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The Messengers In Concert At Nimrod Baptist Church



The Award Winning Gospel Group, *The Messengers*, will be in Concert, Sunday, October 7th at 11:00 a.m. At the Nimrod Baptist Church on FM 569 Southwest of Cisco. The Messengers are a quartet from Gorman, Texas. Members of the Group include Tommy Clark, Jeff Clark, Jeff Seaton and Glen Clement. For more information, Call Wanda Blackwell - 254-725-6395 or Brother Bill Armstrong - 254-725-6128.

Halloween Parade - October 27th

It time once again to start thinking about who or what you want to be for the annual Halloween Parade. This year Halloween falls on Wednesday night, so I have decided to have our annual Halloween Parade, Trunk or Treat, and Trick or Treat on Saturday Night, October 27. Time to be announced at a later date. If anyone is interested in making this a fun Saturday please let me or Jill at the City Office. I thought it might be fun to have a costume street dance, maybe some game and food booths. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Pass the word along to all your friends and family...

HALLOWEEN FUN ON OCTOBER 27, 2012 NO TRICK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 31, 2012

Eastland County Judge Lifts Burn Ban

TO: ALL UNITS AND STATIONS: BURN BAN LIFTED

EASTLAND COUNTY JUDGE LIFTS BURNING BAN

On Monday, October 1, 2012, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, the County Judge decided to **remove** the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch (254) 629-1728 and their nearest fire department to notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity, with no fire being started if there is 15 MPH wind speed or above. **Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!** The County Judge may rescind the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exists.

In making this announcement, the Commissioner's Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

It is hereby ordered by the County Judge that the outside burning ban in Eastland County be removed effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Eastland County Commissioner's Court
(s) Rex Fields
Rex Fields, County Judge

(s) Cathy Jentho
Eastland County Clerk

"Thank You"

The Board of Directors and Staff of Gorman Housing Authority would like to Thank Arlton Smith for his many Years of Service on the Gorman Housing Authority Board.

**Mark Your Calendars Now
For The 7th Annual Carbon
Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Dinner
Saturday, October 27th**

**COME ONE - COME ALL! FALL FESTIVAL
MAXFIELD ELEMENTARY -- Thursday, October 4th
from 5:00 till 6:30.
There will be a Fall Festival held in the old gym on Thursday, October 4th
Tickets are five for a dollar.**

Want To Teach!!!!

Want To Teach - Have a Degree, But Not In Education?

Accepting applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2013-2014 Alternative Certification Program for EC-6 Generalist, 4-8 Generalist, Special Education, Math and Science Teachers will be accepted October 1, 2012 thru December 14, 2013.

The program allows College Graduates wanting to be teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirement:

Received Bachelor's Degree from an Accredited Institution of Higher Education
For additional admission requirements, contact Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program QR visit our website at www.escl4.net

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For more information, contact: Gay Ann Walts - Special Education - 325-675-7017; Donna Ray - EC-6 Generalist - 325-675-8670; Vern Popelka - Science - 325-675-8684 and Sandra Carter - Math - 325-675-7006.

John Stevens, Associate Director

Panthers Drop District Opener; Host Albany on Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE	
GORMAN	CROSS PLAINS
5	First Downs 13
26/101	Carries/Yds 49/279
0	Yds Passing 0
0 of 4/1	Pass Cpt./Int 0 of 1/0
6 / 4	Fumbles/Lost 3 / 1
4/34	Punts/Avg 3/39
7/45	Penalties 5/30

In down pours and deluges of rain on Friday night at Cross Plains, the Buffaloes sunk the Panthers 26-0 in the district opener for both teams. The Panthers were hampered with some injuries, but just couldn't stop the running of Blake Hutchins, 200 lb. Senior running back who carried 21 times for 218 yards. The Panthers trailed 8-0 at the intermission, then allowed 18 more points in the final two quarters.

Cross Plains scored first on their fourth possession when they took the ball at the Gorman 17 and scored in just 2 plays with Justin Willis getting the final 15 on a run with 9:12 left in the second period. A pass play added the 2 pointer and the Buffs were up 8-0.

