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## Gorman ISD Urges Legislators

### To Make Education a Priority

Lawmakers must make education a priority this legislative session if they are to find a solution to the broken school finance system and properly fund public schools in Texas.

Gorman Independent School District adopted a resolution on January 17, 2011 in an effort to raise awareness of the growing financial crisis public school districts are facing. The resolution adoption encourages state legislators to work with local school board members and other stakeholders with an attitude of the highest priority.

Because we are a smaller school district we have chose to join the "Make Education a Priority" campaign. Our hope is that by addressing these issues with other school districts, legislators will hear our concerns and address the needs we have in functioning as a successful school district.

Jeff Byrd  
With this resolution adoption, Gorman ISD joins over 460 school districts across Texas that have done the same as part of the "Make Education a Priority" campaign launched by the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees.

The campaign aims to unite school districts to support and share with our legislators an attitude of making education a sincere priority during the 2011 82nd Legislative Session. The campaign calls for a commitment to fix the broken system of school finance and to properly fund education.

One of the main causes of the current school finance crisis is 2006 legislation (House Bill 1) that has proven to fall short of properly funding Texas public schools. The state cut property taxes by one third and did not establish a new stream of revenue to completely make up the difference.

In 2007 and 2009, legislators were unsuccessful in addressing school funding shortcomings. Currently, more than half of the school districts in Texas are being forced to use dollars from their fund balances for daily operating expenditures - a practice that is neither financially sound nor sustainable over the long term. In addition, teaching positions are being eliminated, salaries reduced and local educational programs removed to meet reduced budgets.

"Our united Priority message is respectful and clear. During difficult financial times, the process of prioritizing becomes magnified. A united concern to protect and properly fund education must be found as the highest priority during the 82nd Legislative Session" says Bobby J Rigues Aledo ISD Board Vice President.

The campaign hopes to secure Priority Resolutions from a majority of school districts as the 82nd Legislative Session begins this month. Board members and superintendents will be invited to deliver their unified priority message and community letters of support in Austin on January 31st at 11:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference event.

More information may be found at the Make Education a Priority website: [www.schoolpriority.com](http://www.schoolpriority.com). A list of school districts adopting the resolution and supporting statements by legislators and educational organizations can also be found within the website.

#### Notice of Administrative Enforcement Order Building and Standards Commission, City of Gorman, Texas

Hearing Date: January 24, 2011  
Property Address: 827 N Kent, Gorman, Texas  
Hearing Results: that a violation of City Ordinance exists on the Property; that the building is uninhabitable and dangerous; that the Property Owner, L M Wooten, shall abate, demolish and/or make all necessary corrections to the Property no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Order; and if the Property Owner does not, the City of Gorman may enter the Property and abate, demolish and/or make all necessary corrections to the Property and place a lien on the Property for the costs of abatement

The complete Order is maintained in the Office of the City Secretary of the City of Gorman and may be obtained by open records request through the City of Gorman, 116 South Kent Street, Gorman, TX, 76454.

#### Notice of Administrative Enforcement Order Building and Standards Commission, City of Gorman, Texas

Hearing Date: Jan 24, 2011  
Property Address: 109 S. Kent Street, Gorman, Texas  
Hearing Results: that a violation of City Ordinance exists on the Property; that the building is uninhabitable and dangerous; that the Property Owner, Jason Pierce, shall abate, demolish and/or make all necessary corrections to the Property no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Order; and if the Property Owner does not, the City of Gorman may enter the Property and abate, demolish and/or make all necessary corrections to the Property and place a lien on the Property for the costs of abatement; and if the Property Owner does not, a civil penalty shall be accrued daily in the amounts set forth in the schedule adopted by the Commission against the Property Owner until the Property Owner complies with this Order.

