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Construction Continuing On New Gym



Land work continues on the new gym and classrooms for Gorman Schools.

American State Bank Provides Oasis for Peanut Country Annual Bike Ride

On Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 8:00am team members of American State Bank will provide a rest spot along the Tour the Peanut Country 8th Annual Bike Ride path. Team members will provide and pass out water and other refreshments to thirsty bike-riders as they participate in the bike ride.

Since we opened our doors on May 20, 1948, ASB has been helping people and businesses find financial success. From a small, one-room frame building, nicknamed "the log cabin," we went to work. In all these 60 years, we are proud to have the same name and only two presidents, Jack Payne and W.R. Collier. It was Payne's vision to establish a "friendly little family bank." And even though we now have 35 locations, we're still true to that vision. As a thank you to the communities we serve team members will complete community service projects in each of our 18 communities.

Cindsey Eaton and John Braden To Pledge Vows October 4th

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaton of Ovalo announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Lee to Mr. John William

John is the son of Mr. William Braden of Cuero and Ms. Terri Braden of Victoria, Texas.

Lindsey is a graduate of Jim Ned High School and a 2005 graduate of Tarleton State University receiving a BS degree in Elementary Education. John graduated from Cuero High School and received his Masters Degree from Tarleton State University in 2004.

While attending Tarleton State University both John and Lindsey were active in student activities. John was a member of the Meats Judging Team and while working on his Masters Degree he coached the Meats Team winning many competitions. He was President of the AGR Faternity. Lindsey was Captain of the Tarleton State University Flag Team and served on the Resident Housing Dorm Supervisior Board.

Lindsey is employed by North East Independent School District in San Antonio as a Third Grade Teacher. John is employed by Labatt Industries in San Antonio.

The couple will pledge vows on October 4, 2008 at Frio

River Pecan Farm in Leakey, Texas.

Lindsey is the granddaughter of the late Claude and Juanita Fuller.

2008 FOSTER REUNION

Ronson and Tiffany Childers were host for the 11th annual reunion of the descendants of Silas and Flora Belle Foster on Saturday, June 7.

The day was filled with visiting, story telling, horse shoe pitching, and swimming. The first place Horse Shoe Pitching Team was Josh Beall and Ron Childers. Lots of homemade desserts, ham, brisket, and all the trimmings were enjoyed by all at noon.

Those attending were Jack and Peggy Foster of Franklin. J.D., Brenda, and Nathan Foster of Andrews. Kevin and Paige Foster and Baby Boy of Lubbock. Velda Baze, Don and Dolores Underwood, Eldon and Tammy Straw of Gorman. Lyndell, Cassandra, Grady, Madoc, and Kalum Underwood of Roscoe, Tara Conn, Jacie Schussler, and Hunter of McKinney. Daryl Underwood of Arlington. Cody, Brandi, and Libby Foster of Cisco. Annie Fay Foster, Sara, Aryann, Jennifer, Eli, and Martha Overstreet, Ron, Pam, Ronson, Tiffany, Cortney, and Hunter Childers of Gorman. Jonray, Meghan, and Caleb Childers of Granbury. Josh, Rachel, Landon, and Brandon Beall of Brownwood.

Steer Validation

Steers to be exhibited in 2008-2009 at Eastland County7 or any major stock shows in Texas MUST be validated on June 25, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sharp. The event will be held at the Moylan Steer Barn on Highway 3101 2 1/2 miles north of Eastland.

Validation fee will be \$10.00 per steer. Call Heath Begeman at 254/629-1093 if you have any questions.

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree, June 21st at 6:00 P.M. (concessions open at 5:30 p.m.) At the Civic Center - 301 E. Housley St. (Hwy 16 to Downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108 (Housley St.) 2 Blocks).

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Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Contest Continues -- Pageant Slated For June 28th

The Miss and Little Miss Gorman contests continue as the girls work on their fund raisers. We encourage you to support them. All proceeds will go to support our community and youth projects. This year's contestants are:

Miss Gorman Contestants:

Bethany Oliver-- Lion's Club Barbara Sherman-- Fire Department Kimi Seaton-- Chamber of Commerce

Miss/Little Miss Gorman Contestants:

Ashlyn Martin-- Lion's Club Hennessy Adair-- Fire Department Brylee Johnson-- Chamber of Commerce

The pageant will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 28th in the high school auditorium. We appreciate the good job done by our reigning Miss Gorman, Brittany Henderson and our Little Miss Gorman, Caitlyn Clark. They have represented Gorman well at numerous parades and area

Walking, Hiking and Nature Come early and visit Trails, Bird-watching, or just enour Downtown Shops and Res- joy the scenery. Tables and Grills

Sand Hill Cemetery Assn. **Business Meeting Set**

Comanche County Sand Hill Cemetery Association Annual Business Meeting will be held Saturday, June 28th at 10 o'clock at Hwy. 6 Cafe in De Leon. Make Plans To Attend.

