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The State of Texas City of Gorman As you celebrate

811 Safe Digging Day - August 11, 2012

WHEREAS, the leading cause of harm to underground facilities is excavation damage; and

WHEREAS, pipeline operators and other underground facility owners are committed to raising the awareness of underground damage prevention and safe digging practices; and

WHEREAS, everyone has a responsibility to ensure their safety; and

WHEREAS, dedication to safe digging practices is helping prevent potentially serious or fatal injuries while keeping our environment clean and our utilities on without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the date of August 11 (8/11) corresponds to the nationwide one-call number, 811, which provides anyone planning to excavate a simple, easy way to contact the state underground notification center; and

WHEREAS, once a call is made to the one-call notification center, the appropriate underground facility operators are notified of the person's intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both; and

WHEREAS, Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages; and

WHEREAS, through the support of the pipeline industry, the first nationwide 811 Day media effort promoting the Call Before You Dig program will air ads during the 2012 Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, everyone should call 811 before digging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gorman supports these efforts to promote underground damage prevention and safe digging practices, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Robert Ervin, do hereby recognize August 11, 2012 as Underground Damage Prevention Day in the City of Gorman, and I call this observance to the attention of all her citizens.

NOTE CHANGE IN AUGUST SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH

This month the Gorman Senior Citizens will be guests of Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Gorman for their monthly luncheon. Next Wednesday, the 15th, just show up at the nursing home at the usual time (lunch starts at 11:30) and be served lunch prepared by the Homestead staff. Anyone who wants more information or needs a ride please call Adam Mayberry at 734-2202.

Look Who's New It's Triplets!!!



Colton, Justin and Raney would like to announce the arrival of their triplets: Lacey Marie, Talon Lade, and Ashin Lee Fronterhouse. They were born on June 7, 2011 in Fort Worth, Texas at 4 p.m. The boys came home about 2 weeks after delivery and Lacey came home about 6 weeks after delivery. They boys are identical twins. They are all doing well and are glad to be home. We would like to say thank you for your prayers and support.



De Leon Study Club Spaghetti Lunch

Keep this date open! August 11th noon to 2 p.m. A delicious Spaghetti Lunch will be served by the De Leon Study Club. Many classes will be eating with us at the De Leon High School's Cafeterium. This will be a terrific time to eat lunch, support the community, and visit with former classmates. Adults will be \$7.00, Children \$3.00 from noon to 2 p.m. COME JOIN US! EAT, VISIT, AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS!!

Gorman Food Bank To Operate As Usual; Mobile Pantry Delayed

The Gorman Food Bank will operate as usual. Mobile Pantry has been delayed. Watch for Next Month. If you have questions, call Howard Hagood - 734-5729 or Karen Pena - 734-5890.

