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## Gorman Peanut Festival Set Sept. 8

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

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

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

We Look Forward To Seeing You On September 8th

## Food Pantry To Change Date and Time of Service

The Gorman Food Pantry will be changing the date and time of service. Beginning the month of September, Gorman will be utilizing the Mobile Food Pantry service. It will be coming to Gorman on the 4th Thursday of each month starting September 27th, at 11:00 am.

Please allow us time to set up before you arrive as parking will be an issue and the sidewalk will be blocked in front of the food bank while the delivery truck is unloading. Please bring your application if you have one, if not they will be available that day.

Your current street address must be on the application and you must also bring proof of income or your income record. There will be someone here that day if you need assistance filling out your application for the food pantry or food stamps.

## COOKBOOKS ARE HERE

The new Chamber of Commerce cookbooks have arrived. They are \$15 each. They are available at the City Office, American State Bank, Panda's Flowers & Gifts, and Gorman ISD in the Tax Office.

They will be available in the Chamber booth at the Peanut Festival and at the Homecoming Registration booth that day.

They will make great birthday or Christmas gifts and the proceeds will go to upgrade the swimming pool for our kids.

## AG VIEW POINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

### HIGHER FOOD COST DON'T EQUAL MORE MONEY

If you watch the news, you've probably heard stories about how the devastating U.S. drought—a drought that caused billions of dollars in damage to Texas crops last year—will cause you to pay more at the grocery store. The stories make it seem as though you'll shell out a whole lot more on your next shopping trip, due directly to crop shortages from parched lands. The truth is, livestock and crop prices only make up about 14 percent of the total food cost to the consumer, according to USDA figures.

Forecasts show about a 3 percent increase this year and next—about average. And, notice the footnote under the graphic. Even if the price of crops doubled, we would only pay about 14 percent more for our food.

So where does 86 percent of the food cost go? That "everything else" category affects food prices more than six times as much as commodity prices. Fuel, transportation and energy costs are nearly half of the shelf price. Packaging, marketing and other steps in the chain make up a good chunk of the rest.

The bottom line is, food price increases can't be blamed on the drought—for now. Yes, we will eventually see an increase from shorter supply of corn, soybeans, beef and other agricultural products. But many believe these increases won't be felt until early next year.

If you notice your grocery bill creeping higher, take a closer look at "everything else." Shame on anyone in the production chain who is getting rich off the drought. Because farmers certainly aren't.

## Eastland County Clerks Office Closed Sept. 11-12

The Eastland County Clerk's Office will close at 3:30 on Tuesday September 11, 2012 and will re-open on Thursday, September 13, 2012. All office staff will be attending training.

Thank you for your understanding.  
Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

## Ex-Students' News

Our Business Meeting for this year's Homecoming activities will begin about 11:00 a.m. on the 8th of September following the Peanut Festival Parade. Our plans are to honor the people who graduated or attended Gorman High School during the 1940's. One these people, Velda Baze, graduated here in 1940. She plans on attending this homecoming. She is a lifelong resident of this area; attending school at Lone Star, Oliver Springs, Indian Mountain and finally graduating at Gorman in 1940. She remembers who most of her teachers were and many of her classmates. Velda started her first year in Gorman at Mid-term because she had been helping with the Peanut Harvest that fall. She said the peanuts were plowed up by horse drawn teams and plow, then shaken by hand and stacked for the roving thrasher to come to each farm and thrash peanuts. The thrasher was filled with peanuts by men or women with pitchforks. Our school kids today would have a hard time understanding this process but there are still many of our seniors who remember those "Good Old Days"! The Good Old Days were a matter of opinion. My Dad always said, "I don't want any more of; The Good Old Days! We hope for a good attendance for honoring our students from the 1940ies.

## Come See Us At Bob's Grocery!!!

We have expanded our line of groceries and produce. We now have 1 lb. Packages of frozen ground meat, frozen chicken breast and frozen pork ribs. New items in our produce include: jalapeno peppers, cilantro, bell peppers, broccoli, baby carrots, and Cole slaw. We have bananas, apples and oranges. If there is something you want and we don't have it, let us know! We will try to get it. Bob's Grocery is a full line grocery store.

Here's something you may not know...our gas does NOT have ethanol! Which means you get better gas mileage and it is better for small engines like lawn mowers.

Come by and get a Bob's Homemade sandwich. We have added to our menu. It's a Bob Dagwood, 3 meats and 2 cheeses. And as always we have BBQ.

We invite you to come by Bob's Grocery and see what's new. We appreciate your Business!!!

