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TSCRA Applauds Fever Tick Funding

Fort Worth, Texas-Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) President Jon Means issued the following statement today after U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer announced the federal government would allocate \$4.9 million for the control of cattle fever ticks in Texas. Schafer met with Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, TSCRA members and other industry leaders to discuss the possibility of funds. TSCRA has helped lead the charge in the ongoing fight against fever ticks by pushing for additional government funding to combat the problem.

"TSCRA would like to thank Secretary Schafer for traveling to Texas to meet with our members and discuss this issue. We would also like to thank Commissioner Staples for putting this meeting together, demonstrating once again his continued support for the beef industry, as well as Representative Henry Cuellar for his diligent work on the industry's behalf.

"This funding couldn't have come at a better time. Now, maybe more than ever, federal funding for the control of cattle fever ticks is desperately needed in order to address the current infestation in the temporary quarantine zones. Without these funds, the pests could spread the fever throughout the nation's cow herd, resulting in losses of \$1 billion a year to the industry and rising food costs for consumers.

"While these funds are critical to our efforts, there is still work to be done. TSCRA will continue its commitment to fight fever ticks in Texas. We will work with federal and state government officials including the new White House Administration to ensure America's beef supply is kept affordable, safe and secure for American families."

Fever ticks can carry and transmit a tiny parasite that causes "cattle tick fever," a disease that can kill up to 90 percent of infected cattle. The ticks once extended across the southeastern United States from the Atlantic Coast around to the Gulf Coast and into Texas and Oklahoma.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) was established in 1893 to fight the disease. Since 1943, cattle tick fever has been eradicated from the United States, except for a permanent quarantine zone that was established along the Rio Grande River in South Texas. This permanent quarantine zone, maintained by the USDA and the TAHC, has been an effective deterrent to all but occasional incursions of fever ticks.

During the past two years, however, 128 new cattle fever tick infestations have been detected in the permanent quarantine zone, temporary preventive areas and tick-free areas of Texas, causing alarm for producers and consumers.

Since July 2007, five preventive quarantines have been established and/or enlarged in Maverick, Dimmit, Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Star counties. More than one million acres in South Texas currently lie under temporary preventive quarantines, in addition to the half-million acres that comprise the permanent quarantine zone.

Increased tick pressure from Mexico, lack of treatment options, a growing number of wildlife species found to support the tick and insufficient resources have contributed to the current fever tick crisis.

The biggest challenge in fighting the fever tick problem is a chronic lack of funding for personnel and resources, resulting from years of under-funding.

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Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 131-year-old trade organization whose 15,000 members manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement services, livestock inspection, legislative and regulatory advocacy and educational opportunities for its members.

Eastland County Livestock Show

The Eastland County Livestock Show will be held January 14 thru 17th. Everyone is invited to come and watch the youth of Eastland County present their projects. We will show all the usual animals such as steers, heifers, swine, goats, lambs, and rabbits. We also have several new projects added this year including photography, market angoras, and Ag mechanics division. All events conclude with the premium auction which will be held on Saturday. Here is the schedule of events:

Wednesday, January 14th

8:00 p.m. - All animals (except rabbits) must be checked in, weighed and in place. Rabbits Must be checked in Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

9:00 p.m. - Ag Mechanics projects must be checked in and in place.

Thursday, January 15th

11:00 a.m. - Beef Cattle (Breeding followed by Market Steers)

2:00 p.m. - Swine (Breeding followed by Market)

Ag Mechanics Projects Show

Friday, January 16th

11:00 a.m. - Dairy Goats

12:00 p.m. - Angora Goats (Breeding followed by Market)

Rabbits must be weighed and checked in with superintendent

2:00 p.m. - Sheep (Breeding followed by Market)

4:00 p.m. - Meat Goats (Market followed by Breeding)

Saturday, January 17th

9:00 a.m. - Rabbits (Market followed by Breeding)

4:30 p.m. - Hamburger Supper for Buyers

6:00 p.m. - Presentation of Awards and Auction

GHS Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

SEVENTH GRADE

A - Zachary Carlton, Mykisha Hampton, Amy Hendrix, Jessica Ledford, Yarixa Montelongo and Melissa Ramirez. AB - Connie Gonzales, Haven Johnson, Kinsey Johnston, Randall Miley, Antonio Ramirez and Jessica Williams.

