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Gene Foster Honored On Retirement From GVFD



Gene Foster was honored at a Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Meeting held Friday, January 23rd at ZJ's in Gorman. Gene was honored by the members of Gorman VFD and The Eastland County Commissioners. Gene retired after 26 years as Fire Chief. Gene received a plaque from Bill Underwood on his 26 years of service to the GVFD. He also received a gold axe and a personalized fire hat from Jim Guthery, new Fire Chief of GVFD. Gene was also presented a porch swing from other fire departments. Congratulations to Gene.



India Childrens Choir To Perform At Gorman United Methodist

The India Childrens Choir will be performing at Gorman United Methodist Church on February 19th at 6 p.m. The Choir is on a ten month tour of the United States. They come from the hills of Manipur on the India-Burma-China border. The twenty-two children range in age from 8 to 12 years old.

Josefina's Kitchen
will be closed on Friday,
January 30th.

**PRAY FOR RAIN WE
NEED SOME MOISTURE
& WARMER TEMPS**

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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.

Panther and Lady Panther Power Lifters Compete

The Gorman girls and boys power lifting team travel to De Leon last Saturday to compete in the Bearcat power lifting meet. Here are the results from the meet.

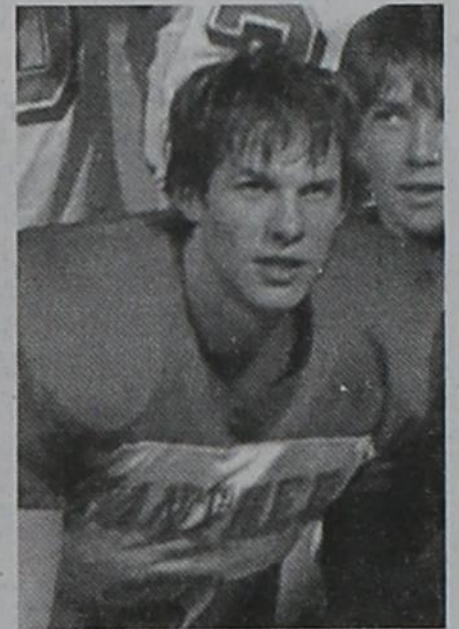
In the boys division, Kiefer Wilson place 12th overall in the 165lbs class with a total of 770 lbs. Jon Flores place 12th overall in the 181lbs class with a total of 740lbs. Tyler Johnson place 2nd overall in the 220lbs class with a total of 1145lbs. James Brown competed in the SHW class, but fail to record a result.

In the girls division, Lindsey Laminack place 2nd overall in the 148lbs class with a total of 525 lbs.

**WHY ARE THE RUSSIAN Tu-160 JETS
LANDING IN VENEZUELA
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE JFK
- NEXT STOP CUBA -**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GORMAN
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CONTINUES SERIES:
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11:00AM ON SUNDAY**

Matt Underwood, Tyson Swanner and Sean Bates Named On Sports Lists



Matt Underwood receive Honorable Mention on the 2008 Class 1A All-Big Country Football Team as First Team Running back, 5-11, 170, senior, 165-1330, 18 TDs and Matt also named Defensive Back - Stats: 67 tackles, 17 solos, 4 INTs. - both unanimous. Matt was also named to the All BigCountry Super Team Honorable Mention - Running Back and Defensive Back. Tyson Swanner was named to Class A All-Big Country Honorable Mention - Quarterback and Sean Bates was named as Linebacker. The TWSA Class A All-State Team, Tyson Swanner was named to Second Team Defensive Back and Sean Bates was named to Third Team Defensive Lineman. Congratulations to these fine young men.

Lady Panther & JV Lady Panthers Basketball News

Gorman JV verses Meridan - The JV Lady Panthers lost their game by the score of 16 to 49. Scoring for Gorman was Abby Pacheco with 6 points, Erica Limon with 4 points, Laura Herrera, Brittany Ramirez, and Jaylon Miley each had 2 points.

Gorman JV vs. Goldthwaite - The JV Lady Panthers lost their game by the score of 13 to 23. Scoring for Gorman was Stephanie Riseno with 4 points, Perla Maldolano with 3 points, Jaylon Miley, Abby Pacheco and Laura Herrera with 2 points each.

