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Gorman Panthers To Begin 2-A-Days August 1st thru August 11th

The Gorman Panthers will take the Practice field in preparation for the 2011 Season with 2 A-Day Workouts starting at 8:00 a.m. On Monday, August 1st. Players should arrive at the field house no later than 7:30 a.m.

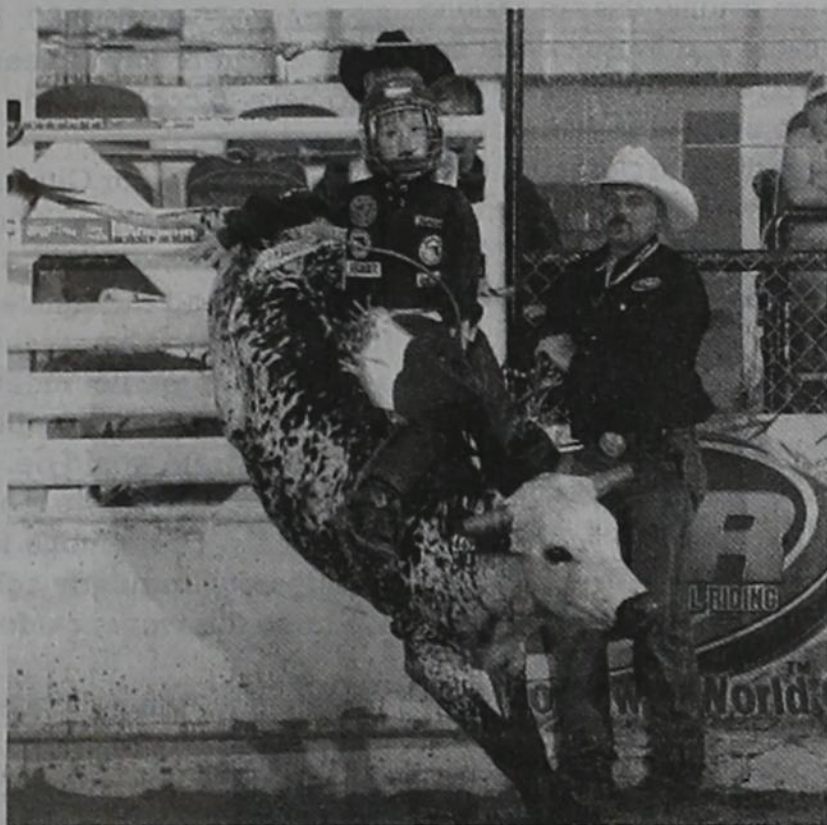
Any high school athlete planning on playing football for the Panthers, that has not already been issued equipment and workout gear needs to contact Coach Simmons at 254-631-9930 to arrange a day and time to get fitted. All Players must have a physical on file in the Athletic Office prior to workouts. Forms can be downloaded from the UIL website or picked up by contacting the coaches. Students will not be allowed to practice without their physical.

The schedule for workouts from Monday, August 1st through Friday, August 5th, and Monday, August 8th through Thursday, August 11th, will run from 8 - 10:30 a.m., followed by a one hour break, and begin again at 11:30 a.m. To 1:00 p.m. On Friday, August 12th, there will be one practice from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. And it will be followed by an ice cream supper for players, and football parents and supporters. All Athletic Boosters are encouraged to come. If you would like to make ice cream for the event contact Angela Clark.

The Panthers will scrimmage at Electra the following morning at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 13th. Regular Practice time will begin Monday, August 15th at 3:30 p.m. And each day throughout the season. The Panthers scrimmage at San Angelo Lakeview Stadium against San Angelo TLC on Friday, August 19th at 5:30 P.M., and will kick-off the 2011 regular season on the road at Eldorado on Friday, August 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Daniel Keeping Wins State

July 22nd through July 24th, 2011 proved to be a very big weekend for Daniel Keeping. This was the weekend of the Texas Youth Bull Riders Association State Finals and the weekend when the regional champions were identified. The finals consisted of two long go rounds and a short go. Friday night Daniel competed in the first long go and received a 79.5 score riding in the Senior Steers Division. At the end of the night he was in first place in his age group.



On Saturday the three regions of the TYBR handed out the regional championship awards. Daniel was declared the North Region Senior Riding Champion and the North Region Junior Mini Bull Champion. On Saturday night the second long go was held and Daniel was one of three riders to make a second ride leaving him in the lead after two rounds. Sunday was the shot go and Daniel was the last rider in his division. The third place rider bucked off leaving Dan and the second place rider as the only ones who had the opportunity to ride three. The second place rider made his ride so Dan was in a do or die situation. If he bucks off, the best he could do is second place. Daniel stepped up to the challenge and made his ride. At the end of the day Daniel was pronounced the TYBR State Champion in Senior Steer Riding. It also won him an invitation to compete at the Tuff Hedeman Invitational event to be held next spring at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Ft. Worth.

