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Tour of Peanut Country 11th Annual Bike Ride and Walk

The 11th Annual "Tour of the Peanut County" begins in the quaint downtown Gorman City Park on Saturday, July 17th. Pick one of four routes of your choice that will have you traveling through the scenic farming country of Eastland County. The scenery will generally be rolling hills and the curves along farm to market roads or shouldered state highways. The ride will start at 8 a.m. With no starts later than 9 a.m. The course will close at 2 p.m.

There will be frequent rest stops stocked with water, Gatoraid, snacks, fresh fruits and more. Sag Wagons will be available should you have any medical trouble or need medical assistance.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by online at peanutbikeride.com or phone 254-734-2859. Entry fees are listed online. Registration opens at 7 a.m. At the Start/Finish Line in the City Park. First 50 Pre-registered riders will receive a T-shirt along with other assorted goodies. Dry camping is available at the Start/Finish Line. Nearby De Leon and Eastland have motel and camping facilities.

The Event is sponsored by Texas Peanut Producer's Board, Dublin Dr. Pepper, Gorman ISD, Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

Notice of 2010 Salary Grievance Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that 2010 Salary Grievance Committee Members will meet in a meeting at 2:00 p.m. On Monday, July 19, 2010, in District Attorney's Office, Grand Jury Room, Eastland County, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Discuss and Consider Filed Salary Grievance. (Sheriff Wayne Bradford)

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioners' Court.

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Salary Grievance Committee.

Eastland County Elected Officials 2011 Proposed Budgeted Salaries

Salary increases for Elected Eastland County Officials For The 2011 Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2010

Office Held	Current Salary	Mileage Allowance	Cell Phone Allowance	2011 Budget	Mileage Allowance	Cell Phone Allowance	Increase
COUNTY JUDGE ¹	78,591.78			80,499.33			1,907.55
COUNTY CLERK	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
DISTRICT CLERK	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
Justice of Peace - Pct. #1	33,404.98	2,100.00		34,407.13	2,100.00		1,002.15
Justice of Peace - Pct. #1	33,404.98	2,100.00		34,407.13	2,100.00		1,002.15
Justice of Peace - Pct. #1	33,404.98	2,100.00		34,407.13	2,100.00		1,002.15
COUNTY TREASURER	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
TAX ASSESSOR	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
COUNTY SHERIFF	37,785.01		468.00	38,918.56		468.00	1,133.55
Constable Pct. 1	18,724.98	6,000.00		19,286.73	6,000.00		561.75
Constable Pct. 2	11,152.11	3,000.00		11,486.67	3,000.00		334.56
Constable Pct. 1	11,152.11	1,650.00		11,486.67	1,650.00		484.56
Commissioner Pct. 1	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
Commissioner Pct. 2	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
Commissioner Pct. 3	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
Commissioner Pct. 4	33,404.98			34,407.13			1,002.15
DISTRICT JUDGE	3,515.00			3,620.45			105.45
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	3,515.00			3,620.45			105.45

¹\$15,000 of this elected official's salary is paid by a State supplement

ATTENTION LADY GOLFERS!

The Eastland Lakeside Golf Course Ladies Association will be hosting their 10th Annual 18 Hole 2 Lady Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 17th, 2010. Tee off time is 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$65.00 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 goody bags and door prizes for everyone, Prize Holes, and a raffle for a golf bag! This is one tournament you don't want to miss!

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.

Cisco Writers Announce

34th Annual Contest

It could be that yarn you made up to entertain your kids, or the family history you want to publish. It could be the humorous verses that tickle inside your head until you release them on paper.

Whatever you write and why, take it to the next level. Enter the 34th Annual Cisco Writers Club Summer Contest this year.

The Cisco Writers Club has served the Central Texas region and writers anywhere for 35 years. The annual summer writing contest is one outreach to the community.

"Our contest is designed to encourage writing -- and better writing," says Contest Director Ruth York. "This is a great opportunity for writers to stretch their wings, get those thoughts on paper, share them with others."

"For seasoned writers, this contest is an excellent place to try a different type of writing. If you typically write news stories, say, experiment with novels or rhymed poetry."