EIGHTH GRADE

A - Kristiea Ellis, Luis Limon, Austin Marlow and Robert Shawver; AB - Jessica Bell, Ashlea Burt, Jasmine Delatorre, Andrew Flanary, Sergio Garcia, Skyler Henderson, Anna Hipolito, Viridiana Maldonado, Margarita Oronia, Angelena Perez, B. J. Ramirez, Rachel Tucker and Haily Whitfield.

NINTH GRADE

A - Chelsea Griffin, Erica Madera and McKenzie Osborne; AB - Maria Garcia, Raven Kehl, Josh Ryon, Stetson Thompson, A. J. Vaughn and J. C. Whitten.

TENTH GRADE

A - Jaime Johnston and Jaylon Miley; AB - Brice Campbell, Cameron Clark, Troy Gilder, Cecilia Olivares, Maria Raygosa, Amy Regian, Stephanie Risueno, Luisa Silva and Kiefer Wilson.

ELEVENTH GRADE

A - Chance Bryant and Eric Ryon; AB - Shawn Bates, Ben Burgess, Kathryn Fritts, Kelsi Gibson, Alex Giles, Laura Herrera, Tyler Johnson, Erica Limon, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado, Drew McCreless, Bethany Oliver, Kimberly Seaton and Brenda Velasquez.

TWELFTH GRADE

A - Matt Cogburn, Brandon Hale, Sonia Hipolito, Lindsey Laminack, Jordan Perry, Martin Ramierz, Matt Underwood, Perla Velasquez and Maci Williams; AB - Nathan Flanary, Marsela Gonzales, Stormy Hurd, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Angelia Silva, Tyson Swanner, Carrie Thetford, April Voyles and Veronica Walton.

**PRAY FOR RAIN
WE NEED
SOME MOISTURE
WARM TEMPS**

Maxfield Elementary Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

KACEN ERVIN
DESTINY FLANARY
KAYLEE GRUMBLES
MICHELLE HERNANDEZ
KEATON MOORE
KARSYN SCITERN
RACHEL SNIDER
JUSTIN WHEELER
CAITLYN CLARK
KELSIE GUTHERY
LARISSA HAMPTON
YULIANA HERNANDEZ
ABBY JOHNSON
ISAIAH LANDA
GENARO MADERA
ALEXIS REYNA

B HONOR ROLL

JASMINE FRALEY
ASAEAL MALDONADO
DYLAN CARLTON
KORI GAINES
DRISTON PETREE
MAKENZIE RAINEY
KAMREN SPARGER

2nd

JENNIFER CRUZE
LAUREN UNDERWOOD
LUKE WHITSELL
REECE SCITERN

MELY LARA
DANIELLA SEGURA
MADISON WINSON
CHRIS COX
JUSTICE FISCHER
KOLBY GAINES
DAVID GRIFFIN
BRIANA LANDA
JESENIA RODRIGUEZ
TAYLOR SHEPHERD
JENNIFER BALDEZ
JOHN TYLER

3rd

JACOB ERVIN
CONNOR KEHL
ISAAC SEGURA
HALEY WRIGHT
JETT HENDRIX
KADE SPARGER
SARA WOODALL

NEYDA HERRERA
BRANTLEY PEREZ
KAIDEN PETREE
STRATTON THOMPSON
COLTON WHEELER
TRENT FENLEY
DANETTE LARA
RAFAEL ORTIZ
DIANNA RAINEY
JESSICA RAMIREZ
CHRISTIE SHEPHERD

4th

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

KAYCE DODD
MAYRA GUTIERREZ
DANNY LIMON
DAYANNA PALACIOS
ALEX RAINEY
SHAWN REYNA
DYLAN WALTON
KENDLE COAN
CARRISSA COLE
ISMAEL HERRERA
DANIEL KEEPING
KATALINA LANDA
RICARDO OLVERA
JONATAN RIVAS
AUDRI SEGURA

5th

JOSE MALDONADO
RYLAN LAMINACK
TURNER WHITTEN
CADEN WINSON
FLAVIO HERRERA
FREDDY MONTELONGO
KOUTRNEY SEATON
GARET VAUGHN

KODIE SPARGER
KATHYRN WOODALL
HUNTER CHILDERS
ARLETTE GILES
VANESSA LONGORIA

6th

JACQUELYN RAINEY
LAUREN SPIVEY
LACEY WILSON

MADISON WARREN
YOVANI PALACIOS
CHEY GIBBS
CHLOE COLE
ADRIANA BROWN
BRITTANY BURNS
COSETTE KEEPING

Gorman City Commission Minutes

JANUARY 8, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met in a Regular meeting on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Cliffla Vaughn, Charlie Torrez and Joe Casey. Absent was Nathan Files.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:35 p.m.

Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Cliffla. Motion carried 3-0.

After questioning some of the bills Charlie made the motion to approve them for payment. Joe made a second and motion carried 3-0.

Ann Warren was present to complain about the quality of the cable service. Tacy gave her some phone numbers to call.

No action was taken on the TV Tower Cable Lease agreement.

Bids were opened for the 1999 Crown Vic and the GMC. The City did not accept any of the bids at this current time. The Commission agreed to wait and extend the bid submission for one more week. The bids that were submitted will remain considered.

There being no further business for discussion Cliffla made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried, time was 6:15 p.m.

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree

January 17th - 6:00 p.m.

(Concessions Open At 5:30 p.m.)

Civic Center - 301 E. Houseley Street - In Strawn

(Hwy 16 to Downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108 (Houseley St) 2 Blocks

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AARP Driver Safety Program

Jan. 27 and Jan. 28 -- 1-5 pm, both days

DeLeon Senior Center

To register, call 254 893 6311 or 254 965 2145

SCHOOL MENU

Week of Jan. 19 thru Jan. 23

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickle Spears, Fresh Carrots, Crackers, Chips, Oranges and Milk.

TUESDAY - Roast, Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Gravy, Strawberry Cake, Milk and BIRTHDAY TABLE.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita, Taco Salad, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Refried beans, Fruit Shape Up and Milk.

THURSDAY - Fish, Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Wedge, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Pumpkin pie and Milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken and Rice, Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot Coins, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Fruit and Milk.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST 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

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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. Technology 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.

Obituaries

William David (Bill) Clark

William David (Bill) Clark, age 55 of Gorman passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Friday, January 9th at 10:30 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Bill was born April 14, 1953 in Gorman to Audie Othell (Speedy) Clark and Mary Louise Huddleston Clark.

Bill was a precious son, beloved brother and a very loving uncle to his niece and nephew and great-niece and great-nephews. They were the joy of his life. He was a wonderful Christian example; gifted artist and always put the needs of others first. He leaves behind a great legacy of compassion, laughter and perseverance and ost of all a great faith. He was a lifelong resident of Gorman, member of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman, graduated from Gorman High School in 1971; graduated from Cisco Junior College; graduated from Tarleton State University in 1977; a former school teacher in Gorman ISD; served two terms as Gorman City Commissioner; member and Past Master of Gorman Masonic Lodge #716; member of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bodies and the Fort Worth Moslah Shrine.

He is survived by his loving mother and caregiver of 39 years, Mary Louise Clark of Gorman; a sister, Carolyn Matthews and husband, Benny of Gorman; nephew Greg George and wife Kari; niece Ginger George, great niece Kaitlyn George, great nephews Triston George and Hayden George and a host of loving cousins and friends.

Preceded by his father Othell (Speedy) Clark in 1984. Pallbearers were Greg George, Freddie Gilmore, Nathan Files, Joe Bob Huddleston, Steve Singleton, Ed Sutton, Rick Sutton and Jimmy Dale Johnson.

Honorary Pallbearers were Triston George, Hayden George and Kaitlyn George.

Memorials may be made to Gorman Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund, West Texas Rehab Center of Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.



Aaron Richard Salinas

Aaron Richard Salinas, age 10 of De Leon passed away at his home on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Services were held Tuesday, January 13th at 2 p.m. at De Leon First United Methodist Church with Rev Lisa Neslony and Father Phillip McNamara officiating. Music by Breath of Life Singers. Rosary was Monday, January 12th at 7 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Victor Cemetery.



He was born July 21 1998 in Brownwood to David and Teresa Garza Salinas.

He had lived in De Leon all of his life, and was a fifth grade student at Perkins Middle School in De Leon. He was Catholic.

