

# The Gorman Progress

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Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454

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## Town Hall Meeting Held Tuesday At Noon



Representative Randy Neugebauer recently held a Town Hall Meeting at the Senior Center in Gorman on Tuesday, August 24th at noon. Several people attended the meeting stating their concerns on the economy, insurance, taxes and other important issues concerning our country as a whole.

### Peanut Festival - Petite Miss Queen Contestant

My name is Rorri Rene Boyd, I am 4 years old. I am the daughter of Dustin and Ricki Boyd of Gorman. I am a contestant in the 2010 Peanut Festival Queen Contest. I just started Pre-K in August and I absolutely love it. I participate in many activities. I have been taking ballet for 1 year and gymnastics for 2 years. I also play soccer and T-Ball during the season. But most of all my favorite thing to do is Playday Rodeo. My horse's name is "Dog" and I do lots of playday rodeos around the area. I won my 1st buckle last year in Dublin at the age of 3. I enjoy helping my dad in the shop and riding the tractor with him. My mom is my best friend and we do everything together. I have a little brother, Bristol, and I like to drive him around in my barbie car because it puts a smile on his face! Please come out on September 5th to the pageant and scream for me!!

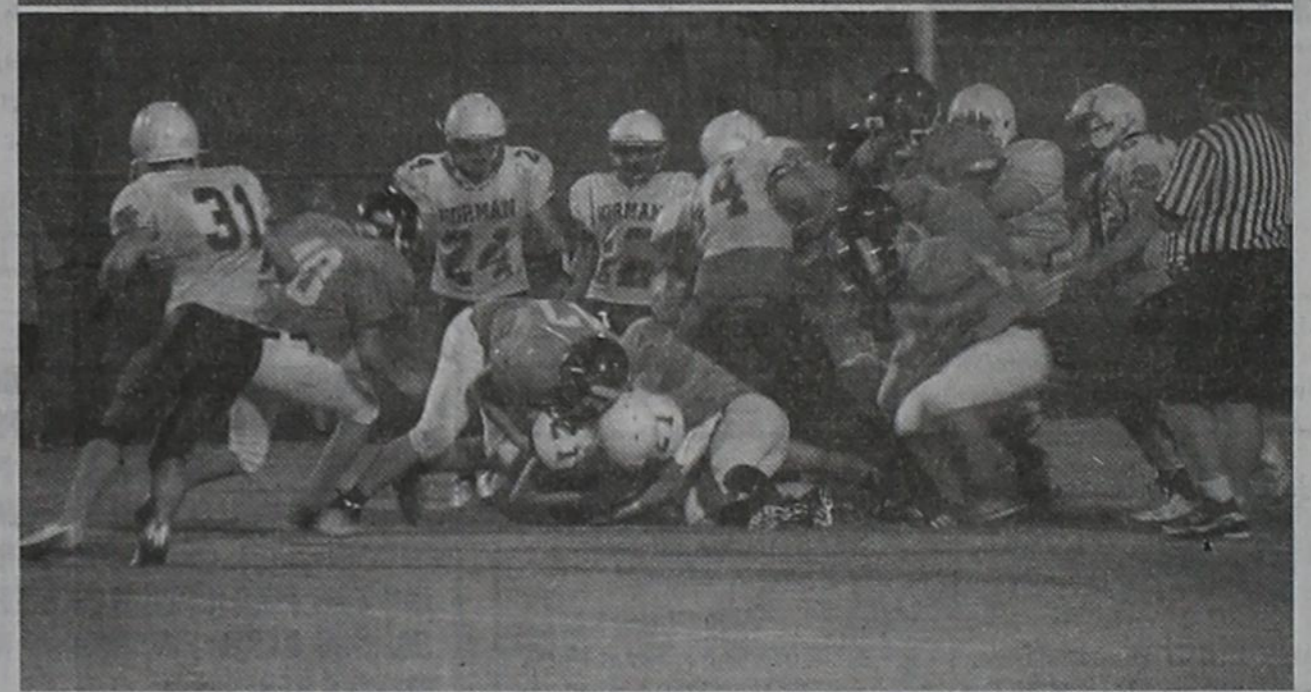
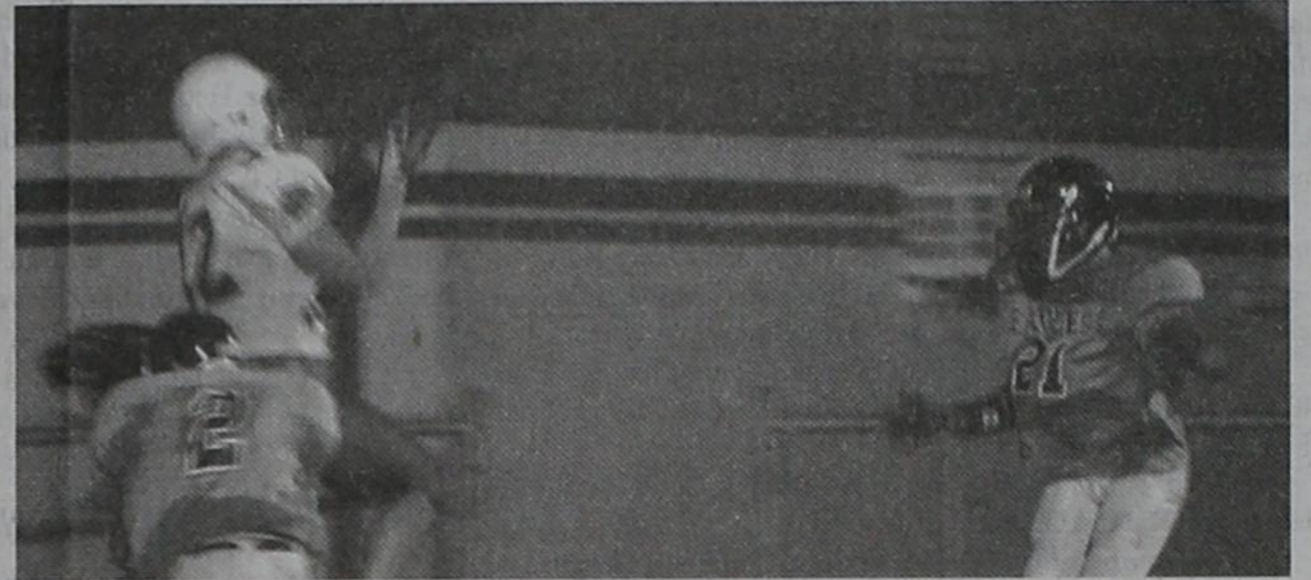
Rarri Boyd



