judy Warren and Cliffa Vaughn

## NETWORK LUNCHEON IN DE LEON

The De Leon Chamber of Commerce hosted one of four network luncheons being held in April sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. The luncheon presentation and discussion focused on 'Moving Forward in Times of Uncertainty'.

During the luncheon community representatives from neighboring cities offered comments on the current local economic conditions. Attendees discussed ways to be prepared to turn sudden losses in employment and sales tax revenues into opportunities for the future. The group also received a recap on value-added programs and activities conducted by TMCN.

Cities represented at the luncheon included De Leon, Brownwood, Cisco, Comanche, Dublin, Early, Gorman, Gustine, Ranger and Rising Star. The meal was catered by Prados Mexican Cafe.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone. For more information about TMCN call 325-795-8626 or 800-845-3563 or visit [www.texasmidwest.org](http://www.texasmidwest.org).

## Acres Reporting

Acres reporting time is here. Filing an accurate acres report for all crops and land uses, including failed acres and prevented planting acres, can prevent the loss of benefits for most programs.

Failed acres must be reported within 15 calendar days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Acres reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acres reports are to be certified by the May 1 deadline on small grains and July 15 on spring seeded crops.

## Looking For New Members

The Comanche County Sheriff's Posse is looking for new members. In recent years people have moved away or just fell out. We would like to invite you to come out on the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Bring your horses and family to enjoy what nature has given us. Due are \$1500 per person or \$2000 per family year. Some of the dues go to charities that the Posse decides to support. With economics being what they are today this is a great place to go with your family that is close. Doesn't cost much and you already have the horses. Why not use them.

We like getting together with our horses riding on trails around our county. We meet at High Point Park located on CR1496. Discuss upcoming rides, such as the one we are going to in New Mexico. On July 10, 2009 we are conveying up to Ruidoso to camp out on Federal Land. We are staying a week to ride the mountains, see the sites like the 'Horse Museum', 'Ruidoso Downs' and more. More recently last month, our group went out to Fort Hood for a weekend trail ride.

Dr. Conway is always looking to make new trails at High Point. Recently he and many others have opened trails from High Point to Jones Crossing. It is quite a ride, around 16 miles round trip. Lots of deer, wild turkey, armadillos, skunks and let's not forget the turkey hawks.

Three times a year the Posse takes to the streets of some of our local towns to ride Parades. To show our support at the coming events. We are considering starting a drill team to post colors at rodeos in our area. Anyone that has experience in drill teams would be a great asset to our group.

Any questions you may have Please call Dr. Gail Conway at 325-356-3355, Ronda Burd at 254-977-3538 (Cell) or Rebecca Tankersley 361-960-4995 (cell). Please come out and join our laid back group.

## Classifieds

**MANAGER Gorman DQ** Food service career salary and bonuses for continued growth. Responsible, honest leader with people skills. Background and drug test required: smoke free. Richeson Hone Office, 940-549-5041, ask for Alesha Seaberry. 9-5 M-F. Other times leaves message.

**YARD WORK** - Call Big Jim to do your yard work. 254-734-3388.

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**INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS** - This property consists of 2 structures. A 2 story office building, old cafe. This property has a lot of possibilities!! C19 DO A LITTLE AND SAVE A LOT! Great potential for this 3 or 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home nestled in 7 wooded acres with outbuildings at the edge of Gorman. SAVE \$\$\$ HA17

**5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** Saturday, April 25th - 8 to 5 - 607 S. Brewer - Follow Signs. 11P.

**YARD SALE:** April 25th - 8 til ?? - 418 N. Winkler - corner of Winkler and Hamilton - Toys - Room Decor - Backpacks and More. Girls Clothes, Womens, Business Attire, Miscellaneous Kitchen Items. 2TP.

**TWO FAMILY CARPORT SALE:** Sectional Sofa, Recliner, Electric Cook Stove, Tires, Clothing, Kitchen Ware, Some Antiques, A Lot of Stuff. Come Look Saturday, 4/25 - 8 a.m. To 3 p.m. - 717 County Road 418. Watch for Signs. 1TP.

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**REDUCED 320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000 \$800,000**  
**SOLD 250±A, on Coppens Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000**  
**UNDER CONTRACT 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$1,995/acre**  
**SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,200**  
102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, mins. & owner financing 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 w/risers, 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, 231 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

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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.  
179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building \$2,350.00 acre.  
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# Pig Tales From Hogtown

If you didn't attend the Craft Show at Desdemona this past weekend, you missed some really great handcrafted items! And, as always, we had a great time with all who were there. Thank you to all our vendors and all folks who attended.

May 2nd is the date of the next 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Please plan to attend between 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. for a great start to your weekend.

Come and dance with us on Friday, May 8th. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be back to provide our music beginning at 7:00 P.M. The concession stand opens at 6:00 P.M.

We are going to have a huge community garage sale at the DAC on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd. If you have anything that you would like to donate for this sale, please call me at 254-758-2420.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Donald Holder family on the loss of their precious daughter. Please keep the Holder family in your prayers.