He is survived by his parents, David and Teresa Salinas, 2 brothers, Matthew Salinas and Arick Salinas, all of De Leon; one sister, Kelli Wardlow and husband, Sam of Searcy, Arkansas; grandparents are Vince and Carolyn Garza of De Leon; two nieces: Karalynn and Kendle Wardlow; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceded by grandparents, Lolo and Veronica Salinas and one cousin Cory Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Pedro Calzada, Tim Lopez, Jorge Hernandez, Justin Lindley, Dustin Bennett and Mason Stewart.

Honorary Pallbearers were Kyle Kimmell, Tyler Salinas, Lewis Salinas, Blake Bill, Ayden Garza, Adam Moreno, Anthony Garza, Rio Garza, Tori Garza and Junior Pacheco.

Cordelia Juanita (Bobbie) Phillips

Cordelia Juanita (Bobbie) Phillips, age 84 of De Leon passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2009 in De Leon. Services were held Saturday, January 10th at 2 p.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Bro. David Kelly and William Dawkins officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Comanche County, Texas.

She was born January 9, 1924 in Comanche County, Texas to the late Marlin and Mamie Chupp Gilchrest. She married Melvin Marshall Phillips on December 24, 1941 in De Leon.

She had lived in De Leon most of her life. She was a member of the De Leon First Baptist Church. She had worked at the De Leon First Baptist Church, following her retirement from Texas Women's University.

She is survived by her sons, Bobby Phillips and wife Carolyn of De Leon and Jimmy Phillips and wife Joyce of Pryor, OK; a daughter, Sue Dawkins and husband Bill of De Leon; one brother, Aubry Gilchrest of Beattie; seven grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews: Treva Benstine, James Tucker, and Johnny Tucker and various others.

Preceded by her husband, Melvin Marshall Phillips in 1995; a son, Danny Lee Phillips; 2 brothers, Vernon L. Gilchrest, Hoss Gilchrest; 3 sisters, Ruby Beverly, Viola Gilchrest, and Geneva Tucker; one grandson, John Marshall Dawkins.

GORMAN PANTHER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2008-09

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	WHO
16-Jan	EVANT	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
20-Jan	MERIDIAN	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
23-Jan	GOLDTHWAITE	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
27-Jan	DELEON	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
30-Jan	MAY	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
3-Feb	EVANT	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
6-Feb	MERIDIAN	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
10-Feb	GOLDTHWAITE	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/G/VB
13-Feb	DELEON	THERE	6:00	JVB/VB

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HEAD BOYS COACH: PILL BATES 254-734-5688
ASSISTANTS: JAMES GERICK, BILLY FOX
SUPERINTENDENT: DAVID PERRY
PRINCIPAL: RICK PANTER
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: KEITH HENDRIX

HEALTH

Patients Look Beyond Medicine Cabinets

NewsUSA

(NU) - Many people are turning to herbal remedies to treat everything from the common cold to serious disease. It is estimated that nearly half of all Americans use some sort of herbal medicine or herbal supplement.

According to University of Maryland researchers, many conventional doctors are beginning to integrate alternative medicine into their practices. Pharmacists stock their shelves with herb-based pills, and Americans frequently demand that insurance plans cover more alternative treatments.

Of course, everyone should consult a doctor before choosing any herbal remedy, especially if they take conventional medicine. But here are some herbs that studies suggest are effective in treating ailments:

- Horny Goat Weed. Long used in ancient Chinese medicine, Horny Goat Weed may treat erectile dysfunction as effectively as the drug Viagra. Researchers in Italy tested several natural aphrodisiacs and found Horny Goat Weed to be the most potent.

- Wolfberry. Also known as goji berries, wolfberries possess high levels of antioxidants, substances thought to absorb free radicals and prevent cellular damage.

- American ginseng. An herb used in medical practice around the world, American ginseng has long been stocked in health food stores and vitamin shops. Now, the University of Chicago Medical Center plans to study the herb's possible anti-tumor effects.

Luckily, patients don't need to travel cross-continent to find these



More Americans are turning to herbs, not drugs, to address health issues.

herbs. One American company, Magic Power Coffee (magicpowercoffee.com), uses the herbs in its tasty signature beverage.

- St. John's Wort. One study published in the Cochrane Review, a journal that analyzes medical and scientific studies, found that St. John's Wort is effective in treating depression. Scientists analyzed 29 studies and compared the St. John's Wort, placebos and standard treatments. St. John's Wort not only treated depression, but gave patients fewer side effects. Scientists believe that the herb works in the same way as anti-depressant drugs, by increasing serotonin levels in the brain.

