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## Four Positions Open For School Board Election May 8

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. Incumbent Bob Powell, Incumbent Beth Underwood, Incumbent Don Whitten and Cliffa Vaughn have filed for the regular term. Incumbent Noah Landa has filed for the one year term.

Cuatro posiciones serán abiertas para la elección para el fideicomisario de la mesa directiva de la escuela el 8 de mayo, 2010. Estas posiciones incluirán tres términos de tres-año para ser elegidos en grande, actualmente tenidos por Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, y uno desocupado por Melinda Harrington y actualmente es un término de un año no caducado que termina el 2011 de mayo, este término desocupado por Jeff Seaton y actualmente puesto por nombramiento a Noah Landa. El Primer día para archivar es el 6 de febrero del 2010. La fecha límite es el 8 de marzo del 2010 a las 5:00 de la tarde. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la oficina del Superintendente durante las horas de clase.

## Gorman High School News

By Jaime Johnston

This part of the school year is always hectic. We have so many different activities going on like baseball, softball, track, UIL, stock shows, TAKS and so much more. Although these activities tend to slow us down, we've been competing very well.

Friday, the softball team played Cross Plains and Comanche. We fell short of victory, but we played very well. This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the softball team will be playing in the Ranger tournament. Last Thursday, Gorman held a track meet for Junior High and High School. Everyone did a great job. This Thursday, the high school track team will be competing in the DeLeon track meet, and then the junior high will compete at DeLeon on Friday. The tennis team will play in their first meet Monday at Brooksmith. 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades will be taking the English TAKS test on Wednesday, March 3rd.

Everyone remember to come out and support the Panthers and Lady Panthers!

## Maxfield Elementary School 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll

### A HONOR ROLL

ARRETT GILDER  
DYDEN HAMPTON  
KAITLYN MORTON  
JONATHAN RODRIGUEZ  
JORDAN HAMPTON  
BRAYLAN LAMINACK  
HANNAH UNDERWOOD  
MACY LAUDERMILK  
MJ LOCKE

### B HONOR ROLL

#### First Grade

MYA CAMPBELL  
STACY GONZALEZ  
JORDAN WILLIAMS  
LUIS AGUILAR  
STEVEN FENLEY  
BRYSON HERRERA  
BRYLEE JOHNSON  
JOSE ALEJOS  
GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ  
BRAEDEN McDONALD

#### Second Grade

RACHEL SNIDER  
DESTINY FLANARY  
LARISSA HAMPTON  
YULIANA HERNANDEZ

DYLAN CARLTON  
ALEXIS ESTRADA  
MICHELLE HERNANDEZ  
GENARO MADERA  
KARSYN SCITERN  
JUSTIN WHEELER  
CAITLYN CLARK  
KACEN ERVIN  
KORI GAINES  
KAYLEE GRUMBLES  
KELSIE GUTHRY  
SYDNEE LOCKE  
ASAEL MALDONADO

#### Third Grade

REECE SCITERN  
JENNIFER CRUZ  
BRANDON HOGAN  
ELLA SEGURA  
LAUREN UNDERWOOD  
JENNIFER VALDEZ

REES BYRD  
JUSTICE FISCHER  
NEDIA MADERA  
BRYCE PETREE  
JESENIA RODRIGUEZ  
MORGAN WRIGHT

#### Fourth Grade

KADE SPARGER  
JESSICA RAMIREZ

EMILIA ALEJOS  
JACOB GRUBIN  
ALLIE GRUMBLES  
NEYDA HERRERA  
DANETTE LARA  
TRIANT FENLEY  
DIANNA RAINEY  
COLTON WHEELER  
ARIANA GIBBS  
NATE GORTT  
CONNOR KEHL  
KAIDEN PETREE  
ISAAC SEGURA  
STRATTON THOMPSON  
SARA WOODALL  
HALEY WRIGHT