Carol Pell

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## ACRE Program Enrollment Opens on April 27

Farmers can elect and enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program beginning April 27, 2009. ACRE is a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill. Producers have until Aug. 14, 2009, to make their decision for the 2009 crop. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to:

- forgo counter-cyclical payments;
- accept a 20-percent reduction of the direct payments; and
- accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm.

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The ACRE program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

For more information about the ACRE program please visit your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Wildfire Assistance from USDA

Cattle owners that lost livestock in the wildfires may be eligible for a Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Proper documentation of deceased animals will be needed to participate in this program.

Producers that have purchased insurance through FSA's Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (ICADAP) may be eligible for fire losses on pasture or cropland. You must file a notice of loss within 15 days of the disaster event.

Because of the existing drought situation, producers in affected counties can apply for low interest loans through FSA farm loan programs that would help with outbuildings, farm structures, farm homes and fences.

Landowners can apply for possible financial assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for range deferment and cross fencing. The NRCS can also help provide technical assistance that can reduce post-fire damage and aid in the rehabilitation process.

To find out more about these programs and assistance, landowners and livestock producers are encouraged to contact their NRCS and FSA representatives at the USDA Service Center in Eastland County: 254-629-1636.

## 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 11 miles west to east and about 1 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. TX dot 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 TIS 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 341 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 demolish 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 133 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 Agriculture Extension Agent about the agriculture losses. He is working with state agencies on fencing repairs and hay resources to assist the 10+ 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 341, 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. 133. 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,  
Rev Fields  
Eastland County Judge



Gorman P.A.L. students, Carrie Thetford, Tyler Johnson and Brenda Velasquez participated in this year's Easter program at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. The students helped prepare baskets, exchange eggs and pass out bunnies. It was nice to see the smiles on the faces of young patients who were unable to be home for Easter. There are currently seven students in Peer Assistance Leadership program at Gorman High school. They do a great job working with the elementary students on a daily basis. Some of the students who were unable to attend worked very hard to help earn money for the trip. I just want to say thanks to all of the P.A.L. students for their service to the community. Our current P.A.L. students are Kimi Seaton, Bethany Oliver, Olivia Jackson, Valerie Longoria, Carrie Thetford, Tyler Johnson and Brenda Velasquez.

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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**"Country and Western Musical"** Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, April 25th at the Community Center (former school building). Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. serving good food, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable night of good country and western music with some bluegrass and gospel included. This is a "Smoke Free" environment and the Admission is "FREE".

Bernard and Ann Keith, Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended the Strawn 3rd Saturday night monthly musical. A large group of musicians to entertain and a room full of visitors to enjoy the music.

Joan Baker is slowly recovering from recent surgery. Get Well wishes to Joan and other of our Community who are on the sick list.

Larry and Gay Moore and her father, "Shorty" Fox hosted the Fox Family Lunch on Saturday. Kinfolks from around this area attended to enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Meagan Holder. Burial was on Saturday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her parents, Donald Wayne and Stephanie Holder and her brother of Desdemona; grandparents, Donald and Wilma (Martin) Holder of Desdemona; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Meagan attended De Leon High School and was much loved by all who knew her.

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

Thanks and have a great day, "Coon".

## Happenings At FBC!!

Privileged! The Worship Service began with the baptism of two girls and three boys. To see them buried with Christ in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life with Christ is truly a privilege. Our prayers are with these and their families.

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: Jaylon and Mac showed the children a picture of a camel, and they explained how God specially designed the camel to stand in the sand without sinking. In the book of Mark the Bible tells us that God gives us the equipment to build our lives on the rock of Jesus. Only God can keep us from sinking in the sand of life!

Bro. Barry's message was "Enjoy Life" - Ecclesiastes 3:11 - God planted eternity in the heart of every human being. There were over four thousand books written last year giving instructions to achieve happiness. The Bible is the only "How To" book that will lead you to true happiness and enjoyment of life.

ENJOY LIFE:

1) God puts eternity in our hearts. (Eccl. 3:11) - It is the pursuit of happiness, and there is proof that money doesn't buy happiness. Our yearning is the reason why questions are asked. Faith and Hope are why we look forward to our future.

2) God wants us busy enjoying life. (Eccl. 5:18-20) - Accept your lot in life. Enjoy it while you can; to dust all things return.

3) God wants us to enjoy a balanced life. (Eccl. 7:13-18) - Make and take time for the little things. God is in control. Accept the way God does things.

4) God wants us to have fun. (Eccl. 8:15) - God knows life for man is better with enjoyment.

5) God wants young people to enjoy life responsibly. (Eccl. 11:9) - Living responsibly means there are limitations. Your future depends on the things you do now. God has given you love in your heart, live responsibly in Jesus' name.

6) Fear God and do what he says. (Eccl. 12:13-14) - Get a grip! Accidents happen. Put your "God Seatbelt On!" Read the Word of God to learn how God will guide and protect you in the everyday decisions you make. Don't do it your way, do it God's way!

The only way to the Father is through 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.

