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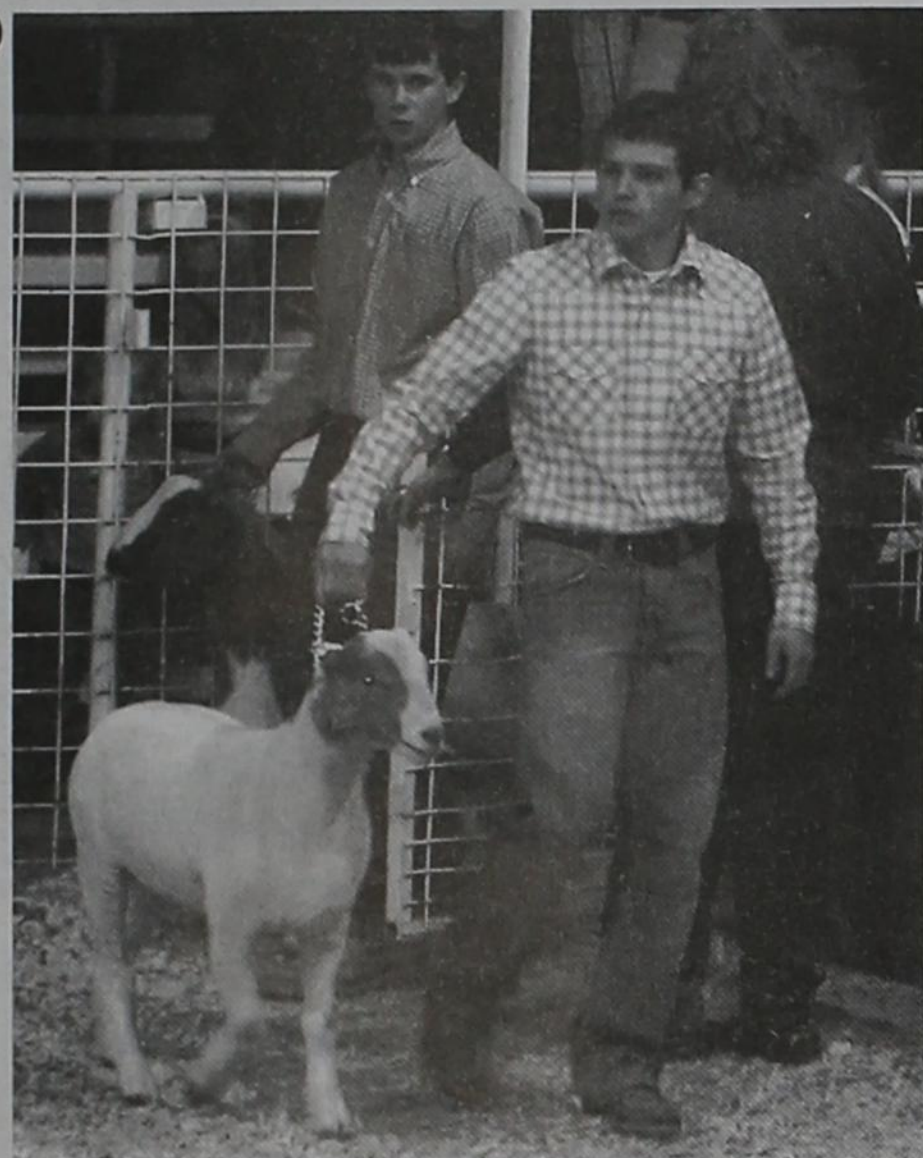
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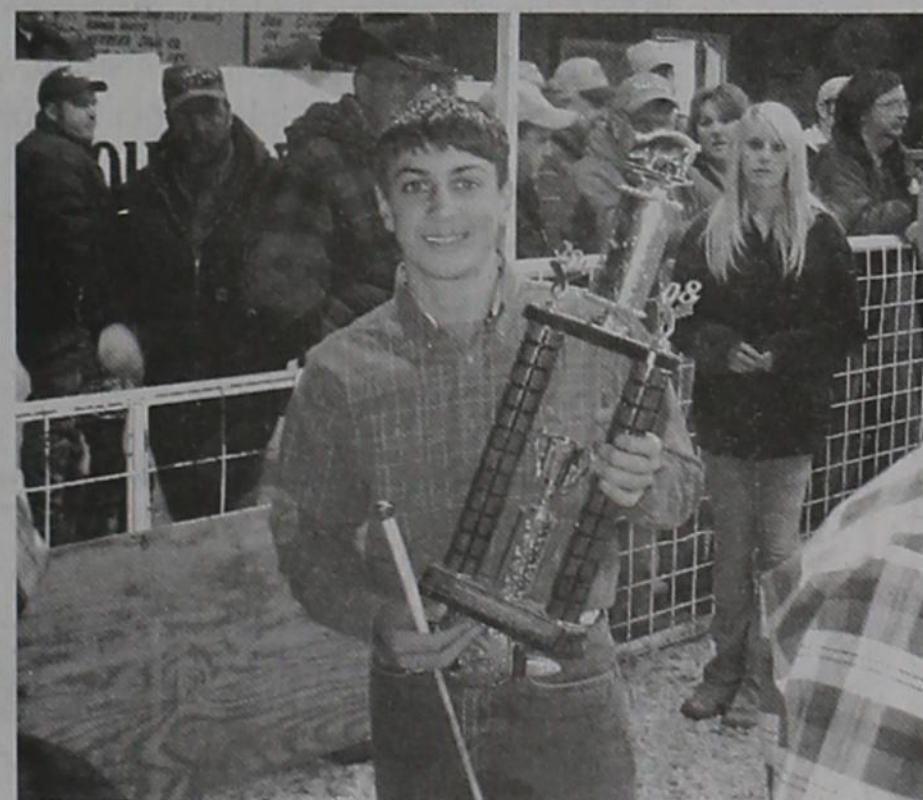
Daniel Shirley - Madison Warren and Nathan Gee Rank High in County Show



Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat
Daniel Shirley - Gorman FFA



