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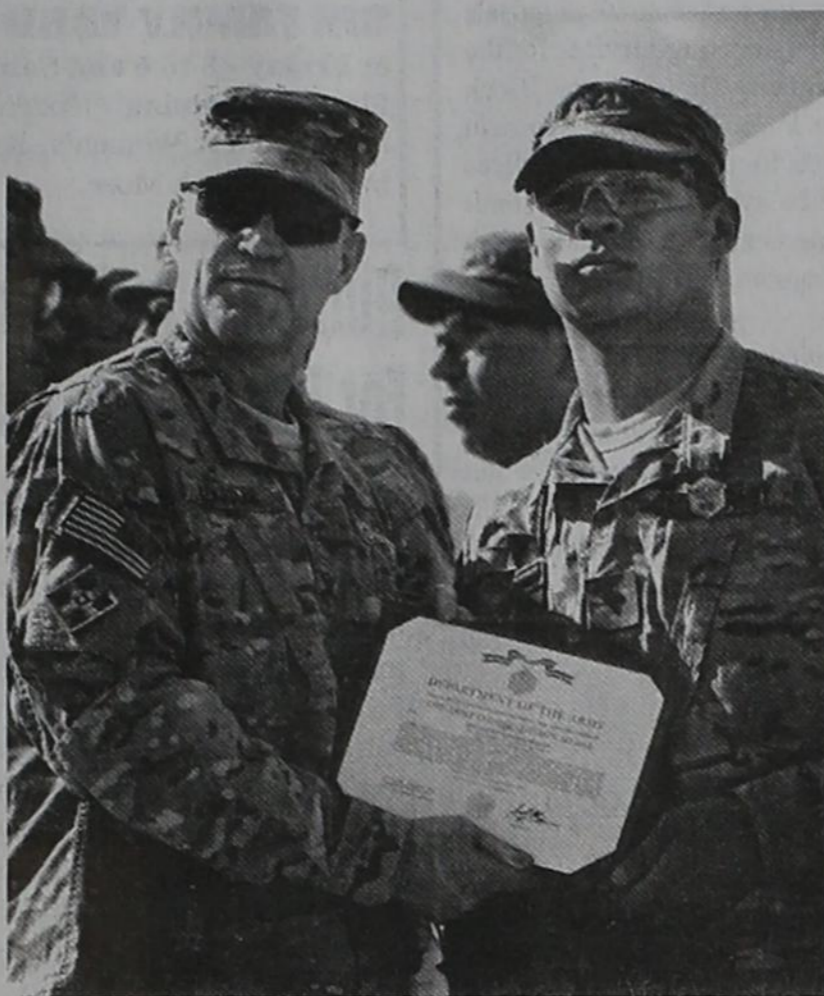
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## David Ibarra Receives Army Commendation Medal With Valor

David Ibarra, United State Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous to the United States as a Team Leader, Task Force Lethal Warrior, Kunar Province, Afghanistan, on 8 August 2012, during Operation Enduring Freedom XIII. At approximately 0930, Ibarra reacted as part of the Battalion Personal Security Detachment that was directly assaulted by two insurgents wearing suicide vests. Ibarra maneuvered his team and quickly established security denying the insurgents the momentum to continue their attack. After security had been set, he identified a need for more medical help on the ground, so he grabbed a soldier to take over his turret allowing himself to dismount. He quickly moved into a 6 Ft. deep trench and began lifting five casualties, weighing over 200 pounds and with combat gear, out of the trench and moved them into the designated casualty collection point to be treated. With all the personnel lifted out and back on the street, Ibarra started triage and performed combat lifesaving skills to every Soldier in his vicinity, he aided one soldier by applying a tourniquet and then Ibarra quickly moved to another to apply a pressure dressing. He assisted a medic who was working on a third casualty until the soldiers pulse stopped. Ibarra then helped to load the five Soldiers and all the sensitive items into the vehicles for a movement back to FOB Wright.



