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Boil Water

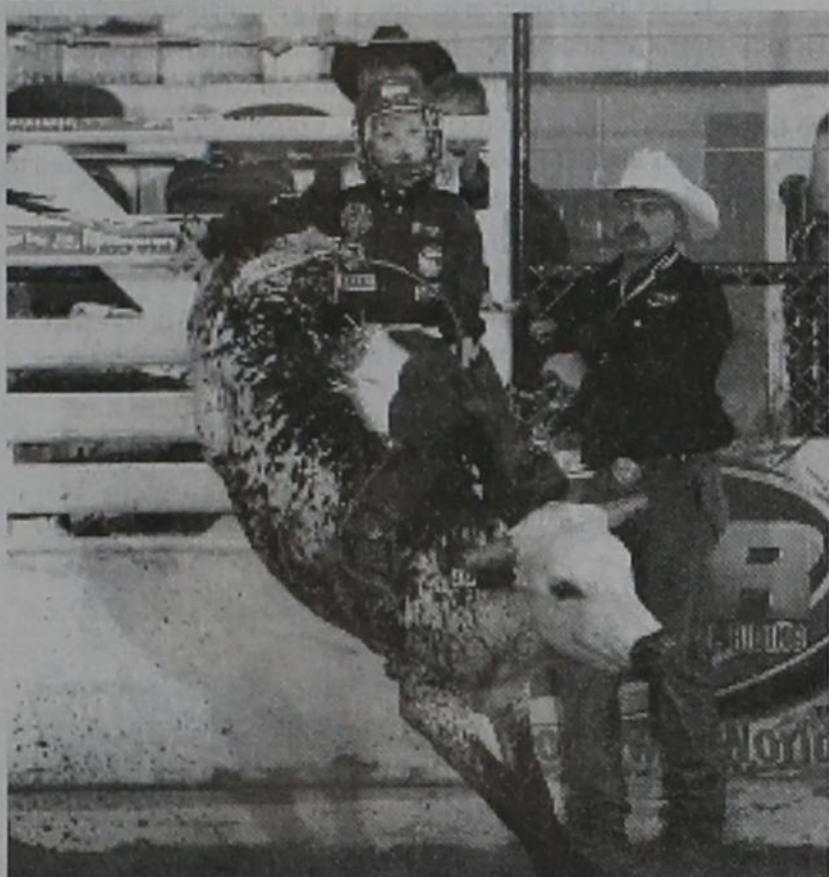
Notification Rescinded

On Tuesday January 26 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) required 0670003, City of Gorman to issue a Boil Water Notice (BWN) to inform our customers that due to the presence of contaminants or an interruption in service, water from our system must be boiled prior to consumption.

Our system has taken the necessary corrective actions to restore adequate pressure, disinfectant levels, and or bacteriological quality and has provided TCEQ with testing results that indicate that the water no longer requires boiling.

If you have questions, contact City of Gorman @ (254) 734-2317.

Another Rodeo Season For Dan



Daniel Keeping, age 10 has started another rodeo season with the Pro-Youth Rodeo Association. The season actually began last October in Cleburne, Daniel rode a slow bucking steer for second place. They then went to Reunion Arena in Granbury where Daniel tied for first. On December fifth he competed at the Lonestar Arena in Stephenville where he won the event.

This last weekend he again competed at the Lonestar and earned his highest score this season riding a wild bucking steer for 71 points. The black steer came out of the chute hard and was leaping with all four feet in the air, throwing some belly rolls and head fakes. Dan was able to match him jump for jump, winning the event and allowing him to remain in first place overall for the second season in a row.

Dan has several very capable riders he is competing against this year which will make a repeat championship more challenging. Daniel has been training at the Mike Young arena in Stephenville, riding Junior Bulls and some of Mike's Futurity prospects. He was also able to attend 2004 PBR Champion Mike Lee's Bull Riding School in December. Dan also went to Mike's house where he rode some of Mike's prospect bulls.