## Gorman Panthers Open Season

### With Eldorado At Brogdon Field Friday PANTHERS DO WELL AGAINST SAN ANGELO TLC IN SCRIMMAGE

The Gorman Panthers scrimmaged San Angelo TLC in scrimmage at Brogdon Field with a fair crowd for both teams. The Panthers looked good against the team from San Angelo. The Panthers will be opening their 2010 Season this Friday night with a game against Eldorado at 7:30 p.m. at Brogdon Field. Make Plans to Come Out and Support the Panthers.



## 24th Annual Gorman Peanut Festival and 7th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cookoff

Join us for the The 24th Annual Gorman Peanut Festival & 7th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cook-Off taking place Saturday, September 11th downtown Gorman. This year's theme is "THEN. NOW. FOREVER." The BBQ contest will begin the Friday evening before. A parade will kick off the festivities at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, followed by a Tug-of-War Tournament between the local and surrounding Fire Departments, car show, bake-off, 42-tournament, food, craft booths and entertainment all day long. Red Chain Feeds will also be hosting their annual Customer Appreciation Day. To end the day there will be a free street dance from about dark 'til it's over, with the Donnie Evetts Band performing. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please feel free to call Gorman City Office at (254)734-2317. We hope to see ya' there for a good time with good food and great company!!!!

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at 8:00 a.m. On August 26th, 2010, in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas, a public hearing will be held by the Commissioner's Court to present the budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011 for Eastland County as prepared by the County Judge and County Auditor's Office. Any taxpayer shall have the right to be present and participate in said hearing. A copy of the proposed budget has been available for public inspection in the offices of the County Clerk, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas during regular business hours, since August 9th, 2010. The public will be given an opportunity to make oral or written comments on the entire budget and ask questions concerning the County Budget.

Published by order of the Eastland County Commissioner's Court, August 20, 2010.

### "No Charge Policy" At Gorman ISD

The School Board has adopted a "No Charge Policy" in regards to lunch and breakfast effective at the beginning of school. Previously, breakfast was served free to all students. If your household received child nutrition program benefits at the end of school last year, they will receive the same benefits at the beginning of school for both lunch and breakfast for a grace period of time (30 operating days) until your new application has been approved in the office. If you child forgets their money for lunch, your child will receive a nutritious alternative meal. The prices for lunch and breakfast are as follows:

- | LUNCH   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Reduced Price Lunch - \$ .40                      | Elementary Lunch - \$1.75     |
| Jr. High and High School Lunch - \$2.00           | Salad Bar - \$2.00            |
| School Employees Pay - \$2.75 for Lunch Meals     |                               |
| Visitors pay \$3.50 for Lunch Meals               | Additional Milk - \$ .30      |
| There will be an extra charge for milk for adults |                               |
| BREAKFAST   |                               |
| Reduced Price Breakfast - \$ .30                  | Elementary Breakfast - \$1.25 |
| Jr. High and High School Breakfast - \$1.25       |                               |
| School Employees - \$2.00                         | Visitors pay \$2.00           |
| Additional Milk - \$ .30                          |                               |
| There will be an extra charge for milk for adults |                               |

**Come Listen in Concert to Marvin Stewart, Jr. Laugh, Worship and Fellowship in Moran at the Country Gospel Church Sunday, August 29th starts at 3 P.M.**

Words seem so inadequate to express our heartfelt "Thanks" to everyone that responded to help when Stetson went down with heat exhaustion and dehydration last week. We have gained a greater respect for each and every one of you and for all that you do. There were so many people that responded, that we do not feel confident that we could name everyone without leaving someone out - so please know that no matter what part you played in getting Stetson and our family through this emergency - we are so grateful. For all of those that followed us over to the hospital and waited to make sure that Stetson was going to be okay. Thank You! The support meant more than you can possibly know. We feel truly blessed to live in such a caring community.