His remarkable performance and selfless commitment to his duties undoubtedly saved lives and reflects the highest standards of Military tradition. His actions while engaged in combat operations reflect great credit upon himself, Task Force Lethal Warrior, Task Force Mountain Warrior and the United States Army.

## GISD Extends Invitation To Annual Veteran's Day Program

Gorman ISD would like to extend an invitation to our annual Veterans' Day Program. The program will begin at 10 AM on Monday November 12 in the auditorium. The students are busy preparing for this event and are excited to welcome the community for their presentation. After the program, refreshments will be served by the student council for the veterans and guests from the community. Please join us for this time of celebration in honor of our veterans.

### "Thank You"

**Weaver Cemetery** Thanks You for all who braved the cold to help with the restoration of this old cemetery we thank you. The crows are stopped from getting in. Lots of cactus removed and the trash has been removed. Leveling the markers was started, Repairing will be on going as over 26 are broken. Again thank you and anyone wanting to help with the expense can send money to Jan Grisham At 840 Burlinson,, DeLeon, Texas 76444.

## CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

The Charlie Garrett Library provides public internet access to our local community. We have 2 terminals inside the library for your use. You may also bring your own laptop or mobile device as the library is set up as a wi-fi hot spot. Due to a recent change in service we are now required to password protect our wi-fi access. All who have been using it are welcome to continue. New users are also welcome. Stop by the library Monday 4-7 or Tuesday thru Friday 3-5 and fill out the necessary forms and you will be given the password. For all of you who "drive-up" to use the internet, please don't forget to take your trash with you. Help us keep our library and town looking it's best!

## Early Voting Continues Thru Nov. 2 At The County Courthouse in Eastland

Previously on October 19, 2012, I reported that we would not be able to provide the citizens of Eastland County with County-wide voting due to a misunderstanding by our programming vendor and the county. I am pleased to announce that a meeting was held yesterday October 25 with the Commissioner's Court where I presented a proposal from Hart-Intercivic to provide support services that would enable the county to proceed with county-wide voting for this election season.

This is an extremely important election with many issues on the ballot. The required redistricting may have caused many hardships for our citizens in getting to the polls without the county-wide voting. All issues that prevented us from having the county-wide voting places have now been resolved. I greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Commissioner's Court in assisting my office so that our voters are not inconvenienced.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

### EARLY VOTING DATES:

OCTOBER 22, 2012 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2012  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM ON OCTOBER 23 & OCTOBER 30, 2012  
VOTING HOURS ARE 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH THE GORMAN P.T.O. WILL HAVE A MEETING IN THE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL. MAXFIELD ELEMENTARY IS A TITLE I SCHOOL. WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE SCHOOL WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING.

**NOTICE**  
THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 AT 3:00 PM TO CONDUCT ELECTION BUSINESS ONLY. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2012 AT 1:00 PM

I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

## THANKS FOR DONATION

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank everyone who donated Bottle Water to the fire department after they notice their supply of bottle water was getting low. The firemen needed the water to help them fight fires.

Thank You  
Gorman Volunteer Fire Dept.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 4th**

## Panthers Defeat Roscoe; Play At Roby Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE	
GORMAN	ROSCOE
16	First Downs 12
39/286	Carries/Yds 20/107
29	Yds Passing 189
4 of 5/1	Pass Cplt./Int 12 of 30/4
4 / 3	Fumbles/Lost 2 / 2
3/30	Punts/Avg. 3/29
4/25	Penalties 4/30

The Panthers hosted the Roscoe Plowboys Friday and jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first period and added 13 more in the second for a halftime lead of 27-0 and then added 15 more in the final period to hold off the Plowboys for a 42-12 victory.

After fumbling their first possessions the Panthers B. J. Ramirez intercepted a Roscoe pass and returned it for 49 yards a score TD with 11:00 left in the first. Zach Carlton booted the point after and the Panthers had a 7-0 lead.

After holding the Plowboys on their next possession, the Panthers got the ball on their own 22 and scored in 10 plays with Dakota Pacheco racing in from 30 yards out with 3:14 left. Carlton kicked the point after and the score was 14-0. The drive featured runs of 2, 15, and 7 and a pass of 7 by Ramirez, runs of 7 and 2 by Rylan Laminack and 7 and 2 by Carlton.