On January 23rd and 24th Daniel attended the PRCA Rodeo Camp at the Fort Worth Stock Show and received training in Bull Riding from two time PRCA/NFR Bull Riding Champion J.W. Harris. The training and tips he has obtained from these schools have increased Daniel's skills tremendously.

In 2010 Daniel has qualified to compete at the Championship Bull Riding (CBR) Tuff Hedeman Fort Worth Challenge at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth. That event will be held on March 6th during the CBR Professional Bull Riders event. Earlier that same day he will ride in the Tuff Hedeman Stockyards Tuff Enough Challenge. This will be a qualifier for the Youth Bull Riding World Finals for those youngsters who have not already qualified for the World Event.

Dan has already qualified to compete at the Youth Bull Riding World Finals again to be held at the Will Rogers Coliseum in August. He is excited about what this year will bring and is awaiting the start of the 2010 season for the Future Bull Riders Association.

Daniel is once again sponsored by his parents and Glock, Inc. Of Smyrna, GA.

SCHOOL MENU Week of Feb. 8 thru Feb. 12

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.
- TUESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.
- WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, fruit, Juice and Milk.
- THURSDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, gravy, Juice and Milk.
- FRIDAY - Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY - Chicken noodle, vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese, pickle spears, crackers, chips, oranges and milk.
- TUESDAY - Roast or steak fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, roll, strawberry cake, and Milk - Birthday Table.
- WEDNESDAY - Beef Stroganoff or chicken rings, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sparkle apples, biscuit and Milk.
- THURSDAY - Fish or Mini corn dog, potato wedge, pinto beans, cornbread, pumpkin pie and milk.
- FRIDAY - Chicken Fajita or taco salad, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, crackers, sherbet and milk.

LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

2010 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
FEB. 16	BAIRD (SCRIMMAGE)	GORMAN	4:00
19	TBA		
23	RANGER	RANGER	4:00
25-26	GORMAN TOURNAMENT	GORMAN TBA	
MAR. 2	TBA		
4-6	PERRIN TOURNAMENT - PERINN	TBA	
9	EASTLAND	EASTLAND	6:00
11-13	RANGER TOURNAMENT - RANGER	TBA	
19	CISCO	CISCO	10:00
23	*VALLEY MILLS	GORMAN	5:00
26	*MERIDIAN	MERIDIAN	5:00
30	*DELEON	GORMAN	5:00
APR. 2	*EVANT	EVANT	10:00
6	*GOLDTHWAITE	GORMAN	5:00
9	*VALLEY MILLS	VALLEY MILLS	5:00
13	*MERIDIAN	GORMAN	5:00
16	*DELEON	DELEON	5:00
20	*EVANT	GORMAN	5:00
23	*GOLDTHWAITE	GOLDTHWAITE	5:00

* District Games

HEAD COACH: JAMES GERICK ASST. COACH: JERA LOVELACE

Filing Dates For City General Election

The City of Gorman Uniform Election Date will be May 8, 2010. The first day a candidate may file for a place on the ballot will be February 6, 2010 and will continue through March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Those terms that will be expiring are those of the office of the Mayor, currently held by Robert Ervin and Commissioner Place 4 Joe Casey, and the Commissioner Place 2, currently filled by appointment Durward Webb.

Four Positions Open For School Board

Four positions will come open for the May 8, 2010 election for school board trustee. These positions will include three three-year terms to be elected at large, currently held by Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, and one vacated by Melinda Harrington and currently filled by appointment by Don Whitten. The third position is an one year unexpired term ending May 2011, this term vacated by Jeff Seaton and filled by appointment by Noah Landa.

First day to file is February 6, 2010. Deadline to file is March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.. Applications are available at the Superintendent's office during school hours.

County Drops Burn Ban — — Need To Report Control Burn

February 1, 2010 -- To: All Units and Stations: Commissioner Court Lifts Burning Ban.

EASTLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT LIFTS BURNING BAN

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in Special Session, at 2 p.m. On Monday, February 1, 2010, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to **remove** the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch (254) 629-1728 and their nearest fire department to notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. **Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!!!**

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

It is hereby ordered by the Commissioners' Court of Eastland County that the outside burning ban in Eastland County be removed.