Gorman Peanut Festival Set Sept. 8

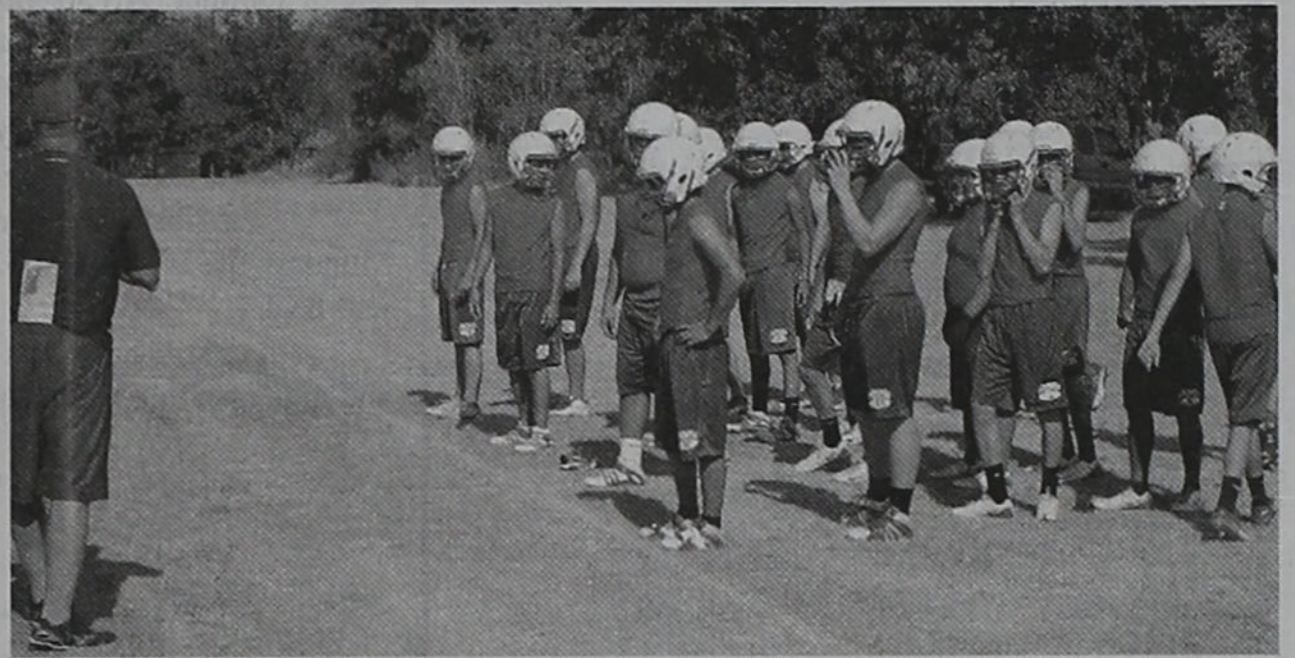
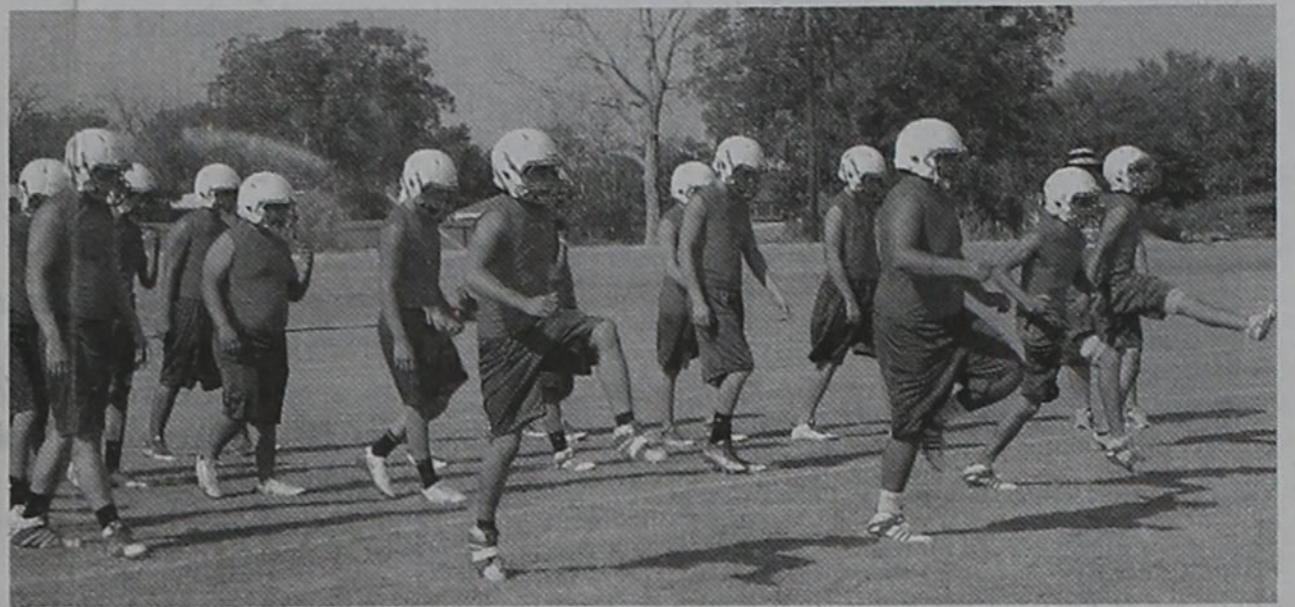
The Gorman Peanut Festival would like to invite you to be a part of this year's events and help to make this the best Peanut Festival ever. This year's theme is "Remember When". Parade Forms are available at the Gorman City Hall.