This contest offers 11 categories, from nostalgia to anecdotes, from books to light verse. Awards to first, second, third and honorable mention in each category, according to the judges' determinations, will be made at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2010, in the Community Room at the American State Bank in Cisco, Texas.

Eleven special awards, such as the Mary Cary Fiction Book Award, are given each year.

Entering the Cisco Writers Club 34th Annual Contest is easy, inexpensive and rewarding. For details go to www.cisowritersclub.org, email info@cisowritersclub.org, or call 1-800-588-9675.

Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, July 31, so act now.

Card Of Thanks

I wanted to take this time to thank each and everyone of you for the outpouring of love, support, prayers, financial support and homebound supplies that was need when I was released to come home. Phone calls during my stay at Baylor Hospital for 9 days and rehab for 6 weeks in Fort Worth. I'm so glad to be able to be home recovering. Trusting the Lord for full, complete healing, which I have in Him. Again, I want to say thank you. I'm truly blessed to live in a community and have a family that cares so much. May God Bless each of you.

Thank You, Donna Fraley

P.S. - I will give an update soon as I hear something from my doctors in Fort Worth.

Carbon Community Center

The quarterly Carbon Community Center officers meeting will be held July 19th, at 7:00pm. All officers and interested community members are invited to attend.

The next Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will be held this coming July 31st. Music and dinner will be offered for \$5 beginning at 5:30pm. On the menu will be sandwiches, chips, homemade desserts with coffee, tea and water available. Musicians and singers wishing to perform are requested to contact Brenda or TJ Cummings at 254-488-0677 in order to be scheduled.

Note Of Thanks

We salute the Kick Boxing Ladies who got up early and went around town collecting for the Food Bank. We appreciate your efforts - Thank You!!!

The Work Of The Food Bank Admire Your Efforts Thanks!!!!

Card Of Thanks

DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT YOU HAD DONE EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO SHOW US HOW CARING AND SUPPORTIVE YOU COULD BE, YOU OUT DID YOURSELVES ONCE AGAIN.

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR THE BENEFIT FOR BOB. WE WISHED WE COULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO THANK EACH ONE OF YOUR IN PERSON. WE WANT TO SEND OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WORKED TO PUT THIS BENEFIT TOGETHER. YOU WILL NEVER KNOW JUST HOW MUCH THE MONEY YOU RAISED HELPED WITH ALL WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

WE CAN NEVER REPAY YOU OR THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR US AND CONTINUE TO DO FOR US. I DON'T THINK BOB WOULD BE AS FAR ALONG WITH HIS RECOVERY IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP US IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

SINCERE GRATITUDE:
BOB AND BRENDA

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, JULY 21ST 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.

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

Food Bank New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. Second Thursday	Boy Scouts Meeting Weekly Mondays - 6:00 p.m. Methodist Church
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Brown - Foard

Garry & Jan Brown of Memphis Tx would like to announce the engagement of their daughter April Brown to Justin Foard, both of Memphis. April is a 2007 graduate of Memphis High School, a 2008 graduate of Clarendon College, and a 2010 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting, she is currently employed at Memphis State Bank as a Teller. The bride is the granddaughter of Royce and Kay Cozart of Gorman TX, and of Opal Brown & the late Doyce Brown of Nocona TX. Justin is the son of Paul & Glenda Foard of Memphis TX. Justin is a 2005 graduate of Memphis High School; after graduation the groom attended Texas Tech University, he moved back to Memphis in 2007 to pursue farming. He graduated from Clarendon College in 2008 and is currently working to obtain his real estate license from Amarillo College in addition to farming. Justin is the Grandson of Zoe Foard of Childress TX, Ruth Kemmling of Memphis, and Bob and Christa Foard of Lakeview TX.

The couple will be wed on September 25, 2010 in an evening ceremony in Canyon, TX; they will reside in Memphis.

Gorman Middle and High School Registration

August 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Gorman Middle School and High School students need to finalize their schedule for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration will be held on August 3rd and August 4th in the gym foyer. The times are as follows:

August 3rd	9:00-10:30	8th grade
	10:30-12:00	7th grade
	12:00-1:30	Seniors
	1:30-4:00	Juniors
August 4th	9:00-10:30	6th grade
	1:00-2:30	Sophomores
	2:30-4:00	Freshmen

If you are unable to register at the appointed time, please call the high school office, 254-734-2614, and make other arrangements. All new student registration will be August 5th from 9:00-11:00 or 1:00 -3:00 in the high school office.