By a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays, to be effective immediately.

Thank You Respectfully submitted,
(s) Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge

GHS Weightlifter Meet Results From Perrin



The girls and boys powerlifting team competed in the 7th annual Perrin-Whitt powerlifting last Saturday. Ally Little took fifth place overall with a total of 390lbs in the 105lbs class. Erica Limon took third place overall with a total of 620lbs in the 165lbs class. Tyler Johnson took third place with a total of 1190lbs in the 220lbs class. Both teams will compete in the 1st annual Hamilton powerlifting meet this Saturday. The meet should start around 9 am

County Clerk Announces New Service

The new service is called Eagle Web. It allows the public to view index information and images from the comfort of their home or office. Documents are uploaded to the Eagle Web on a nightly basis after they have been scanned, indexed and verified. This usually occurs within two business days.

You must be a registered user but there is no charge to register and search the index.

Images may be purchased in one of two ways.

1. Images may be purchased at the cost of \$1.00 per page
2. A monthly subscription may be purchased for \$250.00 per month, which allows unlimited access to document images.

To take advantage of this new technology go to: <https://www.countygovernmentrecords.com>

For questions or assistance contact: Cathy Jentho, County Clerk at 254.629.1583

Large Storm Thursday Damaged Building in Gorman



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 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

DWI DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TEN YEARS

John Robert Wheeler, 38, formerly of Albany, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve an (10) ten year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated, Third Offense or More. Wheeler was apprehended on January 10, 2009, by the Rising Star Police Chief and a DPS Trooper after Eastland County Dispatch received a report of an intoxicated driver. The officers began an investigation which resulted in the DWI arrest.

Wheeler had previously been arrested and convicted four times of DWI. The punishment range for a felony DWI is confinement for a period of 2-10 years.

Wheeler had entered a plea of guilty but asked the Court to set punishment due to District Attorney Russ Thomason's refusal to offer a probation sentence in the case. The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court heard testimony from several witnesses from both the prosecution and defense. Judge Herod, during sentencing, told Wheeler that he was a danger to the public and was not suitable for community supervision. Wheeler was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division.

Obituary

Jerry Paul Mehaffey

Jerry Paul Mehaffey, Sr., 76 of Carbon passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at his home. Memorial Service was held Monday, January 25th at 9:30 a.m. At Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland. Jerry was born March 24, 1933. He served as a Navy pilot in the Attack Squadron 113 (VA-113) know as the Stingers, and he served as a fighter pilot aboard the USS Exxex. Jerry was retired as a rancher, businessman, and the owner of Breathco, Inc., and Mehaffey Drug in Gorman. Jerry is survived by his wifem Lylia Pearl (Houston) of Carbon; his son, Jerry Paul Mehaffey, Jr., his wife Mara, and their son, Luke of Arlington. Also his daughter, Lylia King, her husband, Jon and their children, Hunter and Kaci of Cleburne; brother, Jim Mehaffey of Sherman and sister, Judy Mehaffey of Taos, NM. He was preceded in death by his father, R. C. Mehaffey, and mother, Pauline (Eppler) Mehaffey; and his brother, Joe Mehaffey.

MARCH 2, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

Voters may begin calling Cathy Jentho, County Clerk now to see if they are eligible to vote by the mail procedure. 254-629-1583.

February 1, 2010 is the last day to register to vote
February 16-26, 2010 County Courthouse 8:00 AM-5:00 PM period for Early Voting*

*February 20, 2010 7:00 AM-3:00 PM Saturday extended voting hours at County Courthouse



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S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

SOLD
38 A M/L south Gorman, Front FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land, 2200 acre - Seller Financing

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.

130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.

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.