Reserve Grand Champion Market Lmab
Madison Warren - Gorman FFA



Grand Champion Market Hog
Nathan Gee - Gorman FFA

GISD School Menu

FOR WEEK OF
JANUARY 28 THRU JANUARY 31

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
- TUESDAY - Pancake on a Stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
- WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
- THURSDAY - Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY - Enchiladas, Taco Salad, chili Beans, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Crackers, Sherbet, and Milk.
- TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken, Steak Fingers, Baked Potato, English Peas, Rolls, Pudding and Milk.
- WEDNESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Ravioli, Seasoned Corn, Green Beans, Garlic Biscuits, Strawberries and Bananas and Milk.
- THURSDAY - Ham and Cheese Stromboli, Turkey Sandwich, Tossed salad, fresh carrots, Orange smiles, Chips and Milk.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB TO MEET

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club will meet Wednesday, January 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library. We will be discussing upcoming events such as the baseball Tournament, and coach's needs for the spring semester. Every person interested in the Gorman Panther and Lady Panther athletic pro-

Gorman Panther Basketball

Gorman vs. De Leon on Friday -

	1	2	3	4	Final Score
Gorman	8	12	16	7	43
De Leon	7	10	6	8	31

Scoring for Gorman were Tyson Swanner with 17 points, 16 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block, and 5 assists. Zack Fox with 8 points, 10 rebounds and 4 steals. Aaron Keith with 7 points, Matt Underwood with 7 points, Corey Clark with 7 rebounds and Orlando Valenzuela with 8 rebounds. Panthers are 13 and 5 overall and 2 and 1 in District.

Gorman will play Tolar Here at 4:00 - Friday; and Ranger at Ranger on the 29th also at 4 p.m.

gram should want to attend, we would appreciate any help that is available to support these kids.

Community Classes in Oil Painting to be Held at Gorman Church of Christ

Monda Oldham will be teaching a class of Oil Painting at the Gorman Church of Christ on Monday evenings, February 4 - March 10 at 6:00PM. The six weeks of classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. With an MSE in Art from Harding University in Arkansas, she has also studied in Europe. Before her retirement Monda served as Instructor and Chairman of the Art Department at Harding Academy in Searcy Arkansas. She served as adjunct Art Instructor throughout her career as well as giving private lessons in painting, glass and sculpture. All ladies of the community and surrounding area are invited to attend the Oil Painting classes. Instruction and most materials such as paints and canvas will be provided by the church at no charge. Students will need to furnish their own brushes and personal items. Please contact Monda at 734-4508 to register.

Card Of Thanks

The Family of Bert Kent would like to thank everyone - friends and family for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and food during our time of sorrow.

Special Thanks to Dr. Matthews, Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Cox, Sally, B&W Clinic and Eastland Memorial Hospital, Texas Oncology of Abilene, United Home Health, Girling Home Health, Hospice, Express Medical, Summers Bakker Funeral Home, Pastor Jim Andrews, Bro. Craig Rhoton and Bethel Baptist Church and anyone else we may have missed.

Doris Kent,
Terry Kent, Dianne Moss
And all of the Bert Kent Family

EASTER

Well, I have had a little time to catch my breath following the holidays and decided to look at my new 2008 calendar...guess what...Easter just happens to be March 23 this year...so time to get started on this year annual Treasure Hunt and the 2nd Annual Youth in the dark...if you would like to help with this years Youth in the Dark, please let me know.

If you would like to make a donation to one or both of these events, cans will be set up around town. Donations needed for the Treasure Hunt; anything from money to treasures...no chocolate please. For the Youth in the Dark: money, candy, little treasures, last year the coupons for the movies, pizza, ice cream, ect. went over really well. If you do choose to donate coupons, please just leave them with the merchant you buy them from and they will give them to me.

The Treasure Hunt will be held on Sat. March 22. I will keep you posted as when we will have the Youth in the Dark..

Thanks, Ina

City Minutes Of Last Meeting Will Be Put In Next Weeks Issue of the Gorman Progress.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 7:00 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.

Happenings At FBC



GROUND BREAKING - The soil was turned and we pray a new building may be erected to His praise, a house of worship, and a place of inspiration as we grow together in Christ. Shown in picture is (l to r) Brent Lasater (Chairman of Deacons), Bro. Barry (Pastor) and Tommy Clark (Contractor).

Answered Prayers! Thanks be to God for blessing us with a growing Church Family! We all are buzzing with excitement over the expansion of the sanctuary.

Feb. 2nd - Youth Valentine Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon told about needing a plan to build - we couldn't add on to our Church with a plan.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Happy Church -- New Territory" Psalm 122:1-5.

- I. Worship gives Structure to Life
 - 1. All Pieces Fit Together
 - 2. God Gathers the Right People.
 - II. Worship Nurtures Our Need to be In Relationship with God
 - 1. Feelings are Great Liars.
 - 2. We Need God Together.
 - III. Worship Centers Our Attention to the Word
 - 1. Worship Doesn't Stop on Sundays.
 - 2. The Joy We have in Christ is REAL!
- Our Worship Service is broadcast on 88.7 FM.
God Bless and Keep You! See you next Sunday!

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watson Marked 67th Anniversary



Longtime Gorman residents Elmer Carlton Watson and Allie Modell Mears Watson celebrated their 67th anniversary in Fort Worth last month.

The two were married in Cisco, Texas, on December 19, 1940, by Johnny Burleson. They drove there from Gorman in a 1931 Model A Ford. Modell had a beautiful new blue crepe dress that she bought in De Leon, and Elmer had a new suit.

After their marriage, they lived and worked on the James and Ora Watson homeplace in rural Comanche County, then purchased a farm near the Watsons and L.F. and Lina Mears. They raised peanuts for a cash crop and raised hogs that were shipped to the Fort Worth stockyards.

In 1949, Elmer began working in the oil fields, moving to Eastland, Snyder, Jacksboro, Sherman, and Midland. They raised four children, and have enjoyed many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After retiring, the couple lived in Granbury, Texas, from 1974 to 2000, when they moved to Fort Worth, where they currently live. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Gorman.