This year's festival will be held on Saturday, September 8th, downtown Gorman (rain or shine). It will consist of the 9th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cook-Off, starting on Friday night, a full day of activities planned for Saturday, followed by a Free Street Dance featuring THE DONNIE EVETTS BAND. We are planning to have the Firefighters Tug-of-War again this year given that none of our firefighters are called to duty. The booths will begin opening at 8 a.m., the Little Goobers Parade starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Peanut Parade at 10:00 a.m. Judging will be done during the parade this year.

If you need any information, feel free to contact City Hall at 254-734-2317.

We Look Forward To Seeing You On September 8, 2012

Panther 2-A-Days Begin; Nineteen Panthers Start Season



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR GORMAN ISD

Registration has been scheduled for August 16th, 2012 from 9:00 till 3:00. Go to the respective campus that your child will attend and we will help you get registered. Information required for registration is birth certificate, social security card, picture i.d. of the person enrolling the student, and shot record.

Thank you, GISD

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the Summer Reading program at the library was celebrated last Wednesday by a great group of young readers. Awards and prizes were handed out from the Cisco College from a drawing of all kids who read at least 10 books over the summer. We had 13 children ages 4-11 who read a total of 155 books over the 6 week period. They are so excited that after the Awards ceremony they decided to keep reading until school starts. They will turn in additional reading logs at that time. The Grand Prize (Ranger tickets) winner was Emma Clark, First prize (Majestic family pack) winner was Jasey Rice and Second prize (Super soaker) was Suellyn Hunter. Thanks to everyone (moms and dads especially) who helped with this program. Next summer we'll do it again!



Pictured from left to right (back), Hayden Clark, Maddox Roberts, Mary Crain, Caroline Crain, Suellyn Hunter, Suzan Lipson. Left to right (front), John Wilder, Alizabeth Wilder, Derick Hunter, Delila Crain, Emma Clark.

"2012 PEANUT QUEEN CONTEST"

It is almost time for the 2012 Peanut Queen Contest to be underway. We need school age girls of all grades to participate. This year there will be three Queen titles given. The titles and grade eligibility are as follows: Little Miss Peanut Queen - Grades K-4; Junior Miss Peanut Queen - Grades 5-8; and Miss Peanut Queen - Grades 9-12.

Qualification and entry forms can be picked up at the City or by calling Chris Hunter at 734-6120. All entries and fees must be turned in by August 27, 2012.

Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Food Bank New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. - Second Thursday

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. Stan Harper, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

A Letter To The Editor

This letter is in response to Mr. Buchanan's June 21st letter to the editor. I know this has been a while but I believe the Lord keeps bringing it back to me to speak out (which I think all Christians should do if the Lord is leading. The Bible is the infallible Word of God. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life". That means God gave up His Son, Jesus, the Perfect sacrifice, to forgive us of our sins. He paid the highest price He could pay so we could have eternal life. We can't pick and choose the parts of the Bible we want to believe are true. We either believe its the whole truth or it's not. I believe it's the whole truth. Give God the Honor and Glory. Psalm 109:30 says "I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth, yea, I will praise Him among the multitude."

(s) Debbie Torrez

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Dear Library Patrons,
We have noticed recently that there are quite a few books missing from our collection. Our guess is that most of these have been "forgotten" by our loyal readers, ic. YOU! If you would please look through your book shelves and return any overdue books it would be greatly appreciated. Overdue fines on all books (no matter how long they have been out) will be forgiven until the the end of summer. After school starts there will be 25 cents per day overdue fee for each day the book is late.

