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Panthers To Open Season Friday Against Evant

The Gorman Panthers of 2008 will open their season by hosting the Evant Elks at Brogdon Field on Friday night at 7:30. The Elks are expected to have a strong team this season and this game should be a big test for the Panthers who lost some quality players in the backfield and line, both offensively and defensively. First year coach for the Panthers, Keith Hendrix, will have Bill Bates, Billy Fox assistants with James Gerick, who will be returning to Gorman after a couple of seasons at Windthorst, where he helped coach a team that was in the State Playoffs. Windthorst knocked Gorman out of the playoffs in the Division II area round after the Panthers had defeated Tolar 45-0 and Lindsay 52-10 in the playoffs. The Big Red lost to Windthorst 14-0. The Big Red had a great undefeated 11-0 season before being knocked out of the playoffs.

The Panthers will be returning before 5 offensive and 6 defensive starters this season. QB/DB Tyson Swanner, 6-1, 160 lb. Senior; RB/DB Matt Underwood, 5-10, 160 lb. Junior; OL/LB Tyler Johnson, 5-10, 205, Junior; OL James Brown, 6-1, 270, Junior; OL/DL Sean Bates, 6-0, 245, Junior and DB Drew McCreless, 5-10, 160, Junior. Sophomore defensive back Keifer Wilson is expected to help bolster the Panthers, along with several other returnees and a couple of new faces on the squad.

The next game for the Panthers will be Dallas Gateway, when the Big Red will travel to Dallas on September 5th at 7:30.

Go Big Red!!

Gorman Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 29	Evant	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Dallas Gateway	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Roscoe	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Christoval	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	OPEN		
Oct. 3	Archer City	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	*Perrin-Whitt	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	*Ranger	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	*Tolar	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	** Santo	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	*De Leon	Away	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes District Games
** Denotes Homecoming Game

Construction Continues Despite School Parking Woes



The Gorman Schools are now back in session for the new school year. The Construction is going along smartly. The new building will be nice once completed. The parking around the school is a problem for the teachers, students, and parents dropping off kids and picking them up. The construction is taking up the area that used to be parking for teachers. When you are in the area around the school, watch for construction workers and equipment.

Eastland Lakeside Ladies Reschedule Golf Tournament

The Lakeside Golf Course Ladies Association in Eastland has rescheduled their golf tournament for September 6th after getting rained out on the original date.

We will be hosting our 8th Annual 18 hole 2 Lady Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 6th, 2008. Tee off time is 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$60.00 per person which includes cart, refreshments, mulligans and a meal following play.

Generous cash prizes will be awarded in each flight and there will be door prizes galore as well as a raffle for a golf bag!

Call the clubhouse at 254-629-2892 to sign up, receive directions or for more information.

Course is located at 209 CR 157, Eastland, 76448.

BEARD GROWING CONTEST

A "Beard Contest" to be part of the Saga Of Eastland County to be held 18 October 2008. To enter you must register in person, CLEAN SHAVED, at one of the following locations:

All sign-up locations will be from 12:00 Noon 'til 2:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

- Eastland: Eastland County Museum, 112/114 S. Seaman
- Cisco: Chamber of Commerce office, 309 Conrad Hilton Ave
- Gorman: City Office, 116 S. Kent
- Ranger: Ruth Terry Denney Library - Research Center, 1505 Loop 254 W.

Complete RULES, Categories, and Judging Criteria, also any other possible places to sign up will be published in the next edition of the Gorman Progress News. REMEMBER the date September 5, 2008!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 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
Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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. Technology 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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

A Huge Thank You to Our Community!

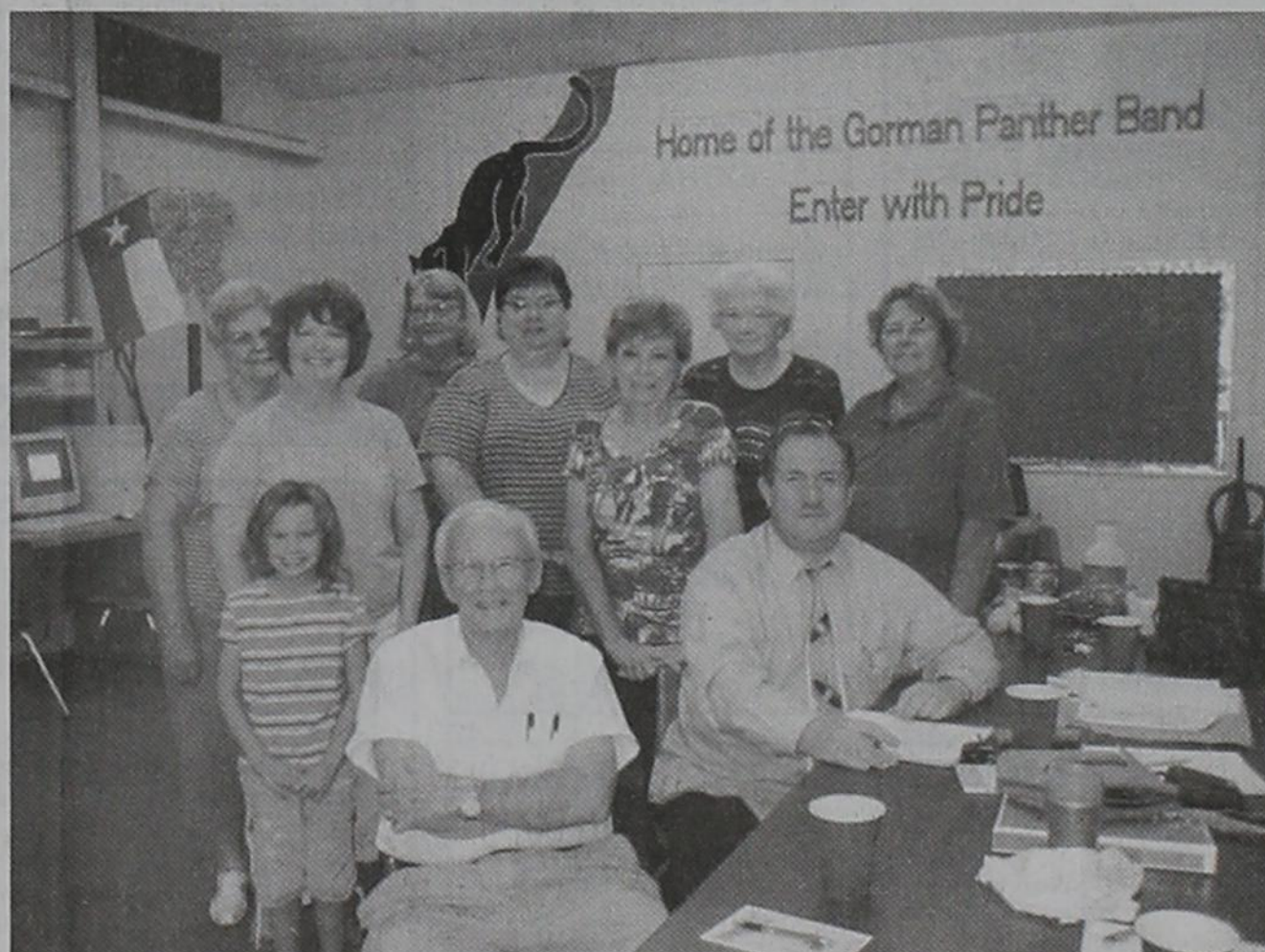
Everyone at Abundant Life Impact wants to say thank you for the great turn out we had this summer with our lunch program. Our first few weeks we had around 15 children however by the end of the summer we were running 120 or more each week!! What a wonderful response from our town! We enjoyed getting to meet everyone who turned out. We also had a drawing for a girl and boy backpack and supplies and a congratulations goes out to Tomas Rodriguez and Marcy Gonzales for winning. We also wanted to again remind everyone that we have clothes available for anyone who needs them. Our program will stay open through the school year on Saturdays from 11:30- 1:00 just like before. The only exception will be this Saturday August 30th, we will have a childrens program followed by lunch in the park beginning at noon. We sure hope to see lots of you there.