Obituary

Mary Lou Landers

Mary Lou Landers, age 87, passed away Thursday, July 8, 2010 at a Decatur nursing home.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery.

Mrs. Landers was born December 24, 1922 in Montague County, Texas to Marcus Manning Landers and Hattie Mae (Parkhill) Landers. She married L. C. Landers on March 14, 1943 in Mareta, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on July 30, 1995. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Don Landers of Boyd, Ronnie Landers of Wolf City and Clifton Landers of Springtown; one sister, Margaret Wright of Wichita Falls; 12 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Eldred and one sister, Eula Faye.

Classifieds

FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Friday - 8 to ?? and Saturday - 8 to Noon. 123 Rogan Street in Gorman. Wright residence. 2544-734-4736. ITP

Garage Sale: Multi family garage sale at 1019 N. Fisher St (Swanner's house just off the Kokomo hwy), new items added so if you came last Saturday come back and look again! Hours are Friday: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Texas Nurse Connection, Ltd - **Desdemona Activity Center ANNUAL GARAGE SALE:** July 15th and 16th from 8 to 5 and July 17th from 8 to Noon. Located on Highway 8 in Downtown Desdemona. ITP

FOR SALE!! - Sleeper Sofa and matching side chair - \$250 Call 734-2906 and come see it in our living room. Armchair/Entertainment Center \$75 - Cardio Glide Exerciser \$50. ITC

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IMMEDIATE OPENING: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman. Due to our recent growth and upscale on pay wages we our now accepting applications for C.N.A.'s all shifts available. For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC FNC

Are you missing a pony? Call and describe to City Office 734-2317.

ACCEPTING BIDS: The City of Gorman will be accepting bids for a heating and cooling system for the City Office building located @ 116 S Kent St. Gorman. Bids will be accepted through July 15, 2010 until 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the City of Gorman Regular City Commission meeting held July 15 @ 5:30 p.m.

The City of Gorman will be accepting bids for new lighting system in the City Office building @ 116 S Kent St. Bids will also be accepted through July 15 until 5:00 p.m. and opened @ the Commission meeting starting @ 5:50 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please call (254)734-2317 during 8-5 office hours.

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Gorman is taking applications for an evening Dining Room monitor. This position would be perfect for a retiree, college student or someone available a few hours in the evening. Please apply in person to Lynn Porter, Administrator. FNC.

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman has an opening for Weekend R.N.. For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC FNC

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INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building & old cafe. C19

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

When I wrote Pig Tales last week, I had just come in from being on a fire with the Desdemona VFD for 6 hours. I was very tired and, unfortunately, left out a very important item - the passing of L.E. Singleton. The prayers of all of us here at the DAC go out to Peggy and the rest of the family. L.E. will be missed.

Many friends of the DAC have been working extremely hard for the last few weeks getting ready for our annual garage sale. And, folks, I am telling you the truth when I say we have anything and everything under the sun here! I believe this is the most 'stuff' we have ever had at one of our garage sales! If you have been to our building, you know how large the big room is - it is packed full of goodies for you all to meander through! The sale is this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 15, 16 & 17. Each day begins at 8:00 and we will close at 5:00 on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, we will close around noon unless we have folks still shopping. All of the money that we collect will go to paying for and maintaining our beautiful building. A huge 'Thank you' to all who donated items for our sale - we certainly appreciate that you are interested in keeping the DAC going. We do have a great time here!

Do your children have the summer blahs? Are they bored? Have they done everything they wanted to do this summer? How about bringing them to the Desdemona Library located inside the Activity Center. We have lots and lots of books for little people, big people and middle-size people. Come and check us out. The library is open Tuesday through Thursday from 3:00 until 5:00 and then again on Tuesday evening from 6:00 until 8:00.