#### Fifth Grade

AUSTIN BYRD  
SYDNEY CASEY  
SAM RAINEY  
MAYRA RAMIREZ  
IZAEL HERRERA  
TALEE JONES

RICARDO OLVERA  
BRADI CAMPBELL  
AUDRI SEGURA  
KAYCE DODD  
DYLAN WALTON

## Two Places To Fill On Gorman Youth Sports Council

The Gorman Youth Sports Council has two places to fill on the commission. We will be holding a meeting on 3/11/2010 at 7:00pm at the Senior Citizen Building. Anyone that is interested please come to the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Thanks  
Gorman Youth Sports Council

## 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.

## Gorman High School 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll

### FRESHMAN - A

Rachel Tucker

### A-B

Jasmeen DelaTorre  
Drew Flanary  
Luis Limon  
Vidi Maldonado  
Robert Shawver

### SOPHOMORE

Erica Madera

Maria Garcia  
Chelsea Griffin  
Ally Little  
McKenzie Osborne  
A. J. Vaughn

### JUNIOR

Jaime Johnston  
Jaylon Miley

Cecilia Olivares  
Abby Pacheco  
Brittany Ramirez  
T. J. Warren

### SENIOR

Chance Bryant  
Ben Burgess  
Kathryn Fritts  
Kelsi Gibson  
Brittany Henderson  
Tyler Johnson  
Erica Limon  
Adriana Madera  
Perla Maldonado  
Kimberly Seaton  
Brenda Velasquez

Jarrett Blankenship  
Jonathan Flores  
Laura Herrera  
Poncho Raygoza  
Eric Ryon

## Computer Lab - Closed March 1-5

## Senior Center To Be Used For Census Training

The computer lab will be closed the week of March 1-5 for US Census Training purposes. We are sorry for any inconvenience. The library is open to the public and has a public computer.

(The facility will also be unavailable to the domino players) However lunch will still be served on Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 should the Seniors choose to have it at this location.

## LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL 2010 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
4-6	PERRIN TOURNAMENT - PERRIN	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

## Third Grade Lady Panthers 2nd Place In Sidney Tournament



The third grade Lady Panthers played in the 3rd/4th grade Sidney Tournament this past week. The girls are playing well and improving greatly with every game. The Lady Panthers played Thursday night against Sidney and won which put them in the Championship game against Zephyr on Saturday night. The girls scored 12 points. Kiana Gonzales - 4 pts, Lauren Underwood - 4 pts, Morgan Wright - 2 pts, Daniella Segura - 2pts. The Lady Panthers did a great job but came out a little short leaving them in second place in the tournament. Bottom row: Jennifer Cruz, Kiana Gonzales, Morgan Wright, Jeasina Rodriguez and Daniella Segura. Top Row: Lauren Underwood, Emely Lara, Neida Madera and Briana Landa with Coaches Noah Landa and Cuca Espinoza.

## Sixth Grade Lady Panthers 1st Place In Eastland Tournament



The 6th grade Lady Panthers won 1st place in the Eastland FBC Youth Basketball Tournament on Feb. 25th thru 27th. Pictured is Kourtney Seaton, Betty Montelongo, Arlette Giles, Kathryn Woodall, Yulissa Madera, Kodie Sparger, Vanessa Longoria and Alexia Madera. The girls are playing in the Gorman Tournament this week. Great Job!



Wayne Warren and Aimee Dear were married New Years Eve at the Hyatt in the Ft Worth Stockyards. They were joined by friends and family. Aimee is the daughter of Vicki Kallestad and Timmy Pond. Wayne is the son of Brenda Bradley and Jerry Warren.

The couple reside in Marshall, Texas

## 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, MARCH 17 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

# Obituaries

## Richard Arden Robinson

Richard Arden Robinson, 76, of Carbon, TX passed away February 1, 2010 in Abilene. Services was Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Mangum Baptist Church officiated by Reverend Larry Briley under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home in Cisco. Burial followed in the Bear Springs Cemetery (between Carbon and Kokomo). Visitation was at 5-7:00 PM Friday in the Kimbrough Funeral Chapel. Richard was born October 17, 1933, in Ft. Worth to Hugh Arden and Amy Lois (Bryant) Robinson. He married Lois Mae Walker August 7, 1954 in Mangum, TX. She preceded him in death June 10, 2006. He was a member of the Mangum Baptist Church. He worked as a dispatcher for the Eastland County Cop and retired July 6, 2001. He was a county commissioner and worked as a mail carrier.