The Big Red then held the Plowboys again and took the ball on their own 18 and went the distance in 10 plays with Pacheco again getting the honors on a 20 yard gallop for the score with 9:00 left in the half. Carlton added the point after and the scores was 21-0. The drive featured runs of 5, 3 and 6 and a 6 yard pass to Laninack; runs of 6, 7 and 14 by Carlton and a 9 yarder and a pass to Pacheco for 10.

The Panthers added another score with a 5 yard ru by Pacheco with 5:05 left in the half after pitching up a Plowboy fumble on the Roscoe 26. The drive featured a 4 yard run by Laminack, a 5 yarder by Jose Maldonado; a 5 yard run by Carlton and 4 by Pacheco. The try for point failed and the Panthers lead 27-0 at half.

The Panthers Marching Band did a great job at the intermission as did the Roscoe Band.

The teams played on even terms until Kevin Lavalois of the Plowboys returned a Panther punt 85 yards with 10:50 left in the 4th. The kick was good and the score was 27-7.

The Panthers added another score with 5:58 left when Carlton intercepted a Plowboy pass and raced 47 yards for the TD. Laminack added the 2 pointer on a run and the score was 35-7.

The Plowboys added another score with 5:30 left when Jesus Leanos caught a 40 yard pass for the score. The kick failed and the score was 35-13.

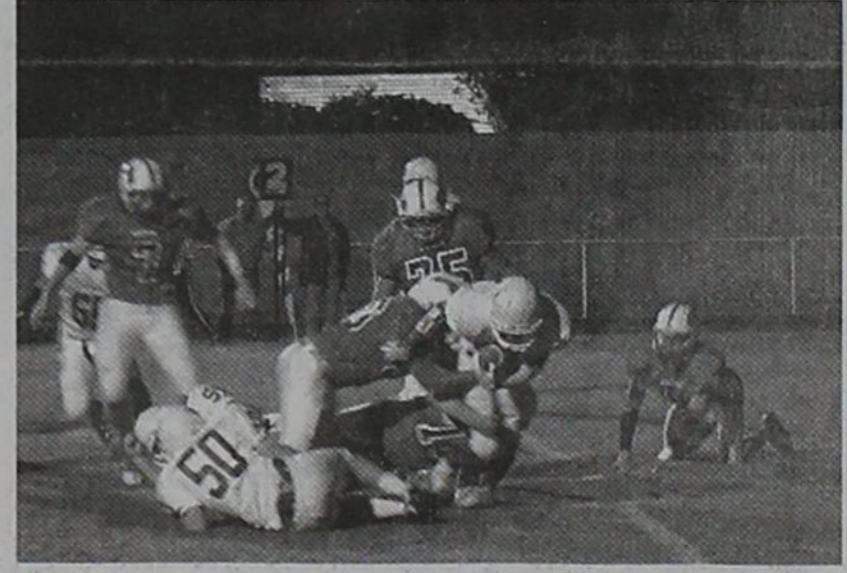
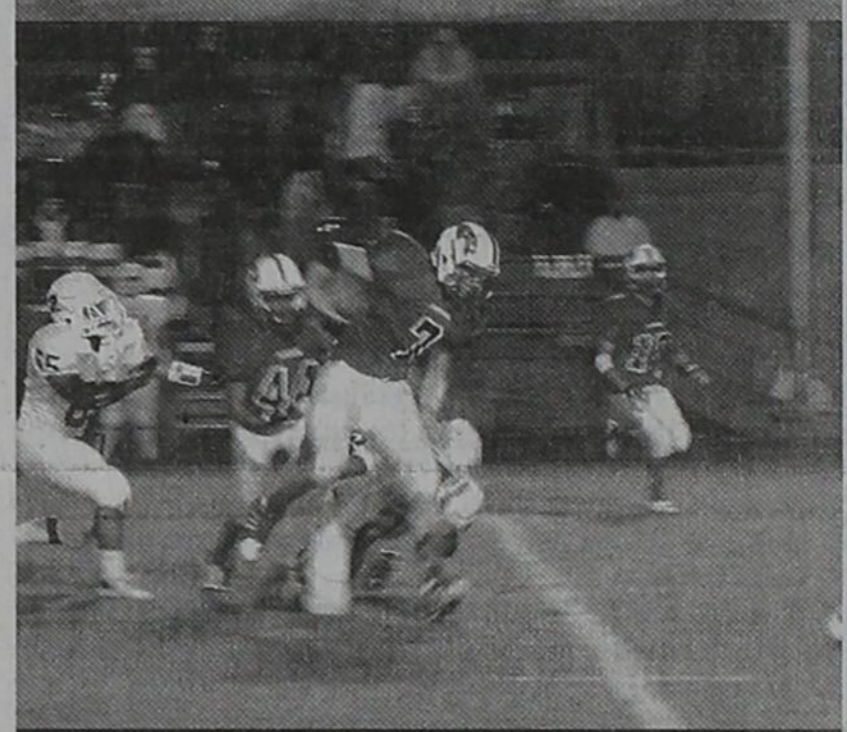
The Big Red came right back with beautiful 53 yard scamper by Laminack with 5:15 left. Carlton added the point after and Gorman led 42-13.