## PEANUT FESTIVAL CO-ED SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT

The Peanut Festival Co-Ed Slow Pitch Baseball Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 8th. More info call Donna Scitern at 254-734-6007. There will be a Home Run limit of 4 per game each homerun after 4 is an out or will cost you \$5.00 to keep it. All the proceeds from this tournament will be donated to the Girl's High School Athletic Department. Concessions will be available and Very Affordable. Come out to Peanut Park and Show Your Support for these Young Ladies....

## Panthers Lose To Electra; Host Pirates For Homecoming

GAME AT A GLANCE		GORMAN	ELECTRA
10	First Downs	17	
25/116	Carries/Yds	40/443	
57	Yds Passing	113	
7 of 12/1	Pass Cpt./Int	5 of 5/0	
3 / 2	Fumbles/Lost	0 / 0	
3/35	Punts/Avg.	1/26	
1/5	Penalties	8/75	

The Panthers traveled to Electra to take on the Tigers on Friday night and came out on the short end of a 39-0 score. The Big Red had 3 turnovers that killed drives.

After holding the Panthers on their opening possession, the Tigers took the ball on the Gorman 34 and scored in 4 plays with Eli Hatfield hitting Michael Bishop on a 74 yard pass with 8:10 left in the first. The kick for point failed and the score are 6-0.

The next score came when the Tigers got a Panther fumble on their own 25 and scored on just two plays with Bishop racing 77 yards. Again the kick failed and the score was 12-0.

The Tigers got another Panther fumble on the next drive at the Tiger 44 and scored on 7 plays with Tyler Nleson getting the final 5 yards on a run with 1:06 left in the first. Austin Daniel kicked the point after and the Tigers led 19-0 at the end of the first period.

The Tigers got the ball on the Gorman 44 and scored in just 2 plays with Bishop catching a 35 yard pass for the score with 10:30 left in the second. Daniel added the point after and the score was 26-0. This score stood up the rest of the first half.

Both Bands did great jobs at the intermission and the Panther Cheerleaders did a great performance.

Electra took the kick-off after the intermission on their own 39 and went the distance in just 3 plays with Bishop racing 56 yards with 10:55 left. The kick for point failed and the score was 32-0.

After holding the Panthers on the next possession, the Tigers got the ball on their own 10 and scored in three plays with Nelson racing 80 yards with 6:37 left. Daniel added the point after and the score rose to 39-0. This score stood up through the rest of the game.

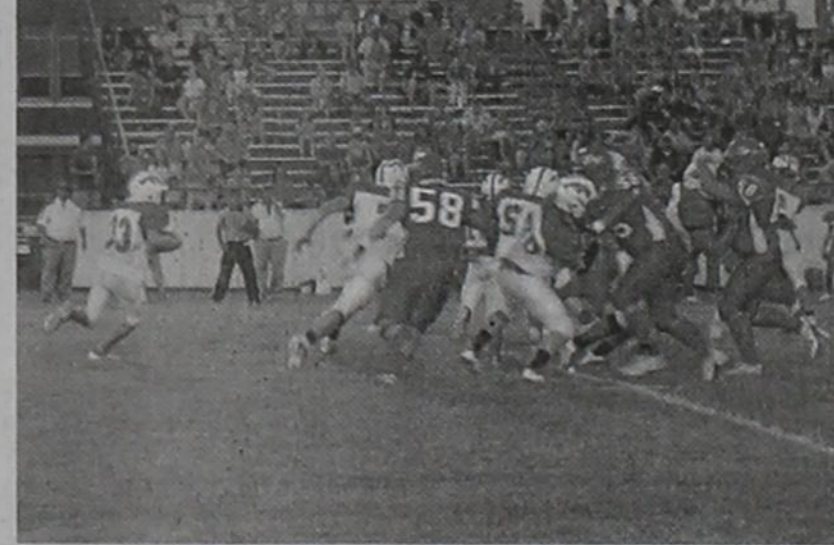
The turnovers really hurt the Big Red on three drives and they just couldn't muster enough offense to score.

The Panthers will host the Perrin-Whitt Pirates in the Homecoming Game on Friday night and hope to give the fans a good performance and a victory. The Pirates are a

strong team and will be a big Test for the Panthers.

B. J. Ramirez led the Panthers with 89 yards on 11 carries. Zach Carlton added 19 on 8 tries. Rylan Laminack made 6 yards on 4 carries and Dakota got 3 on 1 try.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!