DeLeon Soccer League

The De Leon Soccer League for children ages 4 thru 6 and 6 thru 9 games will be played in De Leon. Registration forms can be picked up at the Gorman Progress or in De Leon at Freddie's Short Stop and BBQ. Must be turned in no later than September 4th at Freddie's in De Leon. Registration Fee is \$25.00 for Children and for anyone who wants to Coach the fee is \$15.00. Also we are in need of Sponsors, if any Business or person wants to donate, please contact us for additional information. Call Terra Mathews at 254-842-1673 or Robin McGinnis at 254-977-2546.

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GORMAN EX STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



Planning group members for the 2008 Gorman Exes Homecoming shown at a recent meeting are Standing, L-R: Sandra Osborne, Carolyn Gilbert, Sylvia Buchanan, Shanda Morrison, Francis-Simpson, Velda Baze and Cecilia Hirst. First Row L-R: Brylee Johnson, Jerry Skaggs and John Howard. Not pictured: Kay Craddock and Kenneth Welch. 2008 Officers are John Howard, President; Shanda Morrison, Vice President, Dolores Underwood, Secretary and Cecilia Hirst, Treasurer.

2008 Gorman Ex Students Homecoming
The Gorman Panther Band Sweepstakes Winners of School Years 1977-1978; 1978-1979 and 1979-1980 will be honored!

The Gorman Ex Students Homecoming will be held on Saturday, September 13 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 for all 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!

Class of 1950 Reunion

The Class of 1950 will hold a Reunion on Saturday, September 13th. Meet at School Library at 1 p.m. Meet later for lunch at ZJ's. Call Louise Dillinger Frasier at 361-526-5515 or email - sago-palm@earthlink.net

5th Sunday Community Singing is this Sunday @ 6PM Hosted by Gorman United Methodist Church. Come join in community fellowship! Bring your talent and a finger food to share. Coffee and Tea provided by the hosting church.

Booger Red Nixon

Robert William (Booger Red) Nixon, Jr., passed away on Thursday, August 21st, at the age of 78. Booger Red was born on March 18th, 1930 in Woodsen, Texas to Robert William Sr. and Ella Nixon and was the second youngest of six children. Booger grew up in Breckenridge, TX and attended elementary and high school there. Booger Red and Catherine Sue Cooper, daughter of W.H. and Gladys Cooper of Eastland, were married in 1954 and had four children, Robert (Bobby), Sheri, Timothy and Kyle. Booger had a long and distinguished rodeo career entering his first event at age 13 and continuing competing well into his late 40's. In 1949 Booger won the first Texas State High School Rodeo Association Bareback and All Around competition and then went on to win the inaugural National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) Roping and All Around competition. Booger joined the United States Air Force in 1951 and was

flown to rodeo events across North America including major rodeos at Madison Square Gardens and Boston Gardens. In 1952 he was selected as the Texas Amateur Bareback Rider of the year. In 1953 he won the Wild Horse Stampede at Cheyenne, the same day his friend Casey Tibbs won the Saddle Bronc competition. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserves on January 9th, 1959.

During the 1960's Booger trained paint horses including Q-Toñ Eagle, a five time National Champion. In 1964 he won the inaugural World Paint Horse Roping Rodeo in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Booger was one of the very few cowboys winning PRCA points in all five major events. Throughout his career Booger was associated with Steiner stock and rodeos, winning many of the latter events. In recent years he raised Black Brangus cattle sired by Steiner bulls on his ranch in Morton Valley (Eastland), Texas with his son Kyle.