The Plowboys added another score with 1:26 left on a 70 yard run by Eduardo Gallegos. A run for 2 points made the score 42-21 the end the scoring.

Laminack led the Panthers with 86 yards on 10 carries and a pass for 6; Pacheco had 82 yards on 13 tries and 10 and 6 on passes. Carlton had 81 on 11 tries and Ramirez had 37 on 5 runs and a 7 yard pass before being injured. Maldonado had 4 on 1 try.

The Panthers will journey to Roby for another District Tilt on Friday. So follow the Panthers and back them to victory.

Go Get "Em Big Red!!



## Tom Stammon To Visit Bride of Christ

Tom Stammon will be Ministering at the Bride of Christ Church in Gorman on Sunday, November 4th at the Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. and the Evening Service at 6:00 p.m. Everyone Is Welcome To Attend.

## Items of interest

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

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

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

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 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 - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Fourth Thursday**  
Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Stan Harper, Master - Jerry Napoli, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to Prosperity Bank, 115 S. Fisher - Gorman, Texas 76454

**PARENTS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER. THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST IN THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.**



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 158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/H, fireplace, metal roof, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fences, 6A Lake, 2 ponds, 6 water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.  
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## Obituaries

**Edgar Eddie Reynolds**  
 Edgar Eddie Reynolds, age 94 of Gorman, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the Homestead Nursing & Rehab. in Gorman.

Graveside services were at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Simpson Cemetery with Jeff Smith officiating.

Mr. Reynolds was born May 27, 1918 in Gorman, Texas to Willie Henry Reynolds and Wilmer Anna (Bryant) Reynolds. He married Mable Leona Maynard on June 14, 1958 in Gorman, Texas. She preceded him in death on December 19, 1997. He worked for Birdsong Peanuts about 15 years as well as working for Duward Warren in his farming operations. Edgar was a veteran serving in United States Army during World War II. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by one sister, Minnie B. Holster of Grandview, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Visitation was Monday evening 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the funeral home.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Gorman is requesting separate proposals for management services and for engineering services for the implementation of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for water system improvements in Gorman and Desdemona. Separate contracts for management services and for engineering services will be awarded. Please submit your Proposal of Services and Statement of Qualifications per the proposal format to City of Gorman, P.O. Box 236, Gorman, TX 76454.

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 PM, November 13, 2012, to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and OMB Circular A-102.

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### "On The Wilder Side"

Are you too old? We know that some people are too young to do certain things, like legally drive a car or join the military. When I graduated from Harding University, many churches thought I was too young to be a preacher at 21 years old. But can you ever be too old to do something?