There were no half-time activities due to the inclement weather.

On their first possession in the third period the Buffs took the ball on their own 12 and scored in 10 plays with Blake Hutchins running in from 9 yards out with 4:04 left in the third. The kick for point failed and the score was 14-0.

Then after the Panthers fumbled the ball on the Gorman 42 the Buffs scored in 6 plays with Hutchins getting the final 17 on a run with 1:06 left in the third. The kick try failed and the score was 20-0.

The game was played with no scoring again with the Buffs got another Panther fumble on the Gorman 30 and scored in 14 plays with Willis getting the final 12 yards on a run with 2:20 left in the game. Again the point try failed and the final score was 26-0.

It was just a bad night for the Panthers as they fumbled 6 times and lost 4 and also suffered one interception.

B. J. Ramirez gained 48 yards on 10 carries despite an injury. Zach Carlton got 28 on 11 keepers. Dakota Pacheco had 17 on 4 and Rylan Laminack carried 1 time for 7 yards.

The Panthers will host the highly favored Albany Lions on Friday night in another District game. Lets all come out and back our Panthers all the way.

Go Get "Em Big Red!!



CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Now that the days are getting shorter, it's a perfect time to get caught up on your reading. We continue to add good books to our collection every week. One of our new books, A Letter to the Editor, was generously donated by the author, Henry Buchanan. We have all of Henry's books in our collection, so check them out! Also new this week is a nice selection of Teen and Youth books. Our hours remain the same with the exception of Monday which will be 4-7 until Carol Ward can come back to pick up her time slot. Thank you to Maria Garcia for filling in for Carol while she is out. All the other days the library is open from 3-5.

Bobbie Henley volunteers on Tuesday, Suzan Lipson - Wednesday, Ruth Rodgers - Thursday and Martha Rainey on Friday. Come by this week and see what is new at your library.

**Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Is In Need of
Bottled Water.
Donations Will Be Appreciated.**

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, OCTOBER 17TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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.

They can also be mailed. Call Shanda at 254-734-2519 or Terry at 254-734-3171 for mailing information.

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

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 - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

Obituary

Thomas Harrison

Thomas Harrison passed away on September 22, 2012 in Tyler, Texas at the age of 72. Thomas was the only child born to Clarence and Edwina (Wedin) Harrison on June 4, 1940 in Palestine, Texas. He attended Palestine High School and Lee Junior College.



Thomas resided near Gorman, Texas where he was active in the community over four decades. He was co-owner and President of A. O. Easley Trucks. Thomas was a member of Walston Springs Baptist Church since childhood, but worshiped with his family at the First United Methodist Church of Gorman most of his adult life. It was at Gorman UMC where he previously served as Youth Director and Youth Sunday School Teacher. He was currently seated as Chairperson to the Board of Trustees for the church.

He previously served as Gorman High School Senior Class Sponsor on multiple occasions, the Gorman City Council and past officer for the Gorman Chamber of Commerce. Thomas was a 32nd Degree York Rite Mason. He was active in the Masonic Lodges at both Gorman and De Leon. He helped organize and served as President for the Post Oak Gun Club. Thomas went on to co-found the 2nd Texas Frontier SCV Camp #1904 in De Leon and, passionately, served as the Camp's only Commander until the time of his death. He also served on the state level as SCV 2nd Lieutenant Commander for the 7th Brigade-Texas Division.

Thomas was a beloved family man that enjoyed spending time hunting, camping, fishing, shooting, gardening and leather work. He also had interests in genealogy, history and politics.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Betty (Easley); his son, Rhett and wife, Tessa, of Stephenville; grandson, Thomas Robert; and mother-in-law, Irene Easley, of Gorman.

Thomas was devout in his Christian Faith. He was a man of extreme dedication, conviction and virtue. He was known as person of action and led his life by example. Thomas' greatest characteristic was that he not only knew his principles; he fought for them.