Booger was inducted in the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2007 and was also a member of the Texas High School Rodeo Association Hall of Fame and a lifetime member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Booger was preceded in death by his father and mother, sisters Mary Williams, Mildred Conner, and Bea Stillwell, brother Johnny Price, son Timothy Nixon, and grandson Billy Bob Powell. He is survived by sons Robert William Nixon, III of Morton Valley, TX, Kyle Nixon, Dallas, TX, daughter Sheri Powell, Volcano, HI, a sister, Ruth Funderburg and her husband Dub, Breckenridge, TX, a grandchild, Brandi Satre and husband Andrew, several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and close friends.

Services were held at First Baptist Church in Eastland on Monday, August 25th, 2p.m. with graveside service immediately afterwards at Eastland cemetery.

Classifieds

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243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig.pit, on hwy., cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre
236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre
231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting UNDER CONTRACT [EK01] \$665,200
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrigation, wells [REM01] \$405,000
52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500
51 A, highway frontage, spring creek and hunting [RP01] \$182,000
45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/iners, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/ Acre
30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
25.6 A, 4-2 1/2 Brick Home, garage, carport, storage bldgs, well, tanks [JB03] \$210,000
21±A, 2-2 16x72 mobile home, well, World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass [MS03] \$105,000
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15±A, 3-2 Double Wide, well, carport, porch, storage bldgs, near Proctor Lk [LR02] \$115,000
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4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
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3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, fireplace, on 3+A lot, cov. RV parking area [LK01] \$70,000
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2-1 1/2 Frame Home, new roof, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000
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156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
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Bryans Auto Supply in Eastland has been busy adding yet more annual events to coincide with all their other events, such as Fun for FREE day in April, and the well known "Old Rip" Car Show, coming up the first weekend in October after the Old Rip Festival Parade. The most recent event added, Insane Saturdays boasts big savings and sale prices on everything in house. Each Saturday there are 50 dollar cash drawings, FREE donuts and coffee. The SALE pricing for this event is unparalleled and guaranteed to be unbeatable on over 80,000 items and even includes special discounting on everything from not only Bryans Auto Supply, but also Bryans Computers and Bryans Signs. What better way to finish off this great event than to have a Truck Load Tool & Stuff - Parking Lot BLOWOUT sale, on Labor Day weekend Friday and Saturday, August 29th and 30th.

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WARNING! Folks, the so-called killer bees are in the area of Desdemona! A swarm of bees attacked some people over the weekend. A father and daughter were taken to the hospital where they were given injections to counteract the effects of the stings they received. Their dog, a Lab, was also attacked and died from his stings. The swarm was gone from the location the next day but are undoubtedly still in the area. This incident happened about 1-1/2 miles outside of Desdemona toward Gorman. Apparently there is not much that we can do except watch for beehives or swarms and keep a close eye on our children and pets.

I was premature when I welcomed Terry Gibbs as our new postmaster a few weeks ago. Now it is official - Terry is our permanent postmaster. Welcome Terry!

Please keep our dear friend, Dolores Tucker, in your prayers. She has been fighting cancer for several years and is having a particularly difficult time right now.

Mark September 6th on your calendars for 'Breakfast at the DAC'.

Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

See you in Desdemona!

American Cancer Society Road To Recovery - Volunteer Drivers Needed

What: American Cancer Society Road to Recovery training. The Society is currently looking for volunteer drivers for its Road to Recovery program - a program of volunteers who drive patients to treatment centers and home again.

How: Road to Recovery volunteers arrange their own schedules. If you have a car and some spare time, you can help someone keep a very important appointment.

When: September 6, 2008 at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: American Cancer Society Office
209 S. Danville Bldg B #107
Abilene, Texas

Directions: (ADD DIRECTIONS)


Who: All volunteers must have a valid drivers' license and current insurance.

Why: One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need anywhere from 20 to 30 trips to treatment in six weeks. A patient receiving chemotherapy might report for treatment weekly for up to a year. In many cases, a patient is driven to hospitals or clinics by relatives or friends, but even these patients must occasionally seek alternative transportation. That's where Road to Recovery comes in.

How: For more details or to RSVP for the training, call Linda Neill at 325.691.1519.

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Texas Bankers Association Alerts Customers To Phone Phishing Scams

AUSTIN, Aug. 25, 2008—In a twist on the rapidly growing and evolving phishing scams, cybercriminals are increasingly turning to the telephone in their quest to steal sensitive bank account information from unsuspecting customers. In phishing scams, cybercriminals send out fake e-mails directing consumers to look-alike Web sites, where they are asked to input bank account information, PIN numbers, passwords or other sensitive information.

In phone phishing, cybercriminals attempt to coax sensitive information from unwitting victims over the telephone, often using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), which uses the same technology that delivers e-mail via the Internet. The criminals can spoof any phone number on the receiver's caller ID, and they can also give customers local numbers to call—even if those numbers terminate in another country.

Members of the Texas Bankers Association have reported that this practice is being employed across the state. In late July, Bastrop area phones were hit by automated fraudulent telephone messages claiming to be from a bank's security department. An automated message told callers that their debit card had "been suspended" and gave them a number to call. When the number was called, the computer-generated voice asked for the customer's card number, expiration date and Personal Identification Number.

Similar calls were placed in Vernon, the Dallas area and Amarillo. In these instances, recipients of the phone calls were told their accounts had been compromised. Upon calling the toll-free number the recipients were given, they were directed to enter their debit card numbers, expiration dates and PIN numbers.

Consumer Tips

To avoid becoming a victim of a phishing scam, the Texas Bankers Association offers the tips, which are useful both for phishing and phone phishing scams:

- Never give out your personal financial information in response to an unsolicited phone call, fax or email, no matter how official it may seem.
- Do not respond to e-mail that may warn of dire consequences unless you validate your information immediately. Contact the company to confirm the email's validity using a telephone number or Web address you know to be genuine.
- Check your credit card and bank account statements regularly and look for unauthorized transactions, even small ones. Some thieves hope small transactions will go unnoticed. Report discrepancies immediately.
- When submitting financial information online, look for the padlock or key icon at the bottom of your Internet browser. Also, many secure Internet addresses, though not all, use "https" to signify that your information is secure during transmission.
- Report suspicious activity to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov), a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center.
- If you have responded to an e-mail or phone call, contact your bank immediately so bank employees can protect your account.
- For more information on phishing, visit the following: Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cnwin0304/phishing.html), Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov), the Anti-Phishing Working Group (www.anti-phishing.org/index.html), the National Consumers League (www.phishinginfo.org/), the OCC Consumer Protection News (www.occ.gov/Consumer/phishing.htm) and the OCC Consumer Complaints and Assistance Web site (www.occ.treas.gov/AntiFraudConsumer.htm#PhishingPharming).