We rap up our Summer Reading program this week with an awards party. Watch the paper next week to see who won the big prizes!

The library is open 3-5 Tuesday through Friday. Mondays are usually 3-7, but August hours on Monday will be 4-7.

We still have lots of "Grab Bags" so come by and pick up some good summer read.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

It is going to be a busy weekend in Desdemona! Friday evening is the annual Alumni Dinner at the DAC. Although this began as an alumni dinner and meeting, we have over the past few years, opened it up to anyone who would like to come and enjoy a delicious fish dinner. Besides fish, we will have chicken, potato salad, slaw, beans and dessert. There will be entertainment and door prizes as well. The cost is by donation. The guys in Desdemona know how to cook fish! Y'all come. Visiting begins at 4:00 and dinner is served at 6:00.

Continuing with the homecoming theme, the annual Homecoming will be held at the old Desdemona schoolhouse on Saturday.

Back at the DAC on Saturday evening, is our regularly scheduled second Saturday dance with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. The music begins at 7:00 and the concession stand opens at 6:00. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Don't forget to come to the DAC on Tuesday, August 14, for our monthly jam session. If you play an instrument, sing or just tap your toes, come and join us for a fun evening. We have had a great response to this monthly event!

Pray for rain!

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

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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Ex-Students' News

It's time to start planning for this year's Ex-Students Homecoming events. We will meet at the Dairy Queen on August 2 around 6 p.m. We encourage anyone who is interested to come to our meeting and help with the plans. We also need to decide who we want to honor at our meeting, September 8th. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will make our Homecoming more successful, please try to attend. We are especially interested in getting some of our younger ex's interested in Homecoming.

According to our football schedule, we will have a home game on the Friday night before Homecoming and our annual Peanut Festival.

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 17.25 A: HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+ A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.
 30A: CR 389, small barn, water well, steel roping arena, electricity, fenced, has a few trees. \$3,100 acre.
 43A: Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced. Good Sandy land. \$3,350 acre.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/C, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fence, lake, pond, water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.
 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.
SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!
 322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg. with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.
 NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00 acre.
 407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 /fr. 100' concrete metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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 20 ACRES, M/L, GORMAN - Good coastal & native grasses, 1 tank & partially fenced. Will Be surveyed out of a larger tract. Could be very productive. A2
 PRODUCTIVE - 306 AC, m/l, of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well s & frontage on 2 county roads. S13

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Public Hearing Notice
Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
 Date of Publication: August 09, 2012
The City of Gorman will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM on August 19, 2012, at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application (or applications) to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing a community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application (or applications) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

A Letter To The Editor

By Henry A. Buchanan

Governor Romney is pushing the United States into a dangerous position with his pro-Israel bias. This is very unwise and it amounts to trying to determine U.S. foreign policy on the shaky premise that he will be elected President.

Our position vis-à-vis Iran is already dangerous, and we are making it more so by sanctions. If we continue to clamp down on Iran we will force an explosion.

The claim that Israel is God's favorite people and we have to recognize a divine claim on this account is spurious and foolish.

It's true that Jesus was a Jew until they crucified him. To try to hang onto the myth of Jewish favoritism is bad theology and dangerous politics. Israel will draw us into an expansion of the Middle East war which we are already losing because we are lingering in Afghanistan and trying to draw Pakistan into our war.

Our experience in Iraq is so patently a costly failure that it should be a warning to us to keep out of Iran. And one good way to stay out of war with Iran is to cut our ties of responsibility to Israel, and hope that Mitt Romney's plans will be put in the waste can at the election in November.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan

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FSA Announces Continuous Sign-up for CRP

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that continuous sign-up for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) started on July 23, 2012. Texas received a total allocation of 50,000 acres. Offers will be accepted until either the state acreage allocation limit is reached or September 30, 2012, whichever occurs first.