We would like to invite everyone to the next dance at the DAC on Friday, July 23 at 7:00 PM. The concession stand will open at 6:00.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

Band.....Ten-Hut

To all Gorman Panther Band members grades 8-12 (as well as any 7th or 8th graders interested in trying out for the Panther marching band)! Summer band begins on Tuesday, August 2, 2010 at 6:00 PM. The theme of our show this year is "Большая Красная Полоса" which is Russian meaning "The Big Red Band." We will be playing the following songs: "The Hunt for Red October," "Russian Sailors Dance," and "The Russian Easter Overture." A full schedule of Summer Band will be forthcoming. See all of you there!

Gorman Ex-Student Association Meeting

The GEAM will be meeting at the Gorman Dairy Queen Thursday at 6:30 PM. Hopefully, this meeting will also be attended by a committee member of the Peanut Fest as well as Coach Bunch. We have several things to discuss, see you there.

ALC Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program is in full swing. We would like to say a big thank you to all of you that have contributed toward the SLP. Your contributions and donations are greatly appreciated. May you be richly blessed and rewarded.

Super Notes

By David Perry - Superintendent, Gorman ISD - 254-734-3171

I love to hear it rain, how about you? Last week was so nice to our yard, but now since we were gone on vacation the week before; my yard is a jungle or was. Now it looks like we may get some more. Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain!

Monday night the School Board met to have a budget workshop to discuss way they might be able to reduce the budget for next year and address any hiring recommendations for our openings. Several cost saving measures were discussed, some of which will appear on the agenda next Monday. Gorman ISD faces the same problems that the majority of Texas schools are facing this year, declining enrollment and being grossly underfunded by the state. The measures our legislature has taken in the last two sessions is choking the life out of rural schools and even large urban districts that have had to lay off thousands of employees across the state over the past two years and even more this year. We are facing a large deficit this year and cuts are being made, but you can only cut so much before you begin to affect the quality of education our children will receive. We are running out of options and we need your support. Please stay in touch with your legislators and ask them to support an increase in funding to public education.

The gym floor has been removed and the new floor has been installed. They should be finished with the sanding by the end of the week and hopefully finish up by the end of next week. We will see.

The board also hired a new coach Monday night. His name is Glenn Banker. He will be the head girl's basketball coach and head girl's softball coach. We look forward to his arrival and know that you will all make him feel welcome.

School will be beginning before you know it. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer break full of fun and relaxation. We look forward to everyone's return!

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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NEW - 14.12a Lake Proctor, secluded, joint lake property, elec., well, wooded, lots of wildlife. \$67,070.00

S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,300.00

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

100 A west De Leon FMS87, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

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"On The Wilder Side"

In Matthew 16, after Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God", Jesus tells Peter that his confession is that which would build His church and that the "gates of Hades will not overcome it."

I absolutely love this verse because it allows me to use my imagination to show God's power. Picture this with me. The gates of Hades (Hell) is tall, dark, and fiery with Satan's demons hovering about carrying out the evil commands of their wicked master and protecting their miserable home. Now we have Christ's church. Christ is the commander in chief riding before His armies on a white stallion. Christ's eyes are like a blazing fire and on His head are many crowns. "He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations." (Rev 19)

It doesn't matter how strong Satan is, Christ is the Lord of lords, and King of kings. There is nothing more purifying than His blood and nothing more powerful than His Word.

Today we are His body who is waging a war against Satan and we are the ones who must take the battle to Satan. I'm tired of being attacked am ready to take the initiative... to have working faith (not dying faith). The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid (Heb 13:6) because if God is for us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31)? I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13). In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Rom 8:37).

Jason Wilder
Gorman Church of Christ

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times
Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

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Coach Pitch District Champions



CHAMPS - (left to right) - Coach Tyler Johnson, Coach Darren Clark, Macee Bell, Jordan Mays, Victoria Fincannon, Morgan Wright, Kori Gaines, Caitlyn Clark, Kelsie Guthery, Karsyn Scitern, Makenzie Rainey, Trinity Torres, Aryann Cook, Kaylee Grumbles, Brylee Johnson, an-nesty Rainey, Coach Nick Guthery and Coach Kris Scitern.