City Of Gorman Commission Minutes

August 21, 2008

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, Cliffa Vaughn and Nathan Files. (Nathan arrived at 5:40 p.m.) Others present were Cameron Gulley, CPA, and Emmett Lasater, EDC Director. Absent was Charlie Torrez.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Cliffa made the motion to approve the minutes as read from the August 7, and August 11 meetings. Joe made a second. Motion carried 2-0.

Cameron Gulley was present to present the 2007-08 Audit Report. Mr. Gulley went over the audit report. Cliffa made the motion to accept the 2007-08 Audit Report. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0. This item #9 was moved up so that Mr. Gulley could attend another meeting.

After the second reading of Ordinance # 2008-04, Levying Taxes for Fiscal year 2008, Nathan made the motion to adopt said Ordinance. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Cliffa made the motion to set the 2008 tax rate at .98700 / \$100. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

One of more of the City Commissioners are going to meet with the Fire Dept. at their next meeting to discuss assistance from the fire department in paying the fuel bill.

Emmett Lasater was present to request approval of the EDC, 4A / 4B Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Joe made the motion to accept the budget proposal with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried 3-0.

At 6:40 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made a second, motion carried 3-0.


At 6:55 p.m. Cliffa made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken after Executive Session.

The Commission expressed concern that Charlie has been absent from the last four Commission meetings. Charlie and the Commission will be addressing this issue in the near future.

There being no further business for discussion, Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 7:00 p.m.

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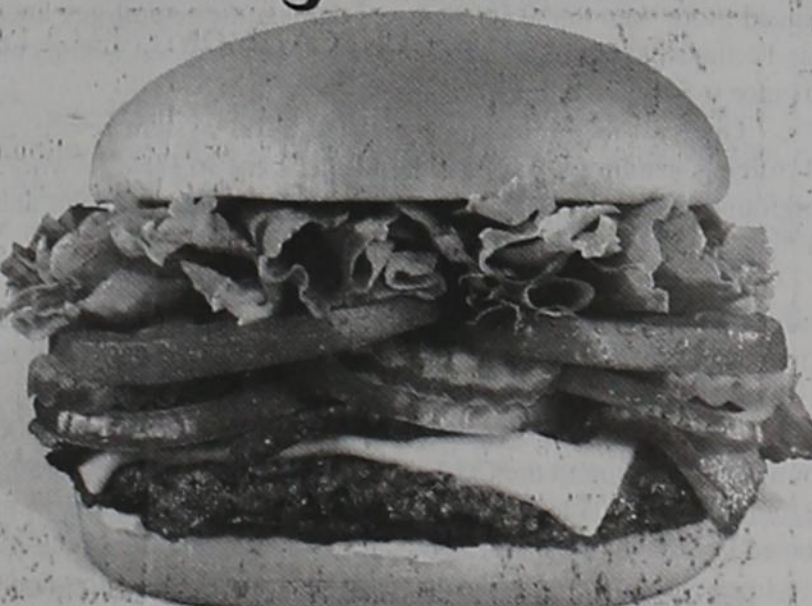
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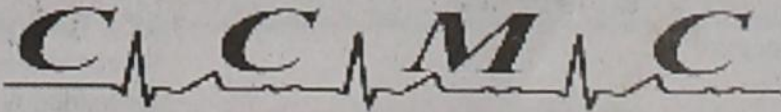


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NEW PANTHER SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

The booster club now has new Panther shirts available. These shirts are non-sport specific, just pro-Panther! Therefore they can be worn to any sporting event and during any year. The back is plain so you can put your own athlete's name and number on the back if you desire. The shirts are royal blue and can be viewed at Bob's Grocery or at The Hair Shoppe. Call Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or Pam at the high school 734-2614, to get yours today. Sizes range from child XS to adult XXXL. Cost is \$10. This is the first time we have offered children sizes this small, if you need a really small shirt contact Becky right away as quantities are limited.

PANTHER JACKETS AVAILABLE

The booster club will be ordering royal blue Panther jackets again. If you have seen some fans wearing these jackets and have wanted one, here is your chance! These are remarkably comfortable, warm and water resistant jackets. Only those who order at this time will be able to get a jacket. WE WILL NOT ORDER ANY EXTRAS!! If interested in a Panther jacket place your order with Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or call the school at 734-2614

Class of 1950 Reunion

The Class of 1950 will hold a Reunion on Saturday, September 13th. Meet at School Library at 1 p.m. Meet later for lunch at ZJ's. Call Louise Dillinger Frasier at 361-526-5515 or email - sago-palm@earthlink.net

Fifth Sunday Community Singing

5th Sunday Community Singing is this Sunday @ 6PM Hosted by Gorman United Methodist Church. Come join in community fellowship! Bring your talent and a finger food to share. Coffee and Tea provided by the hosting church.

GISD SCHOOL MENU

LUNCH

MONDAY - HOLIDAY
 TUESDAY - Roast or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cake and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita or Meat and Bean Chalupa, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Fruit Shape Up and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Fish or Mini Corn Dog, Potato Wedge, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Pumpkin Pie and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Chicken and Rice or Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot Coins, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Crackers and Milk.

2008 Peanut Queens Contest To Be Announced

Entries for the High School and Junior High girls for Miss Gorman Peanut Queen contest will be scheduled for September 7th - 4 p.m.. More information - contact Veronica at 734-5052.