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

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REDUCED 455 A, rolling hills, 150' elev. chg., costal, creek, hunt [RS01] \$3,000 \$2,950/acre
210 A, 2-1 home, 2 car garage, wells & tanks, cross fenced, coastal [WWS01] \$619,500
162 A, 2 story 2-1/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000
147 A, Horse Property, 5-1/4 Brick Home, 2-Car Garage, barn, much more [SW01] \$950,000
SOLD 100 A, water well, 3 tanks, minerals available [RS04] \$210,000
REDUCED 81 A Pecan orchard, 900+ trees, possible owner finance [REM01] \$465,000 \$300,000
SOLD 80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000
69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, costal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900
45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, costal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500
45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
24 A, new water well and septic system, coastal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000
192A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000
REDUCED 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$459,900 \$89,000
4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500
REDUCED 3-1 Frame Home, carport, shaded lot, storage bldg [DS03] \$39,500 \$36,500
3-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, large living area & lot, CH&A, privacy fence [JG02] \$95,900
2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2.99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000
REDUCED 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000
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Garland Lee Fraley

Garland Lee Fraley, age 72, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2010 at his home in Gorman.

Services were 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Denver Rainey and Kenneth Wilson officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Garland was born September 29, 1937 in Sipe Springs, Texas to George Daniel Fraley and Era Faye Fenwick Fraley. He married Gladys Snider on November 27, 1964 in Palo Pinto County. She preceded him in death on May 16, 2006. Garland was a veteran serving in the United States Marine Corps. He worked for Birdsong Peanuts for more than 36 years before retiring in October 2001. He was a member of the Bride of Christ Church.

He is survived by two sons, Hank Rainey and Denver Rainey both of Gorman; two brothers, George Fraley and Daniel Fraley both of Gorman; four sisters, Georgia Faye Richardson of Dublin, Louise Rich of Gorman, Nadean Simmons of Eastland and Allie Torres of Ranger; fourteen grandchildren and many great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Deborah Caraway, one brother, Darroll Fraley and one sister, Modean Wilson.

Comanche Electric Cooperative Members Could Win a \$10,000 Home Energy Makeover

At least four electric cooperative members in Texas will each win up to \$10,000 in energy-efficiency upgrades this fall as part of the Texas Co-op Power Home Energy Makeover Contest.

Co-op member homeowners are eligible to enter their primary residences in this statewide competition. At least four winners will be selected to receive energy-efficiency improvements, including new ground-source or air-source heat pumps, insulation, water heaters and other upgrades.

Texas Co-op Power magazine, with a circulation of 1.2 million electric cooperative households, is sponsoring the contest to promote energy efficiency and educate consumers about affordable home upgrades that can save significant electricity costs. Corporate sponsors include Lennox, Rheem Marathon Water Heaters and others who have agreed to donate equipment and services for the home energy makeovers.

Contest entries will be accepted from January 1 to March 10, 2010. Homeowners whose permanent residences are on Comanche Electric Cooperative lines are eligible to enter. Applications will be available in the January and February issues of Texas Co-op Power magazine and online at www.texascoopower.com.

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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 March Primary Election.

Eastland Co. Justice - Pct. 1: Incumbent - Ronald (Ronnie) White (R)	Eastland County Clerk: Incumbent - Cathy Jentho Cecil Funderburgh (R)
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We will be serving Brisket, Ham, Beans, Potato salad, bread, dessert and drink.

The cost will be \$9.00 per plate.

We will be decorated for 'sweethearts Day!!
Please make plans to join us for lunch!

Pig Tales From Hogtown

That must have been quite a storm last week - my husband and I were cruising the seas and missed it. But, we sure saw the aftermath when we returned home. It was very difficult to come home to this cold weather after being in some warm climates for a week. We have been spoiled by fairly warm winters the last several years and are now paying for it! Oh well, soon enough we will be fussing about the hot weather.

That was a nice article in the Free Press last week about our own Tim Martin. Tim is a very caring person and an excellent speaker. I am looking forward to hearing about his experiences in Haiti. Please remember Tim and all the folks in Haiti in your prayers.

Saturday, February 6th is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Please join us between 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. for a great meal to start your day.

Friday, February 12th is our regular monthly dance. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will begin playing at 7:00 P.M. The concession stand will open at 6:00 P.M.