## Meet The Athletes and Band Members on Thurs. Sept. 6th at 7

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club would like to invite everyone to join us at the Football Field on Thursday, September 6th at 7 p.m. To meet the High School and Junior High Football Teams, Volleyball Teams, Cheerleaders and Band Members. We will be selling Hot Dogs and Drinks for \$1.00 each. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

## Soap and Towel Night Thurs. Sept. 6th at 7 P.m.

The hard working athletes and Gorman ISD are needing Towels and Liquid Body Soap or Liquid Detergent. So please help them out by bringing towels, LIQUID ANTI-BACTERIAL BODY SOAP OR LIQUID DETERGENT to wash their uniforms. Please NO BAR SOAP OR POWDER LAUNDRY DETERGENT!!!! THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

## New Guidelines In The Cafeteria

Gorman ISD has adopted new guidelines in the cafeteria in accordance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The new standard for school meals include: offering both fruits and vegetables daily; increasing offerings of whole grain-rich foods; limiting calories based on the age of the children being served to ensure proper portion size; and increasing the focus on reducing saturated and trans fats, as well as the sodium content of all foods.

Gorman ISD also participates in the USDA Child Nutrition Program which funds our program for free and reduced meals to be served to eligible families. Applications may be obtained from the office on each campus, or by visiting with Dianne Snider in the elementary school office. Please call 254-734-3171 for more information.

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17.25 A. HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+ A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.

30A. CR 389, small barn, water well, steel roping arena, electricity, fenced, has a few trees. \$3,100 acre.

43A. Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced. Good Sandy land. \$3,350 acre.

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.

158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/C, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fences, water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.

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322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg. with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.

NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00 acre.

407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 acre, 1/2 metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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160 ACRES - 4 BR, 3 bath brick home w/WBFP, custom red oak cabinets, lg. blk. Bar & DDG w/openers. Coastal & Native grasses, 4 stock tanks, 4 water wells, lg. Metal barn/wkshop w/elec, concrete floor, roll up door & Loft, paved & CR frontage. HA1

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**Desdemona News**  
 By Vonnie Guthery

**Ladies Monthly Social** will be held on Monday, September 10th at the Community Center. Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. to enjoy the good food served by the hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

Ima Brown enjoyed a visit recently in New York with her grand-daughter, Lindsey and family. Ima enjoyed her visit with the "new" great grand-daughter, Allie.

**Get Well** wishes to Bernard Keith as he spent a few days this past week in the Comanche County Medical Center.

Remember the Sick and Shut-ins of our Community with our cards and prayers. You will be blessed and they will too.

Thought for today - "If you haven't met the devil face to face, then you must be going the same direction he is."

Thanks and have a good day, "Coon"

### A Letter To The Editor - By Henry A. Buchanan

I watched the National Republican Convention that nominated Mitt Romney for President. I listened to the speeches which attempted to let us know what manner of man Mitt Romney is. His wife, Ann, told us more than anyone else who Mitt Romney is. She said "he makes me laugh."

This is a compliment. That he can still make her laugh after all these years and all these children. But he doesn't make me laugh; he makes me cry.

I will tell you why I cry when I listen to Mitt Romney. Because he is going to attack Iran and millions of beautiful people are going to die.

Because he is going to renew the controversy with Russia because he does not approve of President Putin because Putin will not help him destroy Iran.

Because he is going to make a big issue over trade with China where a lot of people live and loan money to us because we can't live within our means.

Yes, everybody wants to know who this man Mitt Romney is and his wife, Ann, told us when she said that after forty-three years of marriage he still makes her laugh.

My Anne says I make her laugh, but I am not sure whether it is because I am funny or because I do and say some things that are outside the margins. And I am not sure what it is about Mitt Romney that makes his Ann laugh; I know why he makes me cry. Because if he becomes President he is going to cause a lot of people to die in his attempt to prove that America is the most powerful nation on earth.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
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**"On The Wilder Side"**

One of my favorite verses of Scripture is Rom 12:2, which says "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." But what is the difference between conforming and transforming? Well, conforming is what most teenagers do when they pick their back to school clothes. They conform their look to the latest trendy style. Just sit at the mall for a while and you'll see how the groups of teens that walk by all seem to conform to one look. When God's Word tells us not to "conform", He means that our change should not come from the outside in. Instead, it should come from the inside out. Our minds change and then everything else changes.

One of my favorite illustrations about being transformed comes from an Amish boy and his father, who went to the big city for the very first time. They were amazed by everything they saw. Having grown up and lived all their lives on a rural farm everything was completely new to them. The father and son left Ma in the horse n' buggy and went into a huge skyscraper. As the boy and father entered the building, two shiny doors that could move apart and back together again left them spellbound. They stood watching these doors until the son asked his father, "What is this, Father?" The father, having never seen an elevator before, responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed, an old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving doors and pressed a button. The doors opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The doors closed and the boy and his father watched small circles with numbers in them light up above the doors. They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction. The doors opened up again and a beautiful 24-year-old woman stepped out. The father said to his son, "Boy, go get your mother!"