G.E.D. CLASSES FORMING FOR FALL

If you are 18 years of age or older and need study classes or information about taking the G.E.D. Test, now is the time! Take advantage of this free service in Eastland County sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Abilene ISD Adult Education.

Eastland County G.E.D. Study Classes will resume September 2nd with a MANDATORY orientation beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Sanctuary. The classes will meet at 409 South Lamar (Brick house across from covered driveway-part of First Baptist Church) from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday night. Trained G.E.D. volunteer tutors will be on site at each study class to help students prepare to take the G.E.D. test. Each student is required to go through placement testing the first two weeks of class to identify specific areas of intensified instruction. It is critical that students attend the first two weeks of class. Study guides and computer software will be available to students.

Locally, the G.E.D. test is given at Cisco Junior College and Ranger College (Stephenville location) as well as at the Abilene Adult Education Center (325/671-4419).

If you need more information, or would like to ask questions regarding the G.E.D., please call Hallee Mitchell at Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Eastland County at 629-2222 or hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu. Provisions from the American Disability Act will be considered when planning educational program and activities. Please notify the Eastland County Extension Office as far in advance of the program as possible if you plan on attending and require specialized services. This will allow ample time to acquire resources to meet your needs. Extension programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, USDA, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

NUTRITIOUS BEAN-BENEFITS OF BEANS

Beans are called a "super food" for good reason. They are an excellent source of protein and fiber, but did you know that they are also a good source of thiamin, iron, folate and potassium? Studies note that beans are also a great source of antioxidants; the darker bean's color, the more antioxidants they have.

A recent study released under the National Nutrition and Health Examination Survey concluded that adults and children who regularly eat beans weigh approximately seven pounds less than those who do not. Since high-fiber diets have been proven to help reduce body weight, it makes sense that fiber-packed, beans help contribute to smaller waistlines.

- The following are ways to "SPICE" up your beans:
- Heat a can of baked beans, stir in a spoonful of spicy, brown mustard and chopped, sweet onions for a zippy hot dog topping
- For a quick vegetarian chili, combine canned baked beans (traditional, Cajun or other flavored varieties), green chilies and spicy tomato juice (enough to make your chili "saucy")
- Toss with cooked pasta and canned pasta sauce with herbs, top with a sprinkle of Parmesan or Romano cheese.

5-MINUTE BEAN SALAD

- 1 can (8 ounces) green beans, drained
- 1 can (8 ounces) yellow beans, drained
- 1 can (8 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (8 ounces) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced in rings
- 1 green pepper, seeded, stemmed and thinly sliced in rings
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1/3 cup oil

Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
 Mix beans in a serving bowl. Place the onion and green pepper rings on top of the beans.

Mix the sugar, vinegar, oil and salt and pepper to taste until sugar and salt dissolve; pour over the beans. Chill for an hour. Yields: 10 servings

If you have any questions, or need clarification, please contact Hallee Mitchell, County Extension Agent at 629-2222.



Shown above is the new Kokomo Community Center that was completed the day before the annual Kokomo Homecoming and Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2008. It is available for rent at \$75.00 per day for Reunions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. For more information, call Norina at 254-639-2284 or Sylvia at 254-734-4027.

Beautiful Baby Contest

Time is getting closer and this year for the Gorman Peanut Festival there will be a Beautiful Baby Contest held again. Categories consist of: *Newborn to 12 Months / 13 to 24 Months and 25 to 36 Months.*

The Baby's will be judged according to their beauty, personality, and Sunday outfit. There will be a \$10 entry fee. For more information call Mila at 734-5637. Deadline is 3:00 p.m. Sept. 13th.

Hey Kids and Parents:

September 13, 2008 is approaching fast. So don't forget the Little Goober Kids Parade. The kids need to be at The Inspection Service Building at 8:45 a.m. And the Parade will start at 9:45 a.m. For more information call Amber Scitern at 734-5431.

Peanut Festival Booths Available Now

The Peanut Festival is right around the corner on September 13th. So any person wanting a Booth for this year. Please call Amber Scitern at 254-734-5431. Thanks.

Little Miss and Preteen

Little Miss and Preteen Peanut Queen Contest will be held Sunday, September 7th at 4:00 p.m. For more information call Mila at 734-5637.

Nelson Park In Abilene To Be Gathering Place Of Memory Walk Champions

On Saturday, September 20 Nelson Park will host more than 500 Walkers determined to move forward the cause of Alzheimer's care and support for those dealing with the affects of Alzheimer's disease. Teams are forming across the city, with a combined goal of raising \$56,000. Once again, our local presenting sponsor is Transamerica Long Term Care. Joining them in support of the Walk are Home Care Assistance; Rosalyn G. Rosenthal; Funeral Directors Life Insurance Corporation (FDLIC) and Garden Terrace Alzheimer's Center of Excellence.

Teresa Lambert is serving as honorary chair for this year's walk. Teresa sums up her commitment to Memory Walk this way: "I am walking, raising money and advocating for Alzheimer's disease in honor of my father. He is battling this disease daily and so I am." Starting a team is easy. Log onto the web at www.alz.org/northcentraltexas and follow the links to Memory Walk or call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk, nationally presented by Genworth Financial, is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care and support. Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls on volunteers of all ages to become Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's. Champions include those living with the disease, families, caregivers, and corporate and community leaders. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$265 million.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to enhance care and support for individuals, their families and caregivers. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. For more information visit www.alz.org/northcentraltexas.

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

PECAN WEEVIL MANAGEMENT

I recently attended the Pecan Weevil Meeting in Comanche County. Several topics were discussed by Dr. Bill Ree and Dr. Allen Knutson including pecan weevil, stink bugs, and the new pecan nut-casebearer tracking system. Dr. Larry Stein also spoke on orchard management from now through December. With the recent rains loosening the soil, we could have weevil problems in the next month. So here is an overview of the meeting.