One more important date coming up - Thursday, February 11th is the date of the General Meeting of the DAC. Join us at 7:00 P.M. It is also time to renew your annual membership for \$25.00. By becoming a member you will have the right to vote, to serve on the board and get a reduced rate if you rent the building. We have one opening on the board to be filled this year. If you have been a member for at least 60 days, you will be able to cast your vote for a new member. Please come - this is your Activity Center and we want your input and ideas!! We do have a great time at the DAC!

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

NAVAL ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER SEMINAR PROGRAM 2010

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Applications are being accepted Feb. 1 through March 31 for the United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) 2010. NASS is designed for students who will have just completed their junior year of high school in the summer of 2010. This program is a fast-paced, six-day experience for high-achievers who may be interested in pursuing an appointment to one of the nation's service academies and serving as a military officer after graduation. NASS is held in three sessions: June 5-10, June 12-17 and June 19-24.

Summer Seminar introduces students to the opportunities at the Naval Academy where academics, athletics, and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nation's leaders. Students will live in the dormitory, Bancroft Hall, eat in the dining facility, King Hall; participate in academic and leadership workshops; and experience a variety of other activities at the academy. Students will have an opportunity to see first-hand what the academy has to offer through its exceptional academic, athletic, extracurricular activities and leadership training programs.

The academy's current students, known as midshipmen, run the Summer Seminar training with oversight by active duty Navy and Marine Corps officers. Over 2,250 students from around the U.S. attend this rigorous program each year.

According to Naval Academy Summer Seminar officer-in-charge, Lt. John Meise, MORE NASS 2-2-2

"If you are a student who wants a summer challenge with the opportunity to sample university-level academics at a first-rate engineering school, the Summer Seminar program will let you discover how the Naval Academy can help you achieve your goals, and give you a jump start on the admissions process."

By applying to the 2010 Summer Seminar, students are also applying for admission to the Naval Academy class of 2015. There is no need to submit a preliminary application when it becomes available on April 1 for students desiring to apply for admission to USNA.

Students with questions about NASS and the application process should call 410-293-1549 or visit www.usna.edu/admissions. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2010.

For more information about Naval Academy athletics, extracurricular activities and other general information, visit www.usna.edu. USNA

Grants Available For Non-Profits Serving Rural Texans

BUDA, Texas—Texas Rural Communities, Inc. (TRC) is pleased to announce the availability of \$30,000 in grants for non-profit organizations serving rural Texans. The grants are intended to fund local environmental, economic or educational programs in the recipients' communities.

Two types of grants are available: Recognition Grants of up to \$5,000 and Impact Grants from \$5,000-\$25,000. Recognition grants may be awarded to new or existing programs that are making or have the potential to make a significant difference in the communities they serve.

Impact grants may be awarded to programs that also demonstrate innovation or have the potential to serve as model programs for other communities. Prior grant recipients come from such varied places as Electra to Navasota for programs ranging from after school care to downtown window museums.

TRC is a non-profit organization created as part of the New Deal in 1934 and has a long-term commitment to assisting rural communities, individuals and support organizations that improve or maintain the quality of rural life, through independent and cooperative ventures. In addition to its grant program, TRC offers small business loans and Farm and Ranch loans in partnership with the Farm Service Agency.

For additional information about TRC's grant opportunities, call 800-787-2589 or email info@texasrural.org. Applications must be received by FEBRUARY 26, 2010.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 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.

Branson Comes To De Leon

By Marsha England

Ever thought about going to Branson and seeing one of the shows up there? Figured it was too expensive, too far and didn't really have the time to go?

On Thursday, February 18, Branson is coming to De Leon. From the Hamner Barber Theater, in Branson, Missouri, the Women's Division Chamber of Commerce will present Ricky Boen and Texas Mud in concert at the De Leon City Hall. The show starts at 7 pm. There will be food and drink available by the Purple Lily Theater Troupe. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the door, from Linda in the Chamber Office, Bella's, Paw Prints Parlor, La Joyce, Ms Sue's Cleaning, Dublin, Shade Tree, Proctor or from any member of the Women's Division.

