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Annual Easter Treasure Hunt Set

The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt will take place on Sat. April 11 at the City Park.

The Annual Youth in The Dark in the Park will be held on Wed. night April 8 at the City Park.

If you would like to help with one or both of these please let me know by calling 734-2720 and leave a message, e-mail me at jandismith@yahoo.com. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH EVENTS.

Donation cans are located at Bob's Gro. and City Gro. or you may leave your donation at Smith's Service Station. More information coming soon.

Thanks - Ina

Gorman Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

You're invited to share in our Gospel Meeting - Sunday thru Wednesday, April 5 thru 8th at Gorman Church of Christ. Services are Sunday at 10:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. And 6:00 p.m.; Weekdays - 7:00 p.m.

Speakers will be **Bob Pipes** from Cross Plains - Sunday Bible Study - Renewing Our Mind (Rom 12:1-2); Worship Service - Are You Washed In the Blood or the Water?; Evening Worship - On the Mountain of the Lord It Will Be Provided (Gen 2:14); **David Harris** from Hillcrest, Stephenville - Monday - The Robe; **Terry Johnson** from Rising Star - Tuesday - Ichabod ... The Glory of God Departed; **Larry Roberts** from Eastland - Wednesday - What Does Your God Look Like? (Isaiah 49: 13-18)

Annie Fay Foster Honored On 90th



Annie Fay Foster was honored on her 90th Birthday, March 21, by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and special guest, her sister Jewel Morris, and Jana Morris.

Everyone enjoyed a Brisket lunch with all the trimmings, Birthday cake, and ice cream.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

Food Bank

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

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

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

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

Boy Scouts

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

Junior High Boys Track Meet Results From Meridian

The boys took 6th place overall with 55 points. Here are the results from the meet.

Triple Jump - Drew Flanary 3rd place.

High Jump - Sergio Garcia 6th place.

Discus - Zach Carlton 2nd place.

Shot Put - Zach Carlton.

800 Meter Run - Sergio Garcia 1st place, Kevin Massingill 5th place.

100 Meter Hurdles - Drew Flanary.

800 Meter Relay - Kevin Massingill, Fabian Garcia, Zach Carlton, Trey Howard 6th place.

400 Meter Run - Sergio Garcia 1st place.

2400 Meter Run - Dakota Pacheco 5th place.

330 Meter Hurdles - Drew Flanary 5th place.

1600 Meter Run Kevin Massingill 5th place.

1600 Meter Relay - Trey Howard, Zach Carlton, Drew Flanary, Sergio Garcia 5th place.

Other members of the team are Luis Limon, Robert Shawver, Skylar Henderson, Austin Marlow, Seth Gibson, Juan Olivares, Sheldon Fenley, Tony Ramirez, Tyler Patel, and Andy Madera

TSCRA and Fort Dodge Animal Health Team Up for Statewide Trichomoniasis Programs

Fort Worth, Texas -Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association announces a series of educational programs across the state to help provide cattle producers with information on the management of trichomoniasis. The educational programs are being co-sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health.

The educational programs will provide cattlemen with an overview of trichomoniasis from Fort Dodge Animal Health technical veterinarians focusing on the detection and management of trichomoniasis in cattle herds. The educational program is free to the public and dinner will be served at each meeting.

The dates and locations of the Fort Dodge/TSCRA Trichomoniasis Meetings are as follows. All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. local time, unless noted below:

April 6: Pearsall Livestock Auction, Pearsall

April 7: American Legion, Gonzales

April 8: Victoria Community Center, Victoria

April 14: Hopkins County Civic Center, Sulphur Springs (starts at 7:00 p.m.)

April 16: Pitchford Genetics, Athens (starts at 7:00 p.m.)

April 22: Mid-Tex Livestock Auction, Navasota

April 27: Jordan Cattle Auction, San Saba

April 28: County Livestock Facility, Graham

April 30: Texas Cattle Exchange, Eastland

May 1: Bonds Ranch, Marlin

May 4: Bowie Livestock Auction, Bowie

May 7: Cagle's Steak House, Lubbock

On February 27, 2009, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) announced the adoption of the Texas Cattle Trichomoniasis Program. Rules affecting interstate movement of cattle become effective April 1, 2009, and in-state rules become effective January 1, 2010. Trichomoniasis is now a reportable disease in Texas, and is a significant animal health problem with a major economic impact on breeding cattle herds.