Elmer and Modell Watson are related to the following Gorman area residents: James and Eula Mears, Edna Joyce Brinegar, Georgia Ann Iley, Bill Mears, Kenneth Watson, and Richard Watson.

DAIRY QUEEN JOB FAIR For Ranger and Eastland DQ's. All positions available. Will be held Friday, January 18th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the DQ in Eastland. Ask for Alma Archer. 2-1-24 C.

Robert and Son Tree Trimming & Removal "Cheaper Than The Rest" 254-734-6506 - Mobile 254-734-2891 5-2-7 P.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for the position of Director of Nurses. For information or application contact the facility at 254-734-2202. Salary is negotiable and benefits are available. EEOC. FNC

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS Sewing Machine Operators, Cutters, Inspectors. Will Train. Paid Holidays. 401 K - Overtime Pay Eastlander Designs 202 N. College Street Eastland, Tx 76448 5-1-31 C.

2 or 3 Bedrooms Available with Land Starting at \$550 per Mo. \$0 Down, FHA, 7%, 360 Mos. 817-279-8505 RBI35823 5-2-7 C.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for CNA's for all shifts. Apply in person at 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, Tx EEOC.

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER 906 Fox Hollow - Eastland. 2,900+ 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 car carport and separate 2 car garage. For information call 254-433-0654 or 254-629-3160. Shown by appointment only.

New 3 or 4 Bedrooms D/W with Land As Low As \$695 Per Mo., \$0 Down, FHA 7%, 360 Mos. No Payments Till May, 2008!!! 817-279-8505 RBI-35823 5-2-7 C.

Your Electric Bill Too High? Lowest Rates In Texas! Lock in For Two (2) Years! Eula Miers - 254-734-4371. FNC

BUYING Junk Cars - Pickups Jamie Mason De Leon Auto Supply 254-893-6776 FNC

GOBBLE THIS UP!! 3 BR, 3 bath, 26 year old brick home in quiet neighborhood. Covered patio, fenced backyard. Hurry - this one won't last long! 06 IF YOU'RE LOOK FOR A HOME TO RETORE - YOU'VE MET YOUR MATCH!! 1 3/4 bld home with CNA, screened porch, stg., sheds. BEAT THE CROWD - DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!! 011

CLASSIFIEDS

GENERAL MANAGER RANGER DQ Food Service career with top salary and bonuses for continued growth. Responsible, honest leader with people skills. Background and drug test required; smoke free. Richeson Home Office 940-549-5041, ask for Twyla Price 9-5 M-F. Other times leave message. 2-1-24 C.

DRIVERS: Home Every Other Day! Excellent Benefits - Competitive Pay. Tanker End - 2 years experienced - 23 years of age. Good MVR. Western Dairy Transport - 866-288-7334. 17C

FOR SALE - 2 Lots in Gorman at 120 East Carter. Owner will finance. Call 254-647-1889. 8-3-20 P.

HELP WANTED - Full and Part Time LVN's. Please Apply in person at De Leon Nursing and Rehab, 809 E. Navarro, De Leon, Texas. Also hiring for Housekeeping 2-1-31 C.

IF YOU HAVE OR IF YOU OWN A DOG IT IS REQUIRED BY CITY ORDINANCE THAT THE DOG IS CONFINED TO YOUR RESIDENT EITHER BY AN ADEQUATE PEN OR ON A CHAIN. IF YOU ARE OUT WITH YOUR DOG, THE DOG IS REQUIRED TO BE ON A LEASH. OWNING OR HAVING A PET ANIMAL MAKES THEM YOUR ANIMAL. YOU ARE THE ONE REQUIRED TO BE RESPONSIBLE. IF YOUR ANIMAL, OR DOG IS RUNNING AT LARGE, AND OR NOT CONFINED YOU WILL BE CITED.

DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES: Director of Food Services - New Eastland Assisted Living Community, Oversee Menu, 3 meals a day, Staff, Licensing, etc. Experience and great attitude, A Must. Fax Resume 972-283-0376. 2-1-24 C.

TXOL Dial Up INTERNET See Jake At Progress

Your Electric Bill Too High? Check Out My Website. www.thumperenergy.igniteinc.biz

CLOSEOUTS ON ALL 2007 MODELS D/W's - Some \$5,000 to \$8,000 on these ready to go Homes. 3 & 4 Bedrooms Available. 817-279-8505 RBI-35823 5-2-7 C.

16 X 60 2 + 2 2 Master Bedrooms, MUST SEE! Vinyl Siding, Shingle Roof \$36,900.00 817-279-8505 RBI35823 5-2-7 C.

BUYING - Junk Batteries - \$6.00 Each De Leon Auto Supply 254-893-6776 FNC

X-Large 3 + 2 With Big Game Room!! Available With Land. \$0 Down, 7%, 360 Mos. \$795 Per Mo. 817-279-8505 RBI-35823 4-1-10 C.

HELP WANTED -- Paid Staff Nursery Worker needed for Wednesdays, Sundays and special occasions. Please apply at: First Baptist Church - 218 W. Ross - Gorman, TX 76454 -- 254-734-2420 - Ask for Karen. FNC

COGBURN REALTY 254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX Fractional (28%) ownership in subdivision. REDUCED \$119,900. 2 - 1 1/2 frame, 1179 sq. ft., central A/C, gas fireplace, storm windows, home in great condition. See listing #1199. \$23,500 Gorman IA, 1232' (CAD) manufactured home, CH/A, lots of trees, outbuildings, water well, septic, chain link. \$42,500. NEW - 15 A. Near Gorman: Nice sandy soil, great for pond. Good location for a pond. \$2,500 acre. NEW - 15A north of Gorman: Sandy land, 2 water wells, county road on 2 sides, nice location for pond. \$3,000A. 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre. NEW - 24.156 A near Gorman: 50 - 60 Pecan trees, excellent fences (some new), 100 A crop land, etc., sprigged coastal 3-07 \$3,000 per acre. Will Divide. NEAR Duster: 30 A. Horse property, 1999 built 5 - 3 1/2 brick, 3342 sq. ft., 2 central a/h, carpet/tile, huge island kitchen, natural stone fireplace, game room, metal shop, horse barn w/4 stalls, pond, coastal, paved road, very nice! \$379,500 49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, 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. 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$2,350.00 acre. SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!! We NEED Your Listings. The Market Is Good. Call Us. www.cogburnrealestate.com SELLING GORMAN - DELEON AREAS OVER 50 YEARS

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #299, ARTICLE II, C. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: OMISSION OR DELETION OF STATEMENT TO EXCLUDE OVERNIGHT PARKING AT DRIVER'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE. SUCH VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED EXTENDED OR OVERNIGHT STAYS IN OR AT RESIDENTIAL AREA(S).