Rock Bluff Baptist To Hold **Revival Thru June 22**

The Revival Services at Rock Bluff Baptist Church began on June 16th and will continue through Sunday, June 22 with services each evening at 8 p.m.

> Howard Stoval will be bringing the messages each night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Abundant LifeImpact of Gorman is excited to announce their summer lunch program. This program is designed to help our local students, it offers the area students a free lunch or anyone else for that matter. There is no cost or obligation just come hungry and leave happy.

Location: 119 W. Roberts

Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:30-1:00 each day Everyone is welcome, it is primarily for high school teens down to toddlers but anyone needing a lunch is welcome.

This program will run through the duration of the summer.

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Gorman Baseball Commission Awarded Two District TTAS/TTAB Tourneys

The Gorman Baseball Commission is happy to announce that they have been awarded two District TTAS/TTAB Tournaments this year. We were awarded Midget Girls (10 and under) and Freshman Tight Base (12 and under boys).

The Girls Tournament will be July 7th thru July 12th. There will be 2 teams from Brownwood, 1 team from Comanche, 2 teams from Eastland Co., 2 teams from Central Texas and 2 teams from Tri-County - 9 total.

The Boys Tournament will Be July 14th thru July 17th. There will be 2 teams from Tri-County and 2 teams from Cisco-

We are excited about being awarded these tournaments. The Commission applied for these tournaments at the beginning of the summer baseball season. These tournaments will bring a lot of people into our community.

These tournaments will take a lot of work and help. We are looking for your help. If you or you know of anyone that would like to help, please let us know. If you a Junior or Senior in High School and you need Community Service hours please contact one of the commissioners. You can contact Joe Olvera, Barbara Fenley, Noah Landa, Graciela Longoria, Jennifer Sparger, Marco Herrera and Mario Ramirez.

We hope to see you there.

Thank You,

Gorman Baseball Commission **Coaches and Parents** Clean Up Day

At Peanut Park Baseball Fields - June 28 at 8 a.m.

Challie Johnson and Tessia Griffin To Pledge Vows

Challie Olon Johnson and Tessia Marie Griffin wish to announce their upcoming Wedding on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at The Rising Star Vineyard.

Tessia is the daughter of Dale and Mary Griffin of Carbon, Texas. Her grandparents are Mabel Perez Wood and the late Lorenzo Perez of Gorman, Ruby King of Carbon and the late W. A. Griffin. Tessia was an 2007 graduate of Rising Star.

Challie is the son of Zane and Timmie Johnson of Levelland, Texas. His grandparents are James and Jackie Redman of Wolfforth, Texas; Ronny and Frances Johnson of Brownfield, Texas. Challie was a 2007 graduate of Rising Star and currently taking classes at Tarleton and CJC. He works for WDT in Ste-

phenville. The couple will reside in Stephenville.

Correction - I left out Mabel's name in the article - sorry about

Lonnie

Nancy Louise Barefoot

Nancy Louise Barefoot, age 50 of De Leon, passed away Thursday, June 12, 2008 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Services were held Sunday, June 15th at 2 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Ray Seckinger officiating, assisted by Malcom Johnson. Music by Vicki Robinett and LaRessie Wilkerson. Burial was in Round Grove Cemetery.

Nancy was born August 26, 1957 in Gorman to Niven Lee Warren and the late Alice Louise Eoff Warren.

She was a Certified Nurse Aid; homemaker and had resided in De Leon area most of her life. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church

Survivors include her father, Niven Lee Warren of De Leon; daughter, Susan Walton and husband Bobby of Desdemona; son Niven McLain Barefoot of Springfield, Missouri; brother, Eldon Warren and wife Brenda of Comanche; a sister, Joyce Cook and husband Frank of Irving; 4 grandchildren, Dylan, Brandon, Gracie and Ma-Kayla Walton.

Preceded in death by her mother, Alice Louise Warren and a sister, Maurine Pack.