Larry, Kristi, Stetson, and Stratton Thompson

### CRIMESTOPPERS CRIME OF THE MONTH

Could you use a big chunk of change? Someone in this area may have information that, if given to police, could net them a reward up to \$1000. You can call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-300-3TIP anytime day or night.

The crime of the month is the theft of a trailer loaded with two 4 wheelers from the owner's front yard in Eastland. This took place sometime on Sunday night April 26, 2009 or early April 27, 2009.

The trailer is a black 16 foot flatbed. One of the 4 wheelers is black and green and the other one is red and black.

If your information results in the arrest and indictment of those responsible for this theft, you may be given up to \$1000 by CrimeStoppers.

Remember, you may call 1-800-300-3TIP (3847) anonymously. You will be give a number. We do not want your name, just your information.

**CrimeStoppers pays cash for information about any felony crime.**

### 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.

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

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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

**Boy Scouts**  
Meeting Weekly  
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.  
Methodist Church

### NOTE TO THE EDITOR:

IF YOU ARE HAPPY WITH YOUR CITY COUNCIL and their ORDINANCES, the Lord Bless You. If not, give me a call - Denver Rainey at 254-734-5131.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF BILLIE J. STEWART ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 AT THE GORMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP HALL. NO GIFTS, PLEASE.



### Lady Panthers Volleyball Schedule 2010

8-26/28	Breckenridge Tournament	There	TBA	V
8-31-10	Open			
9-4-10	OPEN			
9-7-10	Mullin	There	6:00	V
9-11-10	Mullin	Here	10:00	V
9-14-10	OPEN			
9-18-10	OPEN			
9-21-10	Albany*	Here	5:00	JV,V
9-25-10	Lingleville	There	10:00	JV,V
9-28-10	Ranger*	Here	5:00	JV,V
10-2-10	Moran*	There	10:00	V
10-5-10	OPEN			
10-9-10	Albany*	There	10:00	JV,V
10-12-10	Lingleville*	Here	5pm	JV,V
10-19-10	Ranger*	There	5:00	JV,V
10-23-10	Moran*	Here	10:00	V

\* District Games

### ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011: PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Dear Eastland County Resident,

The Open Door Pregnancy & Family Resource Center has developed an ultrasound program to further meet our clients' needs in empowering them to choose life. Ultrasound opens "a window to the womb" to the expecting parents. It introduces the mother to her unborn child and enables her to bond with her baby and make healthy life choices.

Becoming a pregnancy medical center allows us to combine loving care with quality professional services and build trusting relationships with our clients.

We would like to invite everyone to our grand opening. If you have not toured our facility, this is a great opportunity to join our supporters, prayer partners, and donors in this celebration.

Nakita Williams, Executive Director  
The Open Door

## GRAND OPENING

DATE:  
August 31, 2010

PLACE:  
1906 Hwy 206  
Cisco, TX

TIME:  
10am-2pm



Ribbon cutting will be at 12:30 pm. Come out to enter a chance to win a new baby bassinet for a boy or girl, a free full body massage by Vicki Posey, or a \$20 gift certificate from Mexico City. We will be serving refreshments by Cisco Brookshire's and cake by Marcia's Creations as you tour our new Ultrasound Room and visit with our Nurse Manager, Coralie Goines.

## First Baptist Church

Invites You To Join Us For A

## Renewal Fellowship

on

August 29th thru Sept. 1st



Featuring: "The Anderson Family Ministries"  
A Preaching and Singing Ministry  
Devoted To Proclaiming The Gospel Of Christ

## First Baptist Church

August 29th thru Sept. 1st

Sunday, Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, Evening thru Wednesday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

## Dublin Square Dance Club Offers Lessons

The Dublin Cloverleaves Square Dance Club will sponsor beginning lessons starting September 14th. The lessons will be conducted in the Rotary Building at 136 E Blackjack (Hwy. 6 South) in Dublin from 6:30 to 7:30 each Tuesday for 16 weeks.

Try us out for two weeks with no obligation. You are not expected to know anything about square dancing. That's what lessons are for, and there will be experienced dancers there to help you learn. It is a fun way to exercise your body and your mind, meet new people and have a lot of fun in a non-smoking, alcohol free environment.

The Dublin Cloverleaves are an area wide square dance club with members from Stephenville, Dublin, Comanche, Eastland, Meridian, Carbon, Lipan and Granbury.

For more information call:

Dorothy McKinnerney - 254-629-1915 -- Eastland  
Pat Jones - 254-445-2330 -- Dublin  
Tim Mangrum - 254-968-3085 -- Stephenville  
Ray Piner - 254-435-2240 -- Meridian

## Happenings At FBC!!

Stink! You cannot travel along life's road without encountering at least a few unpleasant smells. You can, however, look to the Lord and follow Him to get through each mess. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:

Aug. 29th - 6:00pm - Renewal Fellowship with "The Anderson Family". Everyone is invited!  
Aug. 30th - 6:00pm - Renewal Fellowship with "The Anderson Family". Everyone is invited!  
Aug. 31st - 6:00pm - Renewal Fellowship with "The Anderson Family". Everyone is invited!  
Sept. 1st - 6:00pm - Renewal Fellowship with "The Anderson Family". Everyone is invited!  
Sept. 6th - Labor Day - Church Office is Closed.