A Memorial Service will be held 2 PM on October 7th at The First Methodist Church in Gorman. There will be a musket and cannon salute immediately following the service. Thomas was laid to rest on his ranch near Gorman in a private family ceremony. No graveside services will be conducted.

In lieu of flowers please send Memorial contributions to: SCV Camp #1904, P.O. Box 41, Gorman, TX 76454 or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 127, Gorman, TX 76454.

"On The Wilder Side"

I remember seeing a piece of artwork that perfectly describes the state of Christianity in the world. On one side of the piece was a cannon and a group of Christians on an island. These Christians were holding balloons with words like "love", "peace", and "grace" and the word "God" was written on their crumbling island showing that God was their foundation. On the other side of the piece was another group on another island. If I recall, the world "the world" was written on their island and they were holding balloons that said "abortion", "adultery", "murder", etc. Both groups had their cannons pointed at each other. The Christians aimed their cannons at the world's balloons (sins) but the worldly group aimed at the Christians' foundation (God).

I wish I could remember who drew it and I would love to see it again because it so perfectly describes the Christian's predicament today. While we are busy preaching against sin, unbelievers are taking shots at our foundation. From the looks of it, the world was doing a pretty good job at shooting out the ground we stand on.

If this is indeed the situation, what then should we do? Should we stop preaching against sin? I'm not convinced that would do much good. We deceive ourselves by calling America a Christian nation but in truth we are a godless nation with a few remaining Christian values. We have come to expect the world to live like Christians but the truth is that Christ only expects His followers to live up to His standards. So I really don't think it is practical or even Biblical to expect non-Christians to live up to Christian standards.

But one thing I am convinced we should do is defend our faith when attacked. Jesus said to be on guard by false teachers who come as wolves in sheep's clothing (Matt 7:5). These wolves might look like Christians, but "by their fruit you will know them" (Matt 7:16). In the end, Gal 6:7 says "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

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

BID NOTICE

Eastland County is taking bids to purchase one new ½ ton four-door crew cab pickup. Specifications may be obtained on the Eastland County website www.eastlandcounty-texas.com or at the Eastland County Auditor's office in the Eastland County Courthouse, Suite 205, 254-629-1082.

Payment will be made by check upon receipt of the vehicle by Eastland County and after approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Eastland County Commissioners' Court.

Bids should be sealed and submitted to the Auditor's office by Monday, October 22, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Loretta Key
 Eastland County Auditor
 100 West Main, Suite 205
 Eastland, TX 76448

Bids will be opened Monday, October 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse. Eastland County reserves the right to reject all bids and to accept the bid that is most advantageous for the County.

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UPDATED VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Oct. 6	Saturday	Ranger	Ranger	10:00	Jv, Var
Oct. 8	Monday	Stephenville	Stephenville	4:00	7, 8
Oct. 9	Tuesday	DeLeon	Home	5:00	Jv, Var
Oct. 13	Saturday	Lingleville	Home	10:00	Var (Parent Day)
Oct. 16	Tuesday	Moran	Moran	5:00	8th, Var
Oct. 20	Saturday	Albany	Albany	10:00	Jv, Var
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Pig Tales From Hogtown

What a wonderful weekend of rain! We were blessed with almost 4 inches at our home. Aren't the temperatures great, too!

This Saturday, October 6, is 'Breakfast at the DAC' from 7:00 until 10:00. Join us for sausage, bacon, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. We have a suggested donation price of \$7.00 for this delicious meal. Along with breakfast this month, we are having a book sale. Our library is overflowing and we will have for sale books that we have doubles of. The prices will be very, very reasonable. I'm sure you will find something that you haven't read before.

The following Tuesday, October 9, will be the jam session at the DAC. The music usually begins at 6:30. Come and bring your instrument, your singing voice or your toes for tapping. We have a great time!