- Green tea. Numerous studies suggest that drinking green tea benefits human health. One study conducted by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington found that women who drank green tea every day reduced their ovarian cancer risk by 54 percent.

Classifieds

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906 Fox Hollow - Eastland, 2900+ Sq. Ft., 4 bedroom, 2 bath with spacious floor plan - larger living room with fireplace ducted to heat entire home, family room and master suite with jetted tub, separate shower and roomy walk-in closets, 3 carport and separate 2 car garage. For information call 254-433-0654 or 254-629-3160. Shown by appointment only.

ACCEPTING APPLICATONS — Eastland County Precinct 3 - Rising Star/Gorman is accepting applications for one Full-Time General Road Hand position. Experience with tractor and shredder helpful. Applications available at the Eastland County Auditor's Office, 100 W. Main Street, Suite 205, Eastland, 629-1082. Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2009 or until position filled. Eastland County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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ESTATE SALE OF LOTTIE MORRIS - Saturday, January 24th - 8 a.m. til ? On Duster Highway, 1 mile South of Gorman. Appliances, Furniture, Miscellaneous Household Items. 2-1-22P

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455 A, wells, tanks, creek, tree covered, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000
REDUCED 320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$689,999 \$800,000
SOLD 250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,999
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 \$1,995/acre
SOLD 234 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,280
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, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
21±A, 2-2 16x72 mobile home, well, World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass [MS03] \$105,000
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
44 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
REDUCED 2-2 Mobile Home 14X70, 12x28 add-on, strg. bldg/carport [PA01] \$29,999 \$22,500
REDUCED 2-1 1/2 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
2-1 Fleetwood 14x52, shaded corner lot, well, underground sprinkler, carport [JT03] \$35,000

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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
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 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., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$1,950.00 acre.
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Happenings At FBC!!

Love! Simply said, love makes everything work. It's our Supreme Almighty God, our Selfless Savior Jesus, and the Sweet Sweet Holy Spirit that give us love, hope, and faith.

Children's Sermon: Liz told the children about an international tournament of the game "Rock, Paper, Scissors", and how much fun people have playing the game. She showed them a rock and asked them if they thought she could get water from it, and of course, they all gave her a funny look. She told of the story in the Bible about Moses striking his rod against the rock and water coming out of it. God provided a way for Moses and the children of Israel to get the water they needed. Go to God and ask Him for help; with God all things are possible.

The beautiful melodies of the FBC Praise Band stirs our spirits and touches our hearts as we worship and glorify God in song. God is great!

Bro. Barry's message was "Dream Killers?" - Genesis 37:6-8. Life happens when you are making plans. The troublesome economy has driven even billionaires to suicide.

Dreams Don't Die When:
I. You know there is a Price for Purity. - A clean and pure heart. At seventeen years old Joseph was hated by his brothers so much that they conspired to kill him and sold him into slavery.

A shark's growth is determined by the body of water in which it lives - six inches in an aquarium or six feet in an ocean. Are you a six in Christian confining yourself only to familiar surroundings, or are you sharing your salvation freely beyond your walls?

II. You are a Mature Child of God. (Genesis 37:3-4) - Jacob shared his dream with his brothers. Even the eagle must build her nest with unlikely elements so when it comes time for her babies to leave she uses it as a tool to prompt their leaving to more mature behaviour. What type of service do you do for God in the fields? Are you growing spiritually?

III. The Path to the Palace is through the Prison. (Genesis 39:19-23) - God allows our nest to be stirred. Trust and believe - get out there and share His salvation - God be with us wherever we go, and give us success in whatever we do.

Real Faith cannot be Shaken because it is the Result of having been Shaken!
A woman we all see as a beautiful Christian lady made a decision to rededicate her life to Christ.

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

TEXAS MIDWEST DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Texas Midwest Community Network announces plans for Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol on Feb. 3, 2009. Community leaders from throughout the region are encouraged to participate.

"Generally speaking, rural communities are at a disadvantage when it comes to influencing state lawmakers" says TMCN President Mike Schweikhard. "By joining together, a larger group of rural delegates gets more attention and presents a stronger voice in Austin."