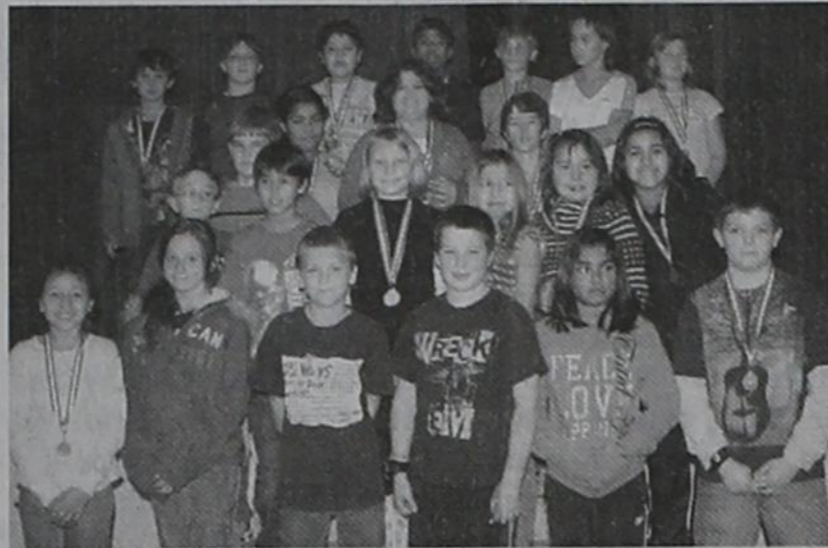
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## Maxfield Elementary School UIL Place 2nd

Maxfield Elementary participated in the district academic competition, held in Huckabay, Texas. A sincere thank you is extended to the students and teachers for all of their hard work.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the parents for allowing their children to stay after school to work on these events. All of the hard work of these individuals were rewarded when we placed 2nd place as a school scoring 391.33 points.

Students placing are as follows:



- 6th Grade:**  
Ready Writing - Mayra Ramirez -1 -- Kayce Dodd-2  
Dictionary Skills - Mayra Ramirez-2 --  
Team 3- Ramirez, Limon, Valdez  
Number Sense - Kayce Dodd-6  
Maps, Graph, and Charts - Bradi Campbell-3 -  
Dayanna Palacios-4 -- Team-2 Campbell, Palacios, Limon  
Mathematics - Sydney Casey-6  
Spelling - Kayce Dodd- 3 -- Team 3- Dodd, Ramirez, Rainey  
Listening - Kayce Dodd-1 -- Team Dodd, Campbell, Byrd  
Social Studies - Sydney Casey-2 - Carissa Cole-3 - Austin Byrd-6  
Team -1 Casey, Cole, Byrd  
Oral Reading - Sam RainRaey-1 - Audriana Segura-2
- 5th Grade:**  
Ready Writing - Kade Sparger-1  
Maps, Graphs, Charts - Kade Sparger-1 - Colton Wheeler-5 -  
Danette Lara-6 -- Team-1 Sparger, Wheeler, Lara  
Listening - Sara Woodall-6  
Social Studies - Sara Woodall-3 --  
Team 3- Woodall, Ramirez, Rainey  
Oral Reading: Isaac Segura-1 - Kade Sparger-2 - Danette Lara-4  
Spelling - Trent Fenly-3 - Kade Sparger-6 --  
Team 2- Fenley, Sparger, Garcia  
Music Memory - Rafael Ortiz-2 - Colton Wheeler-5 --  
Team-1 Ortiz, Wheeler, Monk, Simmons, Ramirez



- 4th Grade:**  
Ready Writing - Jennifer Cruz-1  
Music Memory - Lauren Underwood-3 --  
Team 3- Underwood, Landa, Madera, Byrd
- 3rd Grade:**  
Oral Reading - Larissa Hampton-6  
Spelling - Michelle Hernandez-1 - Larissa Hampton-2 --  
Team 1- Snider, Hernandez, Hampton  
Story Telling - Rachel Snider-3

## December Term of Eastland Co. Grand

### Jury Returns 31 Additional Indictments

After re-convening on January 27, 2011 in the Eastland County Courthouse, an Eastland County Grand Jury of twelve citizens returned an additional 31 indictments. Previously, during the month of December 2010, the December Term Grand Jury had handed down 42 felony indictments.