Now that's being transformed and the type of change that Christ has in mind for us. We change so completely that the world won't even recognize us anymore. Now, all they see is Christ living in us and loving through us.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

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# Craig Family 2012 Family Reunion

August 11, 2012 Members of the Wiliam S. and Ruth Wilhite Craig met at the family reunion pavilion for their annual reunion. Those attending were: Gerry Zummer from Carbon, Texas, her daughter Jana Holland, grand daughter Kristi Johnston great granddaughter Sterling Johnston, and great grand son Jake Johnston from Arlington, Texas, Maxine Lawless and Daughter Rhonda from DeLeon; Helen Spellman from Denver, Colorado; Doris Whitley from Grandbury, daughter Gina Wuerflein and husband David from Weatherford, Texas and daughter Laura Stout with friend Billy Nations; Vera Love with husband Richard, from Horseshoe Bend, Texas; their son Kevin Allen and wife Beth with sons Kyan and Asher from Austin, Texas and Doug Craig from Desdeona. A cousin, Nancy Bond also visited with them. Several members attended the reunion at the school house and had lunch with the attendees there before joining their group at the pavilion. Everyone enjoyed the day with snacks and desserts and regret that several could not attend due to illness and family situations..



Nathan Files, Terry Shell, Howard Joiner, Glen Haley, Mrs. Buchanan, Wesley Warren, Richard McLearn, Gene Wilson, Dale Wright, Mike Collins, Lewis Samuels, Peggy Armstrong, Gale Wright, Margie Sanders, Gloria Bingham, Bobbie Robertson, Linda Shell, Janice Day, Mary Dell Thompson, Bonnie Parker, Judy Kennon, and Joe Bob Rodgers - First Grade Class in 1949.

# Sons of Confederates Veterans Camp #1904 To Attend Festival Parade

It is getting time for a little fall weather, and time again for the Gorman Parade. Attending again this year will be a riding and walking group from the Sons Of Confederate Veterans Camp # 1904 from De Leon, Texas. They will be bringing uniformed men and beautifully dressed Confederate ladies, along with vehicles adorned with flags and banners, bringing their history for everyone to see.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate Soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of 1861-1865 is preserved. These organizations are dedicated to "To defend the soldier's good name, perpetuate the principles of home and hearth and to make sure the true history of the South is preserved for future generations".

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 1904 at De Leon was formed in early 2000. There are two cannons that will be in the parade, mounted on trailers. One is a 1/2 size Napoleon salute cannon designed for ceremonies primarily but capable of firing projectiles. The other cannon is an 1841 light field piece that is a faithful replica of one that was re-worked for confederate service. It is a 2" bore gun and fully functional with round ball, grape or canister. It has a range of over 2 miles and lightly loaded will still drive a ball in 2 feet at 100 yards. Both guns are under the control of a firing officer who determines when the gun will be fired and a gunner who is in charge of the crews operating the guns. A crew is usually made up of at least 3 men but as many as 7 can be used.

The men in the rifle salute squads are usually made up of 5 to 7 men and the rifle of choice is the .58 caliber British Enfield but the men use all kinds of civil war era rifles from US Springfields to shot guns. Only original black powder is used and the riflemen are under the control of an officer who issues the commands. The commands we use are the Confederate battle field commands used by the Texans. They are LOAD AND CAP, READY, AIM, FIRE. Salutes are usually of 3 volleys.

If you would like to see the SCV camp in actions in parades or at cemetery marker dedications, go to the wonderful world wide web to: youtube, to youtubevideos, and then to Sons of Confederate Veterans # 1904, De Leon, Texas. Or go to youtube "leatherwood 1000" and click on videos to see the SCV De Leon group in action at parades, dedications, and see the cannons firing and the rifle squads in salute.

This SCV camp at De Leon is so busy, with demonstrations at schools, parades, and dedications. Along with the ladies auxiliary, "The Confederate Rose", they are putting out over 1,300 small confederate flags on Comanche, Eastland county cemeteries each year. Drive by cemeteries in this area. Notice all of the confederate flags at graves. This Confederate patriot buried there did not place on his cemetery marker: "John Doe, 6th Texas Calvary". He was dead, but this was so important to his family that he be so honored, that this marker was made with this information on it. Now, we can acknowledge his service with a confederate flag on his grave. Thank you.