Gorman Varsity vs. Meridan - The Gorman Lady Panthers lost their game with Meridan by a score of 32 to 87. Scoring for Gorman was Kim Seaton with 11 points, Audrey Johnston with 9 points, Jamie Johnston with 7 points and Chelsea Griffin with 5 points.

Gorman Varsity vs. Goldthwaite - The Lady Panthers lost their game with Goldthwaite by a score of 26 to 67. Scoring for Gorman was Jamie Johnston 15 points, Audrey Johnston with 6 points, Kimi Seaton with 4 points, and Ally Little with 1 point.

Gorman Junior High A Team vs. De Leon - The JH Lady Cubs lost a close one by the score of 23 to 24. Scoring for Gorman was Amy Hendrix with 5 points, Kinsey Johnston with 4, Angelina Perez with 4, Melissa Ramirez with 3, Hipilito and Jasmeen Ibarra each had 2 points.

Gorman Junior High A Team vs. Meridian - The JH Lady Cubs won their game by a score of 17 to 14. Scoring for Gorman was Amy Hendrix with 8 points, Melissa Ramirez with 7 points and Angelina Perez with 2 points. The A Team record is 3 and 8.

Gorman Junior High B Team vs. De Leon - The JH Lady Cubs lost their game by the score of 8 to 29. Scoring for Gorman was Skye Lewis with 4 points, Yari Montalongo and Ashlea Burt each had 2 points.

Gorman Junior High B Team vs. Meridian - The JF Lady Cubs lost the game with Meridian by a score of 18 to 22. Scoring for Gorman was Courtney Byrd with 5 points, Ashlea Burt with 4 points, Skye Lewis with 3 points, and Yari Montalongo with 2 points.

Life Skills Valentine Sales

Send a thoughtful gift this Valentine's Day! This year's new item is "Fortune Teller Game" we will still have the Heart Tattoos, Silicone Bracelets and UNTIL SUPPLY LAST OF "LOVE GORILLAS" Sales begin January 26; don't delay, place your order today!

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	(1) Sucker	(4) Chocolates
	(3) Chocolates	

Contact Ms. Smith or Mrs. Gonzalez to place and order at 734-2616

Thank You for your support!

Life Skills Fundraiser for there Special Olympic

Erica Lemon place 7th overall in the 165lbs class with a total of 485lbs.

The team will compete again this Saturday in Perrin. The meet should begin around 9:00am

Gorman PEE WEE Basketball Schedule

The Jr. Class will be having a PeeWee Tournament on Feb.16th thru Feb.21st. The Sr. Travel Club will be having a Pee-Wee Basketball Tournament March 10th thru March 13th. This is the league play for PeeWee Basketball:

Jan 31 @ DeLeon	
9:00a- Sizzlers Vs Lady Buffs 3rd Girls	
9:45a- Gorman 4th Vs Panthers 3rd	
10:30a- Gorman3rd&4thGirls Vs Sizzlers	3:00p-Cats Vs Buffs 6th Boys
11:15a-Panthers 3rd Vs Buffs 4th Boys	3:45p-Ranger Vs Lady Panthers 5th Girls
12- Redhots Vs Lady Buffs 4th Girls	4:30p-Raiders Vs Buffs 5th Boys
12:45p-Bearcats Vs Buffs 3rd Boys	5:15p-Lady Lakers Vs Roadrunners
1:30p-LadyPanthers 5th Vs Lady Buffs 6th Girls	6:00p-Lady Buffs 5th Team 2 Vs Bullets
2:15p-Blaze Vs Lady Buff Team 2	6:45p-Lady Buffs 6th Vs Roadrunners
3:00p- Lady Buffs Team 1 Vs Roadrunners	Feb. 14 @ DeLeon
3:45p-Raiders Vs Buffs 5th Boys	9:00a-Bullets Vs Blaze
4:30p- GATA Vs Buffs 6th Boys	9:45a-Raiders Vs RS Boys
5:15p-Bullets Vs Lady Lakers	10:30a-Roadrunners Vs Lady Buffs 6th
6:00p-Cats Vs RS Boys	11:15a-GATA Vs Buffs 5th
Feb. 7th @ Gorman	12-Lady Panthers Vs Lady Buffs Team 2
9:00a-Gorman 4th Boys Vs Bearcats	12:45p-Cats Vs Buffs 6th
9:45a-Redhots Vs Gorman 3rd & 4th Girls	1:30p-Lady Buffs Team 1 Vs Lady Lakers
10:30a-Buffs 3rd Vs Panthers 3rd Boys	2:15p-Sizzlers Vs RedHots
11:15a-Sizzlers Vs Lady Buffs 4th Girls	3:00p-Panthers 3rd Vs Bearcats
12-Buffs 4th Vs Gorman 4th Boys	3:45p-Gorman3rd&4th Girls Vs Lady Buffs 4th
12:45p-Lady Buffs 3rd Vs Gorman 3rd&4th Girls	4:30p-Gorman 4th Vs Buffs 3rd Boys
1:30p-RS Boys Vs GATA	5:15p-Lady Buffs 3rd Vs Sizzlers
2:15p-Blaze Vs Lady Buffs Team 1	6:00p-Bearcats Vs Buffs 4th