To RSVP for the meeting, please contact TSCRA at rsvp@texascattleraisers.org or call 800-242-7820, ext. 192. On-site meeting registration will begin one hour prior to the meeting.

For more information about the Texas Animal Health Commission's trichomoniasis program, please visit: http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/news/Chapter38_Trichomoniasis.pdf.

AARP Driver Safety Course
New 4-hr course - Thurs. Apr. 2 12-4 pm
Desdemona Activity Center
To register, call 254 965 2145

Penny Auction - Apr. 3

The Women's Division of the De Leon Chamber of Commerce will be holding a PENNY AUCTION on Friday, April 3rd at 6 p.m. in the De Leon City Hall at 125 S. Texas Street in De Leon. For more information please contact - Carla Landreth.

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Veterans Benefits Outreach Set April 4

Attention all Veterans and family members!! Here's your opportunity to learn more about eligibility for Veteran's benefits and medical services!

Veterans Benefits Outreach is set for Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. At Eastland VFW, 918 Hwy. 570, 2 miles east of Eastland - 254-631-9226. Bring your Discharge Papers (DD214).

Valuable personal assistance with your questions and claims will be given by experts from: *County Veterans Service Officers(and Texas Veterans Commission) - VA Benefit Counselors (bring your VA correspondence)- Dallas VA Veterans Health Care System - Other organizations that serve veterans - Texas Veterans Land Board and Small Business Administration.*

Straight-A Relays from Meridian High School

The Gorman boys track team travel to Meridian last Saturday to compete in the 11th annual Straight-A Relays. The team took 11th place overall with 30 points. The following are the results from the track meet.

100 Meter Dash - Matt Underwood 3rd place with a time of 11.33.

200 Meter Dash - Matt Underwood 2nd place with a time of 23.27.

800 Meter Run - JC Whitten 5th place with a time of 2:21.35.

Shot Put - James Brown 2nd place with a throw of 38' 9".

Discus - Kiefer Wilson 3rd place with a throw of 105' 1".

Other members of the team that competed in the track meet are Matthew Cogburn, Ben Burgess, Alex Giles, Jon Flores, Matt Keith, Jacob Fritts, Justin Magourik, James Thomas, Nathan Gee, Matt Fox, Dainel Rivas, Sergio Hipolito, and Trevor Williams.

The Panthers will participate in Goldthwaite's track meet on Thursday.

CCMC - Hospital Charity Golf Tournament Set April 18

The Eleventh Annual Hospital Charity Golf Tournament will be held on April 18th at Par Country Club. The tournament is sponsored by the Healthcare Volunteers of Comanche County Medical Center. The proceeds are used to purchase equipment for the hospital system. Last year tournament proceeds were used to purchase such items as a non-magnetic wheelchairs, IV pole, and stretcher for the new state-of-the art MRI addition to the hospital. Other purchases were a new treadmill for Cardia patient rehab, dietary service trays, bariatric chairs for the clinic, a blood pressure monitor for Comanche Wellness Center, and a new stretcher for ER. Without your support we could not obtain these and other items for the hospital. Support is accomplished through donations by area businesses or individuals.

The tournament will be a three person scramble, \$75.00 per person. This includes green fees, cart, and lunch. Mulligans will be available for \$5.00 each. Cash prizes will be awarded for each flight. Hole-in-One Prize is a New Car offered by Bayer Motor Company, and Closet-to-the-Pin for men and women. Your entry supports the hospital.

Direct questions and entries to Nancy Swan, 325-885-2099, reswan@cctc.net, 3151 Hwy. 590, Comanche, Tx 76442 or Pat Brownlee, 254-893-3649, dyrlpat@cctc.net. Thank you so much from all the volunteers and the hospital.

SCHOOL MENU Week of Apr. 6 thru Apr. 10

LUNCH

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

TUESDAY - Chicken Fried Steak or Pork Chop, cheese potatoes, broccoli, roll, crisp and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Baked Ham or Corn Dog, Black-eyed peas, mac/cheese, Bread Slice, Oranges and Milk.

THURSDAY - Chili Dogs, Tuna Sandwich, Pork-n-Beans, French Fries, Ice Cream and Milk.

FRIDAY - BAD WEATHER DAY - NO SCHOOL.



Last Saturday, March 21st Miss Gorman Kimi Seaton and Little Miss Gorman Brylee Johnson placed 2nd in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Texas. This year's parade was unusually large due to the beautiful weather. Great Job Girls!

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season.

You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR.