THE TERM VEHICLE RELATES TO EIGHTEEN (18) WHEELER. NO EIGHTEEN (18) WHEELERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN OR AT RESIDENTIAL AREAS. DRIVERS MAY INQUIRE ABOUT PERMISSIBLE PARKING FOR EIGHTEEN (18) WHEELERS.

TRUCK PARKING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE PARKING LOT @ THE GREEN SCALES OWNED BY BIRDSONG PEANUTS, JUST EAST OF SWPGA. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

POLITICAL CALENDAR PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNUANCEMENT FEES: U. S. Offices - \$75.00 District Offices - \$75.00 Eastland County Offices - \$50.00 Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - \$50.00 Eastland County Constable - \$50.00

All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must bear at least one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$4.00 per column inch.)

Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.

The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the Primary Election, March 4, 2008.

Eastland Co. Sheriff: Wayne Bradford (R) Incumbent Elton McCoy (R)

Gilder REALTY 254-893-3404 Comanche Office: 325-356-3739 Broker: Robert Gilder Agents: Ronnie Golden, David Gilder, Wayne Parsons, Bobby Newman, Debbie Gilder, Neal Butler

- 613 A, 3-2, 2,144sf(CAD) Brick Home, carport, 4,620sf barn, waterwells, & stock tanks, seasonal creek & hunting, costal, crop land & native pasture, partial minerals & royalties (w/w2) \$2,025,000
455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy.6 frontage (RSO1) \$1,912,000
328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife (RRO1) \$1,526,000
231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover, MINERALS AVAILABLE. (PK01) \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280
90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50 carport/RV shed, 20x20 shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable, (RBO1) \$397,500
30 A, 2-story 3-2, 2,633sf(CAD) custom built home, garage, wrap around porch, RV shed & shop, hay barn, waterwells, stock tanks & spring creek, Hwy.16 frontage (RBO1) \$450,000
25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees (RBO3) \$250,000 REDUCED \$210,000
7A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well (RWO2) \$65,000
5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank (WKO1) \$120,000
24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway (MPO1) \$98,000
52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams (LP01) \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
14+A, w/1840sf(CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage (FW01) \$180,000
8.6 A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, waterwell, above ground pool with deck, horse barn, (R01) \$129,900
20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting (WMO1) \$75,000
51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting (RP01) \$193,000 REDUCED \$180,250
11 A, w/16x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees (RC01) \$70,000
236 ± A, 2wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting (PSO2) \$2,195 Per Acre
380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences / crossfences, producing gas well (CWO1) \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water (LB01) \$850,000
243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture (ABO1) \$2,500 per acre
150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals, (LO01) \$442,500
81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells (REMO1) \$405,000
8 1/2 A, 3-2 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system (RTO21) \$265,000
3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, C/H/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area (RBO1) \$130,000
3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building (DVO1) \$297,500
3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop (CC03) \$137,500
3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building (WCO1) \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000
3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home (JAO2) \$135,000
2-1 1/2, 1,313sf(CAD) remodeled frame home with attached garage, new roof, storage building (STO1) \$75,000
2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well (GB02) \$55,000
Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps (WPH01) \$60,000

See Pictures at: www.GilderRealty.com

Riley Gardner Memorial Represented By: JONELL TORREZ - 254-734-2535

Our Memorial Display Is Now Located Behind Higginbotham's Funeral Home. We Guarantee You Can Buy THE FINEST QUALITY Memorial At The LOWEST PRICE. All Work Guaranteed.



OBITUARIES

Maxine Jone Bowling Maxine Jone Bowling, age 81 of De Leon, passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Friday, January 18th at 10 a.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jeff Bowling officiating, music by Vicki Robinett and Larressie Wilkerson. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born July 19, 1926 in Hawthorn, LA. To the late Will White and Martha Franklin White. She married Jeff Bowling on December 15, 1945 in Monahans, Tx.

She was a homemaker; had lived in De Leon since 1978, having previously lived in Gorman. She was a dispatched for De Leon Police Department and also worked at Safeway Food for several years. She was a member of First Christian Church.

She is survived by one son, Jeff Bowling and his wife Kristi of Midland; 7 grandchildren, Maxine McLearn, Brian Harris and wife LeAnn, John (Pete) Harris and wife Karla, J. C. Bowling and wife Cynthia, Katie Bowling, Hunter McClain and Madison McClain; 10 grandchildren, Jonie Burkeen and Husband Brandon, Karomie Witalic and husband Joe, R-Leigh McLearn, Shaelyn, Landon and Ashlyn Harris, Bailey Kay Ann Harris, Logan Salyer, Rumor Foster and Jayden Bowling, and 1 great-great grandchild Brayden Burkeen; niece, Millie Meyer, great-niece Kelli Ortiz and great nephew Jay Ortiz and great-niece Tenee Ortiz.

She was preceded by her husband Jeff Bowling; one daughter, Jone Harris; son-in-law, John Harris; two brothers and two sisters.

Pallbearers were Jack Casey, Bodie Weaver, Joe Locke, Chuck Abby, Tim Swanner, Charles White, Roy Kubiak and Jim Willey.

Oran Alvie Dillard

Oran Alvie Dillard, age 77 of De Leon passed away on Monday, January 21, 2008 at the residence. Graveside Services was at De Leon Cemetery on Thursday, January 24th with Minister Geoff Litke officiating under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Oran was born on April 8, 1930 in Cimarron, Kansas to the late John Edward Dillard and Edna Rice Dillard.