CRP is a voluntary program that has protected environmentally sensitive land for more than 25 years. This initiative will accept offers with an erosion rate of at least 20 tons per acre per year for new cropland or CRP acres that expire on September 30, 2012. Existing grass stands that are not considered expiring CRP will not be considered eligible.

Producers can stop by the Eastland County FSA office to determine if their land qualifies for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative and to receive additional location-specific details.

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Incentive payments are not authorized under this initiative.

New land contracts approved during this continuous sign-up initiative will become effective the first day of the month following the month of approval and are valid for 10 years.

CRP contracts set to expire on September 30, 2012, may be offered for consideration and approved contracts will become effective October 1, 2012, and are also valid for 10 years.

For more information, please contact the Eastland County FSA Office at 254-629-1636 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

GORMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB PAVERS

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club along with the Gorman Ex's Association is offering pavers to be sold. Funds raised by the sale of pavers will be used with previously sold pavers to create a display in front of the high school. Any additional funds will be used towards the building of trophy cabinets in the gym foyer. It is the goal of these two organizations to bring Gorman's history back into display for all to see. This is not for athletics only, any individual, family or team can purchase and put any information desired on the paver. Can be Class of..., band, academic UIL, FFA, etc., anything you want, including just your name.

PLEASE HELP WITH THIS GOAL BY PURCHASING A PAVER TODAY.

Paver sizes available are shown below, along with lettering requirements, and prices.

All pavers are produced by Texas Rock Art Co. in Fredericksburg, Texas. Graphics are available for an additional fee, prices will be based on the graphic chosen, please call Becky Swanner for additional information on graphics.

4 X 8 paver	3 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$20.00
8 X 8 paver	4 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$30.00
6 X 12 paver	4lines max/18 characters per line max.	\$40.00
12 X 12 paver	6 lines max/18 characters per line max.	\$60.00
16 X 16 paver	10 lines max/20 characters per line max.	\$80.00

The History of Gorman needs to be preserved and displayed for all to see. Please help by purchasing a paver. Contact Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176 or bswanner@gormanisd.net, additional contacts are Kenny Welch at 254-734-4444 or Pam (Foster) Childers-high school secretary, at 254-734-3171. Ordering grids for the 4x8 and the 8x8 pavers are included.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO HOLD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Gorman United Methodist Church will be having Vacation Bible School on August 13, 14, and 15 from 6-8pm each evening. The name of this Bible School is "OVERBOARD". This is for Children who will be going into K thru 6th grade in the next school year. We invite all Gorman children to go "OVERBOARD" with us! We look forward to all children joining us for singing, snacks, learning and FUN!

Happenings At FBC!!

Victory! You will never win if you don't begin! Let the Lord help you overcome your fears and insecurities. Living in Him is living victorious!

Mark your calendars:

- Aug 6th - 10:30am - Associational Senior Adult Rally at Bethel Baptist Church, Eastland.
- Aug 11th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - join in the fun & enjoy great food and fellowship.
- Aug 12th - 11am - Worship Service & Summer Camp Presentation.
- Aug 12th - 6pm - Special Guest Speaker - Howard Hagood.

Special Presentation: Gift given to Gary Mauney for appreciation and admiration of his faithful service in Music Ministry.

Children's Sermon: Traci had a bowl and a pitcher of rice. She asked the children what they did during their days - play, eat, swim, brush teeth, school, watch TV, etc - and poured rice in the bowl for each activity. Then she had a ball for God and a ball for praying and reading the Bible but they wouldn't fit in the bowl. She poured out the rice and put the balls in first, the she added the rice and everything fit. The Bible says to seek the Kingdom of God first. Start everyday with God then you'll be able to fit everything in around putting Him first.

Special Music: The Jubilee Band lifted our spirits and led us in worship with Blessed Assurance and You Are My King.