Next for Daniel is the Youth Bull Riding World Finals in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo Center. Over three hundred youth riders from across the United States and Canada will compete for over \$30,000 in added prize money and the title of World Champion. There will be three long go rounds Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 3rd, 4th and 5th and a short go on Saturday August 6th. The long go rounds start at 12 on Wednesday and 8 on Thursday and Friday. The short go starts a 2 on Saturday. Daniel is the 2010 YBR Junior Steer Riding Reserve Champion and will be riding in the Senior Steer Division this year.

Daniel is sponsored by Glock, Inc. And Yankee Gunsmith in Copperas Cove. He very much appreciates the support he had received from friends in the community and looks forward to earning a World Championship.

Gorman To Implement Water Restrictions During This Drought Period

The City of Gorman, in response to the request of Upper Leon RMWD, has been notified to implement Stage II of the City's Drought Contingency Plan.
Stage 2 response - MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 25% reduction in daily water demand.

Supply Management Measures:

Water Use Restrictions: Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is limited to one day per week, and divided into zones. Watering day and zones are to be designated by the City. (Monday-West of Kent St, South of HWY 6; Wednesday-East of Kent St South of HWY 6; Friday-North of HWY 6) Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of 5 gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. However, all watering is prohibited between the hours of 11am and 6 pm due to high evaporation.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 7am-9am and 6pm-8pm. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and the welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- (c) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 7am-9am and 6pm-8pm.
- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life and where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- (e) Use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare. The use of water from fire hydrants for construction purposes is prohibited.
- (f) The watering of golf tees is prohibited. (see City for further information on this).
- (g) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water except upon request from the patron.
- (h) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
 1. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
 2. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 3. Use of water for dust control;
 4. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
 5. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

"Back To School" VBS next Saturday at the Church of Christ

Bring your Preschool through Junior High kids to the Church of Christ next Saturday, Aug 06 from 9 am to 4:00 pm for one last "who-rah" before summer ends and school begins. Registration begins at 8:40. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Call Jason Wilder if you have any questions at 734-2774.

Gorman Ex-Students Association News

**GORMAN EXES
 HOMECOMING SLATED
 SATURDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 10**

The Planning Group of the Gorman Exes Homecoming met at the Gorman Dairy Queen last week to make plans for the 2011 Homecoming event to be held in conjunction with the Peanut Festival. Get the date on your calendar now and get in touch with classmates to encourage them to attend this annual event!

Classes having special reunions this year, along with contact persons are noted under picture.

Officers for this year are:
 Kenneth Welch, President
 Shanda Morrison, Vice President
 Joy Rogers, Secretary
 Cecilia Hurst, Treasurer



Pictured are members of the Gorman Exes Planning Group making plans for this years Exes Homecoming Event - Seated (L-R): Sylvia Buchanan, Shanda Morrison and Cecilia Hurst. Standing (L-R): Joy Rogers, Kenneth Welch, J.F. Lilly and Francis Simpson. Not pictured are Betty Huff and Carolyn Gilbert

Class of 1950 - Louise Dillinder Frasier of Refugio
 Class of 1951 - J.F. Lilly of Brady at 325/597-5280
 Class of 1956 - Frances Simpson, 734-2058

Revival at Kokomo Baptist Church August 7th through 10th

The Revival will begin Sunday morning, August 7th at 11:00AM and then be nightly at 6:30PM through August 10th. Brother Marion Fonville of Magnolia, Texas, will be bringing the sermons and Daryl Hirst will be leading the music. More in next week's paper.



50th
 Wedding
 Anniversary



*Because you have played
 such an important part in their lives
 please join us for
 a 50th Wedding Anniversary
 in honor of our parents
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ALL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BEFORE THE EVENT