Children's Sermon: Traci Gerick showed the children a picture. Even with the help of a magnifying glass, or even sunglasses, the picture was too small to be seen. When we have sad times in our life we cannot see the big picture. We have one best friend that does know the big picture of our whole life. That best friend is Jesus, and He even knew your name before you were born. Traci opened up the picture so it could be seen and it was a picture of Jesus. Proverbs 3:5 tells us not to lean on our own understanding. Trust God, don't sit around worrying, trust God to take care of it.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Frozen Chosen" - Matthew 24:12 - When you find yourself in helpless moments and confusion, as God's people, we can find a better way. Every single day the media covers reports of violence against children; what is justice for these crimes? Folks, living in a small town does not remove us from rampant wickedness.

Increased sin leads to the love of most growing cold causing separation from God.

Watching the media cover Soldiers coming home will move you; for the cold hearted that are not moved can allow God to melt their heart to rekindle a relationship with Him.

WHAT NOT TO LOVE:

- 1) Love of Self. - Is selfishness eating you up? We sometimes see in children the wrong doing of parents. Do unto others as you would have them do to you; so what are we to do? Take the Family of God and Worship for the Lord outside of the Church's walls.
- 2) Love of Money. - Is materialism wasting your money? Where treasure is there is heart. Is your money that is given to the Church to support the many programs? Giving is necessary.
- 3) Love of Praise. - Is appreciation an honest need? Compliment and encourage one another in the name of Jesus.
- 4) Love of the World. - Is hypocrisy found where people judge others because of the clothes they wear to Church? Meanness can cause people that are seeking the Lord to turn away. It's by the Grace of God we all are here.

Pray to God and ask Him to defrost you. Lord, please unfreeze me, warm my heart that I may love others as you love me. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) Amen!

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

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Jacks Pool and Spas  
894 N. Graham Street -- Stephenville, TX 76401 Call 254-965-4125 or Call 254-592-3159  
For Pool Sales & Service - Call 254-965-4145

2010  
Gorman Panthers  
Football Roster



NUMBER	NAME	CLASS
8	Cade Cole	Jr.
10	Josh Ryon	Jr.
11	Matt Fox	Jr.
12	BJ Ramirez	Soph.
20	Sergio Garcia	Soph.
21	Brice Campbell	Sr.
22	Zach Carlton	Fr.
24	Brandon Velasquez	Soph.
30	Dakota Pacheco	Fr.
32	Cody Wood	Sr.
34	Drew Flanary	Soph.
42/64	James Thomas	Jr.
50/51	Skylar Henderson	Soph.
52	Randall Miley	Fr.
54	Cameron Clark	Sr.
55	Nico Velasquez	Jr.
56	Daniel Rivas	Sr.
60	Matt Keith	Sr.
62	Sheldon Fenley	Fr.
65	Jose Huerta	Sr.
70	Tony Ramirez	Fr.
71	Bradley Lipson	Soph.
72	Trey Howard	Fr.
74	Randy Woodall	Sr.
75	Luis Limon	Soph.
77	John Fenley	Jr.
84	Stetson Thompson	Jr.
88	Sergio Hipolito	Jr.

Head Coach: Charlie Bunch  
Assistant Coaches: Trey Felan, James Gerick, Tommy Simmons  
Superintendent: G. W. Maxfield  
High School Principal /Athletic Director: Jeff Byrd  
Elementary Principal: Mary Reeves  
Band Director: John Howard  
Cheerleader Sponsors: Keri Guthery and Lara Gillen  
Cheerleaders: Haven Gibbs, Chelsea Griffin, Carlie Jackson, Kinsey Johnston, Ally Little, Mellissa Ramirez, Luisa Silva, Cortney Shirley  
Mascot: Mykisha Hampton  
Drum Major: Cortney Shirley

## DORCAS CLASS ENJOYS MIDSUMMER GET-TOGETHER



Josie Lopez, Manager of the Gorman Dairy Queen is shown with Joy Rogers (Standing, background) and other members of the Dorcas Class who are having lunch following a Coffee at the Gorman Church of Christ. The group was feted to a summer reunion to enjoy each other's company as they made plans to begin formal classes again on September 14. Josie and her staff, Amanda Regian, Stephanie Risueno and Brenda Velasquez serve lunch to the group on Tuesdays following the class which meets in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies in Gorman, Desdemona and surrounding area are invited put September 14 on their calendar join to the Dorcas Class and to have lunch afterward!

### HEALTH

## Four Tips to Avoid the Burn After Workouts

NewsUSA

(NU) - Many Americans equate exercise with pain - they want to "feel the burn" because "there's no gain without pain." But when it comes to gaining muscle, rest is just as important as repetition.