Our Coach Staff would like to take the time to Congratulate our girls on winning the District Tournament in Comanche. First Round the Lady Panthers played the De Leon Chopstix and won 21 to 11. Second Round the Lady Panthers played Early Twisters and won 8 to 7. Round Three the Lady Panthers played Early Heart-breakers and won 15 to 3. In the Champship game the Lady Panthers played the Early Twisters and were defeated 12 to 4. Round Two of the Champship game the Lady Panthers won 16 to 8 to win the Tournament and to Advance to STATE.

We couldn't ask for a better bunch of girls that love to play with heart and love to win. Great Job Girls!!!

The Lady Panthers will be advancing to the State Tournament in Clifton on the 19th of July. Due to the lake of funds the Lady Panthers are having to raise money for hotel expenses and meals. On Thursday, We will be having a BBQ Lunch a the Laminack Construction Building in Gorman. Please come by and help support these girls and send them to State. Donations are very welcome. Please see Julie Clark, Kristin Scitern or Keri Guthery.

Thanks,
Lady Panther Coaches

Sam's Club To Offer Loans Up To \$25M For Small Businesses

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Sam's Club said Tuesday it will offer loans of up to \$25,000 to its small business members.

The division of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which is based in Bentonville, Ark., is testing a program with Superior Financial Group, one of 13 federally licensed nonbank lenders, and will offer \$5,000 to \$25,000 loans to members who qualify.

Sam's Club says 15 percent of its business members reported they were denied a loan in a November survey. That's up from 12 percent in April 2009.

The program will focus on minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses. Sam's Club members who apply for a small business loan during the pilot will receive \$100 off the application fee, a 20 percent discount and a discount on interest rates.

Businesses can pay \$35 for a membership to Sam's Club that includes three annual membership cards that allow them to shop at 600 Sam's Clubs in the U.S. Sam's Club offers other memberships to consumers and businesses that cost as much as \$100 annually depending on the features included.

Although the economy has grown for three straight quarters, tight credit remains a problem for many consumers and businesses.

"Access to capital is a major pain point for our members," said Catherine Corley, vice president, membership at Sam's Club.

The loan program isn't Wal-Mart's first attempt to offer financial products. In 2007 it tried to establish a bank, but dropped the bid after heated debate over whether the world's largest retailer should be allowed to gain the added financial power of a federally insured bank.



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Gorman City Minutes

JULY 1, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Joe Casey, Durward Webb, and David Stanley. Absent was Mayor Robert Ervin. Others present were Glenn Scitern, Barbara Fenley, Cliffla Vaughn and Denver Rainey.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Files called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Joe made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Durward made the motion to approve the bills for payment. David made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Denver Rainey was present under Citizens In put. Denver inquired about permitting for a travel trailer park.

Cell phones were discussed under City Operations and Personnel. It will be considered to have only a phone allowance for employee cell phones rather than providing the entire phone and monthly charges. David said the County pays an allowance each month for Sheriff's deputies. This will be on the next agenda.

David reported to the Commission that earlier during the day Officer Robert Kluge had turned in his resignation, effective immediately.

Glenn was present to give report to the Commission. One of the pumps at the lift station on Crescent St was burned up. Glenn will check prices and companies for a replacement. He also will need to order base and cold patch. The Commission expressed the importance of getting two more fire hydrants installed ASAP.

Barbara was present as department head. Judge Seay also submitted a report.

Appointment of board members will be placed on the next agenda for Ordinance 302.2, and also the appointment of code officer.

The Personnel Policy handbook will be reviewed and updated with the aid of the city attorney.