Daniel Keeping Starts The New Rodeo Season On Top

The 2009 Rodeo Season has started much the same way the 2008 season ended for Daniel Keeping, age 9. Daniel won the 8 and under Calf Riding Championship with the Pro-Youth Rodeo Association in 2007 and 2008.

In November he attended a bull riding school taught by the 2004 PBR Champion Mike Lee. Since then Dan has made over 80 percent of his rides, making 4 out of 5 rides. He has competed in three Pro-Youth Rodeos and recently joined and competed in to Future-Pro Bull Riders events. Daniel is now competing in the Steer Riding event and has won two rodeos in that event and placed second in two others.

While the season is still very early he is the points leader for his event in both groups. Should Dan be able to finish the season with the Future-Pro Bull Riders as the Champion or Reserve Champion he will qualify for the Youth Bull Riders World Finals held in Fort Worth in August. Youth Bull Riders from across the United States compete over three days to claim the World Championship.

Daniel is working hard to attain this goal and ask for everyone's thoughts and prayers so that he can remain focused and healthy. The hard work he puts in also helps to demonstrate to him that faith, hard work, integrity and honesty in effort can make your dreams a reality.

Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 11 Foreign Countries attend the 2008 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Locations include: Commerce, TX, Phoenix, AZ, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Ithaca, NY, Marietta, OH, Lebanon, TN, and Blacksburg, VA. There is also a Summer Camp available for Boys and Girls ages 9 - 18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME. www.tenstarcamp.com.

COCAINE TRAFFICKER RECEIVES LENGTHY PRISON SENTENCE AND \$10,000 FINE

Lewis Perry, Jr., age 39, was the fifth dealer in a wide-spread criminal organization to be held accountable in the 91st District Courtroom in Eastland County for his participation in the illegal distribution of cocaine in the State of Texas. On January 21, 2009, Perry was found guilty of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity and was sentenced to 20 years in the State penitentiary and assessed a \$10,000 fine.

The investigation into this ring of cocaine traffickers began when an Eastland County State Trooper made a routine traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Louis Collins. The Eastland Trooper found over one pound of cocaine concealed in that vehicle's air filter housing. Through the continued investigation by the Narcotics Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Collins was tied to a ring of cocaine traffickers. Collins was found guilty and sentenced to 25 years in prison on January 15, 2008 in the 91st District Court. Indictments were returned in 2007 against 12 individuals as a result of DPS narcotics tracking the organization's illegal activities through various counties in the state going back to 2003.

Russ Thomason said that that "the state conspiracy law is a way to combat the drug problem that plagues Eastland County and that he will use every available tool against the makers and dealers." Thomason said previously, that he was honored when the DPS Narcotics Division chose the Office of the Criminal District Attorney in Eastland over other counties in which to prosecute these cocaine traffickers.

DRUG DEALER GETS 20 YEAR SENTENCE

On January 9, 2009, twelve citizens of this community were selected as jurors in the 91st District Court but prior to hearing testimony on January 13, the defendant, MARC JONES, formerly of Abilene, entered a plea of guilty to Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams. Additionally Jones waived all appeals.

The Honorable Judge Steven R. Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court, after accepting the guilty plea, sentenced Jones to confinement for twenty years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jones was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped on Interstate 20 by a Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper on March 22, 2007. Jones and the female driver were found in possession of approximately 88 grams of cocaine. Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuted the case with Gary Peak representing Jones.