Bro. Barry's Message: "The Corner of Paul and John Avenues" - John 14:1-3 (NLT) Everyone that believes in God believes in heaven. Imagine that the corner of Paul and John Avenues have to be right downtown in the middle of it all. Bro. Barry asked us to put ourselves there and he asked Paul if the sign down the street was what he thought; yes, it is Chick-fil-a. Further down the street was In-N-Out Burger whom put John 3:16 on the bottom of every cup. Christian corporations founded on Biblical principles that are open to all people.

John 14:1) Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2) There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3) When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

Abraham was given a glimpse of heaven and said it was worth it all. Simon Peter shares insight into heaven and said it was worth it all. John saw heaven and said it is worth it all.

Revelation 21:10-27 Heaven exists and heaven is not a myth. We are given a detailed description of heaven in these verses of the Bible. Imagine the glory of God shining through the brilliantly colored gems.

- 1) You Don't Luck Into Heaven. - You won't get in on a whim, and don't worry if you're unlucky.
- 2) Heaven Is Not a Lottery You Can Win. - Money can't buy you in.
- 3) Heaven Is Not a Government. - No Senate, no Congress, no Political Parties, and no Debates. Praise the Lord!
- 4) Heaven Is The Lamb's Book of Life. - (Rev. 10:27) Only Those names written in the Lambs Book of Life.

The Oyster goes through great pain to produce pearls; and the gates of heaven are pearls. Whatever you're going through in life, whatever pain you're experiencing, only you know if your name is in The Lamb's Book of Life. Heaven is a great reunion with those that preceded you in death. Heaven is all forgiveness, all peace, all grace, all mercy, and all possibility. Eliminate the wonder and put your faith and trust in Jesus because Heaven Is Worth It!

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.

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

De Leon Study Club Spaghetti Lunch

On Saturday, August 11th the De Leon Study Club will again host its annual Spaghetti Lunch. It will be held at the De Leon High School Cafetorium from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

The meal consists of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, homemade desserts and a drink. The price is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children.

The De Leon Study Club's goal is to be supportive of community projects. In addition to sponsoring the Peach and Melon Queen's Tea and entering a float in the festival parade, contributions are given to the high school academic awards program and to the De Leon City Park.

Other donations have include the De Leon Senior Citizens program (air conditioner, tables, trash cans, kitchen equipment), ministerial alliance (toys at Christmas), the De Leon food pantry (monthly donations), the city library, the volunteer fire department, the Comanche County Hospital (equipment) and the Relay for Life.

Enjoy the Peach and Melon Festival!!! And come to De Leon High School on Saturday, August 11th at noon and join us for a delicious spaghetti lunch - many "Exes" will be there - Come and Visit!!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gorman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. 8-27-2012 in Board Room, Middle School, 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	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.3799	/ \$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	2	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2	% 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	\$ 196,085,152	\$ 206,731,115
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 482,040	\$ 184,920
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 56,566,438	\$ 61,785,742
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 463,360	\$ 169,920

* "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* \$ 4,598,823

* Outstanding principal.

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	\$ 1.04	\$.3499 *	\$ 1.3899	\$ 2,488	\$ 7,207
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.02006	\$.37203 *	\$ 1.39209	\$ 2,661	\$ 7,305
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.3799 *	\$ 1.4199	\$ 2,649	\$ 7,268

* 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	\$ CC- 51,922 EC- 34,370	\$ CC- 51,272 EC- 34,342
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ CC- 37,487 EC- 19,370	\$ CC- 36,690 EC- 19,342
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.3899	\$ 1.4199
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ CC- 521.03 EC- 268.22	\$ CC- 430.37 EC- 274.13
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ CC- 90.66 EC- 44.91

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.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.4199. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4199.

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
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on **Saturday, August 11, 2012** in the "Ole School Gym". Morning program to begin at 10:00 a.m. Noon Meal will be Catered by Circle M Bar-B-Que. This annual event began in 1921 and was held for many years at the Community Tabernacle before it was moved to the School Building in 1972 where there was more comfort with air-conditioners. During World War II it was canceled due to shortage and ration of gasoline and tires. Homecoming will continue each year for as long as possible.