Richard was an inspiration to his family and friends through his positive outlook and determination to continue to be a diligent worker for the community. Those he had contact with will remember his strong moral character. He will continue to inspire others because of his attitude of never giving up. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Tim. 4:7

Survivors include a son, Richard, and wife, Roberta of Houston; daughters, Cherre Livingston and husband, Robert, and Patti Garrison and husband, Michael, both of Carbon; daughter-in-law, Regina Robinson of Brownwood; brothers, Hughbert and wife, Pam, and Michael and wife, Louise, both of San Angelo; brother-in-law, Fred Walker and wife Delores, of Whitehouse; grandchildren, Randy Robinson, Tamara Halford, Richard Halford and wife, Shannon, Nicky Halford, Martina Galicia, Jennifer Robinson, Robbie Livingston, Andrea May and husband, Charles. Ten great grandchildren also survive.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and son, Michael J. Robinson.

## Red River Angus Association To Hold Meeting In Lindsay, Texas

The Red River Angus Association will meet Tuesday, March 9, 6:30pm, at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Lindsay, Texas.

Jared Murnin, the Regional Manager for the American Angus Association, will present our program on the new Genomic Test being used to identify the positive carcass characteristics used by producers to breed better cattle. Angus breeders will be on hand to answer any questions related to production or genetics. Whether you are new to cattle production or a seasoned hand, we invited to join other like minded producers to share your ideas or have your questions answered.

All interested cattle producers are invited to attend. Dinner is dutch treat. For further information, contact Rayford Pullen, 940-841-1510.



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

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

38 A M/L south Gorman, Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land \$2,200.00 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. \$2,400.00

S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000.00

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162 A, 2 story 2-1/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000  
147 A, Horse Property, 5-4 1/2 Brick Home, 2-Car Garage, barn, much more [SW01] \$950,000  
102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, minerals, possible owner finance [JB04] \$252,450  
**SOLD** 100 A, water well, 3 tanks, minerals available [RS04] \$210,000  
**REDUCED** 81 A Pecan orchard, 900+ trees, possible owner finance [REMO1] \$405,000 \$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  
24 A, new water well and septic system, costal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000  
7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000  
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4+4, 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  
4-2 Brick Home, large shaded lot, privacy fence, near elementary school [KO01] \$65,000  
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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  
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## SCHOOL MENU Week of Mar. 8 thru Mar. 12

**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.  
TUESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, fruit, Juice and Milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk.  
THURSDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
FRIDAY - Ham, Gravy, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.

**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Chicken and Dumplings, Lasagna, tossed salad, fresh carrots, fruit, crackers and milk.  
TUESDAY - Meat Loaf, chicken nuggets, cream potatoes, corn nuggets, gravy, rolls, spice cake and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Cheese Pizza, vegetable sticks, green beans, crackers, rice crispy and Milk.  
THURSDAY - Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Chicken Wraps, corn, tossed salad, garlic stick, oranges and milk.  
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## Pig Tales From Hogtown

Another rainy day! In a few months we will be begging for rain. The temperatures are warming up, however, and that feels good!

If you are interested in an exercise program, I have good news. Brenda Tucker is starting an exercise class at the DAC on Monday and Thursday evenings. Each class will be 45 to 60 minutes. Come this Thursday and see what it's all about.

Saturday, March 6th, is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Serving is from 7:00 until 10:00 A.M. If you haven't been here for a breakfast, we serve bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. Yum!

We had to cancel the February dance because of the weather but the March dance is on for March 12th. The concession stands opens at 6:00 and the music begins at 7:00. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here as usual. Come and see what a great band this is!