I have heard that there will be a fish fry happening soon at the DAC. Watch Pig Tales for more information.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

WATSON FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of James Newton Watson and wife Ora Seale Watson met on September 16, 2012 in Desdemona, Texas for the annual reunion. James and Ora married December 20, 1900 in Comanche County, Texas. They had 8 children born to them. The 6 children who attained adulthood were; Ora Mae, James Arland, Honnoll, Ima Lee, Elmer Carlton and Willa Delle. Ora Mae married William Jesse Atchison. James Arland married Edna Ellen Hirst. Honnoll married Verna Bond. Ima Lee married Lee Roy Burleson. Elmer Carlton married Allie Modell Miers. Willa Delle married Ray Levens. All of these children were represented by their descendants at the reunion on Sunday.

The cousins enjoyed visiting, picture taking and good food. We had 49 in attendance. One cousin, Carl Watson, brought a few family heirlooms for "show and tell". He has inherited his grandfather's gold pocket watch. The watch has passed from James Newton Watson to his son, Elmer Carlton Watson and from Elmer to his son, Carl Watson. A good time was had by all and we are looking forward to next years reunion.

A Letter To The Editor - About American Foreign Policy

By Henry A. Buchanan

We are only weeks away from the election that will determine the future of the nation and the impact of America on the world. And who is trying - all, too successfully - to determine the outcome of this Election?

Israel's Netanyahu! The man who feels threatened by Iran and wants to be sure that the President of the United States will take this nation to war against Iran for the sake of Israel. Encouraged by Mitt Romney's bold assertion of pro-Israel support and criticism of Obama's pro-diplomacy stance, Netanyahu wants to draw a red line in the sand, or in the waters of the Gulf of Hormuz, that would mean war against Iran over that nation's determination to have a little of what both the United States and Israel have a lot of - nuclear power.

Just about every major nation on earth has nuclear energy, and most are poised to use it in self defense. But Iran wants it, needs it, and is going to have it unless we destroy Iran.

Iran says it is for peaceful use and the rest of the world says Iran plans to use it against Israel. The point is that Iran has the right to have nuclear energy if we have the right to have nuclear energy. Right now we have enough to destroy the whole world, and we are the only nation who has ever used it against another nation, namely Japan.

If we let Israel's Netanyahu determine our destiny by an attack on Iran, we will find ourselves in another war we can't win because we will have to rebuild Iran the way we have to carry Iraq on one shoulder and Afghanistan on the other while we quarrel with Pakistan and the terrorists take over in Allah's name.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan

1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 10/01/2012

Booth Deadline Extended for Holiday Market

With a few of the 50 booth spaces still available for the Fourth Annual Holiday Market, set for October 20, 9-3, at Hamilton's Fair Park pavilions, booth co-chairperson Linda Waggener has extended the signup deadline from October 1 to October 15. She can be reached at kwaggener@htcomp.net or 254/386-5259 (home), or 254/855-4288 (cell). Along with an application form, she can send a map with directions to Fair Park at Alamo and Park Streets.

The Holiday Market was initiated by the Pottsville Extension Education Club (PEEC) to raise funds for youth scholarships and to create an effective setting for central Texas vendors desiring to market their multi-holiday wares for October, November, and December. Admission for shoppers is free.

All Holiday Market proceeds received by PEEC are invested in community projects, including an "opportunity scholarship" and several other scholarships for graduating seniors in Hamilton County. PEEC has awarded more than 30 such scholarships, and anticipates awarding five more next spring at the \$250 to \$500 level..

Some of the latest vendors to register for 10 x 10 booths at \$30 each are Jonesboro's Frances Peterson, with sterling silver jewelry and matted photos, and Wade Moore from Hico selling alpaca items, such as scarves, capes and shawls. Dee Johnson will be traveling from Lampasas to market her jams, jellies, baked goods and craft items.

Micca Rogers of Hamilton and Bali, Indonesia, will be on hand with her "Micca's Discoveries" real gemstone jewelry; and Ella Stephens of Hamilton has reserved a second booth for better display of her quilts and fabric creations.

A colossal book sale by the Hamilton Friends of the Library, led by President Debra Adams, will be responsible for a prominent part of the day's goings-on. Fiction and nonfiction for adults and children, as well as electronic books and movies on CD and DVD, embellish the festive atmosphere of the event.