This reporter has received several phone calls and short notes recently from Ex-Students of Desdemona. Names of a few are Eva Merle Skiles, Bill Adams, Charlene Park, Betty Jean Stephens, Imogene Park and Maxie Harris. Some of these have plans to attend the Annual Homecoming and some are unable to attend due to health problems. It is always good to stay "in-touch" with so many Ex-Students and Friends.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Brandon Denson.

There is a lot of sickness in our Community at this time - even the "flu bug" is going around. Bernard Keith is having some health problems. This reporter was sick for several days and did not write the Desdemona News. I have decided that getting old is *not* for a "Sissy"!

Please remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers. Just A Note to say "HI" does brighten the day of a shut-in.

Have a good day, Vonnie

-- Randy's Roundup --

August 6, 2012

Drought Relief for Farmers and Ranchers

Last week, I helped pass H.R. 6233, the Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act, which provides critical relief for producers struggling with dry weather. Right now, 70% of the country is classified as abnormally dry or worse according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. And for the farmers and ranchers in Texas, this is the second year in a row of a brutal drought.

This bill reauthorizes a number of disaster assistance programs, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Livestock Forage Program, and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Bees, and Fish program. It pays for this assistance by offsetting spending in conservation programs. All told, this bill will actually reduce our spending by \$256 million over ten years.

The Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act is good policy given our current situation, but it is not a five-year farm bill, which remains critical for our farmers and ranchers. This drought underscores the risk and uncertainty inherent in farming, and demonstrates why a safety net is critical to maintaining our country's food security.

Our producers need the certainty of a long-term farm bill so they can plan for upcoming plantings and harvests. Farmers may be forced to deal with unpredictable weather, but Congress can at least give them predictable policy. I'll continue working to pass a five-year farm bill that gets signed in to law.

Reforming the Renewable Fuel Standard

This drought is not just hurting livestock producers—corn producers in the Midwest are struggling through some of the worst conditions in 50 years. Less than a third of the U.S. corn crop is listed as being in good or excellent condition, so we are expecting very low yields for the fall harvest this year.

What this means to you is that consumers are likely to feel the effect of our shrinking corn supplies at the grocery checkout.

Yet despite the low supply of corn, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandates that 36 billion gallons of our nation's fuel supply come from renewable fuels. This is primarily comprised of corn-based ethanol. In fact, about 40 percent of our corn crop was used for ethanol production this year.

To address the pending crop year's low corn supplies and the resulting higher prices at the grocery store, I've joined a number of my colleagues in Congress to request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adjust the RFS. If the 36 billion gallon mandate is adjusted to fit market conditions, we will hopefully be able to ease the effect of the short supply of corn and limit increases in food costs.

You Did Build That: The President's Growing Debt

During a speech in Virginia on July 13, President Obama made the now infamous remark that, "If you've got a business, you didn't build that." The hard work, sacrifices, and entrepreneurial spirit of America's small business owners hardly needs to be defended. In Texas alone, almost 98 percent of all employers are small businesses. Between 2005 and 2008, they represented about 70 percent of new private sector jobs. And each and every one of those businesses was built by a hardworking man or woman.

Instead of downplaying the work of others, maybe it's time for the president to review his own record. According to the Department of the Treasury, the national debt has increased from \$10.6 trillion on the day President Obama took office to \$15.9 trillion today. That is a \$5.3 trillion increase, and it means that each day the president has been in office, our debt has grown by \$4.1 billion. Unfortunately, unemployment remains stagnant above eight percent.

I believe the facts are clear—we can't spend our country into a recovery. It's time to stop spending and give our businesses the certainty and tools they need to start a real economic recovery that isn't based on government debt.

Action Item

On Friday, I'll be honoring 2012 state champions at Sudan High School and meeting with business and community leaders in Lamb and Cochran counties.