Kokomo Baptist Church To Host 5th Sunday Singing

Time for 5th Sunday Singing July 31 at Kokomo Baptist Church. Singing starts at 6:00 PM. Delicious homemade ice cream and cookies immediately following the singing in fellowship hall. What could be better than gospel singing, christian fellowship and homemade ice cream on a hot summer night!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 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 17TH 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. Cecil Funderburgh, 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, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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 3 + Acre, 3 - 2 3/4 - 2 brick, central A/C, 2375 sf, den + lg. game room, nice carpet, metal roof, water well, 20 x 40 shop, secluded, lots of Post Oaks! \$119,500.
 NEW - 34.5 A. HWY 8 - Desdemona, 30 acres Coastal, pond, excellent fences, large Post Oaks - nice home site. Water well, Natural gas and Elec. Available. Will divide in 1/2. \$130,000.
 S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 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.
 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 679: Old home w/large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40' cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.
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11.917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3
"EDGE OF GORMAN - 1.3 AC, m/l. Maintenance free Brick 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, open LR-DR, kitchen area w/bk. bar, Utility, CH/A fenced yard, SACP w/stg. & barn. 06
HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18
CHARM, WARMTH, COMFORT - This 2 BR, 1 bath brick has all of this & more. Large inviting living room, kitchen/dining combo, CH/A utility w/extras, DACP & cov. porch overlooking the oversized back yard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08
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Obituary

Raymond Edward "Ray" Thomas

Raymond Edward "Ray" Thomas, 85, passed away peacefully on July 20th. He was born in De-Leon, Texas, on June 11, 1926, to John Calvin Thomas and Mamie Wolfenbarger Thomas. Ray attended school through the 10th grade at Duster, Texas, and graduated high school in Gorman. He joined the U. S. Navy serving on the staff of Admiral B. J. Rogers in the Southwest Pacific during WW II.



Ray was employed by Sohio Petroleum Company for twelve years in the Land and Legal Department. He established Nugget Exploration Corporation to explore for oil and gas as an independent and later joined R. P. McCulloch in developing, Lake Havasu City.

Ray directed development and lot sales at Lago Vista on Lake Travis and as executive vice president of National Resorts Communities, directed marketing at Horseshoe Bay on LBJ.

Ray developed and marketed his own properties -- Scenic Cove, WatersEdge at Mount Bonnell, Mount Bonnell Shores, Colorado Crossing, The Courtyard Phases Three A through F, St. Tropez, The Hook, The Island at Mount Bonnell, Bello Vista, Castle Forest, Champions Forest and Village of Angus Valley.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia Hamrick, of Gorman and his son, David Ray of Eastland.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Nichols, of Austin; his son, Donald J. Thomas, of Johnson City; stepdaughter, Lisa Rosenhagen, her husband, Brad, and grandson, Blake, of Round Rock; granddaughter, Kimberly Moreno, and her husband, Jessie, of Eastland; granddaughter, Kristi Quigley, and her husband, Eugene, of Lakeland, Georgia; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the Smith Chapel at Riverbend Church, 4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy., Austin, TX 78746 on Thursday, July 28th at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of Austin.

For additional information, and to leave comments go to: ray-thomas.last-memories.com
 Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705 (512) 452-8811.

"On The Wilder Side"

Everywhere I hear, I hear the same thing, "Pray for rain". Let me first start off by saying, that it is good to pray for the things we need. It is even OK to pray for things we want. But in all of our prayers for rain, which is most certainly, desperately needed, we should remember a few truths about God:

- 1. God Knows our Plight**
 Jesus told us in Matt 10:29, Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. The truth is, God knows what condition His creation is in. He is the creator and architect of all things. If His divine will is that rain shouldn't fall on this land for three and a half years, as in the days of Elijah, then it won't come. If He wills that it should flood, as in the Midwest, then it will. God knows exactly what His creation needs and is in full control.
- 2. The Lord Gives and The Lord Takes**
 I know that many who are reading this are shaking their heads because you have cattle and livestock that depend on that precious rain. Some haven't been able to cut hay this year, which is driving the price of hay to near the price of GOLD! But consider that as the Lord closes one door, He always opens another one. I know that many have grumbled that they had to sell off all of their cows, but they forgot to praise God because those auction prices are record breaking highs.
- 3. God Rewards the Righteous**
 In last week's article, I wrote about the need to pray with thanksgiving. Well, we should also pray with righteousness, because God rewards the Righteous. Consider what James wrote in James 5:16-18, The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Consider what the Lord said the requirements are for "healing the land" in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) -
 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

"Pray For Rain" "We Need It"

GARAGE SALE: in Gorman, July 23rd - Starting at 8 a.m. Located at the Bride of Christ Church and across the street from the Post Office. Hope to see you there. God Bless!!!

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Home-stead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman needs CNA's for 2-10 and 10 to 6 Shifts also All P.R.N. Shifts For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202.EEOC FNC

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De Leon Study Club Plans Spaghetti Lunch

The De Leon Study Club is making plans for another delicious Spaghetti Lunch. It will be served on Saturday, August 6th from 12 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be at the new De Leon High School Cafetorium. This will also be the location of the Ex-Students Reunion.