Come on out, see a really great show and think about all the money you saved by not having to go to Branson! This group will only play three dates in Texas and De Leon is one of them!

Obama Administration Names Appointees To USDA's Farm Service Agency State Committee in Texas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29- The Obama Administration today announced the individuals who will serve on the Texas Farm Service Agency State Committee. The State Committee members will oversee the activities of the agency, including carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the agriculture community and helping to keep producers informed about FSA programs.

"These individuals will work with USDA to help farmers and ranchers build and maintain successful operations that produce the safe, nutritious food supply that America needs while spurring economic development in our nation's rural communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "They bring the experience and passion necessary to help continue the Obama Administration's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America."

The individuals appointed to serve on this committee include:

Jerry D. Glover (Chairperson)

Glover, from Muleshoe, Texas, has over 45 years of experience in Agriculture policy. Glover is a third generation farmer currently farming in Parmer County. He has received multiple awards, including the Heroes of American Agriculture Award by the American Corn Growers Association in 1996. He served from 1994-1996 as Chairman of Parmer County FSA Committee and served as the Executive Director of the Texas Corn Producers Board from 1996-1999. From 1997-2001, Glover served on the USDA's Research, Education, and Economics (REE) Executive Advisory Committee. He is currently a board member for the Bailey County Farm Bureau.

Debra Barrett

Barrett, from Edroy, Texas, is a fourth generation cotton farmer, and has been farming cotton and grain sorghum since 1981. For the last six years, she has served as a member on the San Patricio County FSA Committee. In 2005, she received a USDA appointment to the Cotton Board. Ms. Barrett is a Director of South Texas Cotton and Grain Association and has participated in the National Cotton Council's Cotton Leadership Program. She currently serves as the president of San Patricio County Drainage District and is a member of the Sinton Rotary Club.

Armando Mandujano

Mandujano, from Cayanosa, Texas, owns Mandujano Brothers, a partnership with his three brothers. The farming operation consists of 4,000 acres producing watermelons, cotton, onions, pumpkins, and peppers in Pecos and Reeves County. Mandujano has served as an advisor to the Pecos County FSA Committee. He was also a member of the Trans Pecos Cotton Growers Association. Mr. Mandujano received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Angelo State University and is fluent in Spanish.

Wesley Ratcliff

Ratcliff, from Oakwood, Texas, has been involved in agriculture for most of his life, and has owned and operated his current ranch for over 9 years. He served in the Army from 1963 to 1965. After leaving the Army, he worked as an aerospace engineer for NASA for four years. Mr. Ratcliff also was an Assistant Professor of Mathematics for Texas Southern University for several years. He has a Master's degree in Mathematics from the University of Houston and Bachelor's of Science degree from Prairie View University.

Glen A. Rod

Rod, from El Campo, Texas, owns and operates Rod Grass Farm LLC and Jones Creek Farm JV growing rice, row crops, and turf grass. He has served on the boards of the El Campo PCA, Rice Council, Rice Farmers Co-Op, and Turfgrass Producers of Texas. His accomplishments include being named Rice Farmer of the Year, Soybean Farmer of the Year, and Ag Man of the Year. He has a Bachelor's degree in Agronomy from Texas A&M University.

USDA's Farm Services Agency works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. Some of the agency's efforts include facilitating income support, disaster assistance and conservation programs, providing operating loans for the procurement of farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as offering ownership loans to help new and veteran producers purchase a farm. FSA also works to procure various commodities to benefit low-income families through domestic food assistance programs.

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture and natural resources and touches the life of every American. Reflecting President Obama's commitment to expanding economic opportunities in rural America, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and the USDA are working to enhance availability of broadband, promote the development of renewable energy, to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment, and promote a sustainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply.

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HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

Our Valentine Bags are up outside each resident's door and we would like to invite everyone to come and put a valentine in our Homestead Sweetheart's Valentine Bag.