The first topic was pecan weevil traps that are available. There are several different types of traps used to help you monitor pecan weevil populations. Three common traps used include the Cone Trap, the Pyramid Trap, and the Circle Trap. All three of these traps can be easily constructed using directions on the website pecankernel.tamu.edu. Click on the link "Build Your Own" in the bottom right hand corner for instructions. Then, Dr. Ree spoke on the insecticides available for pecan weevil such as Carbaryl, Lambda-cyhalothrin, and Zeta-cypermethrin. Remember to check your pecans to see their stage of development. We are currently going from the water stage to the gel stage of development. The female weevil can feed on the pecan in the water stage, but will not lay eggs until the gel stage.

The last topic was on fall/winter orchard management. From what I hear in the county most producers are expecting a small crop this year; however, some have reported a large crop. If you have a small crop this year, your pecans could be worth some money due to lower yields across the state. Count your clusters to see what kind of a yield you can expect. If you have a small crop there probably is not a need to fertilize any more this year. If your tree is sagging or loaded with pecans, you could put out about twenty units of nitrogen. Also you may consider shaking the tree to ease the stress on the branches. Taking some of the weight off the tree will allow the rest of the pecans to develop and let the tree retain some nutrients for next year. It is important to remember that each orchard is different. So if you need some assistance with your trees, call the Extension Office at 629-1093 or 629-2222 and I will be happy to come help you make a decision.

Hotfooters Of Breckenridge Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the First National Bank Tower Room.

The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns.

For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567.

Johnston Legal Group, PC; Terrell Shell Has Joined Firm

Terrell Shell is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and has a degree in Accounting from the University of Texas. Shell has extensive experience in estate planning and probate, business entities, real estate and family law. Prior to over twenty years in private practice, Shell was general counsel for the Texas Central Railroad company and the Gorman Peanut Company.

Shell will be working with his sister, Marilyn Shell, who is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law, as well as in Family Law, by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She holds a preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubble Legal Director and is a certified public accountant.

Johnston Legal Group, PC, Firm holds the highest rating issued by Martindale-Hubble Legal Directory. This preeminent rated law firm serves its clients throughout Texas from its offices in Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Lubbock. Johnston Legal Group, PC, practices law in many areas including insurance litigation, family law, and personal injury.

Artists Of Eastland County To Present Autumn Leaves Show & Sale

Artists of Eastland County are taking on a large project for a newly formed organization (Nov. 2006) by presenting the Autumn Leaves Art Show & Sale on September 20/21, 2008. The show will be held inside of the Eastland County Museum and Historical Society at 112/114 S. Seaman, Eastland, TX.

Invited to participate are artists from towns within a 100-mile radius from Eastland, which includes our area. They ask that you pre-register, but will accept entries until they reach the space limit of 250.

Entry fees are \$15 for adults and \$10 for high school art students and college freshman and sophomore art students. There is a break in price if you enter three pieces. Only three pieces will be accepted from each artist. Cash prizes, ribbons and merchandise of over \$1,200 will be awarded at the two day event.

For more information, contact Joy Conner, President at (254) 629-3290; Maria Beck, Vice-President at (254) 629-8588 or Martha Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer at (254) 442-1208. For email information, contact ejconner1111@sbcglobal.net, mariabeck@yahoo.com, or marthae227@yahoo.com

Atmos Energy Cautions: Call 8-1-1 Before Digging

Underground Has Become a Web of Utility and Service Lines

Atmos Energy Corporation (NYSE:ATO) cautioned that anyone digging without first calling 8-1-1 is creating an unnecessary risk for themselves, people in the area and Atmos Energy crews.

"The ground beneath your feet and around your home is a web of cable, telecom fiber optics, electric, gas, sewer, and water lines, not to mention the lines installed for landscape lighting, pool lines, and sprinkler systems," said Tim Owen, chairman of Atmos Energy's damage prevention committee. "In 2007, Atmos Energy experienced more than 8,000 incidents of damage to natural gas lines across 12 states, many of which could have been avoided with a call in advance to locate the lines."

One call to the legally mandated 8-1-1 system results in local officials sending a professional to the scene to identify where underground lines are located by marking the ground with paint and small flags.

A recent study by the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), an industry safety group, shows that when the cause is known approximately 80 percent of all natural gas line cuts are attributed to excavators.

More than 104,000 natural gas lines were damaged in 2006 nationwide, according to the CGA. The latest statistics show a promising trend: From 2004 to 2006, each year fewer damage reports were attributed to excavators that did not call 8-1-1 to locate lines first. Atmos Energy safety professionals meet with contractors throughout the year to share new techniques and information to enhance safety. "Fewer line cuts support our highest priorities: safety and reliability," said Kim Cocklin, Atmos Energy senior vice president of regulated operations. "Less damage also allows us to devote our people and resources to maintenance, new installations and caring for our customers. We are talking to excavators and trying to reach the average person who rents a backhoe for a small project. Before any dirt is turned, 8-1-1 must be called."

Safety message

If you suspect a natural gas leak in your home or outside, follow these safety steps:

- LEAVE the area IMMEDIATELY.
- CALL ATMOS ENERGY from a safe distance. Our toll-free emergency number is 866-EC-ATMOS (1-866-322-8667) or call 9-1-1.
- DO NOT turn any lights on or off, smoke or use a cell phone, or operate any vehicle or equipment that could cause sparks.
- DO NOT attempt to turn natural gas valves on or off.

Atmos Energy will send a trained service technician immediately to investigate any emergency leak call.

Atmos Energy is a Fortune 500 company. For more information, visit www.atmosenergy.com.

The officers of the Carbon Community Center would like to thank every one for their generous donations of money and help in making the recent fund raising fish fry a great big success.