The day in Austin will include a photo session with lawmakers on the steps of the Capitol, a briefing on issues pertinent to the region, visits with legislators and staffs and a legislative reception for which TMCN is partnering with the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce to host. Bus transportation is available for attendees registering by January 20th.

The more citizens attending from the region, the better the message will be heard for rural Texas. A list of regional issues and talking points is posted on line at texasmidwest.org.

For details on registration for Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol call the TMCN Office 325-795-8626 or check the texasmidwest.org website on the TMCN Member Programs & Activities page. Make a difference for rural Texas. Plan to participate on Feb. 3rd

Lawmakers representing the region include Senators Troy Fraser (Dist. 24), Robert Duncan (Dist. 28), and Craig Estes (Dist. 30); and Representatives 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 Member cities: 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, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

G. E. D. Study Classes Beginning This Month

January is typically the month to begin good habits and make resolutions. If you are 18 years of age or older and need study classes or information about taking the G.E.D. Test, now is the time! Take advantage of this free service in Eastland County sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Abilene ISD Adult Education.

Eastland County GED Study Classes began January 12th. The classes will meet at 409 S. Lamar (brick house across from covered driveway-part of First Baptist Church) from 5 to 8 p.m. Every Monday and Tuesday night. Mike and Debbie Parsons along with Larry and Judy Smith will be the instructors. Child Care will be provided by reservation - Call 629-2222.

The Spring 2009 Study Session begins in January and usually ends in April. A Spring Graduation will be held in May to celebrate all GED graduates throughout Eastland County.

Locally, the GED test is given at Cisco Jr. College and Ranger College (Stephenville location) as well as the Abilene Adult Education Center (325-671-4419).

If you need more information, or would like to ask questions regarding the GED, please call Halee Mitchell at Texas ArgiLife Extension Service, Eastland County at 629-2222. E-mail address is hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu. Provisions from the American Disability Act will be considered when planning educational program and activities. Please notify the Eastland County Extension Office as far in advance of the program as possible if you plan on attending and require specialized services. This will allow ample time to acquire resources to meet your needs. Extension programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, USDA and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

AUTHORITY POSTS REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR LEASED POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE PROPERTY

The Brazos River Authority (BRA) today posted a request for bids (RFB) for a potential third party sale of leased property at Possum Kingdom Lake. The potential sale will allow the BRA to exit the land management business and, more importantly, allow leaseholders the ability to purchase their leased lots.

"We are pleased to present an RFB package that provides protections for our lessees and the potential for a positive outcome for the future water needs of the Brazos basin and our System customers," said Matt Phillips, government and customer relations manger.

The RFB consists of the sale of approximately 900 acres of residential leased property outside the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) buffer zone or nearly 1200 acres of property should FERC approve the sale of the buffer zone. Also included are approximately 50 acres of commercial leased properties, 49 miles of roadways and numerous small strips of land unnecessary for future lake operations. The sale will not include undeveloped BRA property.

The RFB includes requirements of the potential purchaser including the cost for road maintenance, survey and platting and closing costs. It also includes protections for lessees outlining the options for purchase and the time frame that a purchase may be made. Those lessees not interested or able to purchase their leased property will have the option of remaining on their current lease or executing a new 99-year lease.

The deadline for submission of bids is April 8, 2009. Bids will be presented to the BRA Board at a meeting scheduled after the submission deadline. To access the Request for Bids, please visit the BRA website for RFB 09-04-391 at www.brazos.org/rfb.asp.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We had a wonderful get together on the 7th of January after our 2 week holiday. There were 32 here to enjoy the lovely music that was present to us. I do wish there had been 50 in attendance. Those of you who weren't here, missed some beautiful music. Bro. Barry Schahn gave the blessing for us all.

Sondra Brudnak played the violin just to perfection. Alison Read was also most expert in her Harp presentation. They played many songs we knew and some we didn't. I don't know when I've been so thrilled by music from heaven. These two young women are very expert in their trade. That morning they also played for our nursing home. Thanks so for their time.

There were several here to enjoy our concert. Bro. Barry and Sharlene, N. D. And Louise Smart, Ann Jay, Al and Barbara Hunter, Bonita Moorman and Joy Rogers. I do hope some of these people will come back to enjoy our weekly meal.