The 31 indictments included: One person for indicted for Driving While Intoxicated - Third Offense or More, four indictments for Sexual Assault - Child, three indictments for Improper Relationship with a Student, three indictments for Indecency With a Child, one person for Tampering With Evidence - Governmental Record, five for Possession of Controlled Substances, one for Theft - \$1500 or more but less than \$20,000, four for Assault Family Violence - By Impeding Circulation, one for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, two for Evading Arrest/Detention, one for Theft-Firearm, one for Burglary of Building, one for Fail to Pay Taxes Collected, one for Failure to Keep Books/Records, one for Possession of Tobacco Products - Failure to Pay Taxes, and one for Sex Offender Duty to Register.

The December Term of the Grand Jury covers the months of December 2010 and January 2011. Indictments are not made public until after an arrest or service of the indictment is made on the accused.

## It's Not Too Late

Start your New Year Resolution!  
Join Kickboxing!  
Beginners class at 6:00 p.m.  
On Monday and Wednesday  
Starting February 2nd  
(You must be 18 years or older)

Regular Class Still At 6:30 on Monday and Wednesday  
For Information Call Julie 254-734-2257

## Is Your Story Written?

In recent issues of this paper you have been invited (maybe even encouraged) to write your remembrance of January 1, 2006. Please complete your writings and send them in by March 1, 2011 to: **JODY FORBUS, CHIEF**  
CARBON VFD  
P O BOX 566  
CARBON, TX 76435

Thank you for your help -- your support is always appreciated.

## Thunder In February - Freeze in April



Snow on the first day of February will make driving and getting to work all most impossible. Several inches of the white stuff fell on Gorman and surrounding towns. On Monday night the strong thunderstorms came rambling in from the west bringing some heavy rain, lightning, and some pea size hail. Then the cold wintry blast of arctic air blew in dropping the temperatures down to the low teens. Close to record lows will be felt around the area, with reported lows for Wednesday morning being around 9 degrees with the wind chill below zero.

The progress was open around seven a.m. This morning when Joe (dad) went to the coffee shop and then to the office. Lonnie came in around 8:00 from Lake Leon reporting the drive in was challenging. Most schools in the area were closed on Tuesday. The moisture will help with the dryness in the area.

## Dublin Square Dance Club Offer Lessons

The Dublin Cloverleafs Square Dancer Club will sponsor beginning lessons starting February 8, 2011. The lessons will be conducted in the Rotary Bldg. at 136 E. Blackjack (Hwy. 6 South) in Dublin from 6:30 to 7:30 each Tuesday for 16 weeks.

Try us out for two weeks with no obligation. You are not expected to know anything about square dancing. That's what lessons are for, and there will be experienced dancers there to help you learn. It is a fun to exercise your body and your mind, meet new people, and have a lot of fun in a non-smoking, alcohol free environment.

The Dublin Cloverleafs are an area wide square dance club with members from Stephenville, Dublin, Comanche, Eastland, Meridian, Carbon, Lipan and Granbury. For more information call: **Dorothy McKinnerney - 254-629-1915 - Eastland; Pat Jones - 254-445-2330 - Dublin; Tim Mangrum - 254-968-3085 - Stephenville; and Ray Piner - 254-435-2240 - Meridian.**

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## Boys and Girls Club News

Many Boys and Girls Clubs are running a Car Campaign. Donated Cars are sold at auction and the funds generated help support their many programs. For those wishing to donate or for more information, call 800-246-0493.

## 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 - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

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.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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

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

**Food Bank**  
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.  
Second Thursday

**Boy Scouts**  
Meeting Weekly  
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.  
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**Obituaries**

**Robert L. "Bob" Roberts**

Robert L. "Bob" Roberts, age 81 of DeLeon, passed away Friday, January 28, 2011 at his home.

Graveside service was at 2:00 P.M. Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger, Texas with Denver Rainey officiating. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Bob was born March 21, 1929 in Dublin, Texas to Frank Kennard Roberts and Bertha Ferrell Roberts. He married Lurlene Benson on January 3, 1961. She preceded him in death on August 10, 2006.

Mr. Roberts was a retired car dealership owner and a Baptist. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Army.

He is survived by one sister, Lou Gorman of Fort Worth and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Leslie Roberts, his parents, five brothers, Rex, Morgan, Frank, Tommy and Jimmy Roberts and two sisters, Wayne McIntosh and Mary Clark.