Did You Know?

August 7 marks the 230th anniversary of the Purple Heart, which is awarded to veterans that have been wounded or killed in combat. Learn more at <http://www.purpleheart.org/>.

Carbon Community Center News

The 5th Saturday Musical for June was enjoyed by all attendees. Several musical groups sang and played country and western standards that were well received. The 1st Methodist Church Choir from Eastland sang hymns from the old Cokesbury Hymnal. Their performance ended with patriotic songs that encouraged audience participation, which was very enjoyable. A special treat was a visit from Janet Alexander and her friend Suzy (a ventriloquist dummy), from Flower Mound. Janet used her talent as a singer, ventriloquist and humorist to hold everyone's attention and put a smile on their face.

The meal consisted of beans, corn bread, condiments and pie. As usual, the food was great. The Carbon ladies are well known for their culinary abilities!

A highlight of the evening was the drawings, which were held several times. Donations from local businesses were offered. The Silver Bullet donated a gun cleaning kit, Higginbotham Brothers provided a crock pot, Greer's Western Wear donated a gift certificate and Radio Shack provided a home and auto tool kit. All were items of good quality and were happily received by the drawing winners.

Groups or individuals wishing to sing, play or otherwise perform in our next Musical, to be held September 29th, should contact T.J. Cummings, at 254-488-1249, in order to be scheduled. We extend our thanks, in advance, to all musicians and entertainers for using their talent to provide pleasure for others.

The Carbon Community Center is a non-profit organization made up of local citizens dedicated to providing a pleasant, well maintained location that serves the needs of the community by offering a meeting place with historical significance. The Center is home for memorabilia from the Carbon ISD and is an ideal site for reunions, weddings, anniversary celebrations, meetings, dinners and musicals. It is often used as the polling place for Carbon. If you are interested in using the Center for your next meeting, please contact Janis Keith at 254-639-2210, or LaTonne Rogers, at 254-639-2551.

GORMAN PANTHERS 2012 2-A-DAYS & PRE SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Monday	August 6	8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm	on the field weight room
Tuesday	August 7	10am-11:30am 2:30pm 3:15pm-4:15pm	on the field Abilene Reporter (pictures) conditioning
Wednesday	August 8	8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm	on the field weight room
Thursday	August 9	8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm	on the field conditioning
Friday	August 10	8am-10am 11am-12pm	on the field weight room
Saturday	August 11	OFF	Sunday August 12 OFF
Monday	August 13	8am-10am 11am-12pm	on the field weight room
Tuesday	August 14	8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm	on the field conditioning
Wednesday	August 15	8am-10am 11am-12pm	on the field weight room
Thursday	August 16	5:30pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	on the field Ice Cream with the Panthers
Friday	August 17	9am-10am 4:15pm 6pm	weight room Leave for Santo scrimmage
Saturday	August 18	OFF	Sunday August 19 OFF
Monday	August 20	3:30pm 4:15pm	weight room practice
Tuesday	August 21	3:30pm	practice
Wednesday	August 22	3:30pm 4:15pm	weight room practice
Thursday	August 23	3:30pm	practice
Friday	August 24	9am 3pm 6:30pm	weight room Leave for San Angelo scrimmage

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2012 Property Tax Rates in Eastland County

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for Eastland County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 5,792,400
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 5,792,400
Last year's tax base	\$ 986,108,296
Last year's total tax rate	\$.5874 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 5,785,384
(Divide)/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,073,518,199
(Equals)= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.53891 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.53891 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 5,785,384
(Divide)/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,073,518,199
(Equals)= This year's effective rate	\$.53891 /\$100
(Times)x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.58202 /\$100
(Plus)+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
(Equals)= This year's total rollback rate for each fund	\$.58202 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.58202 /\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Eastland County adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.53891 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$82,800.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$1,370,046
Bond	\$-0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: Eastland County Auditors Office, Eastland County Courthouse, Second Floor Suite 205, Eastland, TX 76448

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