Pallbearers were Shane Cooke, Shelby Swinney, Kenneth Aldridge, Tony Warren, Rusty Jennings, Benny Williams, Cecil Weatherman, and Duane Wysong.

Barrow, Lamb and Goat Validation for State Fair

In 2008 all market barrows, lambs and goats have to be validated for the State Fair in Dallas. Validation for Star Fair hogs, lambs, and goats will be June 25th, 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the County Show Barn in Eastland. This will be the only day to validate for Dallas. Those who ordered tags will need to pay for them on this

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Richard Ramirez

Richard Ramirez, age 45 of De Leon, passed away Sunday, June 15, 2008 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Thursday, June 19 at 2 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Father Phillip McNamara. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Richard was born September 11, 1962 in Coleman to the late Juan Ramirez, Sr. and Carmen Barron Ramirez.

Richard had been an employee at Golden Peanut Company, Comyn, for fifteen years; had lived in De Leon area all of his life. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Norma of De Leon; son Richard Jr., of De Leon; four brothers, Rudy Ramirez, Sammy Ramirez and Raymond Ramirez, all of De Leon and Ruben Ramirez of Ft. Polk, LA.; two sisters, Josephine Dominguez of Angelton and Carmen Ramirez of Muleshoe.

Preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Carmen Ramirez; one brother Juan Ramirez, Jr.

Odette Bell

Odette Bell, age 94 of De Leon, passed away Monday, June 16, 2008 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. Services were held Wednesday, June 18th at 3 p.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Jackie Auvenshine officiating, assisted by Buddy Wells, Chaplin, Good Tree Retirement Center. Music by Rocky and Martha Bunting and First Baptist Church Choir. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Odette was born December 3, 1913 in Dublin to the late Eugene Gillock and Josie Bloyd Gillock.

She and her husband owned/operated Bell's Grocery in De Leon; formerly worked for Higginbotham's; later worked with her husband at Sloan's Grocery and JRB grocery until his death in 1975. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great-She was an excellent seamstress and was a faithful

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cabin, rural water \$850,000 REDUCED \$795,000 [LB01] 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre [ABO1] 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre [DS02] - UNDER CONTRACT 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals

available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 [DK01] 150 A, rolling terrain, minerals \$442,500 [LOO1] - SOLD 100 A, approx. 95 A of costal, 5 A wooded, Located about 1/2 mile off Hwy.36 **\$275,000** [JW01] - UNDER CONTRACT 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals neg. \$392,500 (BE01) - UNDER CONTRACT

81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells \$405,000 [REMO1] 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns

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mineral available \$2,750 per Acre [NF01]
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8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 [KI01] 8½ A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, shop, wells, underground sprinkler \$265,000 REDUCED \$235,000 μπο2

5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, wells & tanks \$120,000 [WK01]
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2-1 Frame Home, 0.621 Acres, close to Tarleton, 2-car attached carport, storage building, fenced \$92,500 [RS02 2-1½ Frame Home, garage, storage building \$75,000 [ST01]
3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, on 3+ lots \$70,000 [LK01]
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NEW: 38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre

40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

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elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A. NEW: 156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2

mh, central a/C, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre. 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$2,350.00

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

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Remember that our building is available to rent for your reunion, reception, shower, meeting, etc. We have reasonable rates. Call me at 254-758-2420 if you are interested.

July 5th is the next first Saturday and that means 'Breakfast at the DAC'. We serve from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Come join us. Join us, also, for an old-fashioned ice cream social on July 12th from 5:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. There will be games, music and delicious ice cream and cookies.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

member of De Leon First Baptist Church where she sang in the

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Huddleston and husband Bob of De Leon; one sister Ora Brumbelow of Silverdale, WA.; 3 grandchildren, Mike Huddleston and wife Brenda of De Leon, Rhonda Huddleston of De Leon and Joe Bob Huddleston and wife Jill of Stephenville; 3 great-grandchildren, Haley Young and husband Brett, Whitney Kolb and husband Kevin and Lindsey Huddleston; and 2 great-great-grandchildren, Kinlee Young and Kellen Young.

Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Garlon Bell and one brother, Clifton Gillock, Sr.

Pallbearers were Billy Neil McDaniel, Donald Nowlin, Kevin Kolb, Brett Young, Jay Kidwell and Joe Burnett.



