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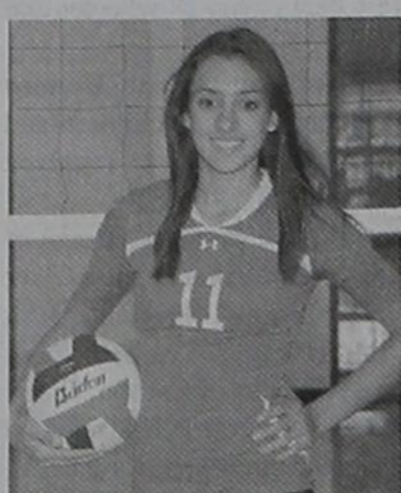
Melissa Ramirez was named the district 9 Defensive Player of the Year. Melissa recorded 87 kills, 32 blocks, and 38 digs on the season.

Kinsey Johnston and **Rachael Tucker** were both 1st team All District Selections. Kinsey recorded 56 kills, 27 blocks and 27 digs for the 2012 season. Rachel had 18 kills, 53 blocks, and 12 digs on the year.

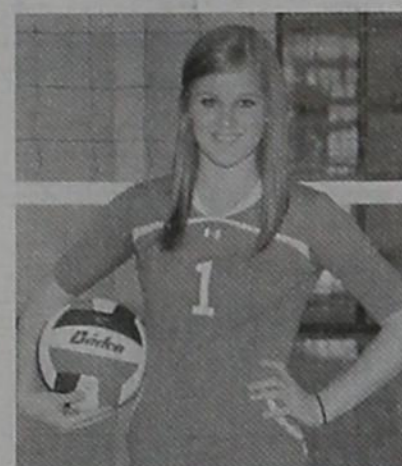
Vanessa Longoria was named to the Honorable Mention All-District Team. Vanessa had 17 kills, 4 blocks, and 11 digs on the season.

The Lady Panthers advanced to the state play-offs for the 3rd consecutive season. The Lady Panthers lost a hard fought battle to the Lady Elks of Evant in the Bi-District opening round of the Texas State Play-offs. The Lady Panthers won the 1st game (25-20), won the 2nd game (25-23), lost the 3rd game (15-25), lost the 4th game (19-25) and a heart breaker in the 5th game (14-16).

The coaches and faculty of GISD are extremely proud of these young ladies and wish them the very best of luck in basketball this season. They did an outstanding job representing Gorman High School this volleyball season.



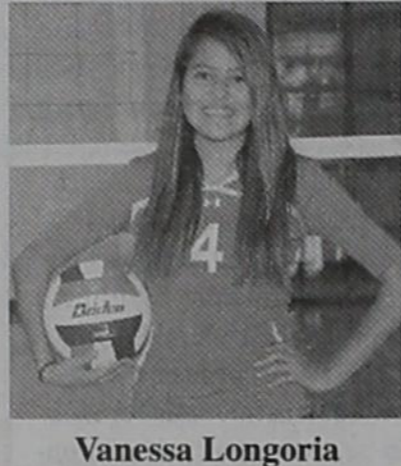
Melissa Ramirez
District 9
Defensive Player of the Year



Kinsey Johnston
First Team All District



Rachael Tucker
First Team All District



Vanessa Longoria
Honorable Mention
All District Team

EDC Talks

We are all aware that we need to save, the spotted owl, the timberwolf, the whales, etc. But, did you know that in Gorman we need to save "The Panda"? It is so easy to pick up the phone and order flowers for a funeral or birthday. It should be just as easy to remember to go pay for them, otherwise it is really Shanda who is sending the flowers, after all she does pay for them. We have seen our grocery store close, let's pay our past due bills at the Panda and keep that store alive. We need her and she does a good job of making us all look good with her wonderful arrangements.

Five From Gorman FFA Competed At The District Level



Five from the Gorman FFA Chapter competed at the District level Wednesday November 7, 2012. Tanner Phillips competed in Junior Creed Speaking, Lauran Spivey competed in Senior Creed Speaking, while Cocoa Keeping, Madison Warren, and Beth Woodall did Radio Competition. Each placed in their own category, but not high enough to advance. We are proud of these kids for putting forth the effort and representing Gorman.

Also please remember that the Gorman Livestock Raisers Assoc. is selling fruit and more of the smoked meats through November 17. Please contact a GLRA member to place your order if one has not called on you. The Gorman Local Stockshow will be December 15 beginning @ 9 a.m. Please come watch and support our kids as they present their show projects, many for the first time. The GLRA will be serving breakfast for the show. Hope to see you there.

Lady Panthers Defeated Blanket

On Saturday the Lady Panthers defeated Blanket 42-27. Kinsey Johnston led the way with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Melissa Ramirez added 13 points and 7 rebounds. The Lady Panthers were 8 of 12 from the free throw line. The Lady Panthers lead 14-8 at half and outscored the Lady Tigers 28-19 in the 2nd half. Vanessa Longoria had 4 points and 4 rebounds, Megan Gray had 7 points and 2 rebounds, Rachel Tucker had 2 points and 6 rebounds, Rasha Rainey and Jacqueline Rainey each had 2 rebounds, while Lauren Spivey and Alaina Swanner had one rebound each. The Lady Panthers travel to Perrin-Whitt on Tuesday November the 13th, and the Panthers and Lady Panthers will travel to Ranger on Tuesday the 20th.