Lordy!

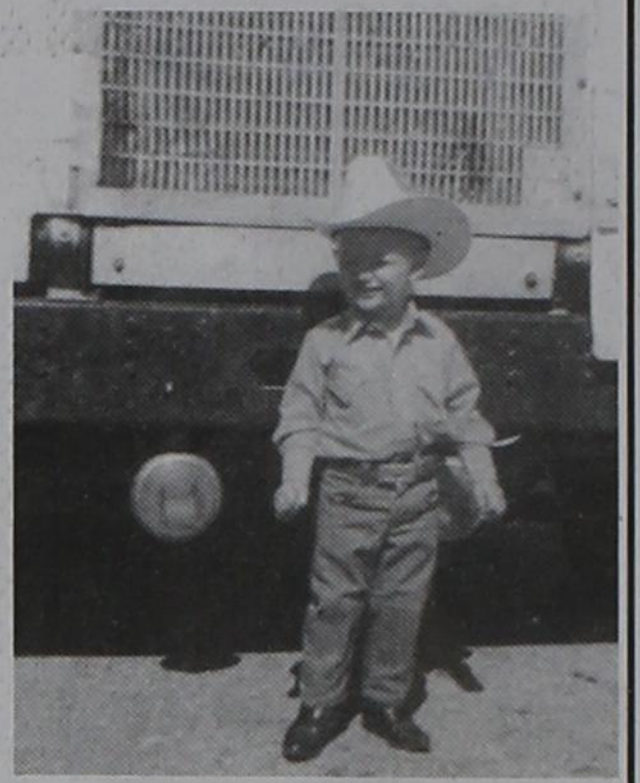
Lordy!

Look Who's!

"40"

Happy Birthday!!!

Guess Who



BENJAMIN (BENNIE) ESCOVEDO NETS TWO 25 YEAR PRISON SENTENCES

Benjamin (Bennie) Escovedo, formerly of Cisco, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (25) twenty-five year sentences for Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams and a (25) twenty-five year sentence for Tampering With Physical Evidence. Escovedo was arrested by a Deputy with the Eastland County Sheriff's Office on March 21, 2008 on Highway 6 North between Cisco and Eastland after a vehicle he was a passenger in was stopped for suspicious activity. The Deputy was also assisted by a Cisco Police Officer. Escovedo had in his possession seventeen plastic bags of methamphetamine that he attempted to conceal when he was arrested. Escovedo had three prior drug related felony convictions out of Parker, Tarrant and Eastland County.

91st District Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Escovedo to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County. Assistant Criminal District Attorney William C. Dowell prosecuted the case with John Saringer representing Escovedo. Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason complemented the Eastland County Sheriff's Deputy and the Cisco Police Officer for shutting down another drug dealer.

WOMAN GETS 15 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF METH WITH INTENT TO DELIVER

SHIRLEY SHERRI SHERRIN, 25, formerly a city of Eastland resident, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a 15-year sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams with the intent to deliver and a 10 year sentence for Tampering with Physical Evidence.

A Ranger Police Officer stopped and detained Sherrin and the driver of a vehicle Jose Angel Ballesteros, in which she was a passenger on March 26, 2008 for failing to dim its headlights. Officers found approximately 15 grams of Methamphetamine in the vehicle and in both occupants' personal belongings.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod sentenced Sherrin after hearing her plea of guilty to both charges in the 91st District Court. Defense Attorney Paul Lewallen represented Sherrin with Assistant Criminal District Attorney William C. Dowell and Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

Man Adjudicated Guilty And Sentenced to 15 years

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod accepted the plea of True to allegations of probation violations by Eduardo Sanchez and sentenced him to 15 years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on Wednesday afternoon, January 21, 2009 in the 91st District Courtroom. Sanchez, a former Memphis, Tennessee resident, had previously been placed on six years deferred probation on December 8, 2003 for Possession of a Controlled Substance: Methamphetamine.

Sanchez received some consideration in his plea from the State for his cooperation as a witness for the Federal Government in a Money Laundering case filed in U.S. District Court.

Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason stated: This sentence should send a strong message to those who are fortunate enough to receive deferred adjudication but don't take their terms and conditions of probation seriously.