PEEC is a local chapter of the Texas Extension Education Association, whose mission is to work with Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development and community service. Membership is open to all people regardless of age, socioeconomic level, race, color, gender, religion, disability or national origin.

Gifted Learner Nominations Needed

Gorman ISD
P.O. Box 8
Gorman, TX 76454
(254) 734 - 2617

Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-12 during the coming school year. Any child in K-12 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before November 29, 2012.

Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Sincerely,

Crystal Snider and Jackie Gutierrez
Gifted and Talented Coordinators

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Estimados Padres,

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Si usted desea nombrar un niño, por favor haga para que venga a la Oficina Elemental y completando el formulario apropiado. Cualquier nominación debe hacerse antes del 29 de noviembre 2012.

Finalmente, por favor sea consciente que si usted o un maestro nombran a su niño, la comprobación especial se necesitará para completar el proceso de identificación.

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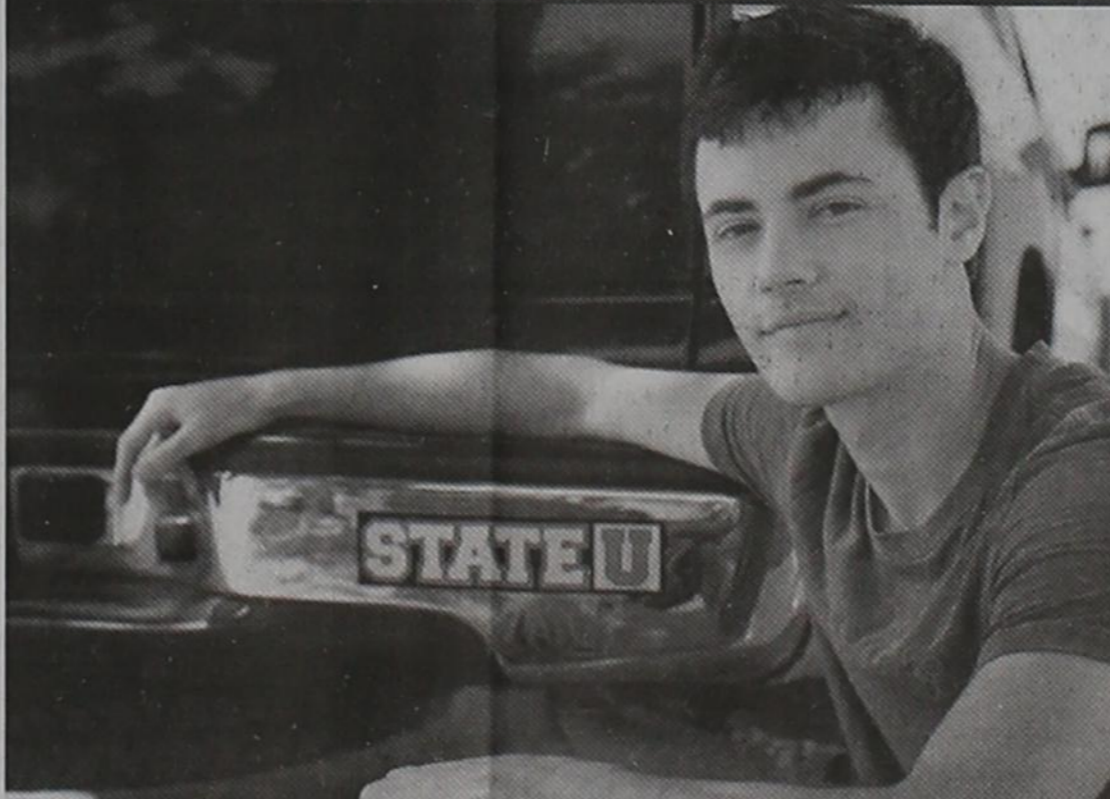
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LENDER

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be Held on Monday morning, October 8th at the Community Center (former School Building). Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. to enjoy the good food served by the hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

"Happy Birthday" to our neice, Vicki Robinett and her grand-daughter, Lexie from Aunt Vonnie and Uncle Pug Guthery of Desdemona. Vicki and Lexie share the same birthday on Monday, October 8th.