The price is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children. The proceeds from this lunch will be used for many Civic needed Projects.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Whew! I hope everyone is still hanging in there and trying to stay cool! At my house, what the heat hasn't killed, the grasshoppers have. Every summer in Texas is a new experience!

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held on Saturday, August 6th from 7:00 until 10:00. Hope you can all join us. This will be a great way to beat the heat, except for the guys who have to cook outside - sorry guys!

The DeLeon Senior Citizens' dances will continue to be held at the Desdemona Activity Center. The group will rent our building and use the same format as was used when they had the dances at DeLeon City Hall. Some folks are not too happy that we had to increase the rent a bit, but we are not meeting our expenses at the current rate and the rate reflects a break on what the normal hourly rate would be. When we were selling drinks at the dances, what we took in helped. But it was asking a lot of the Desdemona folks to spend so much time, besides our regularly scheduled events, helping out. We hope this works out for everyone.

The annual Alumni Dinner will be held at the DAC on Friday, August 12th. Visiting will begin at 4:00 and the meal will be served at 6:00. The cost is by donation. As usual, fish and chicken will be on the menu and you know how good these guys can cook the fish - and the chicken. Everyone is invited.

See you in Desdemona!
 Carol Pell

Carbon Community Center News

The Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will not be held July 30th, due to the extreme heat and vacations planned by many of us. The next 5th Saturday Musical will be held October 29th. Music and dinner will be offered for \$5 beginning at 5:30pm.

The Musical held April 30th was successful, featuring western swing and traditional country and western music. The groups performing were well received by the audience. We extend our thanks to these folks for using their talents to provide pleasure for others and we offer an open invitation to other individuals or groups to participate.

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 value. The Center is home for memorabilia from the Carbon ISD and is a worthy site for reunions, weddings, anniversary celebrations, meetings, dinners and musicals. It is often used as the polling place for Carbon.

Our 5th Saturday Musicals are held to provide an occasion for folks to enjoy music played and sung by local folks, to appreciate good meals and to make funding available that helps with repairs and maintenance to the building. Make long range plans to invite your neighbors and bring your family to our October meeting. We hope to see you there.

A Letter To The Editor *About Living Sensibly*
 By Henry A. Buchanan

We are offering ten thousand American troops to Iraq because the Iraqis are still killing one another. And it our moral responsibility because we got them into this mess and now we feel we have to stay and keep them from killing one another.

There was a time when Iraqis were only killing Iranisans, hating Americans and complaining about the hardships imposed on them by Saddam Hussein.

So we got rid of Saddam and threatened war against Iran and set the Iraqis free to kill one another. It's a costly business and we are broke. We may have to close down our own government on August 2, 2011, but we have a moral responsibility to protect these Iraqis from themselves because we destroyed the law and order that Saddam had established over them. Now they are children who don't know how to handle the "freedom" we have given them at the cost of American lives and money.

And we are playing with numbers on the military issue as well as the budget. We'll bring home then thousand from Afghanistan and we will offer ten thousand to Iraq if we can get them to ask for them. And we will borrow some more money from China to keep the USA afloat.

If this sounds crazy to you, like the parents of teenage children they can't control and can't get ride of, it's because that is just what it is.

It would be sensible to bring the troops home, tighten our belts, pay our debts and live within our means. It would so startle the world somebody might try to imitate us.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. -- Gorman, TX 76454
 254-734-4569 -- July 15, 2011

Lady Panther Volleyball Season To Begin August 1st

Gorman Lady Panther Volleyball will start its 2011 Volleyball Season on Monday, August 1st. The first practice will begin at 7:30 a.m. In the Gorman High School Gym. All girls participating in Volleyball, and Athletics, must have a physical before they will be allowed to practice, scrimmage or play in a game.

On Monday, August 1st, they will practice from 7:30 a.m. To 10:00 a.m. And 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Practice schedules and season schedules will be handed out that morning. Other paperwork, such as U.I.L. And Gorman ISD forms, will also be handed out at that time. Those forms will need to be signed by a parent or guardian to be turned in later that week.

There will be a parent meeting, for any girl playing Volleyball, on Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. In the High School Gym Foyer. Please try to attend as there will be several things to discuss about the upcoming season.

Gorman Middle School girls playing Volleyball don't start practice until the first day of school on Monday, August 22nd. Every girl enrolled in Gorman Middle School Athletics must also have a physical before being allowed to participate in any scheduled practices or games. Physical forms for any athlete still needing one may be picked up in the High School Office.