DWI DEFENDANT RECEIVES TEN YEAR SENTENCE

Sammy Lee Hendrix, 61, formerly of Ranger, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (10) ten year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated. Hendrix was arrested on November 30, 2008 by a DPS Trooper after rolling his vehicle on County Road 156. Hendrix did not have a drivers license and had two passengers in the vehicle with him.

Hendrix had five prior DWI arrests in various Texas counties. Driving While Intoxicated is a Third Degree Felony and carries a punishment range of not less than 2 years confinement and not more than 10 years confinement with a fine up to \$10,000. Had Hendrix not entered a plea of guilty and chose to go to trial, the Criminal District Attorney's Office could have enhanced the charge to a second degree felony (2 to 20 years) due to Hendrix already having received a prior felony conviction.

Attorney Landon Thompson represented Hendrix at his hearing with Assistant Criminal District Attorney William C. Dowell prosecuting.

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Obituary

Virginia Nell Wright

Virginia Nell Wright, age 82 of Lake Leon, passed away Thursday, January 22, 2009 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

Graveside services was at 3:00 P. M. Sunday at the Gorman Cemetery with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Mrs. Wright was born October 10, 1926 in Houston to Dewitt Houston and Katherine Bell Boine Houston. She graduated from Eastland High School. She married Burl Gene Wright on August 23, 1946 in Eastland. He preceded her in death on November 6, 2007. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

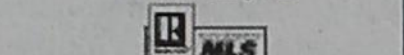
Survivors include: one daughter, Sherry Wright Massey of Watauga; three grandsons, Troy Massey and wife, Stacie of Austin; Brian Massey and wife, Heather of Keller and Trenton Wright of College Station; six great grandchildren, Cody, Emily, Claire, Jeanette, Grace and Leigha Massey. She was preceded in death by a son, Rodney Gene Wright.

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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] \$888,888 \$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 terrain, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre \$1,995/acre
SOLD 231 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, Sprigged with World Feeder Coastal 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+4, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
REDUCED 5A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500
5A, 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] \$29,999 \$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 9029

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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 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. **SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!**
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Gene Foster's Retirement Held At ZJ's



Photo of Area Fire Department Chiefs that attended Gene Foster's Retirement.



Gene Foster shown with the members of Gorman Volunteer Fire Department.



Gorman Area Residents Attend Acoustic Music Festival



Judging the cooking contest of soup specialties at the Harps, Hammers and Friends acoustic music festival are (L-R: Katherine Moore of Fort Worth, festival coordinator, Judges Nell Moore, Helen Depwe and Marie Patty of Desdemona. The festival draws participants from throughout the state to Perrin Texas for a week long music fest for all acoustic instruments while featuring Autoharps and Hammered Dulcimers. This is the fifth year for the annual event, held at Mitchell Park and Resort near Perrin in north central Texas. Also attending were Bill and Monda Oldham and Carolyn Gilbert from Gorman and Ron and Carol Pell from Desdemona.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Got those dancin' shoes polished? Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here Thursday, Jan. 29th for another great night of music and dancing. The band will play from 7:00 P.M. until 9:30. The cost for an evening of fun is \$4.00 per person. We will open the concession stand at 6:00 with chili dogs, chips and candy bars. Y'all come!

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be February 7th. Can you believe we are talking about February already! As usual breakfast will be from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00. We will serve eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy - and it is goooooood!

We would like to invite all friends of the DAC to attend the general meeting of the DAC. It is time to renew memberships. Memberships are \$25.00 per year and allow you to vote, serve on the board and get a discount if you rent the building. We need to elect 2 new board members. Please consider allowing your name to be put in nomination to become a board member. The general meeting will be held on February 12th at 7:30 P.M. at the DAC.

I would like to remind you that our library is open Monday through Thursday from 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 and Tuesday from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00. We have a huge number of books to check out and lots of magazines that you can take. We have some magazines that might interest you men. Come and see us.

The lady who is going to teach our AARP Defensive Driving class has informed me that Texas is one of the few states that is being allowed to teach this course in 4 hours instead of the normal 8 hours. She has to take special training in order to teach this course in 4 hours. That training will not be available to her until sometime in February or March and so our class will be held in late March. Stay tuned for more details.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell



Jamming at Perrin — (L-R:) Bill Oldham of Gorman and Ron Pell of Desdemona are shown in a jam session with Terry Sanders of Wichita Falls at a recent festival in Perrin. The event called Harps, Hammers and Friends draws musicians from all over Texas each year in January.