Get Well Wishes to a Classmate, June Jacobs. She is slowly recovering from recent surgery to repair a broken hip. June and this reporter was in school together and graduated with the Class of 1951.

This reporter would like to say "Hello" to a Classmate, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley and husband, Pete in Sealy, Texas. They are semi retired.

June and Alla Rae are first cousins as their mothers, Eula and Mary Alice were sisters - also their brother was "Bud" Wisdom.

Our area received a wonderful rain in past few days. Jakehamon Community got five inches of rain.

Robert and Ima Brown attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Janet Martin in Grand Prairie on Wednesday.

Have A Great Day - Coon.

Peanut Festival Pictures



Gorman City Minutes

AUGUST 16, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Dylan Cogburn, Joe Casey, Kenneth Good, and David Stanley. Also present were Barbara Fenley, Billy Carson, Richard Watson and numerous others (see attachment).

Kenneth led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:35 p.m.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were read. David made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Dylan. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve payment of the bills including the contribution to GISD. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe explicitly stated that each department credit cards be kept in the vault at all times. These cards should only be in the hands of employees when it is necessary to travel for educational purposes, or travel involving city business or other city related needs by the employee. This card is not an employee issued benefit. This has already been addressed in the past, but Joe and Kenneth wanted this noted and expressed again.

Richard Watson requested to address the City Commission in regards to the legal sale of alcohol being placed on the ballot of the upcoming election. Mr. Watson expressed opposition for this. Numerous were in attendance to support Mr. Watson. These individuals are named on the attached sheet. Mr. Watson had submitted a letter earlier via certified mail, addressing the issue of the petition of signatures. In his letter he stated that the signatures were not valid due to the fact that six individuals used a P O Box for an address rather than the fiscal address or street address. This is in the Texas Election Code Section 501.031(b). Mr. Watson had also sent a copy of this letter to the City's attorney Pat Chesser. The Commission responded to Mr. Watson's request in the next agenda item. (Item #8)

Sandra Cagle and Tacy had been over the petition of signatures at the court house numerous times. Sandra and Tacy were instructed by a different individual at the Sec. of State's office if the P O box could be matched to the street address by the information on the voters registration it could be accepted. The City Attorney Pat Chesser composed a letter corresponding and advising that the City of Gorman NOT order the election calling for the legal sale of alcoholic beverage for off the premise consumption. Due to the information and advise of attorney, David made the motion to Not order the election for the sale of alcohol on the November election ballot. Kenneth made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (Item #9)

Resuming agenda order Kenny Welch asked if anyone had submitted bids on the upgrading and remodeling of the Community Center. He added that an upgrade would sure improve the facility as it was showing signs of much use and aging. We responded that no bids have been submitted to do this project.

No discussion on item #7.

The Commissioners and Mayor were given copies of Ordinances # 230 and #225. David requested that these be taken home and more carefully reviewed for any amendment changes. No action was taken.

Tacy read the results of the 2012 Effective Tax Rate and the Rollback Rate as were published in the Gorman Progress. After discussion and debate David made the motion to set the 2012 Ad Valorem Tax Rate @ 1.0500/\$100. Dylan made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2012 rate will not increase nor will it decrease. The 1st reading of Ordinance #2012-02 the 2012 Tax Ordinance was read with the rate of 1.0500/\$100.

David wanted to ensure that the Commission was aware that one of the citations written in regards to the keeping of animals would be going to trial. A trial date has not yet been set, but the Commission will be notified as soon as the date is decided upon. A defined course of action will be presented to the Commission at that time.

Kenneth requested that each commissioner, and the mayor consider a 4 Way Stop sign at the intersection of Kent and Roberts, and put this on the next agenda.