Let's put age in perspective. Did you know that Laura Ingles Wilder, the famous author of "Little House on the Prairie" was 68 when she published her first book? Benjamin Franklin was 70 years old when he signed the Declaration of Independence. Nelson Mandela was 76 when he was elected as president of South Africa. Mother Teresa was 69 when she received the Nobel Peace Prize. Peter Mark Roget compiled the first thesaurus when he was 73. Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma" Moses didn't pick up her first paintbrush until she was 76 years old. But after 25 years of painting, she had paintings in museums as far away as Vienna and Paris. Oh, and before she started painting, her hands were so crippled by arthritis that she couldn't even hold an embroidery needle. I wonder how many of these great examples ever said "I'm too old for that".

Let me add another example of a great act at old age. This past Sunday morning Gene Underwood was baptized into Christ at 88 years of age! When I asked him afterward why he decided to do it now, he said, "I just kept on putting it off."

Thankfully, Gene realized that he wasn't too old to be reborn into Christ. Imagine that, an 88 year old being reborn! Don't ever think that you are too old for God to use you or too old to change. John the Apostle was 92 years old when he wrote the book of Revelation. Sarah was 90 years old when she had Isaac. Moses was 80 years old when God called him to stand up to Pharaoh. And Noah was 480 years old when God told him to build the ark! Isa 46:4 says Even to your old age I will be the same, And even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you.

**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

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

This Saturday is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Hope you can join us for a delicious start to the weekend. Serving is from 7:00 until 10:00.

I hope you are all planning to come to the Christmas Store at the DAC on the first 2 weekends in December.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday night.

We have lots of books for sale in the lobby of the DAC. There are many really good books - we have so many in the library that it is necessary for us to sell some. The hardbacks are \$1.00, the paperbacks are \$.50 and children's' books are \$.25.

Please mark your calendars for November 13. We will have our regular second Tuesday jam session here at the DAC.

Happy Halloween - be safe. Pray for rain.

See you in Desdemona!  
 Carol Pell

**SIX FAMILY YARD SALE:** Thursday - 10 to 6; Friday - 8 to 6 and Saturday 8 to 2 - - Wilkerson's Place at Downing - Toddler Bed, Baby Things, Young Boys, Men's, Women's, Kitchen, Crafts, Tools, Christmas, and Much More. ITP

## Pumpkin Is A Versatile Superfood For Fall and Beyond

With Halloween and Thanksgiving just around the corner, the fruits and veggies available in your supermarket's produce department will change. There is no need to lament the loss of summer's bounty. There are many healthy and delicious options in stores during the fall. Pumpkin is one of my favorites. Pumpkin is packed full of nutrition. One-half cup of canned pumpkin has just 40 calories and is a good source of several nutrients, including dietary fiber and potassium. Its hallmark orange color means it is an excellent source of Vitamin A, essential for many bodily functions. Orange fruits and vegetables not only promote good eyesight, they have antioxidant properties too. Vitamin A can help protect against certain types of cancer and cardiovascular disease and may even promote healthy skin. Pumpkin is a versatile ingredient that can be used in either sweet or savory dishes. You can even use canned and fresh pumpkin - - cooked and pureed - - interchangeably in recipes. Studies have shown that the nutritional content of canned fruits and vegetables is similar to or better than fresh produce.

If you are going to use canned pumpkin, though, remember to look for 100 percent canned pumpkin. It is easy to mistakenly buy pumpkin pie filling, which has other ingredients added. Besides puree, pumpkin seeds can be roasted in the oven for a tasty snack filled with protein, fiber, B vitamins and minerals. When roasting seeds, add only as much oil as is necessary to keep them from sticking to the pan or use nonstick spray. Pumpkin seeds contain fat, and adding extra oil or butter can make them very high in calories.

For more information on pumpkins and how to use them, contact the Eastland County Extension Agent Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu

## A Letter To The Editor About The Presidency By Henry A. Buchanan

I am a liberal Democrat, and it will not surprise anyone to read that I will vote for Barack Obama for a second term of four years as President. That does not mean that I approve of everything he has done. It does not mean that I approve everything he is going to do. It does mean that I don't believe Mitt Romney can do what he promises to do, and I do not approve what I think he will do.