Eastland County Schools Could Receive \$2,481,600 In Funding

Federal economic stimulus bill estimates show millions flowing to public schools in Texas

Public school districts in Eastland County could have an additional \$2,481,600 over a two-year period to spend, according to Strategic Partnerships, Inc., (SPI) an Austin-based research and procurement consulting firm. The totals quoted are part of the \$825 billion economic stimulus package currently being considered by the U.S. Congress. The House Appropriations Committee Wednesday reported its economic stimulus bill out of committee and the bill will now go to the House floor for debate.

"This is good news for schools, good news for the economy and good news for companies that sell to government," said Mary Scott Nabers, president and CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc. "Not only will the federal economic stimulus funding provide Texas schools with some much-needed additional funding for facilities, programs and technology, but it will also open up additional contracting opportunities for local businesses to sell their goods and services to school districts - providing a much-needed boost to local economies."

The funding is aimed at improving public school classrooms, laboratories and libraries for students across the nation and is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan aimed at providing increased educational opportunities for school students, creating jobs and moving the nation's economy forward. Toward that goal, an estimated \$41 billion in funds could be pushed to local school districts nationwide. That includes \$13 billion each for both Title I and IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) programs, both of which are based on formula funding and address high poverty schools and special needs students respectively.

Another \$14 billion is estimated to be allocated for school modernization and repairs and an estimated \$1 billion could be allocated for education technology.

"Although these figures are not yet firm," said Nabers, "President Obama has said he intends to move swiftly on the economic stimulus package, as every day it is delayed, thousands of Americans lose their jobs. These millions of dollars estimated to be headed to local school districts in Texas will not only supplement school coffers, but also provide contracting opportunities that can put local workers back to work."

A breakdown of how much it is estimated that Eastland County public schools will receive over two years from the House version of the Economic Recovery Package follows:

- Cisco Independent School District - \$815,000
- Eastland Independent School District - \$804,100
- Gorman Independent School District - \$278,400
- Ranger Independent School District - \$363,600
- Rising Star Independent School District - \$220,500

For a statewide look at estimated funding for all school districts in Texas: <http://www.spartnerships.com/budgets/Texas2009Stimulus.xls>

FOOD BANK OF WCT PARTICIPATES IN HUNGER STUDY 2009

Local food bank needs volunteers to conduct study

January 26, 2009[ABILENE, TEXAS] - The Food Bank of West Central Texas will join Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest) and Mathematica Policy Research to conduct a study of hunger throughout the United States. In order to complete this study, Food Bank staff and volunteers will work as a team to conduct nearly 300 client interviews at 30 of our Partner Agencies throughout West Central Texas selected by Mathematica. The results of this national study, Hunger in America 2009, will be released in November/December 2009, and will be used by food banks, hunger advocates, policymakers and legislators across the nation.

Volunteers are required to attend one two-hour training session in early February at FBWCT to prepare for face-to-face interviews with low-income clients at soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries. The client interviews will take place from the first of February through the end of April 2009.

Volunteers will work in three or four person teams with a team leader assigned for each visit. Because this is a scientific survey, the interviewer will read from a written set of questions covering detailed information about the client's lives, needs, and reasons for needing the use of the emergency food assistance as well as their experiences while receiving services. Each interview typically takes 20 minutes to complete.

Time Commitment:

- Each team may expect to be at a site for three to four hours in order to complete the required interviews.
- Volunteers should have some schedule flexibility because Mathematica Policy Research will assign the day and time of visits to the selected agencies.
- FBWCT will match volunteers according to their availability; some may be asked to do more than one visit depending on your willingness and the size of our volunteer pool.

Qualifications:

- Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.
- Volunteers should have a positive attitude and professional manner.
- Volunteers should be non-judgmental and comfortable interacting with very diverse groups of low-income people, those in crisis of some kind who find themselves needing help to feed their families.
- Every interviewee is expected to be treated with dignity and respect at all times.
- All volunteers must attend one training:

Training will take place at the Food Bank of West Central Texas.