## 50th Reunion - Class of 1962

The Class of 1962 will be holding our 50 year reunion in conjunction with the GHS Homecoming and Peanut Festival activities this year on September 7th and 8th. Some of the class members will be at the football game Friday night and then almost all of the class will be around the school and in town Saturday. We also welcome you to come by the Hotel Lobby between 1 and 3 p.m. For a time of reminiscing.



Joe Harrison, Gene Snider, David Rogers, Larry Rodgers, Glendon Frasier, Mrs. Henderson, Tommy Warren, Micky Dorsett, Larry Campbell, Freddie Gilmore, Larry Westmoreland, Melton Kirk, Albert Palmer, Ronnie Johnston, Helen Hailey, Melva Scitem, Vicky Mauney, Carol Ramsey, Sharon Skiles, Judy Thompson, Edna Watson, Linda Bryan and Derral Hobbs. - First Grade Class in 1949

# Changes to Form 1099-G and 1099-MISC for FSA Producers and Vendors

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that calendar year 2012 brings several changes to the way FSA reports a producer's farm program payments to the producer and to IRS.

In past years, IRS Form 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G (Report of Payments to Producers). Additionally, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more.

Producers who receive less than \$600 in combined payments should consult a tax advisor to determine if these payments must be reported on their tax return.

If the payments were subject to voluntary withholdings or subject to backup (involuntary) withholdings a Form 1099-G will be issued regardless of the total amount of the payments.

The same changes will apply to producers and vendors who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

For more information regarding IRS reporting changes, please contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 extension 2.

# Eastland County Museum News – August 31, 2012

A new exhibit, Lone Star and Eagle: German Immigration to Texas, by Humanities Texas is now at the Eastland County Museum through September 29. Along with the exhibit is a more local exhibit on the German community of Eastland County entitled Early German Settlers of Eastland County: Struggles of an Immigrant Community put together by the museum board and others. Thanks especially to board members Jeanie Griffin and Anna Ford and volunteer Kevin Ziehr for long hours planning and installing.

Legal documents are having their final i's dotted and t's crossed and soon a contract should be let on the elevator work. Hopefully Museum Place will be celebrating the holidays with a new elevator!

ATTENTION! Anyone court ordered to do community service. The Eastland County Museum can help you as you help us. Contact Terry Simmons at 254-631-0437 for more information or to sign up.

Darrell Basham has been a tremendous volunteer at the Museum these past few months. Darrell has many, many hours of vhs video tapes of events around the county from years past and has spent several weeks now converting those tapes to dvd's for the Museum digital library. Darrell has graciously donated his master tapes and once all the 'digitizing' is complete, and all are cataloged, copies will be available for a small fee to the public. Keep watching for more info!

Interest continues to come in on the available office spaces Museum Place has begun Pre-Leasing on the 3rd floor. For more details contact Jeff Clark at 254-433-2561 or jeffclarktexas@gmail.com.

Anyone interested in owning an 1800's German One-Horse Open Sleigh completely restored?? Surely someone out there could use this item!

TEAM MUSEUM! Come join our team at the Eastland County Museum and be a part of preserving and teaching of our past to our present and future. Contact Anne Zoellick for details! 254-433-9186.

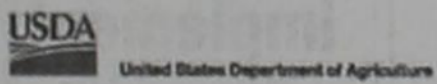
PHOTOS NEEDED! The Museum is seeking copies of any photos that may have been taken in the B&W Clinic of Dr. Bulgerin and Dr. Westbrook when it was open on the 3rd floor. These photos will be used in a display along the hallway of that floor. If you would share copies the Museum would greatly appreciate it.

# AG VIEW POINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

## HIGHER FOOD COST DON'T EQUAL MORE MONEY

If you watch the news, you've probably heard stories about how the devastating U.S. drought—a drought that caused billions of dollars in damage to Texas crops last year—will cause you to pay more at the grocery store. The stories make it seem as though you'll shell out a whole lot more on your next shopping trip, due directly to crop shortages from parched lands. The truth



## US Drought and Your Food Costs

Note: Graphics represent all food (food at home - food away from home).

### Historical Food Price Inflation



What it means: Food price inflation is expected to be close to the historical average this year and just slightly above that next year.

### What Affects Your Food Costs?



What it means: Commodity prices are just one of many factors affecting retail food prices. Commodities make up about 14% of the average retail food purchase, so even if all commodity prices doubled, retail food prices would increase by about 14%.