USDA Deadline to Apply for SURE Crop Disaster Benefits is July 29

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces that the deadline to apply for assistance for 2009 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program is July 29, 2011.

The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster. All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses must apply for SURE program benefits by the deadline.

To meet program eligibility requirements, the farming operation must be physically located in a county that was declared a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a 2009 Secretarial Disaster Designation.

Producers located in designated disaster counties must have suffered at least a 10 percent loss on a crop of economic significance and purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

However, an operation located in a county that did not receive a primary or contiguous disaster designation, can still qualify for SURE benefits if the actual farm production was less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a qualifying disaster event.

Producers and legal entities collectively cannot, directly or indirectly, receive more than \$100,000 in SURE and other FSA disaster assistance payments. FSA disaster programs include SURE, Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP).

Producers or legal entities, whose nonfarm income is more than \$500,000, are not eligible for SURE program payments. For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 extension 2.

Gorman Panthers Football Schedule

- * August 13 - Electra - There - 10 a.m.
- * August 19 - San Angelo TLC - There - 5:30 p.m.
- August 26 - Eldorado - There - 7:30 - First Game of Season
- September 2 - Chico - Here - 7:30
- September 9 - OPEN DATE
- September 16 - Perrin Whitt - There - 7:30
- ◆ September 23 - Menard - Here - 7:30 - Homecoming
- September 30 - Santo - Here - 7:30
- * October 7 - Ranger - There - 7:30
- * October 14 - Cross Plains - Here - 7:30
- * October 21 - OPEN DATE
- * October 28 - Baird - There - 7:30
- * November 4 - Meridian - Here - 7:30

- * Scrimmages
- ◆ Homecoming
- * District Games

Grants, Loans and Technical Assistance Among Aid Available for Texas Wildfires

A true team effort exists in response to wildfires in the state of Texas, as numerous state and federal agencies offer help to those responding to and recovering from the fires.

In addition to support from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also have assistance programs available.

"Mother Nature has not been kind to Texas farmers and ranchers in 2011," said Juan M. Garcia, State Executive Director for Texas FSA. "Although not a remedy to the extensive hardships and heartbreak experienced by many producers this year, it's my hope that FSA's disaster programs and loans can alleviate some of the financial strain producers have suffered from the devastating impact of the recent natural disasters."

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers statewide in their recovery efforts following wildfires or similar qualifying natural disasters. Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for more details. The assistance programs available include:

- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) which provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss. (Currently, 32 counties have received ECP funding. Additional counties are being reviewed and considered for funding – please contact the local FSA office to determine status of ECP availability).
- Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) which provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing).
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornados lightening, extreme heat, and extreme cold.
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock because of drought or fire.
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster.
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs
- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both.
- Emergency Loan Program – The recent primary or contiguous Secretarial Disaster designation for all counties in Texas which triggered the availability of FSA's low interest (3.75%) Emergency Loans. These loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine.

NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas said, "NRCS in Texas will help landowners to address wind erosion that continues to occur because of the drought and the effects from wildfires. Our assistance will enable landowners and livestock producers to accelerate the recovery of the health and vigor of the affected grazing land."

NRCS is offering technical and financial assistance statewide to landowners through several programs;

- The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) helps with deferred grazing of livestock, to rejuvenate plant health and to prevent soil erosion, and cross fencing assistance.
- The Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) initiative is a local and regional working partnership through the NRCS EQIP program focused on assisting producers in conservation plan development to help maintain, establish, improve and manage habitat for the LPC.
- Additional conservation funding through the NRCS may also be used to address plant health needs for rangeland producers that have suffered losses from recent wildfires.

Applicants should visit the local NRCS office to fill out an application for cost-share assistance. Information is also available at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

There are also SBA and FEMA programs:

- For information on SBA disaster assistance programs, call SBA's Customers Service Center at (800) 659-2955 for more information.

FEMA is supporting the wildfires with a presidential disaster declaration that will reimburse 45 Texas counties for Emergency Protective Measures, Fire Management Assistance Grant declarations for 43 Texas wildfires, and the availability of Hazard Mitigation funds statewide. Find more information about the recovery operations on the TDEM website at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.




"When everyone works together and the various programs are offered, it helps recovery speed forward that much more," said State Coordinating Officer Shari Ramirez-MacKay.

"Our goal is a unity of effort across the spectrum of government from the local, state and federal level that provides the greatest amount of assistance to those impacted by the wildfires," said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Kevin L. Hannes. "There are multiple programs and sources of assistance that are available to increase the speed of recovery and create stronger communities; what one program doesn't cover, another program may be able support."