Exercise causes small tears in muscle fibers. During rest, the body works to repair those muscles, building them back stronger than they were.

Experienced athletes know the value of structured rest - many strive to help their muscles build back as fast as possible, so they can move on to harder, longer and more challenging workouts. But even casual athletes and weekend warriors can take steps towards smarter rest. The experts at W.F. Young, Inc., the company that makes Absorbine Jr. pain relieving liquid, offers the following tips:

- **Start slow.** Many people make the mistake of trying to do too much too fast. If you haven't participated in an activity for a while, ease yourself in - start with a moderate 15 to 30 minutes of activity, and increase duration and intensity by no more than 10 percent each week. Vary your workouts so you give each muscle group one to three days of rest, depending on your fitness level.

- **Fuel yourself.** Prior to a workout, your body needs carbohydrates, so snack on fruit or oats. Consuming an energy drink or bar during long workouts can help boost your muscles' glycogen, or energy stores, so you won't feel as sore post-workout.

For approximately two hours after exercise, your body can syn-



Light activity the day after a workout can help your muscles recover.

thesize carbohydrates and protein faster than normal, so make sure you eat healthy carbohydrates and protein soon after exercise. Good choices include toast with fruit or a whole-wheat bagel with peanut butter.

- **Soothe your muscles.** If your muscles are sore after exercise, use heat, massage and gentle stretching to increase circulation and promote healing. Use Absorbine Jr. pre- or post-workout for added relief - the fast-absorbing, pain relieving liquid uses botanical extracts to soothe aches, pains and strains, so you'll be ready for your next workout in no time.

- **Embrace active recovery.** Your muscles need rest - but rest can mean a brisk walk or a slow bike ride. In fact, gently exercising during a rest day can increase blood flow to sore areas, helping muscles recover more quickly than a few hours spent vegging on the couch.

For more information, visit [www.absorbinejr.com](http://www.absorbinejr.com).

### HEALTH

## Are Allergies Causing Your Bad Breath?

NewsUSA

(NU) - If you find that your sniffing, sneezing and runny eyes are accompanied by mouth odor, you're not alone; seasonal allergies are associated with halitosis, or bad breath.

Bad breath is caused by the same destructive bacteria that cause plaque and gum disease. They live in the mouth, where they feed on carbohydrates consumed as food. In a healthy mouth, these bacteria are kept in check by saliva production. Saliva washes away the bacteria, so they have less time to stick to teeth, eat sugar and emit smelly gas as a byproduct.

Allergies, however, can lead to dry mouth. Without saliva to flush out the mouth, the bad bacteria stick around. To make things worse, many allergy medications list "dry mouth" as a side effect.

Post-nasal drip, which may also result from allergies, can also cause bad breath. As mucus from the sinus cavities moves down the back of the throat, it provides a food source for bacteria. Post-nasal drip can also become infected, in which case it puts more bacteria in your mouth.

But those with allergies aren't condemned to a life of smelly breath. Allergy sufferers can take steps to control allergy-related bad breath. For example, if a medication creates dry mouth, patients can ask their doctors about other drugs that will treat their symptoms without causing the same side effects.

Addressing the sinus issues that lead to post-nasal drip can



Do you notice more bad breath during allergy season?

also help eliminate bad breath. Drinking tea is thought to alleviate post-nasal drip. Nasal rinsing, whether through a neti pot or another device, can also help.

Some oral care products directly address the bad bacteria that cause mouth odor. For example, oral care probiotic mints, such as EvoraPlus ([www.myevo-raplus.com](http://www.myevo-raplus.com)), flood the mouth with good bacteria. The good bacteria adhere to tooth surfaces, leaving less room for bad bacteria to grow. If bad bacteria can't find space to live on teeth, they can't survive in large enough numbers to create bad breath.

In fact, these mints have beneficial bacteria so small they can easily reach into the pits, crevices and fissures of teeth for deeper penetration.

For more information, visit [www.myevo-raplus.com](http://www.myevo-raplus.com).

## Vacation Bible School Held Recently At UMC



## PEANUT FESTIVAL QUEEN'S CONTEST

This year's contest will be on Sunday, September 5th. Any girl entering Pre-k thru 12th grade enrolled in Gorman school is eligible. We have 5 age groups and would love to have you represent Gorman as our next Queen.

The High School girls will also be eligible to win a \$250.00 scholarship.

For more information, please contact Veronica Seaton @ 254-734-5052.

Entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 27th.

## Drawing For Quilt Planned

The Gorman Peanut Festival is selling chances on this amazing quilt that was donated by the Twinkle City Quilters. If you would like to purchase a chance to win, please call the Gorman City Office at (254)734-2317.