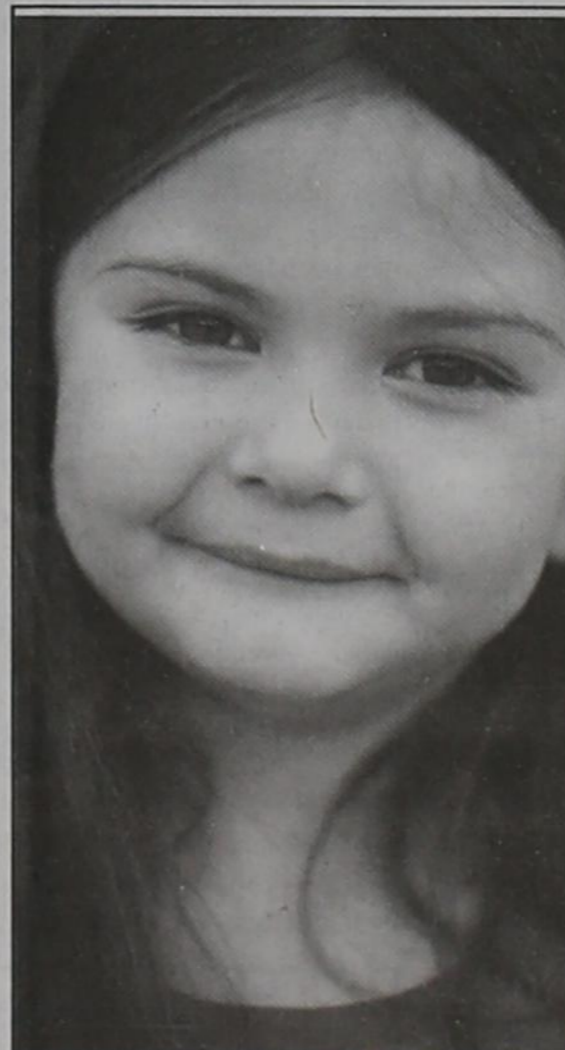
is, livestock and crop prices only make up about 14 percent of the total food cost to the consumer, according to USDA figures.

Forecasts show about a 3 percent increase this year and next—about average. And, notice the footnote under the graphic. Even if the price of crops doubled, we would only pay about 14 percent more for our food.

So where does 86 percent of the food cost go? That "everything else" category affects food prices more than six times as much as commodity prices. Fuel, transportation and energy costs are nearly half of the shelf price. Packaging, marketing and other steps in the chain make up a good chunk of the rest.

The bottom line is, food price increases can't be blamed on the drought—for now. Yes, we will eventually see an increase from shorter supply of corn, soybeans, beef and other agricultural products. But many believe these increases won't be felt until early next year.

If you notice your grocery bill creeping higher, take a closer look at "everything else." Shame on anyone in the production chain who is getting rich off the drought. Because farmers certainly aren't.



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# 4-H NEWS

## Carbon 4-H Club Meeting Set

Carbon 4-H Club will be having its first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room. 4-H is a program that allows kids to develop leadership skills, life skills, friendships and relationships, being competitive and also just having FUN. We are offering many activities for kids to do throughout the year. Activities that we will be offering are quilting, showing animals, food and nutrition, golf challenge, judging contests, shooting sports, and much more. At this time you can register online at 4-H Connect. At the first meeting, we will discuss the process to register online and any questions about 4-H Connect. We will also be talking about plants and reasons we have to have plants and doing a little project about plants.

Any questions on or about 4-H, you can call the Club Manager Karl Winge at 325/669-0767 or call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office at 254/629-2222.

**Time To Sign Up For 4-H!!**

## What Is 4-H?

4-H is a youth development program dedicated to educate children ages K-12, encourage them to become involved in their community, and help them grow into balanced, healthy citizens capable of anything they set their minds to. 4-H is more than just a club. 4-H is an avenue to prepare young people for the future. Through 4-H you will have the opportunity to learn how to work with others, whether they are 4-H members, school mates, adults, or members of another organization. 4-H members have the opportunity to go to camps, show their projects at stock shows, travel, judge, make new friends from all over Texas, attend meetings and workshops with other youth, and much more.

## Who Can Be A Member of 4-H?

4-H is open to all children that are 8 years old and in the third grade to 18 years old. These members are eligible to compete in 4-H sponsored events. If you are between the ages of 5 and 8, you cannot be considered an official member of 4-H, but can be a Clover Kid. Clover Kids are eligible to participate in 4-H projects, but cannot compete. Being a Clover Kid helps you to decide what projects you want to be involved in when you become a 4-H member.

## What Can I Do In 4-H?

4-H has a project area for everyone. What are YOU interested in?

