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## Gorman Jr. High Cheerleaders News



Pictured from left to right: Angelena Perez, Katey Thackerson, Rachel Tucker, Cortney Shirley, Carlie Jackson, Chelsea Griffin, Ally Little and Vidi Maldonado.

The Gorman Junior High Cheerleaders recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Summer Camp. The camp was held at Tarleton State University and attracted over 400 cheerleaders from the surrounding areas. The cheerleaders did an outstanding job and the squad received the following awards at camp:

**Game Day Top Team Winner** - On the last day of camp teams compete with a cheer that they have learned during the week. Game Day Skills, as well as the ability to lead the crowd are judged to select the winner.

**National Championship Winner** - Awarded to the squads exemplifying the best technical skills and cheerleading techniques. This allows the squads to compete in the NCA Junior High National Championship held in Dallas, Texas in December.

**Spirit Stick Winner** - Awarded to the squads that showed sincere spirit and enthusiasm throughout the entire week.

Another accomplishment for the squad was that some of the individuals were nominated to try-out for All-American. The All-American Nominees have to be picked for strength in their jumps, motions, stunts, tumbling, dance, or leadership. The six girls that were nominated were Chelsea Griffin, Cortney Shirley, Carlie Jackson, Katey Thackerson, Ally Little, and Angelena Perez. Chelsea Griffin, Cortney Shirley and Ally Little were honored as All-American Team Members. The girls had an evaluation each day at camp over the material they learned there and for all of them they received three Superior ribbons and Two Excellent ribbons. They squad also received a Safety award for demonstrating the ability to be safe during their stunts for the entire week.

I am very excited to be their sponsor this year and I am very proud of the squad for their hard work and accomplishments during our week at camp. Thanks, Keri Guthery.

## Water System Maintenance

Despite enjoying a much milder summer than most remember in our part of Texas, water quality issues not so uncommon during the heat of Texas at this time of year, continue to cause concern to those who treat and distribute that water to our homes and businesses. Your City, and the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District, and in some areas your Water Supply Corporation, work together to provide your water and are much aware of the issues of taste and odor and color in the water that can be caused by a number of factors.

Our source water at Lake Proctor, while not experiencing an all-time high level during the recent un-seasonal rainfalls, and in some instances flooding, did reach a capacity of in excess of 540%. Effects of this huge inundation of property that was already "grown-up" due to earlier rains, included elevated levels of manganese, sulfides and organics that can easily multiply treatment and distribution problems that translate into taste and odors that are unpleasant and in some cases to discolored water that may be yellow, orange, and even green or brown tinted. The system that delivers the water to your community plays a large roll in this process also and many of these issues can be improved with various system maintenance procedures. Flushing and turning over slow moving parts of the system is a primary tool and one that is being employed at this time.

Disinfectant levels are always a primary concern and while many unpleasant aesthetics may occur, the system's water remains regulatorily compliant as long as the disinfectant remain at levels required for the various types of disinfectants. Your water system has utilized "chloramines" as its primary disinfectant and in the interest of doing all that is necessary to minimize any undesirable properties that now exist and to prevent compromising the safety of the water in your system, the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District and your local provider will be changing the disinfectant to "free chlorine" for a period of time to provide what may be described as a "shock treatment." While colored water and taste and odor issues currently exist, the change may or may not even be noticeable. However, these are common side-effects of this process. While these nuisances exist, be assured that these steps are measures taken to improve our water system's integrity and will be a step leading to improved water quality.

Some time near 5:00 pm on Monday the 6th of August, the City of Gorman was required to post a "Boil Water Notice" by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as a result of a loss of adequate disinfectant residuals. By 11:00 pm that same evening, Water District employees had installed a booster chlorination system at the towns water supply facilities and began the process of "shocking" the City's water system by changing from chloramines to free chlorine. However, the Boil Water Notice will continue until disinfectant residuals have been established to required levels and bacteriological testing validates that the City's system has been checked and returned to levels of compliance for public water systems. At this time no other Cities that purchase water from the District are effected by the Boil Water Notice at Gorman.