Thanks, The Gorman Peanut Festival Committee

## Gorman ISD Has A New Phone System

During the past week Gorman ISD has put in a fully automated phone system. This transfer will save the school district time and money. GISD will only have 4 phone numbers that will be directed to all school number and departments. The main numbers to call are 254-734-3171, 254-734-2616, 254-734-4727, 254-734-2617. All other phone lines will be disconnected as of Friday August 20, 2010. The phone extensions are as follows:

- Superintendent - 210 - GW Maxfield
- High School Principal - 211 - Byrd, Jeff
- Elementary Principal - 212 - Reeves, Mary
- Tax Admin Office - 213 - Treadway, Terry
- Admin Office - 214 - Nickels, Terry
- Elementary Secretary - 215 - Whitten, Melissa
- Peims Secretary - 216 - Snider, Dianne
- High School Secretary - 217 - Childers, Pam
- Middle School Office - 218 - Administration
- Middle School Secretary - 219 - Roemisch, Jeanene
- Maintenance - 220 - Childers, Ron
- Cafeteria - 221 - Rone, Gena
- Technology - 222 - Underwood, Cindy
- Nurse - 223 - Little, Shellie
- Elementary Counselor - 231 - Byrd, Marlo
- High School Counselor - 232 - Hampton, Latricia
- Ag Building - 240 - Boles, Shawn
- Field House - 241 - Bunch, Charles
- Boys Coaches Office - 242 - Simmons, Tommy
- Girls Coaches Office - 243 - Banker, Glen
- Band Hall - 244 - Howard, John
- Life Skills - 245 - Scitern, Dena

## GORMAN SPIRIT SHIRTS

The new Gorman spirit shirts have arrived!! These shirts will sell for \$10.00, and you can currently buy them at Panda's Flowers and Gift Shop. The booster club will also try to put some out in other places around town. The shirts may also be bought from Becky Swanner at the high school, call 254-734-2614 for information on these shirts. Sizes are from youth extra small to adult XXX large, however sizes are limited, so get yours soon and let's all BACK THE GORMAN PANTHERS AND LADY PANTHERS.

50-107 (Rev. 08-06/13)

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Gorman will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.6% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Aug. 31, 2010 @ 12 p.m. at Gorman City Office 116 S. Kent St.

The second public hearing will be held on Sept. 7, 2010 @ 12 p.m. at Gorman City Office 116 S. Kent St.

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

FOR: Joe, Nathan, David and Durward  
AGAINST: None  
PRESENT and not voting: All Present  
ABSENT: All Present

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Gorman last year was \$ 22,915 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$ 1.05 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 240.61 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Gorman this year is \$ 25,574 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ .97511 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 249.38 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ 1.05000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 268.53 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

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

### Special Provisions if Applicable

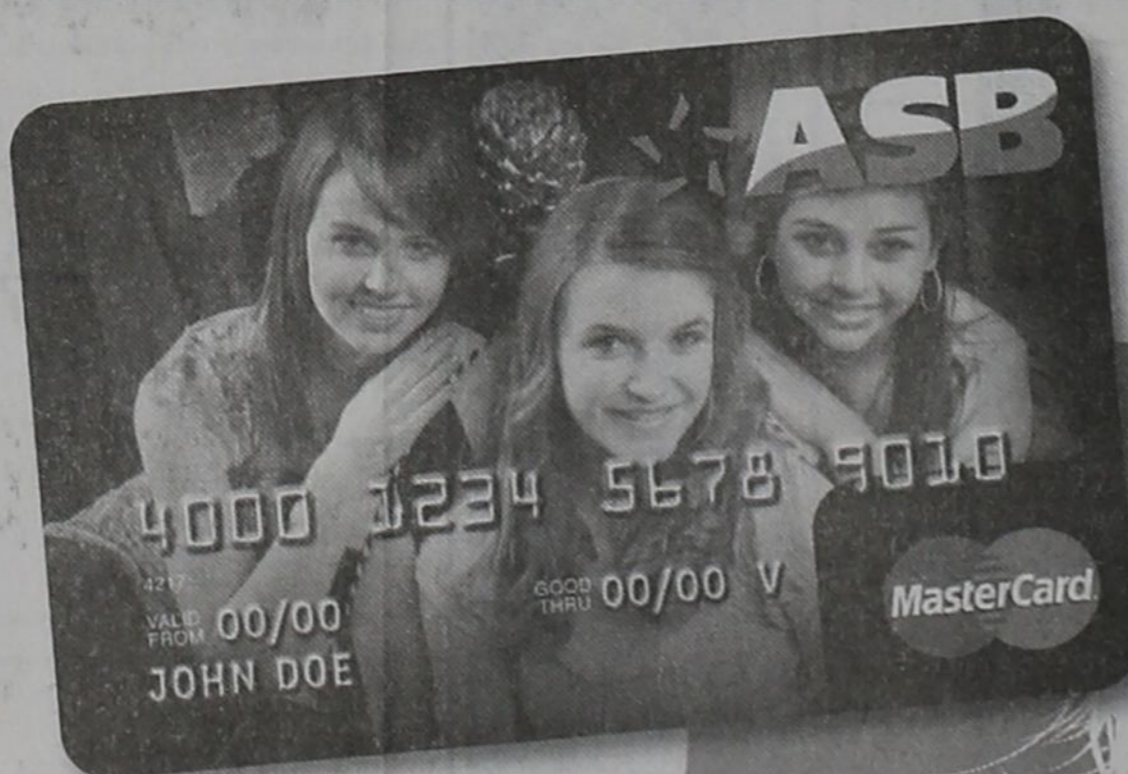
#### Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

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

#### Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The spent \$ from to on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is .