- \* Breeding Beef
- \* Dairy Goat
- \* Market Goat
- \* Breeding Rabbit
- \* Breeding Sheep
- \* Breeding Swine
- \* Gardening
- \* Wildlife
- \* Clothing Construction
- \* Food and Nutrition
- \* Citizenship
- \* Public Speaking
- \* Market Beef
- \* Breeding Boer Goat
- \* Market Chickens
- \* Market Rabbit
- \* Market Sheep
- \* Market Swine
- \* Shooting Sports
- \* Photography
- \* Fashion Story Boards
- \* Leadership
- \* Community Service
- \* and Much Much More

Enrollment is just \$20.00.

## Steps To Join 4-H

Go online to: <https://texas.4honline.com/>. Then under Links, Click 4-H Connect.

Select I "I Need A Profile" and fill in the blanks. Under role, select "Family". Add each family member separately.

# Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
**Falling Off a Fiscal Cliff**

In recent months, you may have heard media commentators talking about a fiscal cliff. You are probably asking, what is this "fiscal cliff" and what does it mean to my family or business? Let me explain. Fiscal cliff is the name being given to several policies affecting our federal spending and tax rates that are set to change or expire on January 1, 2013. These policies, without any change from their current path, will have a dramatic effect on our economy.

What are the policies that make up this fiscal cliff? The first component is mandatory, across-the-board government spending cuts which will take effect on January 1, 2013. These cuts were enacted into law as part of the 2011 Budget Control Act. You may remember the debate over that law as a part of the discussion about raising the national debt limit. Without a change in direction, these cuts will severely and unfairly target our national defense. The second part of the "fiscal cliff" also takes place on January 1, 2013 when the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts expire. These tax cuts include: lower income tax rates, death tax, marriage tax relief and the child tax credit. If these tax cuts expire, everyone who pays taxes will see their rates rise - families and small businesses. For instance, if you pay 25% in federal taxes now, you'll pay 28% if these expire. The 10% tax rate will disappear. Small businesses—many of which file taxes as individuals—could pay almost 40% in taxes if these cuts expire. The tax burden on each family or business will likely increase by hundreds or thousands of dollars each year.

Together, the spending cuts and tax increases will severely jolt our economy. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that the unemployment rate will increase to 9% in less than a year if Congress does not act before the end of 2012. The good news is that we know the cliff is up ahead, and we have the ability to address it on our own terms. In August, the House passed a bill to extend our current tax rates for one year while emphasizing the need for tax reform that simplifies the tax code. We're also working to ensure government spending cuts are targeted to maximize deficit reduction without hurting our national security. This fall, I'll be working to turn our country away from this fiscal cliff, and I'll keep you posted on our progress in this newsletter.

## Texas Voter ID Law Struck Down by Federal Court

Last week, a federal court blocked a Texas voter ID law that would require individuals to show official identification, like a driver's license or passport, before being allowed to vote. I am deeply disappointed with the court's decision to block this law, which was passed by the Texas legislature, signed by Governor Perry, and clearly reflects the will of Texans. If citizens are required to show identification to open a bank account, board a plane, drive a car or carry a concealed handgun, why wouldn't voters do the same before exercising one of our most valuable rights as Americans? The right to vote by secret ballot is the foundation of our democracy, and no American should ever be denied that right. But it is also important that we don't allow that privilege to be tainted by fraud. An ID law that ensures one vote for every citizen would help ensure our democracy functions as the founders intended. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has pledged to take this case to the Supreme Court, and as this case moves forward, I will continue to support justice and fairness in our voting system.

## Dyess AFB Welcomes its 22nd C-130J

Last week, the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, TX became the proud home of its 22nd C-130J. Dyess is scheduled to receive six more C-130Js, which are more modern and have more advanced capabilities than the C-130H they are replacing. These next generation aircraft are a product of advanced technology and infrastructure that ensure the superiority of the U.S. Air Force and the American military as a whole. Every day, Dyess men and women play an essential role in the defense of this great nation. Whether it's 3,000 consecutive days of deployment by the busiest C-130 unit in the Air Force, or 10,000 combat missions by the B-1 Bomber—the workhorse of the bomber fleet—our troops on the ground don't have to look up at the sky for long before they'll see a plane from Abilene, Texas.

# 2012 Goober Gourmet Bake-Off Gorman Peanut Festival Sept. 8

The Goober Gourmet Bake-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries, including the recipe, to the Community Center on Saturday, September 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 or as soon as the parade is over. Results will be available by 2:00 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and award given until 2:00 p.m. Entries will then be used for the Meet the Queens tea as snacks. Entrants will receive a certificate of participation to be used to show community involvement for their record books if needed, please note on entry if a certificate is wanted.