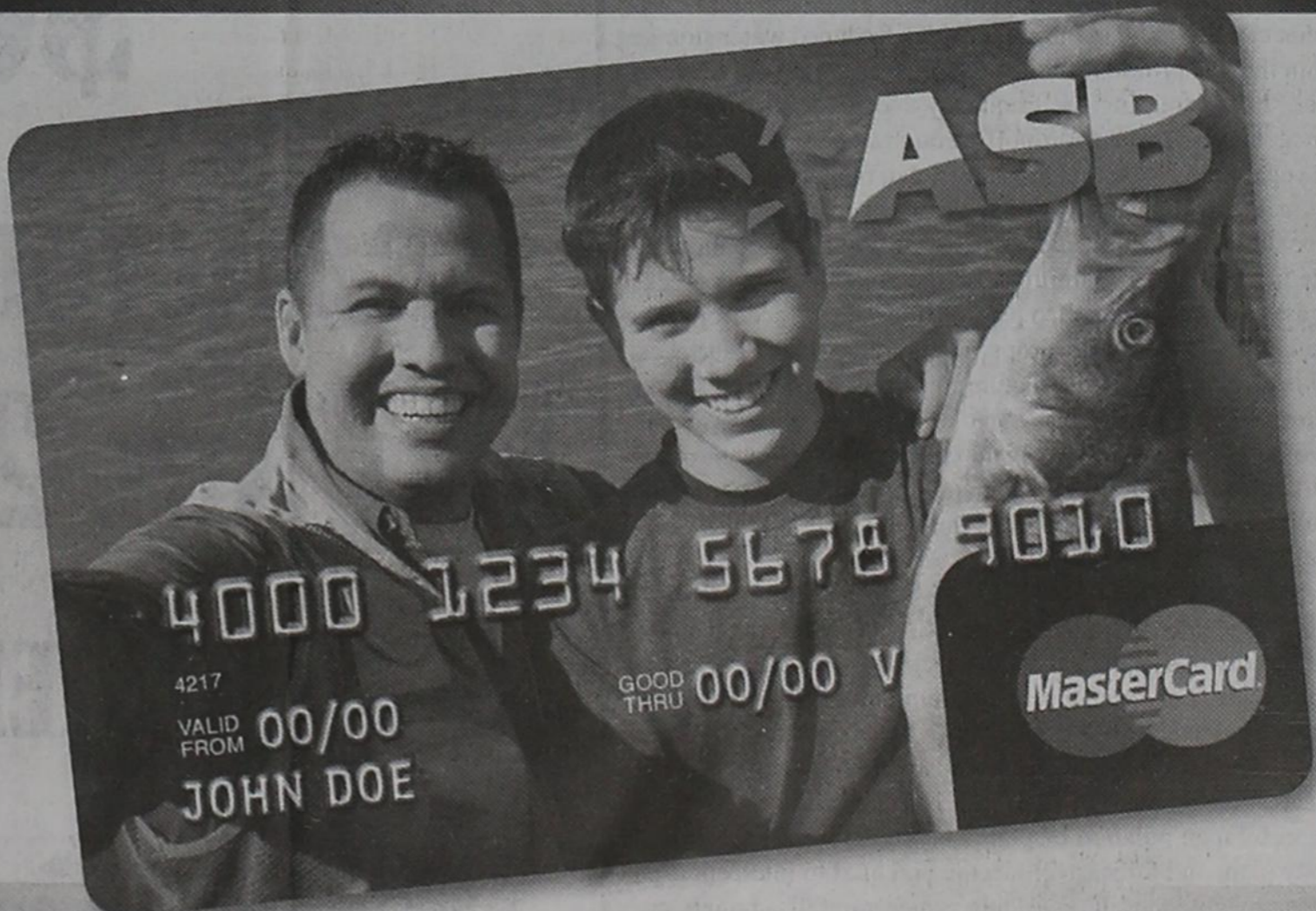
The bids submitted for the property located at the corner of Briscoe and Roberts were opened. Durward made the motion to accept the bid of Noah and Miriam Landa for \$2500. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

David made the motion to accept the letter of engagement submitted by Cameron Gulley, CPA to perform the 2009-2010 annual audit of the City of Gorman. Joe made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

David made the motion to resend any motion previously made, or to make null and void any Ordinance that would allow ATV vehicles on any city street. State law prohibits ATV's on highways and streets and the City cannot change state law. Durward made a second, motion carried 3-0.

There being no further agenda items for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried, time was 6:40 p.m.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our attendance bounces back and forth. Today the 7th of July there were 21 out to enjoy our get together. Henry Buchanan was kind to give the blessing for us all. The Buchanan's brought some new people by the name of Simmons. They live on the dump ground road. Many are moving out that way. Sure enjoyed meeting them and hope they continue to come visit and eat with us.

