

# Life down on the Ranch



farmhouse built in 1885 was recently restored by Tom Perini and made into the Perini Ranch Guest Quarters in Buffalo Gap. Below, one of the two bedrooms of the guest quarters.

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# Perini Ranch adding guest accommodations

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**BUFFALO GAP** — Easing his pick-up truck along the private ranch road flanked by prickly pear cactus and towering live oaks, Tom Perini talks of frontier history as he heads across a pasture.

His destination is the new guest quarters at Perini Ranch. An upscale version of the bed-and-breakfast concept, the Perini Ranch Guest Quarters provide overnight lodging in a secluded setting.

The guest quarters are the latest addition to the famed Perini Ranch Steakhouse, the home base for Perini, who has cooked for presidents and other world leaders.

The 1,600-square foot Main House, built in 1885 by the homesteading Ridenhauer family, was spacious for its time. Most of the original structure remains today.

It was first built upon the banks of Elm Creek, then known only as "a tributary of the Clear Fork of the Brazos."

The family built the home over a buffalo hunter's abandoned dugout,

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**"It's a better oasis than I dreamed. It carries on the Perinis' hospitality and we hope to see folks out there enjoying themselves."**

— Lisa Perini, co-owner of Perini Ranch Steakhouse