You may pick up an application at the Gorman City office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

Large Item Pick Up

will be Thursday, April 9. They will only pick up one large item per residence. Curb side clean up will be the week of May 4th through 8th. This is when they will pick up everything you put out for them on the curb. Please remember they will not pick up batteries, tires, or paint buckets with paint in them and a refrigerator has to be red tagged (certified person must remove freon). If you have any questions contact the City office Monday thru Friday 8-5 at (254)734-2317.

This is going to be a very busy week at the Desdemona Activity Center. On Thursday, April 2nd, we will be hosting an AARP Defensive Driving Class for folks 50 years of age and above. The class will begin promptly at noon and end at 4:00 P.M. This is normally an 8-hour class but our instructor has taken special training in order to teach it in 4 hours. The cost for the class is \$12.00 if you are a member of AARP and \$14.00 if you are not. Taking the class will earn you a reduction on your auto insurance. For more information call 254-965-2145 or come to the DAC on Thursday.

Our usual first Saturday 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held this Saturday, April 4th from 7:00 to 10:00 A.M. Everyone is invited - cost is by donation.

Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be back for a night of music and dancing on Friday, April 10th. Music begins at 7:00 and the concession stand opens at 6:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars for April 17th, 18th and 19th. Our big craft show will be on those dates. If you have not rented a booth and would like to do so, please call me at 254-758-2420 for more information. We have a large, air-conditioned building and a large shaded porch. We have had lots of fun the last 2 years and expect the same or more this year! Y'all come!

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Central Texas Assn. of SWCDS to Meet

The Central Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (CTASWCDS) will meet April 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center located at Stephenville. The Center is located at the intersection of Hwy 281 and Lingleville Road.

Featured program speakers include Dr. Charles R. Hart, Associate Department Head and Extension Range Specialist at the research center. Dr Hart will speak on rangeland related issues applicable to the Cross Timbers area.

Dr. Jim Muir, Associate Professor of Forages at the center will talk on research programs at the center related to summer and winter legumes.

Jim Farley, owner and manager of Farley's Farm Store in DeLeon will address the SWCD directors on the long term outlook on both supply and cost of fertilizer as well as the availability of both liquid and solid fertilizer for 2009.

Speakers during the business session who will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues include Barry Mahler, member of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Area V; Jule Richmond, director of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Area V; Rex Isom, Executive Director, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board; and State Conservationist Don Gohmert, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Fifteen soil and water conservation districts in the central blackland/oaks and prairie region of the state are members of the CTASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Williamson, Milam, Bell, Lampasas, Burnet, Falls, Limestone, McLennan, Hamilton, Coryell, Mills, Brown, Coleman, Callahan, Eastland, Comanche, Erath, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Travis and the southern portion of Johnson County.

MTC Community Center Taking Resumes

The new MTC Community Center in Cisco has began taking resumes' for "Daycare Operator/Owner." The qualified applicant will be licensed in the state of Texas and demonstrate the ability to manage a daycare center. The facilities at the new MTC Community center are state-of-the-art play areas, dining, and room for group play, a nursery area is provided for babies. Audio/Visual capabilities will allow the operator to use learning materials and interactive dvds as part of the day's activities.

The proposed hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 7am - 6 pm. The qualified applicant will operate the daycare in a manner which allows for her/his salary and the salary of additional workers to be maintained. Resumes' will include a list of references and a one page essay on why you should be considered for this unique position. This is an opportunity for an individual or individuals to walk into a ready made facility and begin their business by building clientele. The new facilities are slated to be completed by end of June. For more information please call 254-442-4479. Resumes' can be mailed in to POB 269 Cisco, Texas 76437.

TEXAS HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION SPONSORS ALCOHOL AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST Texas High School Seniors, University Students Over 21 Vie for Two \$5,000 Scholarships

On the heels of its successful 2008 "Don't Serve Alcohol To Teens" campaign, the Texas Hospitality Association (THA) is sponsoring two statewide poster design and slogan contests to fight underage drinking and to promote alcohol responsibility.

The first contest is for Texas high school seniors and the second is for college and university students 21 years and older.

THA will award two \$5,000 scholarships to the two students who design the best poster and slogan.

The theme for the high school students is "Underage drinking (under 21) in Texas is against the law." For the college, university and technical students the theme will be: "A beer (12 oz), mixed drink (1.5 oz liquor) and glass of wine (5 oz) each contain the same amount of alcohol."