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center (former school building). There was several musical groups and singers attend. We appreciate all these musicians that attend each month. We appreciate the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going Strong. Thanks again.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues To have good attendance each Sunday. Visitors this past Sunday were Chris Anne of San Antonio, daughter of Bro. Charlie and Jana Johnson and their special granddaughter, Corley of San Angelo. Visitors are invited to attend Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a.m. and Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. Willa Dean (Brightwell) Ormsby of Stephenville called this reporter on Sunday to report she has plans to attend the Annual Homecoming and School Reunion. Also she reported his sister, Zella Mae is having some health problems and her sister, Betty Ann is having some eye problems. The Brightwell family are former residents of Desdemona where their children attend school. Willa Dean graduated with the Class of 1943 and Zella Mae with the Class of 1946 (both from Desdemona.) Betty Ann graduated with the Class 1951 from Gorman after transferring from Desdemona School.

Maxie Harris of the Metroplex called this reporter on Tuesday. The Harris family lived in the Jakchamon Community and their children transferred to Desdemona School. Maxie graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1941. Maxie say she has "Fond Memories" of her school days. Maxie would like to say "Hello" to friends in this area, especially Winford and Elnora Lindley. She is unable to attend the Annual Homecoming and School Reunion in August due to some health problems. This reporter enjoys hearing from former residents and ex-students of Desdemona.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the School Gym. Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Noon Meal will be catered. This annual affair is a great place for Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends to meet and enjoy visiting. Mark Your Calendar for this date and make plans to attend.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers.
Thanks and Have A Nice Day, Vonnie

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We met for our monthly get together on July 20th. There were an even dozen in attendance. Several attended the funeral of Glen Warren. Frank Shirley gave the blessing for all. This terrible heat is keeping some in. I've never seen it this hot and miserable. I do hope and pray we get some rain soon. The countryside is becoming dead and ugly. Half my yard is dead. All I worked for 20 years is null and void now. I've watered and watered, but you can't seem to water enough.

Tim Thomas came to eat lunch with us. Also enjoy seeing and visiting with the Administrator of our Nursing Home. Also Sandra Cagle was with us, always good to see her. She is our Tax Assessor and come to visit Wilburn Overstreet. Wilburn is looking good and out and about. So glad his health is improved.

We missed Betty Frazier and Jackie Burns. Hope they can make it next time. Billie Bennett came and we were all so happy to see her. It had been several months. So glad her hand is healing and improved. Hope to see Sandy Warren next time.

Our meal was fried chicken that was over cooked by Wal-Mart. The chicken much better at Brookshires and Shoppin Basket. We also enjoyed two different pasta salads, lettuce and spinach salad, deviled eggs, green beans and potatoes. The eggs so good by Beth Shirley. We had a 93rd Birthday Cake for Ailene. So pretty with real daisies on the cake. All in yellow and white. Also Beth Shirley's Birthday. So we sang to both ladies. We did have a spare cake, but Beth said no, she had enough Birthdays and cakes. HA! The cake was made by Cecilia Hirst, so very good.

Lil Brudnak had a terrible fall last week, do hope she is better. She battered her face pretty good. Throw those hands out and use a cane. I learned to use my can, especially in uneven ground or steps. I had a few terrible falls, before I learned these bodies don't move like a young person anymore. I've called Lil but keep missing her. Then she called back and left a message saying still bruised and she had talked to Daisy. Daisy doing OK. Not too happy in new place, but knows she can't come home and live alone.

Kendra Wright had her baby on the 9th of July. What a cutie little Cannon is. Looks a lot like his mom wiht dark hair. She did wonderful in birthing him and now is nursing well. They all went down on our Coast last week for vacation. What a trooper he is. His Grandma Becky went through Longhorn Caverns at 3 weeks.

They want to do surgey on me August 2nd at Anderson in Houston. I believe I may pass as not a have to situation. I just can't stand another long trip in this heat. I may put it off till the fall. Still haven't made up my mind for sure.

We will meet next month on the 17th of August.
 Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

USDA Announces Last Call for Producers to File AGI Forms with the IRS- Failure to do so Will Result in Interruption of Program Payments

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) to the IRS as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year; however, many program participants have not yet submitted this form for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

Producers who fail to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for 2009 and/or 2010 payments. The producer will be responsible for fully refunding all payments received under programs subject to AGI limitations.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individuals must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, eligible producers will not receive USDA program payments.

The FSA further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS.

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636.

Happenings At FBC!!