There being no further agenda items for consideration, David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Kenneth Good, Joe Casey and Dylan Cogburn. Also present were Barbara Fenley and Billy Carson.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Tacy read the minutes of the previous meeting please be noted that paragraph 6 was discussed at the August 02, 2012 meeting but not noted in the meeting and a correction was needed in paragraph 8 on grammar. David made the motion to approve the minutes with these notations and corrections with a second from Dylan. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. David made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The Mayor and Commission discussed the water line project for Highway 8 and on to Desdemona and the water tower maintenance / repairs will be on hold til further news from grant application and process. Also briefly discussed were repairs needed at the swimming pool before next year.

David made the motion to amend the 2012-13 budget for the City of Gorman to reflect a 3% raise to the full time employees. Dylan made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

In lieu of voting for one of the candidates listed on the T M L Ballot of Trustee Election, David made the SECTION 8: Every person convicted of a misdemeanor for a violation of any of the provisions of the ordinance shall be punished for by a fine of not less than ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) nor more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00). Kenneth made a second. Motion carried 4-0. Amendments for Ordinance #225 are tabled. Need more details and attorney advise.

No action was taken on the TXU Energy Rate / Contract.

After the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2012-02, City of Gorman Tax Ordinance for Ad Valorem Taxes, Joe made the motion to pass, approve and adopt this said ordinance with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

Kenneth made a motion to put a 4-way Stop sign in at corner of Kent / Roberts. Motion died for lack of a second.

There being no further agenda items for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Dylan. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:40 p.m.

FSA Prepares to Issue CRP and DCP Payments

October 02, 2012 - Eastland County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director John Bird announced that FSA will issue Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) payments during the first few weeks of October.

"FSA will issue the payments timely as long as all producer eligibility requirements are met," said Bird.

CRP and DCP payments could be affected if producers have not submitted the required Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) forms. Affected producers will need to submit the proper AGI forms before payments can be issued. In addition, producers who signed up for CRP emergency haying and grazing and did not pay in advance will notice that their annual rental payment was reduced by the acreage that was hayed or grazed.

Producers who were affected by county office consolidations will not experience payment delays. All county office payments, regardless of consolidations, will be generated at the same time as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

For more information on CRP and DCP payments, contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636.

GORMAN PANTHERS / LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL 2012-2013

Nov 10	Blanket	VG	HOME	10:00 AM
Nov 20	Ranger	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Ranger	4:00 PM
Nov 27	Perrin-Whitt	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Nov 30	Priddy	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Priddy	4:00 PM
Dec 4	Blanket	jvb/VG/VB	at Blanket	5:00 PM
Dec 6,7,8	Zephyr Tournament		VG/VB	
Dec 11	De Leon	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Dec 13,14,15	Gorman Hot Hoops Tournament		VG/VB	
Girls Field: Blanket, May, Newcastle, Olney, Perrin, Priddy, Throckmorton, Gorman				
Boys Field: Blanket, May, Newcastle, Perrin, Priddy, Ranger, Throckmorton, Gorman				
Dec 18	Santo	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Santo	4:00 PM
Dec 21	Ranger	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	2:00 PM
Dec 27,28,29	May Holiday Tournament		VG/VB	
Jan 4	*Huckabay	jvg/VG	HOME	5:00 PM
Jan 4	Albany	VB	HOME	7:30 PM
Jan 8	*Gordon	jvg/VG	at Gordon	5:00 PM
Jan 8	Newcastle	VB	at Newcastle	7:30 PM
Jan 11	*Lipan	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Jan 15	*Lingleville	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Lingleville	4:00 PM
Jan 18	*Strawn	VG/VB	HOME	6:30 PM
Jan 22	*Huckabay	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Huckabay	4:00 PM
Jan 25	*Gordon	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Jan 29	*Lipan	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Lipan	4:00 PM
Feb 1	*Lingleville	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Feb 5	*Strawn	VG/VB	at Strawn	6:30 PM
Feb 8	*Huckabay	jvb/VB	HOME	5:00 PM
Feb 12	*Gordon	jvb/VB	at Gordon	5:00 PM