She can paint the town red—and stay in the black.



OPEN AN ACCOUNT TODAY AND GET A \$10 APPLE® ITUNES® GIFT CARD!

Believe it or not, shopping and responsibility CAN go hand-in-hand—even for your teenager. At American State Bank, we've developed TEENBANKING to help teens balance freedom and their checkbooks. And as an added incentive, we'll reward them with up to \$100 when they sign up for our goodcents program. So let her have a little fun and know she's learning how to do it responsibly.

Visit us at our convenient location or online at [asbonline.com](http://asbonline.com) for more information.

You're banking on their futures ... we're banking for you.



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734-2254 ★ 115 South Fisher ★ [www.asbonline.com](http://www.asbonline.com)

**Classes of 1959 - 1960 - 1961 To Hold****Reunion During School Homecoming Sept. 17th**

Classes of 1959-1960-1961 will meet for Reunions during School Homecoming Activities on September 16-18. A tentative plan calls for the following activities:

*Supper Meal Together at New York Hill Restaurant at Thurber on the 16th.*

*Attend the Pep Rally at school on the 17th.*

*Sit together at the Homecoming Game Friday night with visitation afterward at a place to be determined.*

*Coffee at the Dairy Queen in Gorman Saturday morning at 10 a.m.*

*Attend the Ex-Students Association meeting on Saturday afternoon at the high school and tour the new facilities.*

*Supper at Highway 6 Cafe in De Leon from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday night.*

*This will be the 49th - 50th - 51st years since these classes finished school here. If you were in one of these classes but moved away or didn't graduate, you are still welcome to come and join the activities.*

**"On The Wilder Side"**

Books • paper • pencils • erasers • scissors • glue • backpack • lunch box • Kleenex boxes •... sounds like it's time to head back to school! School busses are back on the road, teachers are prepared, parents are excited, and kids are... well let's just say kids are already looking forward to winter break.

We spend so much time, money, and effort on worldly education in this country. Don't misunderstand me, that's a good thing! We have one of the highest work ethics in the world, or at least we put in the most hours. We have some of the finest universities that mold our supple minds into commanding instruments. To say the least, we as a country put forth a great effort to receive worldly education.

I've said it once and I'll say it again, wouldn't it be as nice if Christians put forth as much effort to receive our heavenly knowledge and wisdom as we do our worldly education? I mean, what if we had our kids in Sunday School class every Sunday morning regardless of how strong the weekend had been. What if we wouldn't dare leave the house without having our Bibles and a firm understanding of spiritual truths; after all, we wouldn't go into a meeting without prepared notes or class without homework would we?

We equip and prepare our kids in the way of the world before we send them out. Shouldn't we also equip and prepare them in the ways of the Lord? Belt of truth • Breastplate of righteousness • Sandals of gospel of peace • Shield of faith • Helmet of salvation • Sword of the Spirit •... sounds like you are ready! 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

**New Voluntary Cattle Program in Texas Could Enhance Marketing**

A new voluntary cattle health program can help ranchers market their breeding animals by reassuring buyers that bulls are free of cattle trichomoniasis, an infection that can be spread during breeding, and which can cause cows to abort and take a long time to become pregnant again. Bill Hyman, executive director for the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA), which represents about 8,000 cow-calf ranchers, explained that trichomoniasis is caused by a microscopic protozoan. With sexual rest and, sometimes, a vaccine treatment, a cow may clear the disease, but there is no such luck for infected bulls, which must be sent to slaughter.

"For more than a year, Texas has had state regulations requiring that bulls entering Texas either be young virgins or have a negative test for cattle trichomoniasis. Since January, the virgin status or testing requirements also extended to Texas bulls undergoing a change of possession. There are no testing requirements for cows," said Hyman, who, with other cattle industry, veterinary and university representatives, serves on a regulatory working group to address cattle trichomoniasis in Texas.

"From the beginning of this regulatory program, ranchers requested a framework to develop 'trichomoniasis-free' status for their cattle herd, to enhance the marketability of their animals," said Hyman. "With this voluntary certification program, ranchers can assure buyers that their bulls and cows are free of this hard-to-eradicate disease. Ranchers with a certified herd also will be able to sell bulls without a test."

Hyman noted that this new certification program involves not only bulls, but also female cattle. The certification has four basic components:

Ranchers enter into a voluntary agreement with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and have the non-virgin bulls in their herd tested annually for trichomoniasis three consecutive years. Records must be kept for examination by TAHC representatives.

During the three years their herd is earning certification, pre-existing cattle trichomoniasis regulations must be followed for identifying, isolating and testing non-virgin bulls prior to any change of possession. Test results must be known prior to physically moving the bull to a new herd.

Bulls in a participating herd must be tested prior to slaughter, which can be accomplished at the processing facility, with prior arrangements.