The Food Bank is located at 5505 N. 1st. Please contact Joy Fincher or Kristi Johnson @ 325.695.6311 or email Joy Fincher at jfincher@fbwct.org or Kristi Johnson at kjohnson@fbwct.org to get signed-up.

REMINDER

TRASH PICK UP ON TUESDAY BEGINS AT 7:00 a.m. IF YOU DONT WANT YOUR TRASH TO BE MISSED YOU MUST HAVE IT OUT BY THE CURB. THANK YOU.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly luncheon was enjoyed by 28 people on Wednesday. The 21st of January, Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing for us with his great words. We do appreciate, as he is still under par from his illness. Glad he is back with us! Now it would be nice if we could hear our blessing. There seems to be someone talking in the computer room or standing in the front of center by the door. Please people do try to keep quiet when we are in prayer. Remember, when I'm standing in front a blessing will be soon.

We enjoyed a delicious meal of ham, chicken, salmon patties and pork with potatoes and carrots. Also green beans, pinto beans, turnips, mashed potatoes and Cole slaw. Our desserts were low with only 1 cake, 1 pie and Jello. Estelle Lindley made a lemon chess pie that was so good. Wish she had made two.

The news of Martha Rainey sound good. She is walking with her walker again. Looks like this miracle is working for her. It would be nice to have this treatment in the U.S. Our department heads are just too worried about stem cell treatment, so the U.S. stays behind other countries.

We were saddened by Emma Jane Larch's sister Julia Beth Cook passing. She had suffered many years with MS, the same as Martha. If we had this treatment in the U.S., she could have benefited. We all signed a card for Emma Jane in sympathy.

Remember, on the 4th of February we will have the Birthday Dinner for Anne Laminack's man friend. He is coming from Kentucky for a visit. Henry Buchanan is a retired Baptist preacher and an author. They met through his book about her hometown in Georgia. He had been the pastor their when younger.

Sure was good to have Winston Brown and Lendon Shipman back with us. Both had been ill, but feeling better now. The game players were really glad to see them again.

I do want to thank Billie Bennett for taking Annie Fay Foster a plate every Wednesday. Sometimes her daughter, Pam Chiders carries lunche to her. We miss her being with us, and know she would love to be here. We miss her good cakes and company. Love you, Annie Fay.

I've been enjoying the Jr. High Basketball games on Thursday at 5 p.m. The only thing they interfere with game night at the Center. So I usually watch only watch the 7th grade. My granddaughter Alaina Swanner plays a little, must learn to be more aggressive. Sometimes they win and the 8th grade doesn't. What a game.

We did have 9 out for games on the 22nd. Daisy, Lil and I played Skipbo. Well, we tried. Hadn't played in so long, kind of forgot. HA!!! We finally got it together and had a good time.

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

Super Notes

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

I don't know about you, but I am very concerned about the absence of rain. It is so dry and with the wind we've had lately the danger of fire grows greater every day. I especially worry about some of our students that go home to homes where there are no adults with transportation there for a couple of hours. When both parents work, this just can't be helped sometimes. That is why you need to have a plan right now, before there is an emergency so that your child will know who to call in case they need to leave before you get home. They need several people they can count on in your absence. They also need to know what to do in other types of emergencies like storms. Plan ahead so that your child will not only be safe, they will feel safe!

It is tough being the smallest school in District 14-A, especially when you have to play three of the largest class A schools in the state, DeLeon, Meridian, and Goldthwaite. All three school have previously been class 2-A but were short one or two students at the time of realignment so they now have the advantage of having many more student athletes from which to choose their teams which of course gives them a great advantage over those of us that were only seven students away from the minimum number of students. All that said, our kids are working very hard and win or lose they deserve your support. Remember that you have a job to do as a fan and that is to cheer them on when they are winning and to hug and console them when they don't win and encourage them. See you at the games!

The new gym is going to be awesome! There poured the concrete last week for the walkways in the bleachers, the ramps, and steps. I expect our gym will be the best facility in the surrounding area and will attract playoff games as well as being a great place for tournaments. I believe it can be and will be a great help to our community with regard to growth. Everyone would like for their child to go to a new school where everything is new and I believe there will be an influx of people wanting their children to graduate from the new high school. Those of you with houses that could be fixed up to rent should prepare. Those of you with lots that need to be cleared should get busy!