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Looking Toward the Future of the GI Bill

Recent debate in Congress has focused on modernizing the Montgomery GI Bill and ensuring that it adequately provides those who serve our country with the opportunity to obtain higher education if they so choose.

There are two competing measures under consideration, both of which have merits, and both deserve an honest and open debate in the House and Senate. I believe it is time to make some reforms to the Montgomery GI Bill.

would create greater flexibility to transfer unused educational benefits to a spouse or child. I have also cosponsored H.R. 6070, which amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the residency of spouses of military personnel, which will allow them to continue to pay in-state tuition rates even if they have to move.

There are many positive provisions in the competing bill, S. 22, introduced by Senator Jim instead of foreign dictatorships. Webb (D-VA). However, my concern is that this bill would also hurt retention, create more bureaucracy, and discourage states from supporting education. In addition, Senator Webb's legislation is included in a supplemental war funding bill that is riddled with unrelated domestic spending and has been closed to amendment. This legislation was not given full consideration on the House and Senate floor, and our veterans and servicemembers deserve better.

The Montgomery GI Bill is a critical component of recognizing and rewarding our servicemembers' dedication to this country, and it is time for some reforms. I am hopeful that House and Senate negotiators will present us with a substantial package that I can vote for. However, I remain concerned that legislation that may encourage someone to shorten his or her career in the military is not in the best interest of commanders who rely on the wisdom of these experienced warriors.

Meeting with Lt. General Raymond Johns - Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans & Programs Later this week, I will meet with Lt. General Raymond Johns, the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, to discuss the future plans of the B-1B Lancer. As I reported to you earlier, I had sent a letter, along with my Texas Senate colleagues, to the Secretary of the Air Force

expressing our concerns regarding the direction that the Air Force is taking with the B-1. has also made a tremendous contribution to the city of Abilene, where they are stationed at Dyess Air Force Base.

Recently, the B-1's readiness has been downgraded, and my concern is that rather than investing wisely in new spare parts for the B-1, the Air Force might reduce the size of the fleet. This is unacceptable. Our strategic bomber fleet has been the backbone of our air dominance and must remain at peak condition.

H.R. 3089 - the No More Excuse Energy Act

House Republicans will continue to bring new legislative solutions to solve the current energy crisis, rather than just encouraging Americans to drive slower and turn the lights down. Last week, I sent out an update on the rising costs of gas and other sources of energy. Unfortunately, not much has changed, except the fact that the situation is getting worse. As of today, the average cost for a gallon of gasoline is \$4.08, and diesel is at \$4.79. I am disappointed by the lack of bipartisanship from the House leadership to increase domestic production. Instead of providing solutions, they continue to ignore this crisis that is truly hurting Americans and businesses, especially those in rural America.

Last week, I signed the discharge petition to bring Congressman Mac Thornberry's (R-TX-13) bill, H.R. 3089, the No More Excuse Energy Act, directly to the floor. If enough House members sign this petition, then we would be able to bypass the Speaker and bring this bill to the floor for a vote.

Below are some of the key provisions in Congressman Thornberry's bill:

Creates a competitive leasing program to responsibly drill on federal lands in Alaska and re-

moving the moratorium on drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf;

Encourages construction of new refineries by requiring the IRS to implement provisions from the Energy Policy Act of 2005, allowing tax exempt bonds to be used for construction and making use of federal lands for new refineries;

Tax

Credit for ten years; and

Offers a tax credit for CO2 captured for use in enhanced oil recovery. This will not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also allow us to fully utilize our reserves.

My fellow colleagues and I will continue to push the majority to bring legislation to the floor This year, we will spend about \$500 billion to import oil. All of those dollars should stay here in that meets the needs of America's families and businesses now. Energy conservation is important, but until we produce more energy of all kinds here at home, we are only dealing with half the answer to our energy crisis.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website at www.randy.house.gov or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005 -- Randy

FSA ACCEPTING EMERGENCY LOAN APPLICATIONS

Callahan, Eastland, Shackelford, Stephens and Jones Counties were declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on May 15, 2008. That means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to fires and high winds that occurred on January 1, 2008 through present are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Richard G. Young is urging farmrs who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their pplications into FSA as soon as possible. The deadline is January 15, 2009. For more information contact the Eastland County Farm Service Agency. Or, you can call Mr. Young at the Jones County FSA office. (325) 823-3255 ext. 109

IF YOU THINK IT'S TOUGH MAKING **ENDS MEET NOW,**

IMAGINE HAVING YOUR CAR STOLEN.