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

I hope you all had a wonderful week! Mine was a busy one. As you know, we began the week with our regularly scheduled school board meeting Monday night, but then I had to arise early on Tuesday and head to Austin to support a finance bill being heard by the House Education Committee, HB 1555 introduced by Representative Dianne Patrick and supported by our own Representative Jim Keffer. The bill drew enormous support. The only problem is that the Committee Vice-Chairman Scott Hochberg also introduced a bill concerning school finance, HB 3646. His bill, although not a bad bill, did not receive the support of HB 1555 and his bill lacks several key elements. The problem is that as Vice-Chair and politics being what they are, he will probably push his bill out of committee instead of HB 1555. Our only hope is that he will make several compromises and take key components from Representative Patrick's bill to amend his. I would still like for as many of you as possible to contact every member of the committee and Representative Keffer in support of HB 1555. Contact information is below (all phone numbers without an area code are 512 and second phone numbers listed are the FAX):

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First Grade teachers and students would like to say a big Thank You to Snider Nursery-Mike and Crystal Snider and Shirley Bridgens Christie with Eastland/Heaven Sent Floral and Gifts for donating money to the first grade field trip fund. The First Grade will enjoy a trip to Fossil Rim on May 8 and will have plenty of money to cover fuel costs thanks to their generous donations along with first grades part of the Elementary Fall Festival donations.

The People to People organization was developed by Dwight Eisenhower with the purpose of developing independent thinkers and future leaders. Students are nominated that demonstrate outstanding scholastic merit and leadership potential. We have two students who have met these qualifications, applied to the organization, and been accepted. These two sixth grade students (Adriana Brown and Cosette Keeping) are to leave for Washington on Monday, April 20th. Congratulations! If you know of either of these students, they deserve a good pat on the back for their accomplishment the next time you see them.

The Math-A-Thon Fund Raiser has been completed for the St. Jude's Cancer Research Organization. The amount turned in at this time is \$799.00. Great job! Congratulations to the kids and all of those folks that donated their time and money. St. Jude's is a wonderful caring organization!

The Kindergarten's Zoo Trip is planned for April 28th. This is a trip always enjoyed by everyone. Please see that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather that day.

The Fourth Grade will travel to Abilene to visit Frontier Texas on Thursday, April 30th. I have never been there but I understand it is educational and a lot of fun.

The Third, Fourth, and the Sixth Grade will take the Math TAKS on Tuesday, April 28th. The Fourth and Sixth Grade will take the Reading TAKS on April 29th and The Fifth Grade will take the Science TAKS on April 30th. Please see that your children get a good night's sleep and are well rested for the test.

The Area Track Meet was in Goldthwaite last Thursday. Audrey Johnston advanced to the Regional Meet in the Girl's Shot put. Matt Underwood advances in the 100 and the 200 meter races. Congratulations to these two athletes! Good luck at Regional!!

We were blessed with more rain last week and hopefully we will continue to see a little more. Our stock tanks and lakes in the area need a good rain to collect a little run off!

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

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

After waiting awhile and wondering if we would have many in attendance, we ended up with 32 people here to enjoy our Wed. Dinner on the 15th. We do like visiting and bring each other up on the current happenings in town. Bro. Frank Shirley was kind enough to give the blessing for us all.

We were all happy to see and visit with Al and Barbara (Morrison) Hunter. They live in Baird and get over to dine occasionally. They looked so good, have done wonders for each other. Also enjoyed seeing Anne Laminack and Lendon Shipman. Glad Lendon felt good and came out to be with us and enjoy lunch.

Our dinner menu consisted of chicken strips, Lima beans with ham, baked beans with sausage chunks and lots of black eyed peas and corn. We also enjoyed two wonderful pot a toe dishes made by Ima Brown and Goldie Warren. There were several cakes and banana puddings, besides our usual rolls and cornbread, also a green salad with fresh veggies. Barbara Bush and Daisy Slaton each made a pea salad, so lots of good salads.

We all enjoyed our Supper Out last Thursday, the 16th at Boomtown in Desdemona. Most of us ate fish, but there is more on the menu for those that don't. All was good, pie OK. We sure miss those good pies the young lady used to make. She was an excellent pie maker. After we arrived back in town about 6 folks stayed and played 88's.

During our gathering at the Center we enjoyed a presentation given by Christi Hammonds. She is a representative for GeriMed, Inc. They have all sorts of aids for our problems in old age. Also Medicare and your supplement pays for all. They also have Diabetic shoes for those who need them, and braces for all joints.

Over the Easter weekend my two sons, Mark and Daryl came to help do repairs around my house. My grandson, Markus also came from Oklahoma and spent the night. He was a great help doing some chores. He and I went to FBC to enjoy the service. The Messengers were fabulous. Wish my sons had also been there to enjoy as they work for Tommy Clark.

I forgot to mention during our outing in Desdemona we also enjoyed having Wynogene Smith with us. She also has been coming to our dinner on Wednesday. Good to have her back! Also her daughter Barbara and grandson came to eat with us.

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

## Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Breckenridge.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns.

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