Wrong! Have you ever heard someone say, "Do as I say and not as I do!" Don't you agree that it's wrong and sets a poor example for children? May the Lord give you the strength to "do as you say"! Keeping your word is the source of your integrity!

Mark your calendars:
July 31st - 6pm - Fifth Sunday Singing at Kokomo Baptist Church..
Aug. 1st - 10:30am - Association Adult Rally @ Bethel Baptist Eastland.
Wednesdays: Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends and have fun learning about Jesus!

Children's Sermon: Justin asked which children thought they were strong; Tristen raised his hand and showed his muscles.. Next Justin asked if they thought he was strong enough to tear a phone book in half; then he tore the phone book in half. Later Justin admitted it was a trick. God is stronger than anything. In Isaiah 41:10 we are told that when we are weak God is strong. Hold God's hand and he'll take care of you.

Special Presentation: Awesome Youth Slide-show of recent trips to Youth Camp and Galveston - Thanks were given to God for making the amazing experience possible, thanks were given to all that prayed them through the trips, and thanks were given to our Church Family and Community Members that supported the trips financially. Glory to God!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Just A Little While Longer" - Psalm 30:5 - We are living in some hot days! Sometimes we wonder how we'll make it through, and we don't understand all that's been heaped upon us. We need to make it "Just A Little While Longer". God makes a Promise to us through the Bible that He is with us and He will get us through everything. Sometimes, even Pastors, can't find the words to say in the darkest moments of life.

- 1) The Utter Depths. - Bad decisions find you! Turn to your Holy God. You need refreshing newness. God works in you.
- 2) The Rescue. - (Psalm 30:1-5) From the darkest and deepest pits God will restore you.
- 3) Learning from Our Mistakes. - (Psalm 30:6-10) - It's a fact, we all make mistakes and often times our mistakes hurt others. Help from the Lord is so close you can reach it, so grab it!
- 4) The Celebrations. - (Psalm 30:11-12) - The source of your blessings is through your relationship with God. Only material possessions can be bought. Celebrate the moments and remember God's gifts.

Long nights, heartbreaks, illness, broken relationships, and a lack of understanding will soon be things of the past. Exalt Jesus, He won't let you down. Be ready! Just a Little While Longer, Jesus is coming again!

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! 1X100

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

HOLIDAY

Transport Food to Holiday Parties in Style

NewsUSA

(NU) - With the holidays fast approaching, amateur and professional chefs are busy thinking up new recipes, and tasting and testing them. The problem for many, however, is transporting dishes to their final destination. Often, hot meals become cold in transit. And, let's face it: holiday parties are only as good as the food that is served.



New products make it easier to transport food from your home to holiday parties.

Rachael Ray has created a line of products specifically designed to help chefs and home cooks transport food so that it looks and tastes as good as when it was made. Below is just a small sampling of the many great products that are available to transport food in style, whether the party is just around the corner or hours away:

- **Party on.** The 5-piece Food-tastic Party Box features a spacious thermal carrier that fits dishes of almost any size or shape. Inside, the large storage container has an easy-to-secure lid, along with a five-compartment snack tray and a deviled egg tray that holds eighteen eggs. And with SuperFoam high-performance insulation and a zippered garage door opening for easy access, the carrier can be used on its own for transporting all kinds of hot or cold foods.
- **Take the double decker.** The highly portable Expandable Potluck has two compartments that can accommodate 9x13 inch baking dishes. SuperFoam high performance insulation plus Thermo-Flect Radiant Barrier will keep food hot or cold for hours.
- **Go then stow.** The Stow-A-Way Potluck fits 9x13-inch baking dishes. High-density thermal insulation keeps meals hot or cold

for hours of transport. And when the fun is over, this great product folds flat for easy storage.

- **Get versatile.** The 4-in-1 Thermal Carrier with Baker Taker features a glass baker to hold that just-baked dessert (or lasagna). Slip it inside the handy Baker Taker, stow it in the thermal carrier bag and go. The straps are convertible so you can carry horizontally or vertically.
- **Keep it cool - or hot.** The Chill Out Tote Duo features SuperFoam high-performance insulation plus Thermo-Flect Radiant Barrier that keeps food hot or cold for hours. The front pocket holds utensils, and the leak-proof lining is easy to clean. These totes are so easy to carry, you'll want to take both - one for hot food and the other for cold.

The holidays will be here before you know it. To find the right food transport solution for you, go to www.rachaelray.com.

HEALTH

Wrap Up Your Diet: Add Fresh, Healthy Eating to Your Menu

NewsUSA

(NU) - Every day it seems there are a host of new and outlandish methods to win the battle of the bulge. The Cabbage Soup diet, the Fat Flush diet and the Blood Type diet are some of the more unusual, yet even the most ridiculous monikers do little to preserve your overall nutrition.