"THA is pleased to sponsor this poster contest and scholarships, because only through elevating the facts about alcohol can we educate the public, and especially teenagers, about alcohol awareness," said Ricky Knox, president of THA.

The two winning posters will be distributed statewide to establishments selling or serving alcohol.

The contest is open to Texas high school seniors and registered college and university students over 21 years of age. Artwork must be an original design and may be computer or electronically generated, hand-drawn or photographed.

Participating students will have until May 8 to design and submit their poster and slogan to THA. Ten finalists will be selected in each category.

The two winners will be determined by a vote of each Texas Legislative office and a presentation ceremony is planned during the closing days of this legislative session.

Complete details on the THA poster contest are available on the THA web site: www.TexasHospitalityAssociation.com.

Secretary Andrade encourages Texans To Register To Vote "Voter Registration Deadline"

AUSTIN - Secretary of State Hope Andrade is reminding Texans that the deadline to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 9. While there are no statewide propositions on the ballot this May, many cities, school districts and local entities will be holding elections. Individuals who have yet to register may obtain an application from several county offices, many post offices, libraries, or from the VOTEXAS Web site: www.VOTEXAS.org.

"This May, voters will head to the polls to elect local leaders and decide local issues all across our state," Andrade said. "These are important decisions and I hope Texans will take the necessary steps to register to vote or update their registration if their address has changed so they can participate in the May 9 election."

Texas residents are eligible to vote if they are a United States citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, not a convicted felon (unless sentence, probation, and/or parole have been completed), and not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

Voters may check their registration status at www.VO-TEXAS.org or by calling 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

Happenings At FBC!!

Distraction! A distraction is something that keeps you from the Kingdom of God and doing His work; and the distraction can be anything from rumor mills, naysayers, and discouragers to gloomy weather and emotional distress. Whatever you do, don't let ANYTHING distract you from doing God's work, because when it is God's work it will get DONE.

Mark your calendars:

April 5th - 10:00am - Everyone is invited! Adult Sunday School Classes will meet together in the Sanctuary for our third tour stop of the Holy Land. Come early for Fellowship.

April 23rd - 7:00pm - "Town Hall for Hope" - Please join us in the Auditorium for a live telecast as Dave Ramsey, Christian and Professional Money Expert, addresses the nation on what is really going on with the world's economy.

Children's Sermon: Liz Caraway told the children about a gorgeous animal that she saw while she was driving. She really wanted to pet this animal, and, as only Liz can do, she described the animal in vivid detail. When Liz said the animal had a white stripe down its back and the children said, "Ewww" and guessed it was a skunk. Liz asked the children what would happen if she chased it to pet it. Of course, she would have gotten sprayed with a horrible smell. Skunks are very deceiving just as many things in our lives. Candy tastes so good, but if we too much then our tummy will hurt. The Bible says that your love may about in knowledge. God will help each one of us to make good decisions. Reading the Bible teaches us. God is our lifesaver!

Bro. Barry's message was "The Lord's Supper" - John 13:34-35

Imagine that it is the week before Jesus sat down at the table with the Disciples. This significant week is called Holy Week, and it was during this week that Jesus gave us a new command.

In John 13:34-35 Jesus said, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples - when they see the love you have for each other." (The Message) The final moments of a person's life are extremely precious. Jesus commanded us to love each other so we may be known as a child of God and recognized as a one of His disciples. We can love people into the Kingdom of God, and lead people to the Salvation of Jesus!

A precious young boy accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, and we look forward to watching him follow Christ in baptism.

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

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly dinner on the 25 of March at 11:30. There were 32 present to visit and enjoy our good meal. We celebrated Birthdays for the month of March with a delicious red velvet cake and ice cream. Those honored were Frank Shirley, Ruthie Porter, Ora Lee Lawrence, Ellen Parker and Goldie Warren. Naturally had to sing the Happy Birthday song, we are never too old to hear that one. Bro. Frank Shirley gave the blessing and other good words for us all.

We had quite a smorgasbord of eats with many cabbage dishes. Our meats were quite diversified with chicken, ham, sausage - lots of different sausages, also a sauced casserole by Beth Shirley, very good. The veggies were green, corn, peas, stuffed celery with cream cheese, red potatoes, and deviled eggs by Icy Munn, always delicious. Harold Zink brought us some good green onions, fresh from his garden. Thanks Harold, we all enjoyed. I wish you and Toady would come and dine with us, also game night.