Other areas served by the District will systematically be converted from chloramines to free chlorine beginning August 8th and the process will continue for a time yet to be determined, but currently estimated at three to four weeks to ensure the full beneficial effects of this process throughout each entities' complete system. Local officials and water system personnel are working diligently and the steps being taken should lead to a substantially improved water distribution system. Questions or concerns regarding these matters may be directed to local water system personnel or by contacting the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District @ 254-879-2228.  
gary lacy, mgr  
carroll abbey, plant superintendent

## Animal Adoption Center Meeting Held Recently

A group of citizens from Eastland County met on July 26th to discuss the possibility of beginning at Animal Adoption Center for Eastland County. Some of the things that were discussed at the meeting are the immediate needs of the Eastland Animal Shelter. They are continuously overcrowded and are having to euthanize animals that could otherwise be adopted out to new forever homes. The ideal option is to find foster homes to house and care for the animals until they can be adopted out. Applications for foster care will be available at the next meeting for anyone who is interested in helping with this process and being involved in finding forever homes for the animals. The group also discussed a name for the new Animal Adoption Center and will look at the choices at the next meeting on August 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Connellee Hotel in Eastland. Once a name has been chosen, the group will need to incorporate and apply for a 501c3 so that the Animal Adoption Center will be able to apply for grants to help with building a new building, with spay and neuter and with education. The paperwork for this process will be between \$1,100 and \$1,300. These funds will need to be raised as soon as possible and we are hoping that this can be done through a "passing of the hat" sort of fundraiser. Anyone who would like to donate to this please join us on the 13th at the Connellee or contact Darla French at 254-629-1300 (day) or 254-246-0037 (evenings).

## Gorman A's Place Fourth at State



The Gorman A's age 12 and under Little League team placed fourth in the Texas Teenage Baseball State Tournament held in Colorado City July 23-26.

The A's played the eventual state champion team from Presidio in the first round of the tournament. Most of the game was played on even terms with the team from Presidio finally winning by 7-3. Gorman came back with wins over Albany and the highly favored team from Hawley. Following the 4-3 victory over Hawley, the A's had to play back-to-back games, facing a strong team from Bangs.

Bangs handed the A's their second loss and elimination from the tournament. The two losses by the A's were to Bangs and Presidio, the two teams who played for the state championship.

In a warmup for the State Tournament, the A's entered an invitational tournament in De Leon the weekend before going to state. Teams were entered in that tournament from Comanche, DeLeon, Eastland, Gorman, and Stephenville. The A's won that tournament, defeating the Eastland team in the championship game.

The A's appreciate the great support they have received this season from parents and other fans as well as the hard work of all the volunteers on the baseball commission. A special thanks goes to our team sponsor, Bob's Grocery, as well as other individuals and businesses who sponsor teams and contribute to the summer baseball/softball program in Gorman.

Team members of the A's who compiled a 17-6 record for the season were Zachary Carlton, Fabian Garcia, Agapito Huerta, Trey Howard, Andy Madera, Austin Marlow, Rafael Mata, Rodrigo Mata, Dakota Pacheco, Yovani Valdez, and Jordan Watson. Landen Lewis and Brady Pair were picked up from the De Leon Sluggers to play with the A's in the playoffs. Sheldon Finley and B. J. Ramirez played with the A's in the DeLeon invitational tournament. The A's were coached by Lucio Pacheco and Richard Watson with dads of several players helping in various capacities throughout the season.

Starting August 14th -- New Pool Hours:  
Tuesday thru Friday - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Pool will be open until Saturday, August 25th

Desdemona Homecoming  
and School Reunion  
Set Saturday, Aug. 11th  
At Desdemona Community Center  
School Gym

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 1947

Our 60th Anniversary is here and Homecoming is September 8th. I would like to hear from each of you about getting together that Saturday. My address is Ennis Joiner, Box 524, Gorman, TX 76454 - Phone 254-734-2498.

## 2007 Gorman Ex-Students Homecoming Planned

Girls Basketball Team of 1958 to be Honored!  
Only girl's team from GHS to go to state competition!