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**James C. Lewis**

James C. Lewis, age 85, of Lake Brownwood, died Thursday, January 27, 2011 at Rising Star Nursing Home.

Funeral Services were held at 3 p.m. at the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Tony King officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

James was born November 20, 1925 in Waldrup, Texas, the son of the late Marvin Wesley and Ida Etta Hobs Lewis. He was married to Myrna Rae Maynard on May 24, 1942 in Rising Star. She preceded him in death May 12, 2008.

James served in the United State Army during the Asiatic Pacific Theater, Phillippine Liberation and the occupation of Japan; he also served in the Air Force Reserves. He then worked for the Local 1421 Union working on conveyer belts at airports and post offices. James enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a Baptist and had lived at Lake Brownwood since 1986.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Matthews of May; a son, Rex Lewis and wife Joy of Rising Star; an adopted daughter, Pam Ulan and husband Jerry of Alton, PA.; A sister, Ora Lee Lawrence of De Leon; grandchildren, Debbie Harris and husband Leonard, Jimmy Lewis and wife Terri, Johnny Lewis and wife Debbie, all of Fort Worth, Cindy Russell and husband Gary of Dublin, and Wes Lewis of Colorado; 13 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Larry Parker, Zack Bilbrey, Bobby Simkins, Billy Bilbrey, Dave Thome and Greg Grimes.

**"On The Wilder Side"**

A few years ago I had the chance to buy my first brand new car. I was so excited. I knew exactly what I wanted... I wanted everything. Power locks, power windows, cruise, CD, sunroof, a monster engine, chrome everywhere and lots of luxury. I wanted that paper on the car window to be full of extras. I even wanted it at my price. I didn't want anything to stop me from getting exactly what I wanted and the price I wanted to pay. We are all like that aren't we? We like to negotiate. We want it all but don't want to pay for it.

I think some of us can be like that in our faith as well. We want it all: salvation, blessings, forgiveness, a great life, encouragement, and answered prayers but we don't want to pay for it. We want this on our terms. God, give me patients, and do it now. Don't give me extra opportunities to be patient. Give me wisdom but I don't want the growing pains that come with maturity. I want answered prayers but I don't want to work hard so those prayers come true. We want earthly blessings but expect them to be given rather than earned. And we want salvation on our terms. In short, we want it all but don't want to pay it all.

Consider what the Hebrews writer told us in Heb 12: "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Jesus gave it all, and so should we... that's all.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder Gorman Church of Christ

**Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times**

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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00

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35 A. M/L - Erath Co. N. De Leon, paved frontage, good small acreage recreational place, heavy brush cover, deer, wild turkey and hogs! Over 1/2 mile of creek frontage. \$3,495 per acre.

3 + Acre, 3 - 2 3/4 - 2 brick, central A/C, 2375 sf, den + lg. game room, nice carpet, metal roof, water well, 20 x 40 shop, secluded, lots of Post Oaks! \$119,500.

9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2-story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sf, metal roof, carport, 30x50 metal shop, several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00

S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500.00

Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800.00

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

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**Gorman Schools Menu for Feb. 7-Feb. 11**

**BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, fruit, Juice and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cheese toast, hash brown, juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - Muffins, fruit, juice and Milk.

FRIDAY - Sausage, Gravy, Biscuit, juice and Milk

**LUNCH**

MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, Jello, biscuit and milk.

TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken, Corn dog, pinto beans, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, oranges, Chocolate cake and milk. BIRTHDAY TABLE

WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Soft Taco, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, sherbet and Milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage Pizza, Ravioli, cheese sticks, corn Cobbet, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie and Milk.

FRIDAY - Cheeseburger, Sloppy Joe, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and Milk.

**Letter To The Editor** By Henry A. Buchanan

**ABOUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

The Oldham County courthouse lawn is now the holy ground for a four ton rock with the Ten Commandments chiseled into it in violation of God's commandment against making graven images.

The big slab of stone requires the inhabitants of Oldham to worship Yahweh, the Jewish war god who commanded Israel's first king, Saul, to kill all the people and livestock in the village of the Amalekites to show his destructive power and vengeance.