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell



## New Intern For Farm Service Agency

Hi Eastland County! My name is Kayla Atkinson and I am the new intern for the Farm Service Agency here in Eastland. I would like to give you a little bit of background information about me, so here it goes. I am originally from a little South Texas town called Tilden, which is in McMullen Co. I am currently an undergraduate at Tarleton State University in Agricultural Services and Development in the Industries and Extension Option. As the last part of my degree, I am going to be visiting Eastland County for the next 11 weeks and learning about different producers and their Farm Service Agency experiences. I personally would love to meet the producers in this area, so hopefully you will get to come and see me.

## Happenings At FBC!!

Armor! You must take up the FULL armor of God. Trust in God's strength as you bring every thought under the obedience of Christ. Thus, may your thoughts and your actions be pleasing to Christ.

Mark your calendars:

**March 5th & 6th** – "Roll Up Your Sleeves" - Men's Event at BCBA – Worship & Work.  
**March 7th – 10:00am** – All are invited to attend 1st Sunday Video Series—Hope to see you there!

Children's Sermon: Liz shared a darling poem about five little ducks that reminded her of how Jesus feels about us. In this poem the mother duck wouldn't give up until all of her baby ducks came back. Likewise, Jesus will not give up until all of His children are with Him. Jesus loves you, and He will never give up on you.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Real Christianity" – I Peter 4:14 - Does anyone like to be insulted? The Bible tells us to be happy when we are insulted for being a Christian for the glory of God rests upon you.

Bro. Barry reviewed a list of Lullaby titles and the lyrics. Can you imagine that we sing "Rock-a-bye baby" to our children? When the bough breaks the cradle will fall down will come baby cradle and all. Those are awfully frightening words so sing to a baby.

I Peter 4:12-13 – Life is not perfect, in fact, there are difficulties. How you respond to these difficulties can make you grow as a Christian. Trials make you partners with Jesus in suffering. Today we face groups with an agenda to remove the foundation that our forefathers set in place, "In God We Trust", from our Nation. As well as groups that intend to stop Chaplain's from praying with our soldiers.

I Peter 4:14-16 – No shame to suffer for being a Christian. How proud are you to be called by His name?

I Peter 4:17-18 – Godless sinners face judgment, as do those who choose not to accept the invitation of Jesus.

I Peter 4:19 – Suffer in a manner pleasing to God, trust your life to God, He will never fail you! Does our society label it a "hate crime" when a Christian is murdered? Sadly, not, although when a Muslim or Jew is murdered it is labeled a "hate crime". Others will not know unless you go in the name of Jesus.

Many count failed relationships and losing loved ones as their bough breaking. We are to stand on the Word of God. If arrested for being a Christian would you be convicted? Are you a believer, there is only one answer, yes or no? Take your stand for Jesus. What will you do when your bough breaks? It's what we do in the worst of times that tells who we really are.

We welcome new member Debbie Pitman to our fellowship.

Sunday School is for all ages, and Classes begin at 9:45AM every Sunday morning, please come and we will help you find the right class for you.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us!  
Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

## 4-H NEWS

### Clothing Workshop

If you are going to be participating in the Eastland County 4-H Fashion Show, this workshop will be just for you. This workshop will be Saturday, March 6th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Choate Ranch in Cisco. Please bring all of your clothing projects you may be working on; this would include sewing projects, storyboard, fashion design, or the paperwork required for the Fashion Show.

This will be a day to work on your projects. Please call the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222 to let us know if you are coming to the workshop. If you would like more information about the 4-H program in Eastland County, contact Halee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent. Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Eastland County, is located on the first floor of the Eastland County Courthouse. Extension programs are open to all youth regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

### PLANNING THE PASTURE MANAGEMENT YEAR

What makes a great pasture manager? A great pasture manager is one who pays attention to the details and realizes the first step of pasture management is the plan. Great pasture managers pay attention to changes in the pastures and scout their fields regularly to remain aware of conditions that will impact forage production. Successful managers remain aware of what is happening in each of their pastures and how weather, events and their actions will impact the operation's goals and objectives. I encourage you to get out of your truck and walk across each of your pastures. Know the terrain, locate problem areas and plan your strategy accordingly.