President Obama has got a health-care program, and he has turned the country around and saved us from going over the cliff. He has ended one war in Iraq and is trying to avoid a war with Iran. I advised him to end the war in Afghanistan but I realize that to do what I advised would add thousands of ex-soldiers to the unemployment lists and to stop the making of weapons would seriously affect our economy while adding more ex-weapons makers to the unemployment lists.

On the other hand, I believe that Romney would increase our military expenses and get us into another war, with Iran, through a foolish support of Israel whose fear of Iran is going to make it more likely that the U.S. will be involved in the war against Iran.

I do not believe that either Obama or Romney is lying to the American people. It is just that neither Obama nor Romney can keep the promises being made because world events have moved ahead and created problems that threaten the survival and future of this America as we know it. But I believe Obama is more realistic about facing this future than Romney is and Obama is more apt to act on the experience of his failures than Romney is apt to see the danger that his policies will create.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
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# "The Star Spangled Banner"

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
 O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
 O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
 Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
 As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
 In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:  
 'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
 That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
 A home and a country should leave us no more?  
 Their blood has wiped out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
 No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
 From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:  
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
 Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
 Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
 Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
 And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."  
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

"Sent In For Required Reading"

## -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

### Panama Free Trade Agreement will Benefit West Texas Agriculture

On Wednesday, October 31st, the U.S.-Panama Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will go into effect, more than five years after it was first signed. The agreement is good news for West Texas agriculture. Currently, our agricultural goods face an average tariff of 15 percent in Panama, with some tariffs much higher. Prime and choice beef cuts face a 30 percent tariff today, but on Wednesday, that will be eliminated. The agreement will lock in Panama's zero-tariff on American cotton, and eliminate tariffs on most peanuts and peanut products immediately, with the rest being phased out by 2017.

Panama is a rapidly expanding economy, so we have a great chance to increase our sales and create more opportunities here at home. Between 2008 and 2010, Texas exported an average of \$1.3 billion in goods to Panama. We can expect to see that number grow now that there will be no tariffs making this trade more expensive. I'll keep working to expand our opportunities to sell high quality Texas products around the world.

### Estate Tax Rate will Hurt Local Producers

At the end of this year, a number of current tax rates will expire unless new legislation is passed to extend those rates. One of the rates that will be affected is the estate tax, a tax on assets passed down between generations. Ranchers and farmers will suffer if the current rates are not extended. Currently, there is a 35 percent tax on estates worth more than \$5 million for an individual or \$10 million for a couple. That will revert to a 55 percent tax rate on estates worth \$1 million at the end of this year if nothing is done.

I am a strong supporter of eliminating the estate tax, and will continue to work toward a full repeal. I am a co-sponsor of the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act, which would extend the current estate tax rates permanently. At the very least, we must make sure that current tax rates are extended so that the devastating 55 percent rate does not take effect. The federal government has a spending problem, not a revenue problem, and I am committed to ensuring that American families do not continue to fund the debt that the current administration has gotten us into.

### Welfare is Now the Largest Federal Expense

Recently, the non-partisan Congressional Research Service reported that welfare is now the single largest federal expense - larger than Social Security, Medicare and national defense. Eighty-three different welfare programs at the state and federal levels contributed to more than \$1 trillion in spending in 2011. Unfortunately, this spending is doing very little to reduce poverty or help 12 million unemployed Americans find work. It is a shame that the federal government spends so much with very little impact on those who need help. House Republicans have proposed legislation that would make the welfare system more efficient, including the State Nutrition Assistance Flexibility Act and the Welfare Reform Act of 2011. We must look at the details of each program to eliminate loopholes and fraud. Our focus must also be on allowing the private sector to create jobs so Americans can get back on their feet. It is my top priority to make sure the government is spending taxpayer money wisely, and I will continue to fight for less spending and more accountability.

### Action Item of the Week

Dana and I are praying for those on the East Coast in the path of the hurricane this week. Please be prepared, think ahead and stay safe.

## Gorman Chamber Cookbooks

The new Chamber of Commerce cookbooks are available for \$15 each. They have a nice hard back and should hold up over the years.