This year we will be electing our Valentine King and Queen by penny votes. We have been busy decorating our containers and are ready for the votes to start coming in. So when you come to hand out your Valentine be sure and vote. Remember the male and female resident with the most vote will be crowned King and Queen on Friday Feb. 12th.

Our Valentine party will be held at 2:30 on the 12th.

This year we will have a Mardi Gras parade on Feb. 16 at approximately 11:30. Come and join us.

Freddie and Kay Rodgers visited with Don Estes, Brent Lasater visited his mother Mayvis Lasater, Johnny Scitern visited his mother, Troy Scitern. Roy Cooper of Canyon Lake visited his sister Lula Schneider. Jerry and Mindy Boles visited Ima Boles, Dale Johnson visited Faye Johnson, May Ann Barentine visited Melvin Daniels, Stacy Wyatt and children visited Jelma Smith. Frank Crews and Faye Huff visited Christine Crews. Larry Thompson and sons visited Jud Thompson. Kay Craddock, Amy Johnston, Liz Caraway and Ralph Hudson visited Marge Hudson.

Ann Warren, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Ruby Kinser came for Gospel singing on Monday. We are sorry to hear that Billy Joe Dennis is in the hospital. We hope he is soon well and able to return home soon.

Bingo winners on Monday were Wes Couch, Frankie Stacy, Christine Crews, Louise Clark, and black out winner was Mayvis Lasater.

We are glad to have Michelle Gray come and do some volunteering as she works on her Social Worker degree at Tarleton.

Lucille Johnso will celebrate her birthday on Feb. 13. At this time she is the only one with a birthday this month.

Have a good week. Ina

Super Notes

By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.net

I bet you are as tired of this cold weather as I am! I am ready for the 70's. I am ready for lots of sunshine. I hope you all have stayed safe during all this mess. Hopefully we are near the end of it.

Of course, the big news of the week is realignment. I am sure most everyone has already heard, but for those of you that haven't: Our football district is: GORMAN, CROSS PLAINS, BAIRD, MERIDIAN, AND RANGER. BASKETBALL IS: GORMAN BAIRD, MAY, MORAN, AND RISING STAR. The coaches are working on preseason schedules and we will release those as soon as they are completed. Gorman will be in Class-A Division II, the smaller half of Class-A. It appears our neighbors will be one of the biggest, if not the biggest school in Division I Class-A where the cut off was 199 in high school. Congratulations to them! Congratulations go to us as well for being in Division II. We expect to be much more competitive with the teams on our schedule since we will be playing no schools twice our size!

We hated having to close school last week due to being without water. But, you can't have school without bathroom facilities, water for cooking, cleaning and drinking. We did by bottled water for drinking for a couple of days, but it is hard to shower with it and do dishes. Our thanks go to the city for working so hard to repair the problem as quickly as possible. A lot of people put in a lot of hours to make the repair which not only affected the school, but the entire city. That means though that we lose the bad weather day we were going to use on May 14th for a three days break for everyone. We still have one bad weather day left that I hope we get to use on Good Friday as planned.

The Jump Rope for Heart Fund Raiser at the elementary earned \$932.00. Thank you very much for your generosity in helping make this event successful. Not only does this help research financially, but children learn to work for a cause. Again, thank you parents for all you do and to Lisa Laminack for allowing this event to take place during her P.E. Classes.

Remember that the Six Flag Reading Reports need to be turned in by February 12th.

The Junior Class is having a Valentine's Day Fundraiser. There are three different package options available. Prices per Package: \$1-\$3-\$5. Forms were distributed last Thursday to Each Student. All orders are due by Friday February 5th @NOON. Call the high school if you need to place an order and did not receive an order form. Thanks for your continued support.

The Third Grade enjoyed getting to go to Safety City last Wednesday. Thankfully the weather was accommodating. While they were there, they were able to enjoy the expansion project for which we helped raise funds, the Fire Station. We have been asked to help with the next project also, which is a Police Station. It is a simple fund raiser, a penny drive! Safety City then collects the money to help defray the cost of the project. All that said; please send any extra pennies you have to help with the Police Station to school with your child. 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!