They will have to call a halt on the killing though and stop other forms of work at sundown on Friday and they can't shop at Walmart on Saturday until sundown.

But there are positive aspects: all the liars, cheats and lascivious old citizens of Oldham will have to watch their language, stop cheating on their income tax and ogling the girls if they are already married to one of their neighbors. And the Republicans and Tea Partiers who plan to dismantle the Obama Healthcare plan are going to have to support their aged parents themselves, thus doing away with the need for both Social Security and Medicare.

The best part of all though is that they will have to stop this war because we can't have anymore killing and stealing the oil in the Middle East and not even wishing we could get it.

So it will be nice to go back to the old ways when men always told the truth and didn't have to pay the Sheriff to protect their property and get Saturdays off nor listen to people throwing the name of Yahweh around loosely in the hope of impressing people. That may go hard on the clergy for awhile until they get used to work six days in the week instead of one.

That's a big rock there on the Oldham County courthouse lawn. Just be careful that it doesn't fall on you. Weighing four tons it's apt to be shattered as easily as the ones Moses brought back from the mountain. It just might smash you while you are admiring your neighbor's ass - er, I mean his late model pickup truck. You won't even have a chance to utter an expletive when that big rock hits you.

Henry A. Buchanan  
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Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children two things: sand in a plastic bag and a rock. She asked the children which of them was stronger, and they all said, "The rock!" If a house is built on a rock it stands through storms, and if a house is built on sand it will fall down in the storm. Traci asked which is better to build your house on, and the children said, "Rock!" In Matthew chapter 7 we are told that smart people obey the words to build on rock. Build your life on Jesus, He is stronger than a rock, and you will make it through the storms of life.

Bro. Barry's Message: "The Book" - Daniel 12:1 - Blessings, name them one by one. We serve a loving God. When we hear adults tell children things like: "You're skating on thin ice." "I'm going to count to three." "I'll give you one more chance." "Stop it or you're going to get it." You know these phrases are warnings. The Bible is full of warnings from Genesis to Revelation. Will we heed the warnings, and find our names written in "The Book"? If your name is not written in "The Lamb's Book of Life" you won't spend eternity with Jesus.

**I. TROUBLE IS COMING.** - Signs of trouble are food shortages, earthquakes, uncontrolled disease, meteor showers, active volcanoes, etc. Safety is to live continually in the Word and Walk with God. Isaiah 2:12 - reckoning settled; Jeremiah 30:7 - great tribulation, yet Jesus saves; Malachi 4:1 - the day of judgement; Matthew 24:21 - great anguish that will not be greater, thank the Lord.

**II. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.** - How do you know when God has had enough? Heed the warnings He speaks through His Word, and be READY!

**III. THE FINAL JUDGEMENT.** - Final? Absolute, Concluding, Ending, Finishing!

Luke 10:20 - Rejoice your name is in "The Book". Are you sure your name is in "The Book"?

Philippians 4:3 - Tell others, share the Good News; Revelation 3:5 - Victorious once your name is in "The Book" as it will not be erased; Revelation 13:18 - Wisdom to know what you need to know; Revelation 20:12-13 - "The Book of Life" opened and judgement delivered; Revelation 20:14-15 - God is creator of all. Those who turn Christ away are judged and thrown in the lake of fire. Each one of us has the opportunity to accept Jesus or turn Him away; commit your life to God! God is not going to make you follow Him to Heaven, if you didn't follow Him on Earth. What is your choice? Billy Graham once said, "God judges, the Holy Spirit convicts, and we love." The names of some people will not be in "The Lamb's Book of Life". Jesus commanded us to love our neighbour as ourselves; love even the unloving and the seemingly unlovable. Face it; we are to love one another! These days are URGENT! Biblical signs and modern day history is unfolding before our eyes. Are you READY? Will Jesus find you doing your best to LOVE?

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100 - Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

## Farm Service Agency Announces a General Signup Period for the Conservation Reserve Program

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup from March 14 through April 15, 2011. This is the second consecutive year that USDA has offered a general CRP signup.

Landowners enrolled in the CRP program receive annual payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP can be offered during sign-up if all eligibility requirements are met. CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the signup period. Contracts awarded during this general signup will become effective October 1, 2011.