Categories to be judged include: *Cakes/Pies, Cookies/Candy and Snacks/Appetizers.*

There will be two age groups: *Junior (12&under) and Adult (13&over).*

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products. Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the BACK of the recipe card (the recipe will not be returned).

Entries will be limited to one entry per category per person. Contestants may enter more than one category.

Each category age group will have a first thru third place ribbon, a category champion, and an overall grand champion of the bake-off. Entries should be presented on a disposable plate and covered with clear plastic. Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item. Judges' decisions are final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for awards/certificates left after pickup time at 2 o'clock. If for some reason, you are unable to pick up your award, call the City Office at 734-2317.

# USDA Announces CCC Lending Rates for September 2012

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced interest rates for September 2012. The CCC borrowing rate-based charge for September 2012 is 0.125 percent, down from 0.250 in August 2012. For 1996 and subsequent crop year commodity and marketing assistance loans, the interest rate for loans disbursed during September 2012 is 1.125 percent, down from 1.250 in August 2012.

In accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill, interest rates for Farm Storage Facility Loans approved for September 2012 are as follows, 1.125 percent with seven-year loan terms, up from 1.000 in August 2012; 1.625 percent with 10-year loan terms, unchanged from 1.625 in August 2012 and; 1.875 percent with 12-year loan terms, unchanged from 1.875 percent in August 2012. The interest rate for Sugar Storage Facility Loans for September 2012 is 2.125 percent, up from 2.000 in August 2012.

The maximum discount rate applicable for September 2012 for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program is 5 percent, unchanged from August 2012. This is based on the 3.250 percent prime rate plus 2 percent, rounded to the nearest whole number.

Past monthly releases announcing interest rates charged by CCC on commodity and marketing assistance loans disbursed for that particular month reflect the interest rate the U.S. Treasury charged CCC for that month. This was the interest rate specified by CCC since Jan. 1, 1982, but the process of establishing the interest rate was changed by a provision of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the Act), enacted on April 4, 1996.

Section 163 of the Act requires that monthly interest rates applicable to commodity and marketing assistance loans are to be 100 basis points — or 1 percent — greater than the rate determined under the applicable interest rate formula in effect on Oct. 1, 1995. This formula resulted in a rate equivalent to the amount the U.S. Treasury charged CCC for borrowing, for the month.

Further program information is available from USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Financial Management Division at 202-772-6041.

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# Happenings At FBC!!

Festival! Gorman's annual Festival centers on and celebrates some unique aspects of our community, Peanuts! They're a gift from God and a source of pride for our little town. God bless all those whose talents and hard work make the Gorman Peanut Festival fun for all.

Mark your calendars:

**Sept 5th** – GA's, RA's, & Mission Friends' Kick Off Party – Parents & Kids 3yrs thru 6th Grade.

**Sept. 14th** – Panther Fifth Quarter at FBC.

Children's Sermon: The green apples are Traci's favorite, usually crisp and tart. It's not until she bites into the apple that she knows how it tastes. People are the same; they can look good on the outside and be bad on the inside. Live your life to serve God because you love Him, not because you wish to impress people. Love God, ask Jesus in your heart, and worship God with all your heart, mind, & soul.

Special Music: FBC Choir - "I'll Tell The World That I'm A Christian" - a powerful inspiration. Jill Rainey - "God Bless the USA" - a blessed reminder of our magnificent Country.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Kingdom People" - Matthew 25:40 (NLT) - The Kingdom of God is at hand! Things happen this week in the family - the people that make the Church of God - we had a wedding, we had a funeral, and we had visitation. God is looking for His Kingdom People. Sampson is a good example - extraordinary physical strength yet ignored his parent's admonition to marry only in his faith. His life ended as he pulled the pillars down on himself and the Philistines.

Matthew 25:40 "And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

WHY DID JESUS COME: (1) He Came for Joy. - Abundant and immeasurable joy full of tender moments in life. (2) He Came to Find His People, Kingdom People. - Put Jesus first. Know Jesus and reflect God. The joy of the Lord gives you hope in each new day. (3) He Came for Those Who Take His Words Seriously. - Listen to the Lord, listen to your parents, and study God's Word to help you make decisions. Choose GOOD. If it's not good, don't do it. (4) He Came for Those Who Don't Play It Safe. - Take a risk and take a stand for Jesus. People that have IT to handle things differently than others in the world have the presence and purpose of God.

God is with us. It's an honor and a privilege to vote in our Country; God will never forsake our civilization. Kingdom People reflect Christ and have a vacuum in their heart filling with the love of Christ of one another. If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

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



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# 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, SEPTEMBER 19TH 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. - 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 - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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