If your car is stolen, remember that, even if you're fully covered, insurance only pays the depreciated value and not the cost to replace your vehicle. That means, if you paid \$8,000 for your car, but it's only valued at \$6,500 — and then you pay the deductible (maybe another \$500) — you're out \$2,000! And you still don't have a car.

What's a Texan to do?

Make it hard for thieves to 1 steal your car in the first place. When you leave your vehicle, hide your things, lock your car, and take the keys. Remember...





STATUS OF FSA FARM BILL DELIVERY

Congress recently passed the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm

Bill). The new farm bill "strengthens our nation's food security, protects the livelihood of our producers and provides investments in nutrition assistance programs, conservation and renewable energy."

Once a Farm Bill is approved, there are several things that must take place before we the maps will be available to all can accept applications and issue payments to producers. From this point it could take about 6-8 months.

These steps include: 1. The FSA national office writes

regulations 2. National office writes hand-

book procedures for state and offices to use 3. Program software is developed

4. National training guides are developed

5. State FSA staff receives train-

6. County Office staff receives

training

Though it will be a ery effort to implement Farm Bill provisions in a timely manner.

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More Energy is the Simple Solution to the Energy Crisis

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

President Reagan said, "There are no easy answers, but there are simple ones." This prin-I support legislation authored by Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-06), H.R. 5229, which ciple applies to America's energy woes. Since January 2007, the price of a gallon of gasoline has soared from \$2.33 per gallon to a record \$4.04. Over the next two decades, global demand for oil is expected to rise by 50 percent. Further price escalation is inevitable. When confronted by these facts, the energy solution is simple. We need more energy! We should be increasing our production of oil, natural gas, clean coal, and nuclear power - and those resources should come from America,

> One of the best kept secrets in politics today is that America is one of the richest energy nations in the world and is capable of achieving energy independence.

> Our most valuable untapped resource is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), which is estimated to contain 10.4 billion barrels of oil. This remote frozen tundra could be drilled with minimal impact on surrounding life. ANWR is the size of South Carolina and the area drilled would be roughly the size of Dallas/Love Field Airport. In 1995, the Republican Congress passed legislation to open ANWR for energy production. But President Clinton vetoed our bill. If he had signed it, America would now be producing one million barrels a day, almost enough oil to replace all of our daily imports from Saudi Arabia.

Beyond ANWR, federal law prevents oil and gas production in the deep waters off the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. These areas, along with a section of the Gulf of Mexico, could contain as much as 115 billion barrels of oil - greater than Venezuela's current reserves - and 565 trillion cubic The B-1 is a staple in today's Air Force that has had outstanding success in theater. The B-1 fleet feet of natural gas - greater than the combined reserves of Iraq, China, Yemen, Oman, Nigeria, and Venezuela. Federal laws also prevent us from exploiting one trillion barrels of shale oil in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah - an amazing amount that is three times what Saudi Arabia has in reserve.

> In May, I joined 18 other Senate Republicans to introduce the American Energy Production Act of 2008. Our bill will remove unnecessary government barriers to domestic energy production and allow us to tap our vast resources with environmental safeguards. This should be bolstered with an energy portfolio that includes renewable and alternative sources like solar, wind, and nuclear power.

> My Democratic colleagues have a starkly different approach to the energy crisis –it is one that creates no new energy. Their answer is to tax energy production. In 1980, Congress passed a "windfall profits tax," and the consequences were devastating. In the six years following that levy, domestic oil production dropped by 1.26 billion barrels and imports of foreign oil rose 13 percent. The disastrous tax was repealed in 1986. Rather than learn from that mistake, some in Congress would impose the same ineffective tax on the oil industry.

> Their proposal also seeks to blame "price gouging" for soaring energy prices. The Federal Trade Commission has been vigilant in its investigation of pricing practices in the oil industry. It has consistently found no evidence of market or price manipulation, and instead points to global supply and demand as a leading factor in the price of gasoline. In fact, as of January, the average tax on each gallon of gasoline was 47 cents, while the oil and gas industry has testified that it earns only four cents per dollar of gasoline sales.

Expands electricity generation by encouraging investment into building new nuclear power The Democrats' plan would also repeal incentives for expanded refinery investment. By increasing plants and boosting alternative energy development through wind power by extending the Production taxes and reducing the incentives to refine oil into usable gasoline, we will end up with a smaller supply of domestic energy, which in turn fuels price increases, perpetuates our present crisis and keeps us at the mercy of OPEC. Energy companies would be hit with new taxes on foreign earnings, potentially exposing producers to double taxation and hindering their ability to compete for oil and natural gas reserves on the global market.