They are available at the City Office, American State Bank, Panda's Flowers & Gifts, and Gorman ISD in the Tax Office.

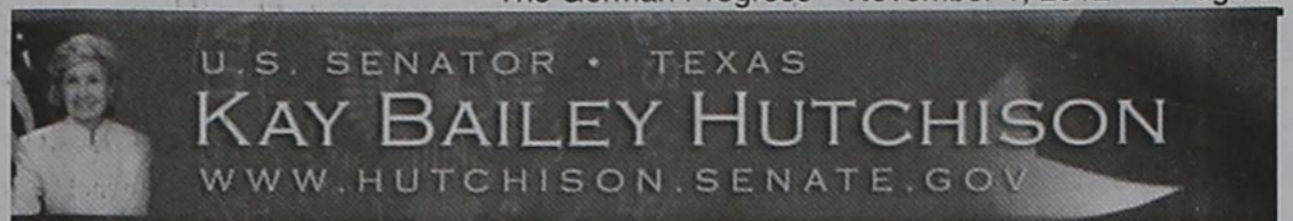
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### Higher Education - A Great Investment for Texas

A thriving economy depends on a vibrant business culture, and Texas is arguably the best state to do business in the nation. Our low taxes and reasonable approach to regulation, coupled with our abundant natural resources, have made us a prime destination for industries from energy to technology.

But there is one other crucial factor to success: higher education.

It is a major draw for companies looking to establish headquarters in any given locale. They want an educated workforce, access to the best research capabilities and an infrastructure that has the built-in capabilities to undertake public-private partnerships without putting the majority of the burden on the private side. This is what a state rich in academic excellence provides. And while Texas has outstanding universities, which already produce excellent research, there is still more we can do. My goal is for Texas to be the number one destination for research and technology companies in the US.

Presently, we have three tier-one universities: UT Austin, Texas A&M and Rice. California has nine, New York has seven. With strategic investment, we could easily take our number to six. We have the resources, and six of our universities are already on the cusp of tier-one status. What we need now is to commit to taking them over the tipping point. We also have room to create several specific centers of excellence. This would mean colleges and universities focusing on one particular area of expertise and developing their capabilities to make them the number one world destination for that field.

For instance, when Gil Grosvenor, Chairman Emeritus of National Geographic, was looking to set up the Gil Grosvenor Centers for Geographic Education, he looked all over the country for the schools with the absolute best geography programs. Texas State University was one of them. I was so pleased that I went to TSU and told them that we could work together on building on their already solid foundation to make it the world destination for geography. Why does that matter? Because understanding the world's geographic layout and formations is fundamental to everything from our ability to fight a war on foreign terrain to how to clean up the Gulf of Mexico to how to tap our natural resources for fuel and economic gain.

Or take Lamar University, which has the benefit of being located next to the second biggest chemical complex in the world. That means they can gear an engineering program towards the industry, giving students a head start by interning and researching in the area's refineries, and giving the industry a local talent pool to utilize as they work to advance technologies and make a better, more productive energy industry.

And while UT is already a tier-one university, I am committed to making it the world destination for anyone who's focused on trade with Latin America. Our geographic location and cultural heritage make UT the perfect location for this additional center of excellence. This is vitally important both to America's economic interests, with Latin America as our number one trading partner, and to the larger benefit of creating strong regional economies which in turn create a stronger hemisphere that benefits both the US economy and security.

These are uncertain economic times and we need more fiscal responsibility. But higher education is not an expenditure; it is an investment in Texas's economic future. Investing in higher education, particularly in science, technology, engineering and math, will take us not just the next five years, but the next 25 and beyond. It will attract more businesses to our state, make the industries in which we excel - like energy - more productive and bring in new industries as we build our capabilities.