Our Nurses from Medway Home Health came as always on the 1st Wednesday of the month. They check our BS and BP. We sure appreciate these folks coming over from De Leon. Thanks to nurses Charlotte and Nellie. Charlotte did have time to eat with us today. Nellie had another appointment.

James Bruton was with us for lunch. Always enjoy visiting with him. Also Billie Sandlin has been with us the last two meetings. He is doing good after his surgery. We both have the same Doctor in Abilene. He is one of the best Urologist's around, but not to good on his bedside manner. Dr. Dan has really spoiled us with his kindness and smiling face.

We enjoyed Polish sausage and butter beans with ham for our meal. Our sides were watermelon, cabbage, corn, mixed vegetables, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers. Betty Regian was with us so enjoyed her good rolls and our usual cornbread. We just about had no desserts, but Billie Bennett and Anne Buchanan save the day with a cake and ice cream with cookies.

We sure missed Raymond Hattox, Betty Frazier and Jackie Burns. They are our best regulars. Raymond always helps me get in and out some of the larger vessels. It is getting harder for me to maneuver, don't know how much longer I can do this. Raymond is such a gentleman, not very many of those around. I ran into Betty in town later in the week, and she had been ill. Hope she is much improved by now.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

Improving Rainfall Effectiveness on Rangeland

Rainfall is a major limiting factor for livestock production from Texas rangelands. Everything from attempts by self-professed "rain makers" to new technologies such as cloud seeding has been tried to improve the quantity and predictability of precipitation. All such attempts have generally ended in failure. Technology cannot predictably manipulate the weather. However, management tools are available to improve the effectiveness of any rainfall received. To properly use and benefit from these tools, you must first understand how soils, vegetation and livestock influence water use on rangeland.

Actual water loss values vary depending on factors such as the seasonal pattern of annual rainfall, individual storm intensity and duration, type and condition of the range site, etc. During rainfall, water may enter the soil surface (infiltration) and move through the soil profile (percolation) or runoff the soil surface to be lost down creeks or draws. Most ranchers desire to minimize rainfall runoff in order to maximize rain fall effectiveness for livestock production.

Research indicates that the relative quantity of runoff is directly related to the vegetation characteristics of the site. Sites dominated by oaks or bunch grasses lose very little precipitation to runoff. On the other hand, sod grasses or bare ground do not provide sufficient plant or litter cover (decomposing plant material) to effectively facilitate infiltration. Runoff and soil loss from these areas may be great.

Evaporation represents another major source of water loss on rangeland. Evaporation can occur from precipitation intercepted by plant canopies or from the soil surface. The percentage of water evaporating from plant canopies or the soil surface is directly related to the intensity of each rainfall event and subsequent weather conditions. Other factors affecting evaporation from the soil surface include soil texture, soil color, plant cover and season of the year.

Management can improve the effectiveness of rainfall by reducing runoff, evaporation and undesirable plant use of water, as well as improving the forage harvest efficiency of livestock. Surface runoff can represent a serious loss of water from the ranch, resulting in significantly less sustainable forage production for livestock and/or wildlife. The erosive nature of runoff transports soil nutrients from the site. When erosion is severe, soil depth is reduced, which reduces the amount of water that can be stored in the soil profile. Reduced water storage within the soil profile results in the plants running out of water faster, thus increasing the frequency and severity of drought. Management can reduce runoff through manipulation of pasture vegetation. Research has shown that rangeland infiltration rates generally increase as total plant cover increases. Plant cover slows water movement across the soil surface, allowing more time for water to infiltrate before being lost down creeks and draws. Plant cover also protects the soil surface from rain drop splash. When rain drops hit unprotected soil surfaces, they tend to destroy soil structure, resulting in the pore spaces sealing and crusts forming. Stable soil pores allow water to move into the soil. Finally, plant cover provides organic matter to the soil, which maintains soil structure and aggregate stability, both of which positively influence rainfall infiltration rates.

Much of the evaporative losses of rainfall occurs following low intensity rainfall events. On Texas rangelands, rainfall amounts of less than 0.5 inch are common. Evaporation losses can be reduced by maintaining sufficient plant cover to shade the soil surface. Shade lowers soil temperatures while the plant itself buffers the impact of wind across the soil surface. Management of the forage base can also reduce evaporation by manipulation of plant canopy interception. Dense woody plant and litter cover has the potential to intercept high percentages of rainfall, especially when rainfall amounts are low. Plant communities dominated by grasses intercept and evaporate back into the atmosphere a much lower percentage of rainfall.