All CRP offers are evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that indicates the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are five environmental factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Decisions will be made following the end of the sign-up period and after analyzing EBI data on all of the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be ongoing.

For more information, please contact the Eastland County FSA Office at 254-629-1636 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.



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# Pig Tales From Hogtown

We had a great crowd at the dance last Friday evening here at the DAC! There were lots of our regulars and lots of new faces, also. It's fun to see everyone get acquainted and make the new folks feel welcome. Let's do it again on the second Friday of February!

We had a special visitor at the dance, also. Ron Erdrich from the Abilene Reporter News came to see what was going on. He stayed until the dance ended and talked to lots of people. Hope he puts in a good word for us in the Abilene paper! Thanks, Ron!

This Saturday morning, February 5th is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. We serve from 7:00 until 10:00. The men will be a little chilly cooking outside, but they are tough and will be cooking eggs and bacon as usual. The women will be inside where it is warm cooking sausage, gravy, pancakes and biscuits. Come and join us.

Please remember the general meeting of all DAC members will be February 10th at 7:00. Membership is \$25.00 per person or \$35.00 for a married couple. Becoming a member allows you to serve on the board of directors, to vote to elect board members and gives you a discount on building rental. We must elect 5 new board members. Please consider serving on the board. We have a great group of folks who support the DAC.

We are, already, getting positive responses from vendors for our spring craft show. It appears that we will have a great turnout. Please mark April 16th to come and see what we have to offer. We will include a bake sale and a concession stand this year - it seems everyone knows what great cooks we have here in Desdemona!

I am not looking forward to this week of cold weather - ugh! Hope you all stay warm.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

## Foreign Persons Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Any foreign person who acquires, transfers, or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

Failure to file a report, filing a late report, or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching, or timber production if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.



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**Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance. There was 48 to attend last Sunday. Visitors attended last Sunday from Stephenville, Gorman, Strawn, Cisco and Breckenridge. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Service.

Take time out from your busy schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

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

Vonnie Rue.

**HOMESTEAD HAPPENING**

Burr!!! Hope everyone is staying warm, we are trying to, looks like this cold wintery weather is going to be here a few days. We are all hoping the groundhog doesn't see his shadow, ready for him to crawl out of his hole and winter be over. We were hoping for moisture but not this particular kind, maybe we should be more specific, rain, rain rain.

Bingo winners this week were Charlie Dyes, Mayvis Lasater, and Melvin Daniels. 072 was a popular number, five people blacked out on it. Blackout winners were Wesley Couch, Christina Crews, Robin Taylor, Frankie Stacy and Lula Schneider. Tuesday we enjoyed the singers, there is nothing like a song book with gospel music, a piano and lead singers, thank ya'll so much for bringing sunshine to our lives. Wednesday Amy Woods delivered the birthday cake for our January birthdays, they are always delicious and she makes sure there is plenty to go around. We also want to thank Brent Lasater for leading our Wednesday morning singing before bible study lead by Brother Jason. Thank you Brother Jason for bringing us the gospel. I know everyone would think all we do is eat around here, but buttery popcorn, coke and movie is hard to beat, especially if the movie is the last of the Twilight Series. Friday was bingo again, this time Rozelle Caraway won a game along with Robin Taylor, Frankie Stacy, and Charlie Dyes. Blackout was won by Christina Crews by herself. Congratulations to all our winners.

Our door is always open for a visit anytime, come on by, hope to see you soon. Until next week, Be save, Be happy. The staff at Homestead Nursing and Rehab

**Texas AgriLife Extension Service Hosts Central Texas Family Issues Summit**

Whether you are a parent/guardian, teacher, child care provider, mentor, tutor, or social worker, you play an important role in child development. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children who grow up in environments where their developmental needs are not met are at an increased risk for compromised healthy and safety, learning and developmental delays. If you are looking for information and tools you can use when working with children, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is conducting their annual central Texas Family Issues Summit on Friday, February 11, 2011 at the McLennan Community College Emergency Services Education Center, 7601 Steinbeck Bend Road, Waco, Texas. The theme is "A Blueprint for a Child's Development".