We discussed going out to eat at various places. We will talk some more this next meeting and make a decision. I'd like to go closer and not drive so far. We could use our own restaurant on a Thursday, when they are not so busy. I also like Hwy. 6 on the same night, they have stuffed peppers. Good!

Daisy Slaton and I enjoyed the 5th Sunday singing at Kokomo Baptist Church. Glenda White and Daryl Hirst were superb. The three girls he coaches were also very good, with their more modern approach to singing gospel. Glenda is the lovely daughter of Zelda Jordan. The singing was most heavenly with all the different songs by all.

We all signed Birthday card for Wynogene Smith and Annie Fay Foster. They were our regulars for so many years. We miss seeing and visiting with the ladies, also the good food they always brought. Take care dear ones.

Our boys are doing quite well in Baseball, much better than basketball. I've managed a couple games, they won! Its either too hot or windy, so I sit in my car, more comfortable. This is Tyson Swanner's senior year, it's almost all over. Hard to believe, where all the years have gone? I cared for him since he was six weeks old. My husband and I both enjoyed until he turned 10 to 12, then they become brattish. HA!! Still love that grandson, he my helper now that I've become old. I can't do some chores I used to.

We had 12 people out for games on the 26th. More than usual and we all enjoyed Skipbo & 88's. Maybe now the weather is warmer, more will come out. Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

Super Notes

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

Thanks to the folks at Snider Nursery, Vicki and I now have a wisteria. I appreciate all of you that responded to me about the wisteria. I hope ours will develop into as beautiful a plant as the others around town.

Last week was extremely busy. I ended up with 77 applicants for Athletic Director and I'm still receiving some even today. Regardless of that, I narrowed the field to twenty names by Thursday last week. Our new principal, Mr. Byrd, was supposed to come in and we were to sort through the twenty and narrow the field to 10, but he got snowed in at his home in Amarillo. So we took advantage of our technology and I e-mailed him the twenty resumes and we discussed them by phone and developed our first wave of interviews for this Thursday and Friday. I think we will have a tough time choosing which three to take to the board, but we will choose three and take them to the board on Tuesday, April 7th.

If you were not at the Mason's fund raiser Saturday night at the high school auditorium to see Elvis perform, you missed a great show. We had a really good time and he sang and entertained for about two hours. I was really impressed with the quality of his singing. He really had a strong voice and sounded like Elvis and was able to hit all of the difficult part of Elvis's songs, especially the finish on some of the songs which take a very good singer to perform. Hopefully, we will have him back again next year and you will have another opportunity.

They are going to install the winch this week in the gym that will be used for raising and lowering the four-sided scoreboard for service. We hope to receive prices on sound systems as well. The painters will begin taping and bedding this week and I believe they may finish up the finish concrete work and site preparation. We are staying on schedule and everything is looking good. We had a West Texas school visit last week to look at our new school to use a model for their new K-12 school that they plan to build and use the same architect and construction management firm that we are presently using, Cadco in Abilene and DSA in Cleburne.

The Elementary Campus is still collecting pennies as a fund raiser for Safety City in Abilene to help with their expansion project. Our students have been enjoying the benefits of Safety City for years. It is a great facility at which to teach safety to our kids. Please send your pennies!

Our District Track Meet is Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Tolar. Running events will begin at 10:30am and finals will begin at 5:pm. Hope to see you there.

I don't know of a legislator, including the Governor and Lt. Governor, that wouldn't tell you that their priority and most important responsibility is a quality education system. If this is true, then why is Texas near the bottom of the list of all the states in financial support of public education and teacher salaries? Leaders from the education organizations that know and understand the most about our school finance system have worked long and hard with legislators to develop two companion (identical) bills, one for the Senate and one for the House, that would put our school finance system, that is presently failing the children of Texas, back on track. Senate Bill 982 by Senators Van de Putte, Eltif, and West and House Bill 1555 by Representatives Patrick, McReynolds, Swinford, Bonnen, Farabee, Hopson, Pierson and Sheffield are vital for the future of Texas public schools! Please write, call, e-mail or fax your legislator today and plead with them to sign on in support of these bills. Unfortunately, Senator Shapiro who is chairman of the Senate Education Committee and Representative Hochberg who is Vice-Chair of the House Education Committee have written their own bills that do not do what is needed to move our public education system forward in an equitable manner that benefits all Texas children. We will take another giant step backwards if you do not act now and get involved. Legislators do listen to their people. If you know other people that are willing to get involved that live in the districts of other legislators, please ask them to do the same as you are going to do and get involved by contacting their legislators asap. WE NEED YOU! THE CHILDREN OF TEXAS NEED YOU! Here are names and addresses of our legislators:

Senator Troy Fraser

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist24/dist24.htm>

The Honorable Troy Fraser

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If anyone reading this article lives in another area and need to know who their legislators are and how to contact them, please email me or call me at the number provided at the top of this article and I will help you. 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!