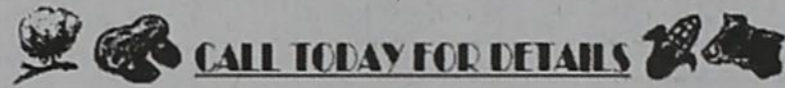
In short, excellence in higher education is a matter of national competitiveness for Texas and of international competitiveness for the United States. Let's commit to making Texas home to at least three and possibly six additional top-tier universities by the end of the decade, for our sake and for that of the nation.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GORMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

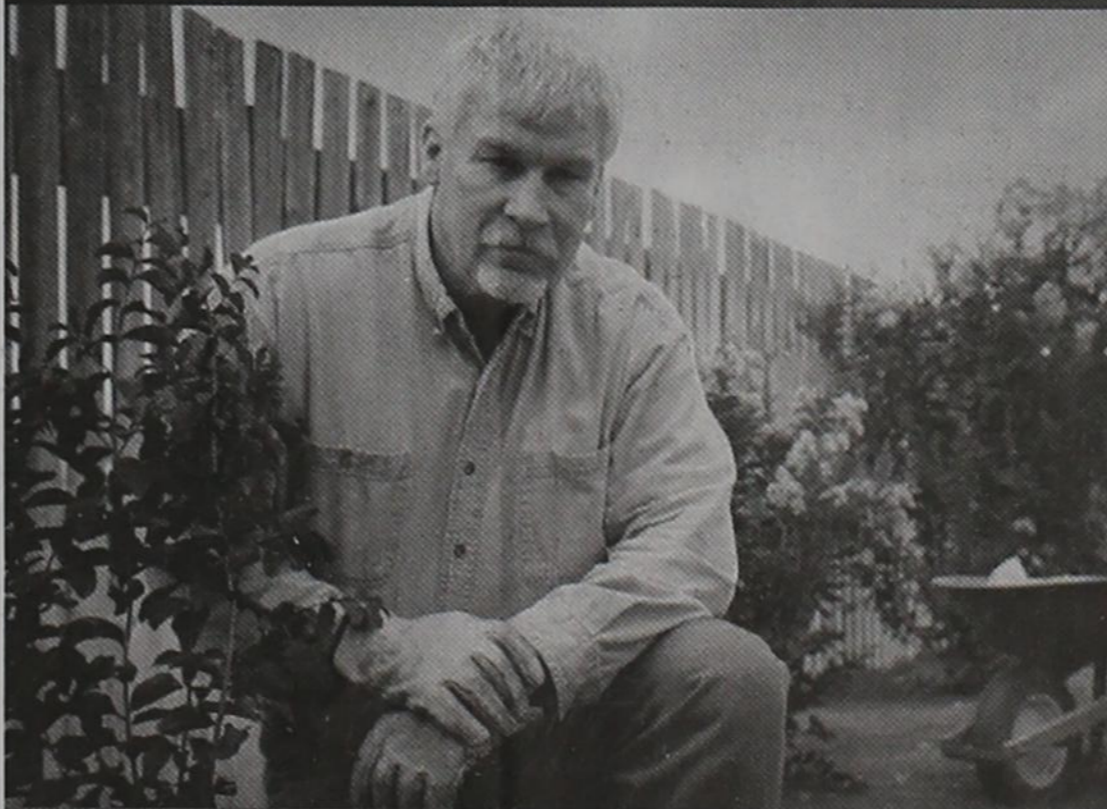
State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

Gorman ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 pm, Monday, November 12, 2012 in the Board Room on the Middle School campus located at 114 W Lexington St, Gorman, TX 76454.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Gorman ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper** will be held on Saturday, November 10th at the Community Center (former School Building). Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings is on the menu. Serving time begins at 5:30 p.m. Make plans to attend this ANNUAL affair. Proceeds will go to the repairs on the building and monthly expenses.

This reporter received a phone call on Wednesday from Regena Read. She is a Former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1949. Regena would like to say "Hello" to her friends and Classmates in this area. It is always good to stay "In-Touch" with our friends and Ex-Students.

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"** to our great granddaughter, Kaley -- also to our sister-in-law, Ann Keith all of Desdemona from the Guthery Family.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

**"Happy Halloween"** to all. Be careful and stay safe, Vonnie

# Football Game Photos