So how does one plan for warm-season pasture management? Warm-season native grass pasture or rangeland managers realize that herbicide and fertilizer are often not economically viable and closely watch the stocking rate to ensure that overgrazing does not occur. While grazing management is the primary tool for rangeland managers, prescribed burning can be the second. A well prepared and executed burn plan can result in improved forage production and quality while reducing weed and brush intrusion in rangeland pastures. It is important for rangeland managers to manage the different forages present in their pastures to meet their operational goals.

In February and March, determine how much forage you need to produce from your warm-season pastures in the coming year. The amount of forage you need is a function of the number, size and type of animals you need to feed. Take soil samples and spray thistles and other problem winter weeds before they bolt or flower.

During April and May, apply the recommended amount of fertilizer for your forage needs. You strive to feed your animals properly - - why not properly feed your pastures as well? Apply fertilizer to the better pastures first to get more forage for your "fertilizer" dollar. You should also scout your pastures for small weeds. There are many weeds that 2,4-D will inexpensively kill when they are less than 4 inches tall. The cost of hiring a custom applicator may be more than the chemical. Determine if the weeds are economically important or if spraying can be put off until the next year.

June and July should be spent attacking weeds and brush like Johnson grass, silverleaf nightshade, brush sprouts, and prickly pear. If weather conditions look favorable for bermuda grass growth and you need the forage, apply another 50 pounds per acre of actual nitrogen. If you are in a hay situation, determine if you need to add potash (potassium) since a tone of hay can remove up to 43 pounds per acre of potassium (K2O). It may not take long to deplete your soil of potassium.

September and October should be used to write a brief synopsis of what you have experienced with each pasture. How did the war go? Did you win, lose or call it a draw? What did you learn that you could do better next year? Include information such as what chemicals and fertilizer were applied, stocking rate (number of days grazed by how many head of what weight and type of animal), number and size of bales harvested, etc. Do this soon after you establish your winter pasture and before hunting season, otherwise you could forget.

In December and January, start the planning process all over again. There are, of course, other variables to consider for your pasture management plan. Properly done, you will have a plan for each pasture. And remember, the plan is just a guide. Improvise, adapt and overcome obstacles to obtain the forage production you need.

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The 2009 storm season in North Texas was a typically busy season. Twenty tornadoes were reported across the area, and destructive windstorms, large hail, and deadly flooding all made appearances in our area. The toll on life and property was significant, with many casualties and damage in the tens of millions of dollars.

The 2010 severe weather season is fast approaching. Five tornadoes were confirmed in Northeast Texas on January 20th, so in many ways, storm season is already here. Are you ready for whatever this year has in store? Do you have a severe weather plan at your home and your workplace? Can you recognize the clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding, or a tornado is possible? Do you want to become part of the severe weather warning system in your county? As part of its area-wide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service in Fort Worth will answer these and many other questions at the Skywarn severe weather program on Tuesday, March 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The program will be held at the Eastland Fire Department in Eastland, and is being held in conjunction with Eastland County Emergency Management.

The 2010 program will discuss thunderstorm formation, severe weather production, and features associated with severe storms. The presentation will also review tornado formation and behavior, non-threatening clues which may be mistaken for significant features, and safety when thunderstorms threaten. The program will discuss spotter operations and recommended reporting procedures. The two-hour presentation will be in multimedia format, featuring numerous pictures of storms and nearly 25 minutes of storm video clips.

"We have some new material in the 2010 spotter training program", said Mark Fox, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Fort Worth NWS Office. "We will present the information in the form of a checklist for the attendees to utilize. Most of the storm photos and video clips are different this year. We have reworked many of our graphics. We'll have more identification cases, and we'll discuss the operational aspects of storm spotters in detail".

The fundamental purpose of the spotter training - and of the storm spotter network as a whole - remains unchanged. "We could not do our job as well as we do without storm spotters. Radar is a great tool, but it only tells us part of a storm's story. Spotter observations complement the data we use to analyze storms. The combination of spotter reports and radar data gives us the best possible picture of the storms and what's going on inside them".