Conference topics include:

*A Father's Involvement in a Child's Development* (Ron Klinger, Ph.D.),  
*How Exercise Can Benefit the Total Well-being of a Child* (Van Davis, MAT, RMT, CPFT).

*Learning Math Concepts from Everyday Activities* (Brenda Fudge),  
*Teaching Money Skills to Children and Teens* (Jacquelyn White, MS),  
*The Growing Trend of Bullying* (Attorney General's Office)

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the conference will be from 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. A number of vendors will be on hand with a variety of useful exhibits. Pre-registration is \$25 and should be postmarked by February 1st. Lunch is included in registration and will be on-site. On-site registration will be \$30. Registration forms are available at the Eastland Extension Office.

**Agricultural Viewpoint**

By: Heath Begeman

**Forage Seminar**

A special 5-Hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 10th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension Agronomist-San Angelo, Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension Wildlife Specialist-San Angelo, Gerald Hobson, DuPont, Robert Frost, FSA County Executive Director, Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension Agronomist-San Angelo, and Steven Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture-Eastland. Dr. Drake will discuss Small Grain Forage Production, Dr. Rollins will be discussing Forage for Livestock & Wildlife. Mr. Hobson will discuss Controlling Sandburs in Coastal Bermuda. Dr. Redmon will be discussing How to Utilize Legumes to Improve Levels of Nitrogen in Bermuda Grass. Steven Boston with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulations for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$10 to those that pre-register by February 2nd; after February 2nd will be a \$15.00 fee to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension Offices in Brown, Calahan, Cross, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Calahan County Extension Office at (325)854-5835

**Senior Citizens News**

By Carol Ward

There were sixteen folks out for lunch on the 26 of January. Good to see all. Estelle Lindley was kind enough to give the blessing for all. Nice to see Bill Barrentine again and Deborah Jackson with Ruthie Porter. Missed seeing Lil Brudnak and the Buchanans.

Betty Frazier improving after her fall a month ago. She really damaged her leg. Tripped on a tree root, then hit a brick. We do have to be careful when outside. I use my cane more especially on uneven ground. We have missed visiting with her and Jackie Burns. Jackie here one day for dominoes and did help me carry out pots, etc. Thanks a lot, Jackie.

Well we voted again and the weekly people won one vote. Us who wanted to meet monthly will concede. If the Buchanans had been here we would of won by one vote. So its pretty 50-50. I will continue as long as I can. I do hope someone will come forward to take the helm. Its all I can do to get in and out of the center. I've been lucky and found people on the street to help. HA!!

Our meal was good with baked pork chops in mushroom sauce, enchiladas by Beth Shirley, a good chicken veggie casserole by Billie Bennett, spinach with eggs, okra, Cole Slaw, cabbage, peas and pinto beans with cornbread.

Our desserts were so tasty thanks to Sandy Warren. She made us chocolate chip cookies and brownies, YUM!! Also a good rice pudding by Ellen Parker, chocolate pudding, 2 chocolate cakes, vanilla cake and fruit cocktail.

Our family had another birthday party for Tyson Swanner, he turned 20, hard to believe. Just the immediate family gathered on the 30th, his birthday the 31st. He's not too fond of cake so he enjoyed a huge brownie made in a cookie pan. We then had ice cream with chocolate syrup and nuts on top. A very delicious brownie sundae, what an idea for something different. He is no living with sister Kendra in Goldthwaite. Drives to Howard Payne in Brownwood daily. Its about 35 miles, so I guess gas is cheaper then staying in the dorm.

Woke up this morning to about 5 inches of snow and the degree of 17! Burr Cold. No one is out. No School buses, etc. Don't know how I will get this to Lonnie. Maybe he will come and pick up article. If not, I'll put it in next week. We will not meet the 2nd of February due to winter weather. So no article that week. I'm glad for the moisture as we needed terribly. We had been so dry and many fires happening.

I nearly went to Houston with my son Mark and wife Sandra last weekend. But my body said no! We were celebrating my great granddaughters 4th Birthday. I just simply can't stand these long drives anymore. Then when there its hard to be comfortable. Don't have my bed, etc. Need all my aids.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol

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