Prior to the fish fry, many people made donations in honor or in memory of their loved ones; whereas, supplies of fish, oil, paper goods, etc. could be purchased in advance. The officers express their thanks to these people for their monetary generosity: *Kris and Deion Brown in honor of Bill and Wynell Brown and Jo Gail Frances; Mike and Lisa Bledsoe in memory of W. L. Bledsoe; Danny and Linda Norris in memory of Truett Norris; Clyde Hamilton and Sylvia Gosnell in honor of Dorothy Light; Ronnie and Jeanna Pack in honor of their family; Terry and Gayla Stacy in honor of their family; Jerry and Lyla Pearl Mehaffy in honor of their family; Clint Tucker in memory of Robert and Johnie Tucker; Carbon Agri-Center Afternoon Circle in honor of Ronnie and Jeanna Pack, and Donald and Marcia Hale in memory of Billy Lyerla.*

A special thanks goes to those that donated deserts, ice, helped fry the fish, and prepared the fix'ns. And, the Carbon community spirit showed in those that served the food, helped with the clean up, and came to eat fish. After all expenses were paid, the Center benefited with a profit of \$1,524.24 plus the priceless wonderful meal and fellowship.

Happenings At FBC!!

Butterflies! The anticipation of the first day of school makes a student's stomach tingle. It is extraordinary to live in a community with Christian leaders in our schools. Today's service is dedicated to lifting up our Teachers, Administrators, Aides, Substitutes, Faculty, Cooks, Custodians, East End Coop, and all those that have a part in the educational experience of our students.

Bro. Barry opened our morning worship service with prayer and announcements.

Mark your calendars:
August 29th: Fifth Quarter at FBC.
August 31st: Fifth Sunday Singing at Methodist Church.
September 3rd: 6:30pm - Youth Kick-Off Party.
September 10th: 6:00pm - Team Kids and Mission Friends begin.
September 20th: RA Boys - Ranger's Game.

Liz Caraway's Children Sermon: The first day of school is a big day. Liz told a story of her experience starting the second grade and getting to pick her teacher. We all have to make decisions. For instance, what clothes to wear on the first day of school, what color pencils to buy, when to do our homework, and many others. Who should we always ask for help when we make decisions? The Bible tells us to pray. Always pray to God and ask Him to help you make decisions!

Special Music: Donna Knapp blessed all of us with her beautiful singing.

Bro. Barry's message was "Invigorated Teachers?" - Colossians 1:11.

Is teaching just a job? Absolutely not! Teachers are in the Word of God. How important is it to be a teacher? A teacher is a unique position with tremendous influence that will teach one way or another.

The scripture says that the prayer for teachers is to be invigorated. Invigorate is to give life, purpose, or energy. Everything you teach is what you've learned.

1. What am I learning? We never learn enough. It's easy to think we have forever, and live like there is no tomorrow, but earthly life is temporary that will determine our eternity. Change what you're giving if you don't like what you're getting. You can't change others, but you can change yourself. We are a product of our daily choices. We are responsible for what we become.

2. What am I teaching? Everything you have learned. Education is the greatest program in our society. Teachers impact students. Children love God, church, teachers, parents, as well as their country; and these are there to stand in the gap for children when they fall or grow too tall. Trust Jesus! God ordained the moment - ALL was done at Calvary.

All those attending our worship service that have a part in the educational experience of our students were recognized, and Bro. Barry voiced a special prayer for them. We thank you all for your daily dedication and service.

Trust Jesus, and please continue to lift up our schools in your daily prayers.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

Also, our Worship Service is broadcast on the radio 88.7FM. Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Super Notes - By David K. Perry

dperry@gorman.esc14.net - www.gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

Monday morning good things were happening at Gorman ISD and although I enjoy seeing all of the students returning to school, it is especially fun to watch the Pre-K and Kindergarten students and their parents on the first day. As expected, traffic was a little congested and some people obviously were in such a hurry they did not think it would be a problem for them to park in reserved spaces long enough to take their children to class. I do want to remind everyone that those parking spaces are reserved for a reason and your parking there may be preventing a teacher from getting to his/her class on time. With the construction project taking over what once was a parking area for teachers, parking is scarce this year so please do not park in reserved spaces. Also, please do not park in a location that may interfere with construction equipment (like directly across from Maxfield to the east.). The place to pick up elementary students is at the west end of the play ground or the north side of the play ground. Do not enter the area west of the elementary because that is where secondary student traffic will be. Also, do not enter the area south of the cafeteria because that is where the busses are loading. Your cooperation in this area will make our school a safer place for your child!

Our Volleyball team is off to a good start. I am looking forward to seeing them play this year. They have already experienced a lot of success and I expect it will continue. Coach Mathews is doing a great job with them! We have some new girl's this year that look like they will develop into great assets.

The football scrimmage in Baird last week went well. Although we don't officially keep score at a scrimmage, it was obvious that we outscored the Bears about four or five touchdowns to their one or two. The junior varsity outscored them as well. It looks like it will be another interesting year for football. We play the Evant Elks this Friday night here at home at 7:30pm. I don't think there is a JV game this week. Ya'll come out and support the Panther Friday night and see our boys in action!

I can't emphasize how important it is for you to be politically active this school year if you want Gorman ISD to do well and for your children to receive the best education possible. I will run information on our representative often until the Legislature adjourns next spring. Please be a friend to public education and write your representatives in Austin listed below and ask them what they are going to do for your child regarding funding for public education. Ask them to solve the public school financing dilemma this session. Your child cannot afford for them to wait.

Senator Troy Fraser
<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist24/dist24.htm>
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District Office
P.O. Box 857
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(800) 586-4515 Toll-free
(512) 478-8805 Fax

The president of the Gorman ISD School Board, Melinda Harrington, testified before the Joint Committee on Accountability at a hearing held in Lubbock August 20th. She was on the first panel to testify, which included Richard Middleton (superintendent, North East ISD), Wayne Havens (superintendent, Lubbock ISD), and herself. Ms. Harrington noted the confusion that often occurs at school districts as a result of conflicting state and federal accountabilities. She also encouraged the committee to review the 65% rule, which fails to take into account uncontrollable costs such as insurance, utilities, fuel, and inflation. All of the panelist stressed the importance and gains made as a result of the accountability system and agreed that a system that measured growth from year to year was critical in assessing the true performance of students and school districts, that discrepancies needed to be addressed and that school size must be taken into account. This committee will meet in September to begin developing recommendations for the 2009 legislative session. If you want to send this committee your opinion, they have websites with all of their contact information posted on the legislature's website. We will also post that information on the Gorman ISD website for your convenience. Gorman ISD is being pro-active regarding an attempt to get our legislature to provide the very best for your children and all children of Texas, including the financial resources necessary to deliver it.