The program is free and open to the public. "By coming to this program, you will learn a lot about thunderstorms", Fox said. "Even if you don't become an active storm spotter, you will learn about how storms work and the visual clues you can identify when storms are in your area. We will discuss severe weather safety tips. This will better prepare yourself and your family for the threats that storms pose".

The Eastland County severe weather program is one of over 55 that the Fort Worth NWS Office will conduct between January and early April 2010. The National Weather Service in Fort Worth provides forecasts, warnings, and weather services for 46 counties in north and north-central Texas. For more information on severe weather and the National Weather Service, visit the Fort Worth Forecast Office's website at <http://www.weather.gov/fortworth>

## USDA Announces Additional 300,000 Acres for Wildlife Habitat Expansion and Intent to Conduct General Conservation Reserve Program Signup In 2010

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 27, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA has approved an additional 300,000 acres for conservation projects under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). These additional areas include 150,000 acres for the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative; 50,000 acres for the Duck Nesting Habitat Initiative; and 100,000 acres for the Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds Initiative. Vilsack made this announcement at the Pheasant Fest annual meeting.

"Increasing acreage caps to meet the demand for these critical programs will help us do more for wildlife on the same number of acres," said Vilsack. "This is part of our efforts to target conservation to give the American taxpayer more bang for the buck in terms of improved water and air quality, reduced erosion, and benefits to the climate."

Secretary Vilsack also announced that USDA would conduct a general CRP signup later this year, with program details and the specific signup start date to be announced upon completion of an Environmental Impact Statement.

"It is my goal to ensure that we maximize CRP enrollment - and holding a general CRP signup is an additional step we can take to enroll acres in this program," said Vilsack.

Currently USDA's SAFE portfolio includes 75 approved projects in 22 states covering up to 500,000 acres. With these additional acres, SAFE projects may now cover up to 650,000 acres. SAFE helps state and regional agencies, non-profit organizations and others address local wildlife objectives by partnering with farmers and ranchers to restore wildlife habitats. SAFE provides conservation partners the flexibility to create projects and install conservation practices that target the specific needs of highly valued wildlife species. By developing SAFE projects, these organizations and their partners enhance the effectiveness of CRP by helping to establish higher quality habitat and healthier ecosystems for species of concern and other wildlife.

Restoring an additional 50,000 acres of wetland ecosystems for the Duck Nesting Habitat Initiative will provide nesting ducks with critical habitat, food and nesting cover as well as security from predators. This habitat encompasses ecosystems in the Prairie Pothole Region, including parts of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The initiative also benefits other wildlife species, filters runoff, recharges groundwater supplies, protects drinking water and reduces downstream flooding. With the additional acres, the initiative is now authorized to cover up to 150,000 acres.

The Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds Initiative was created to provide 250,000 acres of early successional grass buffers along agricultural field borders. With these additional acres, upland bird habitat under the initiative may now total up to 350,000 acres. The initiative partners USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) with landowners, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 32 state fish and wildlife agencies, and numerous conservation and wildlife groups.

CRP is the nation's largest private land conservation program with authority to enroll 32 million acres. CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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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.**

## Super Notes

By David K. Perry  
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I am ready for someone to explain global warming to me. Evidently I don't understand how it works. I actually thought the word warming meant it might be a little warmer than usual. I am sure that those folks on the east coast have a problem with it as well. Thank God we don't live there and haven't had the snow they have had! Come on springtime!

Unfortunately, the day we had to take off last week due to snow and the day we had to close school due to the broken water line used up all of our bad weather days. This means we go to school on Good Friday instead of having a three day Easter weekend. I am going to check with TEA about the day we had to close because of no water, but I don't think it will do any good.