Oran was a retired letter carrier for Grand Prairie and Arlington, was a Mason in Midland and a member of the Church of Christ; was a Navy Veteran, Korean War.

He is survived by a sister, Virginia Dekle of Waco and a brother, Harold Dillard of Grand Prairie; several nieces and nephews.

Immediate Opening - Full Time Office Assistant Feed Order Department

- Requirements - Attention To Detail - Good Phone Etiquette - Good Communication Skills - Computer Skills

- Benefits: - Health Insurance - 401 K - Paid Vacations and Holidays

Contact: Gorman Milling Company, Inc. Gorman, Texas 254-734-2252

HELP WANTED:

EBAA Iron Inc. is now accepting applications for full-time robotic grinding machine operators. Some manual grinding may be required. Benefits include base pay with incentive, 401K, credit union, medical, dental, vision and life insurance. Apply in person between 9am and 5pm, Monday through Friday at the Eastland plant located on CR442. E.O.E

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Business Directory

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2008 Eastland Co. Show Results

Breeding Meat Goats

Class	Tag	Place	Exhibitor	Club
Class 1 - Kid Does (no permanent teeth)				
CL1	12		Fenley, Trinity	Gorman FFA
CL1	7		Hull, Taylor	Gorman FFA
CL1	9		Lawrence, Caryn	Rising Star 4H
CL1	1		Lawrence, Matthew	Rising Star 4H
CL1	135	5	McGaha, Macy	Carbon 4H
CL1	134	3	McGaha, Macy	Carbon 4H
CL1	156	11	Moore, Meghan	Carbon 4H
CL1	10		Moore, Meghan	Carbon 4H
CL1	8		Rabb, Ariel	Cisco FFA
CL1	220	6	Scitern, Karson	Gorman FFA
CL1	222	2	Warren, Madison	Gorman FFA
CL1	221	4	Warren, Madison	Gorman FFA

Class 2 - Aged-and-Over Does

CL2	5		Brewer, Clay	Carbon 4H
CL2	2		Rabb, Ariel	Cisco FFA
CL2	4		Spruill, Blatney	Eastland FFA
CL2	3		Spruill, Sierra	Eastland FFA
CL2	6		Stewart, Tori	Cisco FFA
CL2	1		Thompson-Spruill, Grandle	Eastland FFA

Class 3 - Grand Champion Doe

CL1	GCH Doe		Lawrence, Matthew	Rising Star 4H
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Reserve Grand Champion Doe

CL2	RGCH Doe		Thompson-Spruill, Grandle	Eastland FFA
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Junior Showmanship - Lawrence, Matthew

			Rising Star 4H	
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Senior Showmanship - Shirley, Daniel

			Gorman FFA	
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Breeding Sheep

Class	Tag #	Place	Exhibitor	Club
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Medium Wool Breeds

Class 1 Ewe Lambs (no permanent teeth)				
CL1	1		Walker, Erica	Eastland FFA
CL1	162	7	Vaughn, Pecos	Cisco FFA
CL1	163	4	Vaughn, Dalas	Cisco FFA
CL1	229	5	Warren, Madison	Gorman FFA
CL1		2	Mitchell, Ashley	Eastland FFA
CL1		3	Mitchell, Ashley	Eastland FFA
CL1		6	Pulis, Gavin	Eastland FFA

Class 2 Two-Tooth Ewes

CL3	161	1	Vaughn, Dalas	Cisco FFA
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Class 3 Four-Tooth and Over Ewes

CL1			Walker, Erica	Eastland FFA
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Class 4 Reserve Champion Ewe

CL1			Mitchell, Ashley	Eastland FFA
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Class 5 Ram Lambs (no permanent teeth)

CL6	1		Vaughn, Dalas	Cisco FFA
CL6	2		Vaughn, Pecos	Cisco FFA

Class 9 Champion Ram

CL6			Vaughn, Dalas	Cisco FFA
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Class 10 Reserve Champion Ram

CL6			Vaughn, Pecos	Cisco FFA
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Junior Showmanship - Vaughn, Dalas

			Cisco FFA	
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Senior Showmanship - Mitchell, Ashley

			Eastland FFA	
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Market Rabbits

Weight	Place	Exhibitor	Club
Class 1			
9		Mayes, Erin	Ranger FFA
9		Mayes, Reagan	Ranger FFA
11.2	3	Cooper, Michelle	Cisco FFA
11.5	4	Gillen, Marc	Gorman FFA
11.5	1	Nall, Kailee	Rising Star 4H
11.75	2	Dover, Bryce	Rising Star 4H

Class 2

12.5		Nall, Kinsey	Rising Star 4H
12.25		Gillen, Maressa	Gorman FFA
13	4	Nall, Bailie	Rising Star FFA
13.5	3	Underwood, Bailey	Gorman FFA
14	1	Seaton, Kimi	Gorman FFA
14	2	Seaton, Kourtney	Gorman FFA

Class 3

15	3	Jenth, Hope	Carbon 4H
15		Cogburn, Nicole	Gorman FFA
15.5	5	Coan, Kendle	Gorman FFA
15.5		Hedden, Brett	Ranger FFA
15.5	4	Seaton, Kourtney	Gorman FFA
16.5		Warren, Madison	Gorman FFA
17	1	Thompson-Spruill, Lea	Eastland FFA
17	2	Spruill, Sierra	Eastland FFA

Champion Market Rabbit

17	1	Thompson-Spruill, Lea	Eastland FFA
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Reserve Champion Market Rabbit

17	2	Spruill, Sierra	Eastland FFA
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Junior Showmanship - Seaton, Kourtney

			Gorman FFA	
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Senior Showmanship - Nall, Bailie

			Rising Star FFA	
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Breeding Swine

Class	Weight	Breed	Place	Exhibitor	Club
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Class 1 Light Weight Berk Gilts 150 - 200 lbs.					
	132		1	Gillen, Marc	Gorman FFA