Female cattle added to a participating herd must come from another 'trich-free' certified herd, or

- be a virgin, or be bred only to a bull that has tested negative for trichomoniasis, or
- be at least 120 days pregnant and be examined by an accredited veterinarian, or
- have a calf and no known exposure to an infected bull.

"The cattle industry had to address this breeding disease, in order to protect Texas cattle," said Hyman. "Industry representatives worked for more than a year to establish regulations that would be effective and sensible. Now, with these new voluntary standards in place, ranchers can establish and certify trichomoniasis-free herd, which could be a very attractive marketing tool."

**Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

**Desdemona Monthly Musical** will be held on Saturday, August 28th at the Community Center (former school Building). Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. come early to enjoy supper with all the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians and singers are invited to attend. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

**First Baptist Church** of Desdemona had very good attendance on Sunday. Song Service was led by Jana Johnson with Gary Shirley at the piano and Karen Fair at the organ. Visitors were Cliff Johnson of Fort Worth, son of Charlie and Jana Johnson. There was two that came forward on Sunday morning. One to move their letter back to the Church and another for Baptism. Visitors are welcome each Sunday morning to hear Charlie Johnson deliver God's message at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Class at 10:00 a.m.

**First Baptist Church Youth Group** will have a "HAMBURGER COOK-OUT" at the home of Gary Shirley on Saturday, August 28th. This event begins at 5 p.m. Bring a friend and your bathing suit for a swim in the pool before the meal. Visitors are welcome.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Jack Craig, 80, of Fort Worth. Jack attended School in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1948. A complete obituary will be in next weeks paper.

Visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke over the past weekend were their sons, Rodney Duke of Pantego and Russel Duke of Houston.

This reporter has received several letters, calls, etc. From former Students of Desdemona. Some were unable to attend the Annual Homecoming due to health reasons and the hot weather. The contacts were from Betty Jean (Stephens) Reeves; La Rue (Carr) Campbell; Ella (Guthery) Reeves; Willa Dean (Dickson) Butler; Bonnie Wayne (Daniel) Kennedy - From Friends, Nelda Keever - Betty Hoover and Charlene Aven.

Have a Great Day - "Coon".

**USDA Reminds Producers of Approaching Sign-Up Deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 16, 2010 – The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that the deadline to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up is quickly approaching. Farmers and ranchers have until close of business on Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up. Applications can be completed by land owners at the FSA county office where their farm records are maintained. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 32 million acres.

In addition to producers signing up for the first time, CRP participants with existing contracts that are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2010, may elect to re-enroll under a new 10-15 year contract. Cropland that is highly erodible, or within a national or state Conservation Priority Area, or is covered under an expiring CRP contract is generally eligible to be enrolled into CRP, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

Contracts awarded under this 39th sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2010.

CRP is a voluntary program that helps farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program is ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land.

For more information on the general CRP sign-up, or the continuous CRP sign-up, producers should contact their local FSA county office, or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

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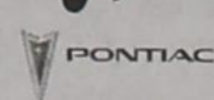
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### Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts hosts regional meeting

From feral hogs to the Gulf oil spill to irrigation practices, members of the South Central region of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) recently covered a wide array of topics at an annual three-day meeting. The focus of the meeting was to update participants on NACD news, legislative outlooks and various conservation issues facing the region.

Soil and water conservation district board members from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas meet each year to discuss issues and policies concerning soil and water conservation. "We were excited to have the opportunity to host this year's meeting," said Scott Buckles, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. "This meeting is about dissemination of information, discussing issues and updating members."

NACD CEO Jeff Eisenberg and NACD president elect, Gene Schmidt, both stressed the influence a grassroots organization can have on legislative action. Schmidt mentioned the significant contribution agriculture makes to the American economy and commended conservation districts for their financial transparency.

Josh Winegarner, Texas Cattle Feeders Association director of government relations, spoke to the audience about upcoming U.S. Environmental Protection Agency agendas and regulations along with legislation concerning agriculture, conservation and environmental issues.

Participants heard reports on measures soil and water conservation districts in Louisiana are taking to combat the Deepwater Horizon oil leak and its impact on natural resources. An invasive species panel with members from all four states gave reports on various threats to natural resources from respective areas including Eastern Red Cedar and feral hogs.

"The ecological landscape of Texas is as diverse as the citizens so developing an idea of what is truly an invasive species is challenging," said panel member Johnny Oswald, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board - Water Supply Enhancement Program supervisor. "Feral hogs, Carrizo Cane Chinese Tallow, Giant Salvinia and saltcedar are on the top of most Texans list of invasive species. Hearing about other states' challenges allows productive discussions to occur."

For more information about the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts visit <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/swcds/atswcd>. For more information about NACD visit [www.nacdnet.org/](http://www.nacdnet.org/) or call (202) 547-NACD (6223).

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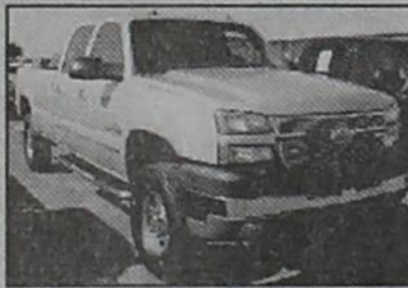
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