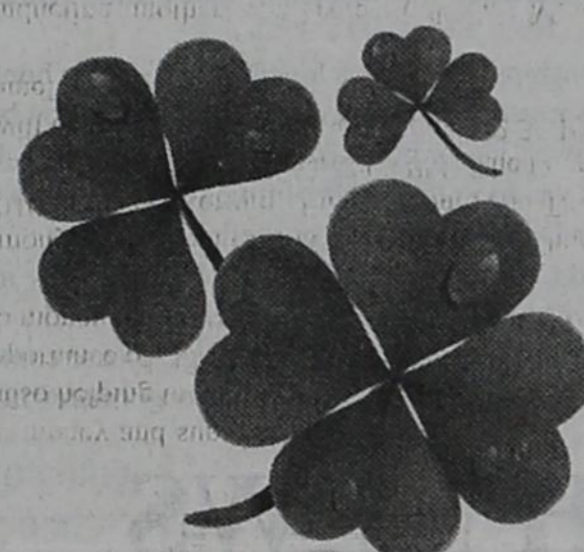
I will leave it to the coaches to submit actual results from the different sports activities, but I will comment that my feet did not thaw out after the track meet until the next morning. It was a lot of fun, but it was a little cool. We appreciate all of the folks that volunteered, especially those in the press box (Bob Powell and family, Daryl Hirst, Vicki Brown, Julie Clark, and Jeff Byrd, and others I'm sure) that kept up with all of the data and announced the results of all the events. A special thanks to Jud Maxfield for being the starter for all of the races and for the entire Lion's Club for hosting the concession and for the work they do in our community.

Our fifth grade girls won their division in the basketball tournament in Eastland against great odds. All of the other teams were from Class-AA or larger. We are so proud of these girls! I would list them but I am afraid I might not remember everyone and be in big trouble. I will leave it to their coach to get a picture submitted and their names. Way to go girls!

Fourth Grade Writing TAKS will be administered this Wednesday, March 3rd. The students and teacher have been working hard to prepare students for success. It is always beneficial to the students if they get a good night's rest, have a nourishing breakfast, and receive encouragement to do the best they can on the test.

The Extended Day that we missed last Tuesday will be made up in April. Again, I stress the importance of attendance. If a student does not attend 90% of Extended Day he/she automatically fails. This is considered when a decision is made concerning a student's passing or failing for the year.

Spring Break is March 15th through March 19th. Please remember that no shorts or Capri pants are to be worn till after Spring Break.



The Jump Rope for Heart fund raiser earned \$947.72 for research on heart disease. Thank you to all who gave of your time, money and support. Besides helping pay for research, you are also helping to educate the children that participated about the importance of charity and how they can help even when they have no money themselves to give.

The Awards Ceremony for the Fourth Six Weeks will be Thursday, March 4th, 2010 in the auditorium. First, Second, and Third grades will be presented awards beginning at 2:00 PM. The Fourth and Fifth Grades will begin their award presentations at 2:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

The P.T.O. is conducting another Scholastic Book Fair March 29th through April 1st. The project that the P.T.O. is earning funds for is resurfacing the playground. This will be wonderful for the children as the surface will be all weather, durable, and padded. The P.T.O. deserves a big thank you for their efforts. Volunteers are needed for the book fair. If you would be able to help, please see Melissa Whitten at the Elementary campus to sign up.

Gorman is a great school district! We have a great faculty and staff that really care about your children. They also care about your school and take very good care of it. It is a team effort on everyone's part and I for one consider it an honor to have worked with them all over the last five years and I hope that you as a community appreciate all of the time and effort they put into their work. If you know a teacher or one of our staff, tell them thanks the next time you see them. They are a wonderful group of caring people that really do care about your children!

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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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Ladies Monthly Social** will be held on Monday, March 8th at the Community Center. Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. To enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. The next ladies social will be held on Monday, April 12th at the same time and the same location. Visitors are welcome.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

**Desdemona Monthly Musical** was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. A large group of musicians attended and the music was "great". Thanks to all the musicians and singers that attend regularly and thanks to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession stand.

"Happy Birthday" to our friend Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley in Sealy, Texas. Alla Rae and this reporter were Classmates with the Class of 1951 in Desdemona.

Have a great day, Coon.

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Not much to write about for our meeting on Wednesday, the 24th. There were only 13 present due to the snow, etc. The roads were fine as the side walks, but all the white stuff scared them off. Also the people were at the Center to learn how to take the census. They left for an hour, but were in each others way at times. So I decided we would not meet on the 3rd as they will be there again. It will be easier for all.