Class 2 Medium Weight Berk Gilts 201 - 260 lbs					
	272				

Class 3 Heavy Weight Berk Gilts 261 + lbs					
	272	132		CH Berk	Gillen, Marc

Class 8 Light Weight Duroc Gilts 150 - 200 lbs					
	209		1	Crowder, Gage	Eastland FFA

Class 9 Middle Weight Duroc Gilts 201 - 260 lbs					
	328	226	2	Broyles, Dillon	Carbon 4H

Class 10 Heavy Weight Duroc Gilts 261 + lbs					
	272				

Class 11 Duroc Sows of Any Age					
	272	209		CH Duroc	Crowder, Gage

Reserve Champion					
	328	226		RCHDuroc	Broyles, Dillon

Class 13 Light Weight Hamp Gilts 150 - 200 lbs					
	156			Gosnell, Josh	Eastland FFA

	324	184	3	Self, Dalton	Rising Star 4H
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	320	200	1	Geye, Abby Ann	Rising Star 4H
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	353	167	2	Pulis, Gavin	Eastland FFA
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Class 14 Middle Weight Hamp Gilts 201 - 260 lbs					
	302		1	Fullen, Gage	Eastland Jr FFA

	362	218	3	Rice, Brett	Carbon 4H
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	281	228	2	Stacy, Hailee	Carbon 4H
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Class 15 Heavy Weight Hamp Gilts 261 + lbs					
	302	216		CH Hamp	Fullen, Gage

Class 16 Champion Hamp Gilt					
	200			RCH Hamp	Geye, Abby Ann

Reserve Champion Hamp Gilt					
	239	387		Scitern, Reece	Gorman FFA

Class 17 Poland Gilts					
	239	387		CH Poland	Scitern, Reece

Class 18 Champion Poland Gilt					
	239	387		CH Poland	Scitern, Reece

Class 21 Light Weight Spot Gilts 150 - 200 lbs					
	237				

Class 22 Middle Weight Spot Gilts 201 - 260 lbs					
	294				

Class 23 Heavy Weight Spot Gilts 261 + lbs					
	238	316		Scitern, Reese	Gorman FFA

Class 24 Spot Sows

Class 25 Champion Spot Gilt					
	238	316		CH Spot	Scitern, Reese

Reserve Champion Spot Gilt					
	294			RCH Spot	Scitern, Reese

Class 26 White OPB Gilts 150 - 200 lbs					
	168		1	Fenley, Trinity	Gorman FFA

	321	197	2	Crowder, Gage	Eastland FFA
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Class 27 Middle Weight White OPB Gilts 201 - 260 lbs					
	214		1	Pence, Kayton	Cisco FFA

Class 28 Heavy Weight White OPB Gilts 261 + lbs					
	168			CH OPB	Fenley, Trinity

Class 29 Champion White OPB Gilt					
	321	197		RCH OPB	Crowder, Gage

Class 30 Light Weight York Gilts 150 - 200 lbs					
	205		2	Tucker, Zoey	Carbon 4H

	251	232	1	Pence, Kayton	Cisco FFA
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	356	227	3	Moore, Keaton	Gorman FFA
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Class 32 Heavy Weight York Gilts 261 + lbs					
	285		1	Geye, Abby Ann	Rising Star 4H

Class 33 Champion York Gilt					
	251	232		CH York	Pence, Kayton

Reserve Champion York Gilt					
	205			RCH York	Tucker, Zoey

Class 34 Light Weight Cross Gilts 150 - 200 lbs					
	169		1	Pulis, Gavin	Eastland FFA

	355	181		Gee, Nathan	Gorman FFA
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Class 35 Medium Weight Cross Gilts 201 - 260 lbs					
	216		1	Tucker, Zoey	Carbon 4H

Class 36 Heavy Weight Cross Gilts 261 + lbs					
	255	216		CH Cross	Tucker, Zoey

Class 37 Cross Sow of Any Age					
	169			RCH Cross	Pulis, Gavin

Class 38 Champion Cross Gilt					
	251	232		CH York	Pence, Kayton

Reserve Grand Champion Gilt					
	168			CH OPB	Fenley, Trinity

Junior Showmanship - Warren, Madison					
				Gorman FFA	Gorman FFA

Senior Showmanship - Gillen, Marc					
				Gorman FFA	Gorman FFA

Breeding Rabbits

Class	Place	Exhibitor	Club
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Class 1 - Junior White Does			
	2	Coan, Kendle	Gorman FFA

		Dodd, Kayce	Gorman FFA
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		Gillen, Marc	Gorman FFA
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		Gillen, Maressa	Gorman FFA
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		Jenth, Hope	Carbon 4H
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		Seaton, Kimi	Gorman FFA
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		Seaton, Kourtney	Gorman FFA
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		Thompson, Scott	Ranger FFA
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		Underwood, Bailey	Gorman FFA
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		Warren, Madison	Gorman FFA
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Class 2 - Senior White Does

		Harding, Cheyenne	Rising Star 4H
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, January 26th at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. Serving good food, homemade pies and drinks. An invitation to all of the area musicians, singers and visitors to attend. Come early to enjoy supper and visitors to attend. Come early to enjoy supper before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. Mark your Calendar for this event - to enjoy Country and Western Music with some Bluegrass and Gospel. Admission is FREE.

Ryan White recently moved to Dallas to attend Baptist College. His parents are Bro. Tim and Laura White. Bro. Tim serves as pastor of the Desdemona First Baptist Church.

This reporter received a phone call last Wednesday from a former classmate, June Frank Eldridge of Lubbock. His parents are the late Claborn and Mae (Beaty) Eldridge. Claborn was the Supt and teacher - also his wife, Mae taught 5th and 6th grades in the Desdemona School during the 40's. June Frank attended school in Desdemona but late transferred to Gorman where he graduated with the Class of 1951. It is always good to keep "in touch" with our Classmates and friends. June Frank would like to say "Hello" to all of his classmates and friends in this area.

Friends in Desdemona send their sincere sympathy to the family of Aaron Henslee, 97, of Stephenville. Burial was on Thursday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Henslee of Stephenville; daughter, Sandra (Henslee) Loving and husband, Carson of Lingleville; other relatives and friends.