Our meal was great with many different dishes. We enjoyed pork chops in mushroom soup, good -lima beans with ham, several casseroles, most of Mexican descent, two kinds of potatoes, cabbage, Cole slaw, salad, hot rolls, cornbread, and french bread. There were many cakes, cobblers, cool whip pink stuff and some kids of pudding with cookies. It was Lil Brudnak's 80th Birthday. We all enjoyed singing the Birthday song for her. Her son, Dr. Dan and wife Sondra brought a great Birthday cake for all to enjoy. Happy 80th again Lil, we all enjoy you.

The nurses from Medway Home Health in De Leon were here to give of their services. They are so good to be here on the first Wednesday of the month. We appreciate you always. Maybe next month you will have time to stay and eat with us. Hope more of you will be here for BP and BS checks next month.

Our roll makers had been out of pocket. So we were really pleased to have Louise Smart bring her delicious rolls. What a pleasant surprise, we all enjoyed. Hope to see Louise and her husband here more often.

I enjoyed a second Christmas gathering at my son, Mark's home in Brownwood on the 28th of December. My grandson and great grandson couldn't be with us on the holiday. So we enjoyed a BBQ meal. My son cooked ribs and chicken, delicious. The rest was by Underwoods and some by the Wards. We also celebrated by Birthday which was Christmas Day.

I forgot to mention Daisy Slaton had her granddaughter, Shelly in from New York City. All were glad to see her and visit. Daisy had a big crowd in for the holidays. Also Bernice Henson spent Christmas in Oklahoma. She enjoyed visiting with a grandson and get to know him all over again.

Daisy Slaton and I went with our Travel Club to Fort Worth on the 12th. We saw Carol Burnett at the Bass Hall for a performance about her life. It was a one woman show with some videos about her past. Wonderful! Also Ruth Rodgers and Pat Carter were with us. Ruth did the driving to Stephenville for us. Thanks so.

Hope all is well and you have a good New Year. Carol.

PS - Thanks to Louise Smart for sitting in for me at the Library on Monday the 12th.

Super Notes

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

School Board Appreciation Month is here. I can never brag enough on our school board. They are the best. It is great to work with a group of individuals so dedicated to our children and our school community. Without their approval and their support and their vision there is no way we could accomplish the great things we have been doing here for the past four years. Monday night prior to our board meeting we had a board appreciation dinner and presented each trustee with a framed certificate as a small token of our appreciation for their dedication and hard work. Our board President is Melinda Harrington, Vice-President is Jeff Seaton, Secretary is Mark Simmons, and our other trustees are Bob Powell Larry Thompson, Beth Underwood, and Daryl Hirst. Please thank these people the next time you see them for the wonderful job they are doing. Your thanks and the satisfaction from doing their best for the children of Gorman are all they receive for their hard work. They receive no pay! Please make this a School Board Appreciation Month to remember and give them a pat on the back!

District basketball began last week with the girls playing DeLeon. Unfortunately, we did not do well, but that does not mean we won't do a lot better. I know the coaches are working equally as hard as the girls to make improvements where needed. The boys begin District play this week on Friday against Evant here as home as well as the girls. The Junior High will play on Thursday against DeLeon at home also.

The board meeting began after the school board appreciation dinner which began at 6:00pm. An invocation was offered by Bob Powell and all board members were presented with framed certificates of appreciation for their service to the district. When the board meeting convened, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and then the consent agenda was passed unanimously. Mr. Perry reported on the school's fund balance and tax collections. The present balance in the general fund is \$1,716,569.02 and 48.15% of our 2008 taxes have been collected. They then discussed the scoreboard for the new gymnasium and fund raising in which to pay for it. Expenses for the scoreboard and scorekeeper's table were not included in the building package. A four sided center hung scoreboard and a lighted score keeper's table with advertising on the front is the plan. Mr. Perry said he would be approaching local businesses to purchase advertising on the scoreboard as well as additional funds from local residents that would like to donate. He also discussed the 81st Legislative session which begins on the 13th and TASB's objectives for the session. The May election calendar was discussed as well as a possible refund from TEA of some funds related to prior WADA sales to Austin ISD. Mr. Perry then informed the board that Energy for Schools would be going out for bids for electricity soon for the coop to which Gorman ISD is a member and that he was sending in our commitment to continue participation. The board then approved TASB Policy Update 84 unanimously and approved paying for a safety net and it's installation between the softball and baseball fields. The board then discussed personnel and directed Mr. Perry that they wanted no school funds to be used in the future for purchases of any uniforms or clothing of any kind that was not in the school colors, red and blue and white required by UIL for away games, but that all trim on the white be school colors only. Mr. Perry then took a break while the board discussed his evaluation and goals for 2009-2010. When Mr. Perry returned, the board extended his contract another year and reviewed their concerns and discussed goals. They adjourned at 10:10pm.