We all signed get well cards for Martha Rainey and Annie Fay Foster. We were a bit late and they are both home now. Glad both are doing better and much improved. We miss seeing these great ladies.

When Billie Bennett is here, she always takes Annie Fay a lunch. Thanks to her for being so kind in this service.

Our meal was quite simple, with few dishes, due to less people being there. But we had enough to enjoy fellowship together. There was German Sausage, steak fingers, Barbara Bush made, so good! Also corn, peas and carrots, green salad and our usual pinto beans. We nearly burned up the cornbread, good and brown, but OK! HA!!! So many filled up on beans and cornbread. We also enjoyed some biscuits for a change. There were two cakes and 2 sides of brownies with 1 cherry pie. The cakes were good and different, lemon and strawberry. Thanks to Ruthie Porter and Anne Buchanan.

We all go VOTE today the 2nd of March. I've got to the point, I could care less, the way they all talk about each other. If they are all that bad why do we need them? Or want them!!! But we must vote, our duty and privilege.

Barbara Bush was kind enough to carry me to Abilene last week the 25th for a surgical procedure. All went well. This is something I have to do every few months and I did get to ride in her new Honda! My cars brakes are acting up, so didn't care to travel far that way.

I hope when we return on the 10th of March there will be a good turnout. Hope all is well, and see you soon, Carol.

## HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

March came in like a wet lion.

Things are looking green here at Homestead. It won't be long until St. Patrick's Day. Remember to wear green on March 17.

We have 2 resident birthdays in March. Anna Watson's birthday is on the 8th and Faye Johnson's birthday is on the 18th. We have 3 staff birthdays Elvira Labrada on the 4th, Maria Hipolito on the 13th and Nina Skiles on the 21st. They would love to receive cards on their special day.

Just a reminder our mailing address has changed to 600 W. Roosevelt.

Don't forget to Spring forward an hour on the 14th. The first day of spring is on Sat. the 20th. It thundered in Feb. so does that mean we will have frost in April?

We had our monthly birthday party on Feb. 22. Amy Wood furnished the cake. Amy does a GREAT job. Thanks Amy.

Those coming for Gospel singing on Monday were: Helen and Woodrow Browning, Norma and Oren Webb, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Ruby Lee Kinser and Ann Warren! What beautiful music they make. Come and join us every Monday at 2:30 Lois Ann Boles, of Granbury, Carolyn Little and Betty Little visited Ima Boles, Donald and Pam Smith of Granbury, Jeff Smith of Eastland visited Jelma Smith, Betty Little visited Marie Cook. Nita Auvenshine of DeLeon, and Kay Craddock visited Marge Hudson, Faye Huff and Frank Crews visited Christine Crews, Ewellene Hammon of DeLeon visited Claudie Shelton, Brent Lasater visited Mayvis Lasater.

Larry Thompson, Straton and Stetson visited Jud Thompson. Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy. Michelle Gray and Sandy Warren visited all the residents.

We had our monthly resident council meeting on Thursday and invited the department supervisors to join us. Everyone told a little about themselves. Residents and staff learned something new about each other. Everyone enjoyed this time of lovely discussions. Refreshments were served.

Bingo winners on Monday were Frankie Stacy; Marie Cook won 2 games, Robin Taylor, and Christine Crews. Blackout winner was Ima Boles.

We are now on Facebook under Homestead Gorman and have some great pictures posted of the Mardi Gras Parade and other pictures. This is a great way to keep up with things that are going on at Homestead.

On Tuesday we had a great game of Volleyball and then talked about the National Anthem. On March 3, 1931 President Hoover signed a bill declaring the Stat Spangled Banner as the U.S. anthem. How many of you know all 4 verses?

I hope everyone remembered to go Vote.

Have a good week.  
Ina

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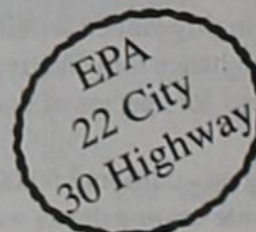
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