> America, instead of being sent to foreign regimes that may be hostile to our interests. We need energy for Americans by Americans, and we need it now. Instead of searching for scapegoats, we should be searching for additional energy resources to be part of a bold, comprehensive plan for America's energy security in the 21st century.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

Freedom Fest - Rising Star **Chamber of Commerce**

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual FREEDOM FESTI-VAL on July 4th at the city park beginning at 4pm. There will be three days of communitywide garage sales beginning on Thursday, There is a \$3.00 registration fee to be on a map of all the sales. Registration and shoppers at City Hall.

There will be a parade at 6PM starting at the high school and festivities at the park will begin at the same time. The GRAND FINALE will be the fireworks display beginning at dark. Remember what a huge success this program was last year! Events at the park prior to the fireworks include music, Freedom Train for children's rides, ice cream freeze-off, apple pie cook-off and inflatable games for the kids. In addition to the aircas-7. Public information campaigns tle, a water game will be added this year which should be great fun for the youngsters. The slow process, we will make ev- local American Legion Post under the direction of Commander Skip Ezzell will have a Memorial Program prior to the fire works and the local Fire Department plans to be on hand with games and demonstrations. Star Pride will be selling snow cones and hot dogs and all the trimmings will be available so bring the family out for a fun time!

> The Fireworks show last year was one of the best in this part of the state and we appreciate the people made donations to make this happen. The Chamber welcomes businesses and individuals who would like to help again this year. Dona

tions can be made at local businesses Palace Drug, Star Grocery, Betty's Quik Stop, Star Café, Becky's Cafe, First Financial Bank, and Judy Green at City Hall.



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Our Weekly Lunch was held on Wednesday the 11th at 11:30. There was a nice group of twenty-eight people here to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Geraldene Wright gave the blessing of the meal with her good words for us all.

We had a very large amount of different foods for our meal. I had decided on Tuna and pimento cheese sandwiches, due to the extreme heat. Bernice Hewson also brought chicken salad sandwiches, thanks for your help. There was also meat loaf, chicken strips, two pots of beans two huge pans of corn bread and several Veggies. We enjoyed several cakes, peach cobbler, Jello with fruits and Cool Whip and fruit. I do wish there had been some of this food in the last two weeks, especially desserts. I only had two people pay for their meal, so that accounted for the increase in

Martha Rainey's daughter, Jill Torres came to eat and visit, also brought her two children, Katie and Ethan. Her little boy has grown so and such a cutie. They also had a cousin McKayla with them. We do enjoy having children with us as long as they are supervised. Betty Regian's granddaughter was also here to eat and visit. Marley Carlson has grown up with us. Betty has brought her since an infant in her stroller.

We enjoyed having Ann Laminack, Ellen Parker and Billie Bennett here to fellowship. We hadn't had their company for awhile. I do hope they continue to come most Wednesdays and bring their good dishes. Also was good to see Emma Jane Larch, she always brings her excellent cake. We missed her the last two weeks. I talked with Betty Sanders and she, Jackie Burns, and Raymond Hattox were in Brownwood. The men had appointments at the VA Clinic there. They missed out on a lot of good food and desserts. Hope to see you next Wednesday for Salad Din-

On Thursday the 12th we enjoyed games with Eleven people. After much moving about friends. we settled on 42 and Chicken Foot. Then the 88's players were a little out of sorts as they had to wait a bit. Finally the 42 broke up so they could play. I kept telling them there's Spinner, which is a fun game. Some just want to play one game, I had never played Chicken Foot, another type of domino game. I enjoyed, it goes fast and easy.

We also enjoyed more sandwiches for our supper. I brought the left overs from the day before. Then two more people brought more. What a laugh, too many sandwiches.

The last 3 days have been over 100 degrees. Terrible for June, what can July and August be like? Today is only to be 95, HA!, a cool down. I wonder if I can stand this summer to come. I'm now trying to water grass and a few flowers to keep alive. May son-in-law Tim Swanner and I put in new St. Augustine last Spring in '07, so I must keep it alive. Now here comes the high water bills!! Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

CITY MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2008

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Cliffa Vaughn and Nathan Files. Absent were Charlie Torrez and Joe Casey. Others present were Chief Barbara Fenley, Sherry Thornton, Glenn Scitern, Trace Gortt and Bill Barrentine. Commissioner Files was detained at his business, he arrived at 5:50.m.