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musicial" was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. Several musical groups attended for the first time. Thanks to all of the musicians, singers and visitors that attend each month. Thanks to the ladies that donate food each month to the Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. This musical is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of C. L. Mohon, formerly of De Leon. C. L. did referee many basketball games thru the years in Desdemona and other area towns. His son, C. L. III married Anita Key of Desdemona.

Visitors during the past weekend with "Humpy" and Betty Duke were Russell Duke of Houston, Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney and Katie Duke of Ely.

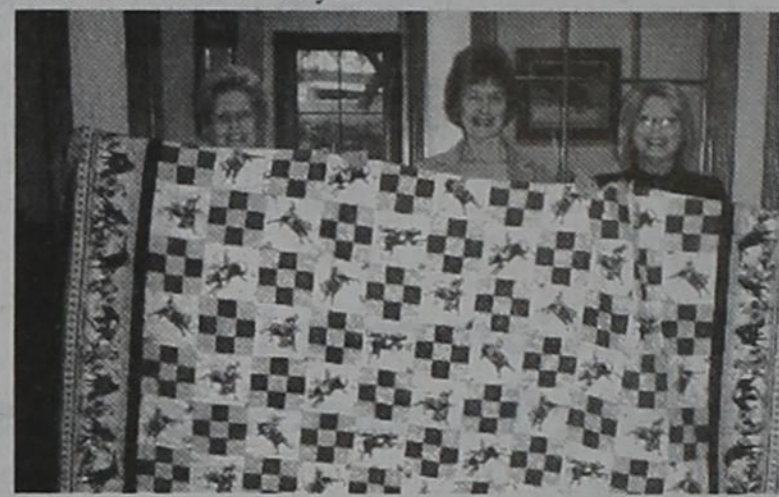
Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie.

WTRC KICKS OFF 50TH YEAR OF ROUND-UP FOR REHAB EVENT

On Friday, April 10th, the Dublin Livestock auction barn will be hosting the first of the 2009 Round-Up for Rehab special auctions and events benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the remarkable bond between REHAB and the agricultural community.

Heading up the 2009 Dublin area Round-Up special sale are Dale and Marla McKinney with the help of Anthony Brinson. Others with key roles in this year's program are general chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene, Jody Frey of San Angelo and Bob Helmers of Christoval. World-renowned, cowboy musician and poet, Red Steagall continues to support the Rehab Center as Honorary Chairman. They all join with other volunteers to ask the folks of West Texas to help the Rehab meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of all who turn to the Center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of an illness or injury. Ways ranchers and supporters can help include:

- Donating livestock to the auction sale
- Donating merchandise or other auction items
- Attend the sales and join in the bidding
- Make a cash gift to Rehab
- Notify Rehab or a local chairman now of an intent to have the auction house cut a check to Rehab for animals sold later in the year



Mary Harris, Laura Belcher and Marla McKinney with "8 Seconds" a bull riding theme quilt on display at the Town & Country Bank (Lingleville Hwy- Branch) which will be one of many items up for auction at the Round-Up for Rehab special sale in Dublin.

The Dublin sale is one of nine special Round-Up for Rehab and promises to provide a unique, fun experience. If you have never been to the barn, the event is a good reason to get out and see what it's all about. The auction will kick-off at 1:00 p.m., with items of interest for all. Livestock, ag-related and general merchandise, crafts and baked goods will be offered with a round of lively, friendly bidding. Special items this year include an "8 Seconds" bull riding theme quilt donated by Mary's Quilting and Originals. Everyone is invited to come out early on Friday, April 10th, at Noon as a guest of the Rehab to enjoy a meal of beans, cornbread and cobbler prepared by their own Chuckwagon. So mark your calendars and plan to attend for a great time and join in the Rehab's philosophy of "Neighbor helping Neighbor."

For more information about the Rehab Center or Round-Up sale dates call WTRC-Abilene at 325-793-3507. For Dublin area residents wishing to donate animals, merchandise, baked goods or needing information on the local sale, contact Marla McKinney at 254-445-1734.

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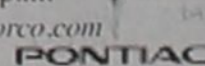


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