The Gorman Ex Students Homecoming will be held on Saturday, September 8 along with the Peanut Festival. Events are as follows:

- Ex Student Registration Booth downtown from 8:00AM until after the parade.
- Peanut Parade begins at 10:00AM
- Program and business meeting at the Gorman High School Auditorium at 2:00PM. Registration will also be held at the business meeting.
- An Ex's dinner will be held at Z.J.'s Steakhouse in Gorman at 7:00PM on Saturday night. Tickets available at registration.

Call your classmates and encourage them to attend!

## New Event for Peanut Festival

Hey folks! The Peanut Festival Committee has decided to inaugurate a new event at this year's festival and would like to start out this event by involving all interested local businesses, civic organizations, and churches.

The committee will be providing a wooden peanut that will be approximately 4 ft. tall to be decorated to represent the business or organization or to represent Gorman. The peanut should be decorated in a permanent fashion so that it can be displayed throughout the coming year until the next Peanut Festival. Peanuts will be available to be delivered from committee members in late July. They will need to be returned to the festival committee by August 30, 2007.

Please contact Miriam Landa at 734-5637, Melinda Harrington at 734-2150, or Amber Scitem at 734-5431 to have your peanut delivered. Festival committee members may also be contacting you to ask you to participate in this event so that we may kick it off with a bang this year.

## Beautiful Baby Contest

Time is getting closer and this year for the Gorman Peanut Festival there will be a Beautiful Baby Contest held. Categories consist of:

- Newborn to 12 Months
- One to two years old.
- Two to three years old.

The baby's will be judged according to their beauty, personality, and Sunday outfit. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee. For more information call Mila at 734-5637 or Debra 734-6425.

## - New Addition -

This year there will be a New Addition to the Miss Peanut Queen. We will be having a Little Miss and Junior Miss Peanut Queen. To participate in the Little Miss, you must be between the ages of 5 and 7; and the Junior Miss between the ages of 8 and 10. For more information call Mila at 734-5637 or Amber Scitem at 734-5431.

## Gorman Athletic Booster Club Meeting

The athletic booster club will be meeting on Thursday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping to raise the spirit in following the Panthers to a victorious season is welcome and needed!! Please come and share your ideas, opinions, and suggestions. It would be great if we could have a large amount of parents and fans involved in the booster club this year. Don't be the weak link in the Gorman Panther road to success. Join the boosters in making this a great year!!

## Don't Forget About Your Summer Reading Assignment!

All students who enrolled in any honors english class grades 7-12 are responsible for a summer reading assignment. Each student was given a copy of the assignment before summer break, and the assignments have been posted on Ms. Gutierrez's and Mrs. Segura's websites, which can be accessed from the Gorman ISD website [www.gorman.esc14.net](http://www.gorman.esc14.net). Several grades will be generated from this assignment including the first test grades of the school year, so it is very important to complete the assignment.

## Carbon Community Center Holds Successful Benefit

The recent benefit for the Carbon Community Center was a success in the fact that more than \$2,500 dollars was raised. Many people made this benefit a success in the fact that they came, dropped donations into the "bucket", ate and visited during the evening. To all of them the organizers of the fish fry, Bobby and Faye Tucker, and Mitizi McGaha and others, gives a grateful thank you. And, thanks to the local newspapers for advance notice of the benefit.

Prior to the fish fry several people made donations in honor of loved ones. These names will be added to the plaque honoring them. They are in memory of Tom and Mae Greer by Larry Greer; Jimmy and Oma Mae Hughes by Donald Hughes; "Slick" and "Cricket" Walker by Dale Walker; Mr and Mrs. W. S. McGaha by Royce McGaha; Grover Hallmark by Truman Bryant; Robert and Johnie Tucker by Clint Tucker; and Vadis Phelps by her daughters and grandchildren.

The Community Center is available to the public for special events by calling 254-639-2565. Reasonable rental fees are charged.

Desdemona Alumni Reunion

Desdemona Activity Center - Desdemona, Texas

Friday, August 10, 2007

Visiting begins at 4:00 P.M. - Dinner at 6:00 P.M.