Just in case you missed my article a couple of weeks ago regarding the raising of funds for a four sided center hung scoreboard for the new gym, I am including the information again here. 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 find 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 for the next 15 to 20 years. 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 displayed 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. Please mail your donations to Gorman ISD, P.O. Box 8, Gorman, Texas 76454 and make checks payable to Gorman ISD with a note at the bottom that it is for the scoreboard fund. You may also bring donations by the Administration Office. For large donations, please contact me to work out the advertising details. Thank you!

There is always a lot going on at the Elementary Campus. Last week they participated in "Jump Rope for Heart" and the gym was bussing with the sound of jump ropes and feet going up and down on the floor. I don't know how much money was raised, but we appreciate all of you that sponsored jumper in this worthy cause.

This Thursday our third graders travel to Abilene to visit Safety City. Safety City was built several years ago beside Rose Park in Abilene to education children on bicycle and pedestrian safety. It is sponsored by many Abilene and area businesses and is a great resource for all schools in the Big Country to education their third graders on safety. The kids love going there as well. It is a fun day for them.

The local Masonic Lodge has begun their annual drug awareness program with our fifth graders. We appreciate the Masons and the work they do for us and the community. This program brings in several law enforcement officials to explain the dangers of illegal drugs to the students as well as the consequences.

It is time for three week notices. They were mailed Monday. If you received one, please contact the teacher of the class in which your child is struggling and set up a conference so that you may as a team set up a plan to help your child succeed. That is what we are here for, to help your child succeed!

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!

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. "Thanks" to all the musicians, singers and visitors that attended. Even tho it was a cold night, the music and songs was great. "Thanks" to the ladies that donate food each month and to those that work in the Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. "Thanks" again.

"Congratulations" to Rudolph and Betty Duke on the arrival of their first great grandson, Dylan Lee. Proud parents are Brandon and Daydra Ashley and proud grandparents are Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley all of Midlothian.

Visitors with "Humpty" and Betty Duke during the past weekend were Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Elise and Katie Duke of Stephenville.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Just a not to say "Hello" means so much to a shut-in.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks, have a nice day, Vonnie.

Happenings At FBC!!

Life! Existence is New Life from the moment we ask Jesus to come into our hearts and transform our lives so we may know His joy, purpose, and freedom for each of us.

Mark your calendars:

Feb. 1st - 10:00am - Everyone is invited! Adult Sunday School Classes will meet together in the Sanctuary to watch a tour of the Holy Land. Please come and explore this with us!

Feb. 1st - 11:00am - Don't miss it! Bro. Barry continues a series called: "The Return of Jesus!"

Daily Request - Please pray for Martha Rainey as she is in Costa Rica receiving treatment.

Children's Sermon: Liz asked the children if they have ever played the game called "Follow the Leader", and she got a unanimous response that they had. Everyone knows that all the people follow the first person in line and do what they do - jump up and down, skip, jumping jacks, etc. Liz told them how we even play it as adults, and her leader at work is her boss. God is the leader of our life. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the first leader so pray to God and ask Him to help you to follow the example of Jesus.

FBC Praise Band: We never cease to be amazed how God uses the talents of musicians and music to touch our hearts.

Bro. Barry's message was "The Return of Jesus!" - I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

The Old Testament of the Bible includes the first coming of Jesus - His birth, His life without sin, His crucifixion, and His resurrection. The New Testament of the Bible reveals the second coming of Jesus in multiple scriptures.

Maranatha! Maranatha is an Aramaic phrase occurring once only in the New Testament. The phrase is believed to have been used as a greeting between Early Christians. It is a prayer for the early return of Christ, "O Lord, come!" Maranatha!

Jesus is coming again and Christians must comfort one another with these words. The purpose of the second coming of Jesus is to deliver us from the presence of sin. It is beyond what our minds can comprehend. Jesus came to pay the debt of mankind's sin, and Jesus will come again to deliver us from the presence of mankind's sin. Jesus brings light to darkness, and He is glorified in life through His people. The Bible tells us that heaven will be more wonderful than we can imagine. Be positive about your salvation, and share it with others!

Bro. Barry will begin discussing the "Signs of the Times" on Feb. 1st.

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

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