The reason why fad diets typically don't work, according to sports and lifestyle dietitian Molly Kimball, RD, is that they aren't designed to succeed in the long term. "In reality, a successful diet is one that doesn't sacrifice flavor, taste or nutrition and incorporates your favorite foods every day." So scratch the word "diet" out of your vocabulary and follow these four tips for fresh, healthy eating:

- **Keep calories in check.** "Even if you exercise an hour every day, there are still 23 hours where you can negate it," says Kimball. "You still have to keep an eye on what you're eating." She advises that you spend your calories on foods high in fiber, protein and healthy fat. Since the body takes longer to digest these nutrients, you'll be left feeling fuller, longer. For a snack, try a quarter cup of reduced fat cheese melted on a whole wheat tortilla. Low in calories but high in fiber and protein, this snack keeps you powering until the next meal.
- **Fill up on veggies.** Instead of ham, turkey and roast beef thrown between two slabs of bread with cheese and extra mayo, keep the lean protein and incorporate loads of vegetables (raw, grilled or roasted) into a low-carb, high-fiber tor-



Eating fresh while making healthy food choices will help you find a more balanced diet.

tilla. "You'll be slashing calories but still get the satisfaction of eating a full sandwich, along with loads of fiber-rich, nutrient-dense vegetables," says Kimball.

- **Choose healthy fats.** Olive oil and fatty fish get a lot of attention for a reason: they're both filled with healthy fats. The monounsaturated fat in oil and the omega-3's in fish not only help to keep hunger at bay, they also boost your heart health by raising HDL ("good") cholesterol. Get your fill of both with a La Tortilla Factory Extra-Virgin Olive Oil SoftWrap smeared with cream cheese and a little bit of salmon.
- **Lighten the foods you love.** The bottom line is calories, but is giving up your favorite foods worth it? Of course not. Instead of a massive burrito stuffed with cheese, refried beans and sour cream, use a whole wheat tortilla and pile on lean protein, grilled veggies and fresh salsa for an authentic Mexican meal that tastes great with a fraction of the fat and calories.

For healthy ideas and recipes, visit www.latortillafactory.com.

CONSUMER

Savvy Shopping Tips for the At-Home Bartender

NewsUSA

(NU) - Whether you're shopping for a casual get together or stocking your home bar, your goal on the liquor aisle is usually the same: Find quality alcohol at a price that won't break the bank.

To cut down your stress, look to the label for peace of mind when considering the quality level of spirits that fit your budget. Fancy packaging aside, the content provided on the label can be your best indication of the quality you can expect in the bottle.

Here are some tips to keep handy when navigating the booze aisle:

- **Tequila:** The most important quality cue to look for when purchasing tequila is "100 percent agave tequila" on the label. That's your guarantee the tequila you are drinking is made from 100 percent pure agave with no additives, added flavor or color. Tequila labeled "Oro," "Joven" or "Gold," by comparison, indicates designation as a mixto; a lesser-quality tequila made with equal parts agave and cane sugar distillates that can often lead to hangovers.

There are a handful of quality, affordable 100 percent agave tequilas on the market today that sell for \$20 or less. Look for Familia Camarena Tequila (www.tequilacamarena.com), a widely available, popular-priced tequila produced by the respected Camarena family of Mexico. With tequila industry experience spanning six generations, Familia Camarena makes both 100 percent agave silver tequila (unaged) and reposado tequila (slightly aged) delicious for sipping or mixing.



Look to the label for quality booze that fits your budget.

Vodka: Stay away from vodka made from corn and other cheap sources of starch, which often can taste harsh. Stick with vodkas made from pure, high-quality ingredients like potato, rye or wheat.

A great way to find affordable, high-quality vodka is to look for American-made vodka, which is often less expensive than higher-priced imports. Watch out for Blue Ice Vodka, a reliable and budget-friendly American potato vodka.

Whiskey: Remember that scotch, Irish whiskey and bourbon are all classified within the whiskey family, and all have great opportunities for budget-friendly bottlings.

Buy bottles at the lowest proof, or 80-proof (40 percent alcohol by volume). Distilleries often charge more for a higher proof, which can go as high as 160. Lower-proof bottles tend to be lighter and smoother in taste.

Instead of expensive single malts, pay attention to more economical blended whiskeys, which blend malt whiskey with less-expensive neutral grain spirits. For superior-quality blended whiskeys, look for those with a malt percentage that exceeds the grain percentage.

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