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REMINDER

TRASH PICK UP ON TUESDAY BEGINS AT 7:00 a.m.
IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR TRASH TO BE MISSED
YOU MUST HAVE IT OUT BY THE CURB.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, February 8th at the Community Center. Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. To enjoy the good food served by the hostess and to enjoy fellowship with all the group. Visitors are welcome.

A several thunderstorm with strong winds came thru Desdemona on Thursday afternoon. Several trees up-rooted, big limbs broke off, several old trees, other wind damage on some buildings in main part of town. "Thanks" to two local firemen, Kerry Travis and David Moore, as they helped saw a big limb and remove it off of Karen Fair's home.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Glenn Whitley. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at the Desdemona Cemetery. His mother, Doris (Craig) Whitley of Granbury attended school in Desdemona.

John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Elise and Katie Duke of Early visited the past weekend in Desdemona with Humpy and Betty Duke.

Thought for today -- "Giving adds joy to living". So have that joy by giving some of your spare time to remember the sick and shut-ins of our community with your cards and prayers. Also visit those in the nursing homes, as they welcome a big smile, a hug and a hand shake. You will be blessed in this service more ways than one.

P. E. "Shorty" Fox, Larry and Gay Moore was in Cisco last Saturday to attend the 90th birthday part of Shorty's sister, Dealva (Fox) Rogers. There was 43 family members and friends to attend.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended a birthday party on Monday for Lloyd Dix. Lloyd was 102 years old, lived a good life, able to live by himself and drive his own car. Happy Birthday to Lloyd. He is a second cousin to this reporter, Vonnie.

Have a great day, Coon.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There was a good turnout on January 27th with 19 people at the Center for our dinner. Sorry I had to miss due to an appt. in Abilene for an Echo on my heart. Guess all is OK since I've heard nothing from them.

Everyone was glad to see and visit with Geraldene Wright and Ellen Parker. Geraldene made a delicious soup for all. Ellen had a terrible fall awhile back and is much improved. She hit her head and received stitches, also broke out two teeth. We must be careful as we age, how well I know. I use my cane when on uneven ground.

Barbara Bush cooked pork chops in mushroom sauce and the usual pinto beans. Always good with cornbread. We must have some kind of beans! I believe they eat butter beans the best. We must prepare them more often, especially with ham. Lonnie Bennett prepared a most delicious cheese cake for us all. I believe it was the best I had ever tasted, so light and fluffy. Most are kind of heavy and sticky. Thanks Lonnie, we appreciated this good treat. Barbara Bush brought some cherries to garnish and added to the taste. Geraldene Wright gave the blessing for all with her wonderful words.

This past Sunday the 31st was my grandson, Tyson Swanner's Birthday. The years have flown by. I cared for him since he was six weeks old, such a good baby. His family and friends prepared a great BBQ supper for him. So delicious! He requested spare ribs, also there was chicken and German sausage with all kinds of veggies and baked beans. Also one chocolate and vanilla cake with ice cream. The grandparents Swanner and Ward were also in attendance.

I know on thing, I'm tired of the cold weather! Couldn't wait for cooler temps when hot and 100, but this is too much. I've never been so cold, and have plenty of insulation, HA! Now this whole week will be quite cool, with hardly any sun. I do miss the sun in winter. Hopefully it will warm up by spring.

Hope all is well and see you soon -- Carol

4-H NEWS

4-H Fashion Design Workshop

4-H Fashion Design Workshop will be held February 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room. If you are interested in Fashion Design or going to be participating in the Eastland County Fashion Show in March, this workshop will be just for you. Bring any designs you may already be working on, fashion magazines, etc. We will provide paper, pencils and croakers (silhouette). There is no charge for this workshop. Do not miss out on this opportunity!! It will be fun.

If you have any questions, please contact Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222.

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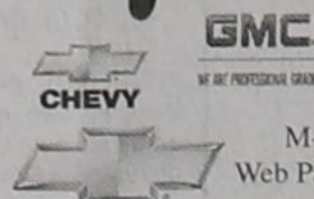
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