Sherry Thornton discussed with the Mayor and Cliffa the possibility of getting half of the alley way / easement between their residence and the Inspection Service. She would also like the road / alley behind her residence closed or closed to thru traffic. She indicated people drove entirely too fast "cutting" thru this alley. Mayor Ervin said it would be taken into consideration, and that someone would need to speak with the Inspection service.

After Nathan led the opening prayer the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were held.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

Cliffa made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Cliffa. Mo- and women producers and we hope that will continue." tion carried.

or other act of mother nature or charge a fee of \$50 per load to be hauled off. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried.

Commissioners read the monthly reports. There were only eight (8) tickets written during the month. Nathan made the motion to park the police vehicles at the City Office. The officers can drive their personal vehicles to work, only go out when called, and to stay at the office during his or her shift. This will at eliminate some of the high priced fuel and wear and tear on vehicles. Motion failed due to lack of a second. This issue is considered tabled for present time. Cliffa added she felt a need for more ticket activity.

Due to only having two officers working, Barbara had requested pay for two (2) weeks of vacation time. Nathan made the motion to pay her the time, with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried.

Cliffa made the motion to re-appoint Charlie Garrett Memorial Library Board members Linda Simmons and Aline Garrett. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

Cliffa made the motion to have a mutual agreement with the Gorman Housing Authority to be included in the City of Gorman Emergency Management Program. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

Nathan made the motion to approve budget amounts for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried.

At 7:05 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session with a second from

At 7:35 p.m. Cliffa made the motion to close Executive session and return to regular open

session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried. Nathan made the motion to adopt a city policy for all discussion in closed /Executive ses-

sion be left in the Commission room. Only the items acted on by a motion will be outside knowledge. Discussion will remain confidential. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion Cliffa made the motion to adjourn. Nathan made a second. Motion carried, time was 7:40 p.m.

Wisely Invested or Spent

Last week, we discussed what success is not; the acquisition of riches, fame, and things. None of these things guarantee a lifetime of success or happiness. Before we talk about what success is, let's briefly discuss what we do with our resources. What do you do? Do you invest a percentage of your paycheck? If so, what percentage do you invest and how do you invest it, wisely or otherwise? Or, do you fall in the category of those who simply spend all the resources that they get their hands on?

Money spent is money gone, which can never be regained and will only offer you a brief moment of fulfillment. There are two types of investments available to you as an individual: risky, and guaranteed. Risky investments are appealing because the potential of return has great possibilities, however, those returns are not guaranteed. In fact these types of investments are often referred to as capital risks, due to the nature of the risks involved when one invests in stocks which are susceptible to market values, which have a tendency to fluctuate. Many people, perhaps even some of the men we discussed last week, often lose all of their capital, which catapults them into virtual and/or real bankruptcy and physical despair. Conversely, a guaranteed investment offers the investor a set return. These are not as appealing due to the lack of speculative potential.

When we think of investing, we normally think of money. However, there are many resources available to each of us that we could invest. For example, do you have a plot of ground that could potentially be a garden? Do you have a spot in your yard that you could plant a tree, or even more productively, a fruit tree? Many investors are beginning to harvest the wind and the rays from the sun with great success. What is available to you?

Perhaps the greatest investment possibility of your lifetime is often overlooked. What is each of us doing with the life that we have been granted? In addition to the breath that has been given to you and other phenomenal physiological aspects of the body, each of us has been granted a measure of faith, Romans 12:3. I like to relate this to the parable of the wealthy man who traveling into a far country, but before he embarked upon his journey, he called three of his more trusted servants and gave each of them a sum of money. Two of the servants took the money given to them and invested it, eventually doubling the original amount that had been given to them. The third man wrapped his up carefully in a cloth and buried it in the ground for safekeeping. As the story goes, upon the return of their master, the first two men were commended and the third rebuked and suffered loss due to not investing what had been given to him.

What are you doing with what God has given you? Are you simply spending your life, carelessly investing your life in risky ventures, or making wise choice investments on a spiritual level? The greatest investment that you will ever make is to invest your life and the faith that was given to you in the kingdom of God! Submit yourself to him today! Let Him be your savior and fill you with His Spirit; the return is guaranteed.