The Henslee Family are former residents of Desdemona where Aaron attended school and graduated with the Class of 1929. Aaron attended the Annual Homecoming each year as long as his health would permit.

"Congratulations" to Harold and Betty Lewis in Desdemona. They would like to announce the arrival of a grandson, Gage Lewis Mahan. Proud parents are Josh and Carol Mahan of De Leon. Other grandparents are Toby and Becky Mahan of De Leon. Gage Lewis is welcome at home by his big sister, Avery Bre'Ann.

Events in 1908 - In November, William Howard Taft was elected as the 27th President of the United States. James Sherman was his Vice President. Henry Ford developed the first Model T automobile which sold for \$850.00. In England, Lord Robert Baden Powell began the Boy Scout movement. It spread to America in 1910.

Surprise Birthday Party

Tim Martin hosted a surprise 80th Birthday Bask for his mom Doris Martin of De Leon.

Those present to help in the celebration, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews were: H. L. and Billie Martin of Comanche, Donald and Wilma Holder of Desdemona, Melvin Lewis of Desdemona, Connie Martin of Gorman, Kevin, James and Isiah of Fort Worth, Patsy Walker (who celebrated her 50th birthday the day before) of Olden, Chad Walker of Stephenville, Shirley Lewis and Emily of Gorman, Scotty Marth of Eastland, Terry and Suzie Martin and Tacy of Mineral Wells, Darcy Martin of Millsap, Daniel and Carrie Martin, Nickie, Calvin and Ashlyn of De Leon, Jessica Martin of Stephenville, Dakota Howell of Stephenville, Harold Cottle, Sr. of Lake Leon, Dale and Joyce Box of Mineral Wells, Benny and Linda Box of Mineral Wells, Ronny and Debbie Carl and Jacob, Justin and Kimberly of Mountain Pine, Arkansas.

A surprise Birthday Wish came in the form of Ruby Cottle on DVD:

*Mom, keep doing what you do,
You do it so well.*

*You are the inspiration to us all.
We look forward to doing this again
Even bigger and better next year.
We love you with all our hearts*

H. L., Mary Jane, Wilma, Danny, Connie, Neil, Eddie, Ruby, Patsy, Tim, Sissie, Terry Daniel.

Super Notes

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

Where is spring? I am ready for this cold weather to go north and stay there, how about you? What a cold blast that was last week and this week hasn't been any better. At least it gives everyone a chance to utilize clothes they rarely get to wear. Hopefully, it won't last too long.

I hope everyone had a good time at the stock show in Eastland over the weekend. I personally was unable to attend because of a breathing problem. However, I have been told we did exceptionally well this year. There should be a complete article in the paper giving all of our results from Mr. Boles, but I would like to congratulate all of the participants for their hard work and for representing Gorman ISD so well. I especially want to recognize Nathan Gee who won the award for Grand Champion Pig and Daniel Shirley who won Reserve Grand Champion Goat. We also had several showmanship winners and individual class winners.

Our basketball teams are struggling. Unfortunately, after dropping four games to Santo, only the varsity boys beat DeLeon. I think we do better in warmer weather. I can't emphasize how important it is for our teams success for you to be there and support them with your cheers. Last Friday, I think due to the stock show, DeLeon had us out number here at home. That is the first time I've seen that happen since I've been here. This Friday we will face Tolar here at home. I hope to see the stands filled with Gorman fans. See you there!

We continue to move forward with our building project. Our architect is Richard Rogers at Cadco Architects in Abilene. He is working on the detailed plans this week and I hope we will be ready to let bids soon. I will put it in the newspaper as soon as possible.

There are so many positive things going on in Gorman right now. Our school is growing; First Baptist Church has broken ground and is going to add over a hundred additional seats to their sanctuary; the city has a full police force once again; the Peanut Hut is again open, and our student are experiencing success academically, athletically, and at the stock shows. I have not met our new officers at the police department, but I plan on going by and introducing myself to them. I hope they feel welcome here and plan of staying for a while. This is a great place to live!

I would like to thank all of the people in our community, and that reaches far beyond our school district boundaries, that support our school. By support, I am including everything: your financial support, your volunteered time at school, your volunteered time away from school doing things for us, your attendance at our athletic events (win or lose), everything. It takes all of your help, helping us, to give these children the best educational experience we can. Thanks!

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!

CJC Softball Tryouts Scheduled

CISCO, Texas - Ladies, if you think you can catch it, hurl it or hit it, join Coach Susan Moore and the Lady Wranglers for softball tryouts. The Lady Wranglers softball team will be holding tryouts on Saturday, Jan. 19 and Sunday Jan. 20 at the Cisco Campus beginning at noon.

The Lady Wranglers are part of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I, Region 5 and finished fifth in the conference in 2007. The CJC softball program offers an excellent opportunity for student athletes, including indoor practice facilities, recently remodeled women's dorms and a top-notch field.

Tryouts are only open to high school seniors. If you plan to attend tryouts or would like more information, contact softball coach Susan Moore at smoores@cjc.edu or (254) 442-5004. All interested students must complete the tryout form available at www.cjc.edu. Cisco Junior College is an affordable two-year institution with locations in Cisco and Abilene. The college offers a variety of academic transfer as well as technical education programs.

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

It's Easy Being Green—If You're Considering Flooring

(NAPSA)—Don't let anyone tell you it's not easy being green. When it comes to floor covering, making a "green" choice is easier than ever.

Green refers to a substance or manufacturing method that uses renewable or sometimes raw and/or recycled material or energy sources. Nonrenewable materials are those that come from sources that once depleted are gone forever.

In addition to green flooring products, there is another category called "sustainable." Sustainable flooring products are those that minimize impact on the environment at each phase of their life cycle.

"Some of the most popular green products include cork, bamboo and linoleum," said Christopher Davis, president of the World Floor Covering Association. "Many new and existing flooring products qualify as sustainable, including recycled/reclaimed wood and carpet, natural carpets made from cotton, wool and grass, ceramic tile, stone, chlorine-free, resilient, recycled rubber and VCT (Vinyl Composition Tiles) vinyl."