To summarize, rainfall represents the single most limiting factor to livestock production from Texas rangelands. Although management cannot be used to improve the amount or predictability of rainfall received, management can improve rainfall effectiveness by increasing rainfall infiltration rates, reducing evaporation from soil and plant surfaces, controlling soil erosion, reducing noxious/toxic plant densities and improving forage harvest efficiencies.

For more information or problems, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office, County Extension Agent Heath Begeman, at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222.

Happenings At FBC!!

Witnessing two Baptisms is a most joyous occasion, and an awe-inspiring way to begin a Sunday Worship Service in the House of the Lord. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:

July 12th thru 16th - Pray for Youth & Sponsors at Camp.

Summer Camp: Kids is 7/26 to 7/29 - Bring donations to Church Office.

Children's Sermon: Liz demonstrated how a compass works showing that it guides the direction you travel. God has given us a "life compass" in the Holy Bible. Rely on the Spirit of His Truth to lead you and guide you.

Bro. Barry's Message: "One Body" - I Corinthians 10:16 & 17 - In our life we have community, communion, and fellowship. Believers in Christ gather together and pray for one another.

WHEN WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

1) We Look Back. - (I Cor. 11:26 - "You proclaim the Lord's death") - Remembrance of what Jesus has done for all humanity, and done for you personally. Believe the Bible, it is where we find the facts that God meant to be known.

2) We Look Within. - (I Cor. 11:28 - "A man ought to examine himself") - Do you think God is proud of what you have done in your life this week? Our Church Family is one body of believers. Examine yourself, is your light for Christ shining for others to see?

3) We Look Around. - (I Cor. 10:17 - "One loaf, one body") - How have others in our Church Family been a blessing to you? Our bond as brothers and sisters in Christ strengthens our fellowship.

4) We Look Ahead. (I Cor. 11:26 - "Until he comes") - The laws of reason reveal that where there is a beginning there is an end. Worldwide timetables are measured by B.C. (Before Christ) and A.D. (After Death). Jesus was resurrected and ascended to heaven. Jesus is coming again! Will He come for you?

The body of Deacons served the congregation; and partaking of the Lord's Supper is open to all.

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

We welcome new member Josh Nichols to our fellowship.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had very good attendance on Sunday. Charlie Johnson was the guest speaker for the morning service. Other visitors was his wife, Jana and their daughter, ChrisAnn. Visitors are welcome to attend each Sunday to share God's message.

This reporter enjoyed a short visit on Wednesday eve with Skeets and Vernell (Joiner) Miears and Cristell (Joiner) Scott. It is always good to keep "in-touch" with former residents of Desdemona. The Joiner girls attended school and graduated from Desdemona. Charlotte (deceased) with Class of 1938 - Vernell with Class of 1940 - Evelyn with Class of 1943 and Cristell with Class of 1949. Vernell and Cristell plan to attend the Annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion on Saturday, August 14th at the "Ole" School Building.

Visitors on Saturday with Robert and Ima Brown were their son, Robert Alton Brown and wife, Jana and grandson, Preston Brown all of Fort Worth; and a cousin, Doris Brown of Granbury.

Dylan Cogburn enjoyed a trip to Littlefield with his grandparents, Lydia Boen and husband. The occasion was to attend a birthday party for Lydia's mother.

Theron Perrin, 81 of De Leon passed away and burial was on Saturday in the Alameda Cemetery. Survivors include his son and daughters; sisters, Evelyn Joyce Perrin. Preceded in death by his parents, Delmar and Zela (Sparger) Perrin. Theron and Evelyn Joyce attended school in Desdemona.

Mary Lou Landers, 87, passed away and burial was on Saturday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Don, Ronnie, Clifton and their families. Preceded in death by her husband, L. C. Landers. The Landers lived in Desdemona for several years when L.C. Served as pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Friends of Desdemona sends their sincere sympathy to these families that have lost their loved ones. Have a great day, Vonnie

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