Thursday and Friday we will release students early due to the Eastland County Stock Show. We have many students competing in the show and look forward to you being there to support them. The show is at the Eastland Show barn. Good luck Gorman!

We are presently trying to raise money for a four sided scoreboard for the new gymnasium that would hang from the ceiling in the center of the gym and have advertising on it and a score keeper's table which will have advertising on the front of it. The cost will be around \$25,000.00. I will be speaking with the major businesses in the area seeking donations in return for advertisement. I expect we need at least three or four major donors to fund the project, but we are also asking for donations from individuals. Our major benefactors will be considered "Diamond" sponsors for \$5,000.00 or more and receive advertising. Donations of \$2,500.00 to \$4,999.99 will be considered "Platinum" sponsors and may include some advertising; Donations of \$1,000.00 to \$2,499.00 will be considered "Gold" sponsors. Donations of \$500.00 to \$999.00 will be considered "Silver" sponsors and donations of \$100.00 to 499.99 will be considered "Bronze" sponsors. We will accept donations in any amount from those wishing to give, but all of the donors giving \$100.00 or more will be memorialized on a permanent plaque to be mounted in the foyer of the gymnasium. Any funds left over will be used to pay for the art work on the gymnasium walls & floor (Mascot, Panthers, Lady Panthers, etc.). I hope we have a great response to this fund raiser. We have structured it this way so that nobody gets left out that wants to participate. Remember the last time a gym was built in Gorman was over seventy years ago. Don't miss this opportunity to put your name on the plaque or to memorialize someone else.

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!

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

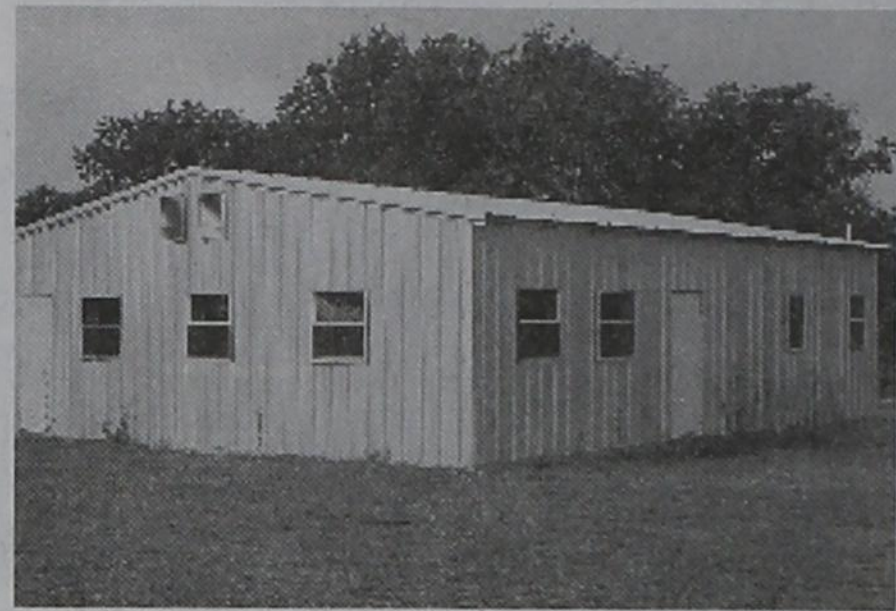
"Ladies Monthly Social" was held on Monday at the Community Center. Several ladies attended this morning event to enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. The next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, February 9th at the same location and the same time. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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

Friends of Desdemona sends their sincere sympathy to the family of Bill Clark. He was much loved by all who knew him.

Have a nice day, Vonnie

Kokomo Community Center Back and Ready For Use



Shown above is the new Kokomo Community Center that was completed the day before the annual Kokomo Homecoming and Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2008. It is available for rent at \$75.00 per day for Reunions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. For more information call Norina at 254-639-2284 or Sylvia at 254-734-4027.

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