Our enrollment numbers are up just a little. This first week we are at 383 total enrollment. We are continuing to have families move into the area in order for their children to attend school here. I am very proud of the job our teachers and coaches are doing. They love your children and they sincerely care about them. We will do our best not to let you down!


We do take transfers, but we are picky. If your child wants to attend school here and they do not have a history of behavior or academic problems, please apply at the appropriate campus. We have to get approval from the state on all transfers. It is a fast process done on the computer so you will find out if you are approved quickly. This is a great place for your child to be!

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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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The _____ City of Gorman _____ will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.88 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 4, 2008 at _____ 5:15 p.m.

The second public hearing will be held on September 11, 2008 at _____ 5:15 p.m.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: 3, Cliffa Vaughn, Nathan Files, and Joe Casey
AGAINST: 0
PRESENT and not voting: n/a
ABSENT: Charlie Torreza

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in _____ Gorman _____ last year was \$ 22,210 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.84 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 186.56 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in _____ Gorman _____ this year is \$ 22,539 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.91481 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 206.18 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.987 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 222.45 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):
The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):
The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I was absent for our dinner on the 20th due to being on a bus trip. I will write a short bit of news about what happened while gone. There was a small group of 16 here for lunch. It was supposed to be a salad meal, but few were brought. We had a good turnout for sandwiches and salads in June and July. But August just fell apart in attendance and dishes people brought. Good to hear Lendon Shipman gave the blessing. He is faithful to join us for the meal and games. I do hope more will be here on the 27th for the Birthdays.

It was sad to hear Eula Lee Mears passed away on the 15th, the same day we left on trip. I was sorry to miss her funeral and celebration of her good, long life. I was surprised to read her and James had been married so long. What a wonderful long life they had together. We always enjoyed them bring their well behaved grandchildren to eat with us. We will miss all.

I'm glad to hear Martha Rainey is much improved in her struggle. We certainly miss her at the dinner. Now she is far away in Crowley, so will be difficult to visit. I do have her phone number, so must call soon. We all will be happy to see her back in Gorman.

Daisy Slaton and I went on a bus tour to New Mexico and Colorado for a week. I have never seen New Mexico so beautiful!! They have had so much rain, all the creeks and rivers were flowing. It was green everywhere and many flowers blooming. We traveled to Ruidosa, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos. We enjoyed the horse races, but didn't get to stay long enough. If I ever get to go again on a Saturday, I want to enjoy all 10 races. We then traveled to Antonito, Co. to ride the steam engine train to Chama, NM. What a ride, wonderful scenery! Quite stinky with the smoke, but who cares when your in a part of our history.

We were so glad to be home and home looked beautiful and green also. Our bodies can hardly stand the bus on these long trips. We want to go but our bodies say no! Maybe we can stand a day or two trip if its something that interests us. We travel with the Senior Travel Club in Stephenville, a great bunch! I was so exhausted and became a hermit for a few days, but all the beauty and mountains made up for the aches and pains we suffered.

One of the events I had to miss while gone was my granddaughter Kendra Swanners shower. She will be married the 27th of September. I will be at the wedding. Sue hated missing the shower and seeing all the gifts, cake, etc. I heard it was great!

Hope all is well and see you next time. Carol

P.S. - Many thanks to Barbara Bush and Jerry Underwood for carrying on in my absence.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Gorman Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ August 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. _____ in _____ Gorman High School Auditorium, 114 W Lexington _____ Gorman, Texas _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04000	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.25384	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	5.00000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	4.50000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	10.00000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 137,137,860.00	\$ 167,596,911.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,184,020.00	\$ 995,970.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 49,696,750.00	\$ 52,917,128.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,184,020.00	\$ 984,650.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 4,999,998.40

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.26700 *	\$ 1.30700	\$ 1,749.00	\$ 7,431.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.03338	\$ 0.25384 *	\$ 1.28722	\$ 1,891.00	\$ 7,523.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.25384 *	\$ 1.29384	\$ 1,873.00	\$ 7,641.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 24,467.00	\$ 27,454.00 *EC 4,758.00 *CC
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 9,467.00	\$ 12,454.00 *EC 3,293.00 *CC
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.29
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 123.73	\$ 161.13 *EC 426.80 *CC
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 37.40 - 303.07

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

*EC - Eastland County **CC - Comanche County

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.29384. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.29384.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 300,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

A large crowd attended the **Monthly Musical** last Saturday night at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Twenty five musicians from area towns attended and they presented "Great" Country and Western Music with some Bluegrass and Gospel included. We appreciate all these musicians, their wives and visitors that attend each month. Also we appreciated the ladies of our Community that donate food each Month to the Concession Stand. This Musical is held on the 4th Saturday of each Month except November and December during the holiday season.

This reporter received short note from Calvin and Betty Hoover. They attended the Annual Homecoming on August 9th. They really enjoyed visiting with former Classmates and Friends in this area. Calvin attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1943. His parents, Dave and Etta Hoover taught school in Desdemona in the late '30's. Calvin is recovering from recent hip surgery so he was confined to a wheel chair while visiting in Desdemona. This family attended the Methodist Church while living in Desdemona.

Kim Hamilton of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Rodney Duke of Pantego; Russel Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville visited last Thursday in Desdemona with "Humpy" and Betty Duke.

"Happy Birthday" to our daughter, Karen Fair on Saturday, August 30th from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

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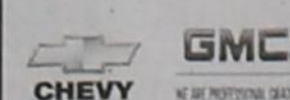
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