Here's some information on some of the sustainable floor surfaces available today:

Cork: To create cork floors, only the bark is extracted from the tree, meaning that the tree is left completely intact. In time, the tree will grow a new layer of bark that can be harvested again. Cork floors absorb sound, unlike harder surfaces, and come in a wide variety of colors and styles.

Bamboo: Unlike hardwood, bamboo does not come from trees. It's a fast-growing grass. It can



Photo courtesy of Forbo

How green is your flooring choice? Options such as linoleum (shown above), bamboo and ceramic floors are better for the planet than you might imagine.

grow from sprouts to harvesting in three to five years, so an acre of bamboo can provide more flooring than an acre of trees. When bamboo shoots are cut, the roots remain intact, and fresh, new sprouts grow in their place. The dense root mass of bamboo helps prevent soil erosion and provides a viable crop opportunity in hilly areas where other crops cannot grow.

Linoleum: Linoleum flooring is manufactured from renewable resources, such as linseed oil, resin, wood flour, flax, cork powder and pigments. Its durability makes it very suitable for high-traffic areas. Linoleum is also naturally biodegradable, and because it is naturally anti-bacterial, there are no chemical agents needed in its manufacture or maintenance. It's available in rug form, too.

The following products are examples of sustainable flooring:

Carpet: Sustainable carpets must use post-consumer and industrial materials, biodegradable dyes and solutions and recycled wastewater.

Hardwood: Sustainable hardwood floors are made from recycled wood and/or antique woods that offer a timeless weathered look.

Ceramic: Sustainable ceramic floors are primarily made from natural and renewable resources and are exceptionally durable.

Stone: Sustainable stone floors offer low-extraction impact on the planet and are exceptionally long lasting.

Resilient: Durable, long-lasting, sustainable resilient floors are available chlorine-free and are typically made from recycled vinyls and plastics.

Rubber: Sustainable rubber floors, a popular trend lately, can be made from recycled tires and other materials.

Vinyl: Sustainable VCT vinyl tile, made primarily of limestone, is long lasting and offers a high performance rating.

Green and sustainable products are produced around the world, including a number of developing nations. Purchasing these products is not just good for the planet but can help support the people in these countries.

"The flooring-covering market caught on to the green movement earlier than most," said Davis. "Manufacturers have spent huge portions of their budgets to bring more products to market that are easier on the environment."

For more information, visit www.wfca.org

Due to the rising cost of printing the paper and mailing, we are having to raise the cost of the paper subscriptions starting January 2008. The incounty price of the paper will go up to \$15.00 per year; In Texas price will be \$20.00 per year and Out of State will be \$22.00 per year. We are also raising the cost of the our advertising rate. The local rate will go to \$4.00 per column inch and the national rate will go to \$6.00 per column inch. Classified Rate will be twenty words minimum - \$4.00, Each additional word will be 25 cents. Borders will be additional 50 Cents. Card of Thanks will cost \$5.00 and Wedding and Anniversary Announcements \$5.00 and with picture \$10.00. Inserts in the paper will stay the same at \$72.00 per 1,000 pieces. NEWSTAND Price Will rise to 40 Cents Per IS-SUE.

The FACTS About STAPH/MRSA INFECTION

Recently, doctors in Texas have been seeing an increasing number of patients with skin infections caused by Staphylococcus aureus ("Staph") bacteria that are resistant to many antibiotics (drugs that kill bacterial), also called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus—"MRSA". What is Staph/MRSA skin infection? It can be a simple, rash, boil, or an open wound. Staph/MRSA is often misdiagnosed as spider bites. Staph bacteria are commonly found on the skin of healthy persons. The cleanest person can get a Staph/MRSA infection. Antibiotic-resistant Staph/MRSA skin infections are found in places where there are crowds of people (schools, jails, gyms). Staph/MRSA can rub off the skin of an infected person onto the skin of another person during skin to skin contact, or, the Staph can come off of the infected skin of a person onto a shared object or surface, and get onto the skin of the next person who uses it. Examples of commonly shared objects include towels, soap, benches in hot tubs, and athletic equipment -- in other words, anything that could have touched the skin of a Staph infected person can carry the bacteria to the skin of another person. Staph/MRSA infections often begin with an injury to the skin. Symptoms of a Staph infection include redness, warmth, swelling, tenderness of the skin and boils or blisters. Sometimes it does not cause any problems; sometimes it causes minor infections, such as pimples or boils. If left untreated, it can cause serious skin infections or worse. If you think you have a skin infection, consult your doctor or healthcare provider as soon as possible. Early treatment can help prevent the infection from getting worse. Be sure to follow directions from your doctor or healthcare provider closely, even when you start to feel better. To prevent yourself or your family members from getting infected, wash your hands with soap and warm water. Keep cuts and scrapes clean with soap and water. Avoid skin contact and sharing personal items with anyone you suspect could have a Staph skin infection. Regularly clean your bathroom, kitchen and all other rooms, as well as your personal items. Wash clothes and other items that become soiled with hot water or bleach, when possible. Drying clothes in a hot dryer, rather than air-drying, also helps kill bacteria in clothes.

For more information concerning Staph/MRSA contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office at 254/629-2222 and speak with Halee Mitchell, County Extension Agent-Family Consumer Sciences.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Heath Begeman
FORAGE SEMINAR

A special 5-Hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 5th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on existing bermuda grass pastures as well as native pasture management.

Speakers for the seminar will include: Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist-San Angelo, Dr. Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, Dr. Gerald Evers, Regents Fellow and Professor, Forage Management - Texas AgriLife Research - Overton and John Tate, NRCS Natural Resource Manager - Albany. Dr. Warrick will discuss the basics of forage and soil sample management. Dr. Thompson will discuss the economics of forage production and Dr. Evers will be discussing bermuda grass management. Mr. John Tate will discuss native and improved grass selection. Jan Hatler with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for Pesticide applicators.

The cost of the seminar and accompanying meal is \$5.00 to those that pre-register by February 1st. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For more information please call the Extension Office at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222.

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