Quote of the Day: A life worth giving is a life worth living! Jthjr

Scripture of the Day: For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Romans 12:3

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Bernard Keith had surgery last Thursday morning at the Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. He returned home on Friday afternoon and recovering very well.

Dicy Scitern is recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip.

Others in our Community having health problems are Garth Priddy, Joe Cummings, Sue Pettigrew, Delores Tucker, and L. E. Singleton. Please remember these with your cards and prayers.

Robert Alton Brown and son, Preston of Fort Worth visited last Saturday with his parents, Rob-

Visitors over the Father's Day weekend with Humpy and Betty Duke were their children: Rodney and Debbie Duke of Pantego; John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and children, Brandon and Lauren of Midlothian; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona. The family helped Cadence celebrate her 1st Birthday on Sunday.

Karen Fair enjoyed a weekend trip to San Antonio to attend a VFW Convention. She enjoyed sightseeing and shopping.

Happenings At FBC!!

FUN! Weave bible stories, memory verses, singing, sign language, recreation, laughing, and scrumptious snacks together and you get a fun and exciting Vacation Bible School!!!! We had a whole House full of beautiful smiling faces for our Vacation Bible School commencement service. Mark your calendars:

July 28th to 31st - Boys and Girls Mission Camp - if God leads you to "Send a Kid to Camp" please bring your donations by our Church Office.

Bro. Barry opened our Worship Service with prayer and a welcome to all the proud family and

Father's Day is a special day in the House of our Lord. Brent Lasater, Chairman of our De con's, delivered an eloquent prayer to recognize and honor our fathers.

Our Youth Puppet Ministry Team delivered an excellent performance reviewing the Bible truths that the children learned while riding the waves in Outrigger Island Vacation Bible School. All in attendance were blessed by the special music during our offertory time - the "Kokomo Trio" (Myk-

isha Hampton, Ashley Little, and Breckley Little) beautifully presented "Above All" a cappella. Bro. Barry led us in the three pledges - Jacob Ervin held the American flag, Stratton Thompson held the Bible, and Caden Petree held the Christian flag.

Bro. Barry reviewed the daily Bible stories taught during the Outrigger Island journey, and it was remarkable to hear how much the children have learned.

Angela Clark led all the children in an incredible performance of the Outrigger Island songs. Angela did a marvelous job teaching the sign language. The lyrics and music were the best yet.

Special thanks to the parents for allowing us the privilege of hosting Vacation Bible School for their children. Special thanks to Tracy Spivey, our Vacation Bible School Director, and enormous thanks to all the teachers, youth, and helpers - we could not have done it without your willing service to our

Children are remarkable! We thank God for the decisions that were made. We pray that all of the work that went into Vacation Bible School continues to Glorify God!

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings – please come and join us! Also, our Worship Service is broadcast on the radio – 88.7FM.

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

WASHINGTON, June 11, 2008 - Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced farmer and rancher candidate nominations begin June 15 for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. The nomination period continues through Aug. 1, 2008. Elections take place this fall.

"I encourage all producers to participate in the county committee election process by nominating candidates by the August 1 deadline," said Schafer. "We are counting on as much participation as possible, because county committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We have seen a trend in recent years of increased nominations of minority

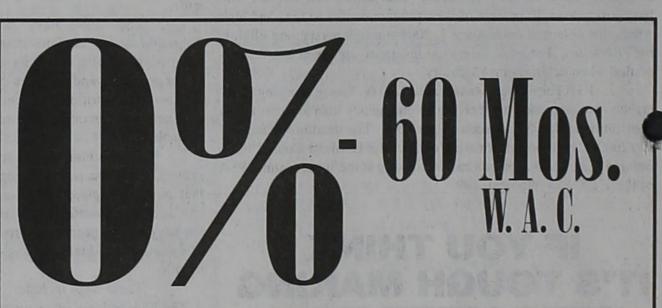
To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a Nathan made the motion that the city crew only pick up tree limbs, or brush after a storm program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

> Producers may also nominate themselves, and organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov; click on News & Events, then County Committee Elections. Nomination forms for the 2008 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2008.

> FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and, conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.FSA will mballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2009.

Between 2003 and 2006, the number of minority and women farmers and ranchers nominated as candidates to FSA county committees nationwide increased 35 percent. Additionally, the number of African American producers nominated as candidates tripled during the same period.



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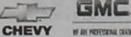
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