Panthers End Season With Win Over Baird

GAME AT A GLANCE

GORMAN	BAIRD
21 First Downs	8
30/374 Carries/Yds	39/140
152 Yds Passing	0
6 of 7/1 Pass Cplt./Int	0 of 7/1
0/0 Fumbles/Lost	1/1
0/0 Punts/Avg	3/26
1/5 Penalties	2/10

The Panthers hosted the Baird Bears on Friday night to end their season and jumped out to a 28-0 lead in the first period, then added 7 more in the second for a 35-6 lead at the intermission. The Big Red then added 20 more in the second half for an overwhelming 55-6 victory. This win gave the Big Red a 4-6 season record and 3-4 District mark.

Gorman took the opening kickoff on their own 31 and went the distance in just one big blast by B. J. Ramirez as the ramblled the 69 yards with 11:40 left. The kick after failed and Gorman led 6-0.

After getting a fumble by the Bears on the 50 the Big Red roared in for a score with a beautiful 22 yard pass to Yovani Palacios with 9:17 left. A pass try to Flavio Herrera added the 2 pointer and Gorman led 14-0.

The drive featured runs of 3 by Ramirez, 7 by Palacios and 2 by Carlton and a 14 yard pass to Daniel Perez.

The Panthers kicked an onside kick on the kickoff and recovered it on the Bear 48 and scored in just 4 plays with Carlton going in from 17 yards out with 7:10 left. Carlton booted the point after and Gorman led 21-0. The drive featured some beautiful runs of 15, 3, and 14 by Rylan Laminack.

Gorman hit the scoreboard again with 4:18 left when Palacios caught a pass and raced 65 yards for the score. Carlton added the point after kick and the Big Red were up 28-0.

The Panthers got another score with 11:03 left in the second period when they got the ball on their own 25 and scored in 6 plays with Laminack getting the final 3 on a run. Carlton kicked the point after and Gorman was up 35-0. The drive featured 2 passes to Herrera for 20 and 26, a pass to Palacios for 5 and runs of 16 and a run by Laminack for 5.

The Bears then came back and went 68 yards in 12 plays with Jake Green getting the score on a 3 yard run with 3:58 left in the half. The kick failed and the score was 35-6. This score held to the end of the half.

The Panther Marching Band under the direction of Lisa Laminack again thrilled the fans and the Panther Cheerleaders did a great routine.

After holding the Bears on their next possession with an interception by Herrera on the Gorman 46 the Panthers scored in 6 plays with Ramirez getting the final 8 on a run with 4:31 left in the third. Carlton kicked the

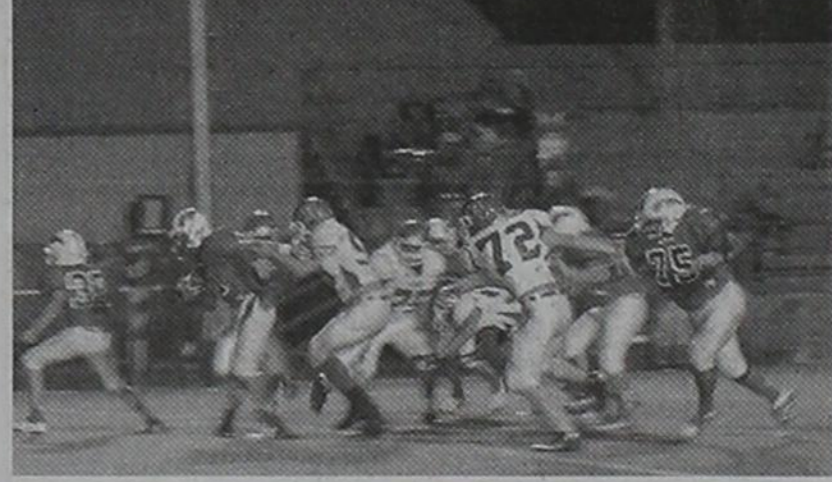
Point after and the score was 42-6. The drive featured runs of 14 and 3 by Carlton and a 21 yarder by Ramirez and a 3 and 5 by Laminack.

After getting the ball on their own 41 the Big Red scored in just 3 plays with Ramirez racing in from 38 yards out with 10:23 left in the game. Carlton again added the point after and the score was 49-6. The drive featured runs of 6 and 15 by Laminack.

The Panthers got another score with 6:08 left when they took the ball on their own 41 and scored in 4 plays with Laminack running in from 9 yards out for the score. The kick failed and the final score was 55-6. Laminack also ran 2 beautiful runs of 14 and 36.

Laminack led the Panthers with 158 yards on 15 tries. Ramirez got 141 on just 5 carries. Palacios had 39 on 4 tries and Carlton got 36 on 6.

Gorman ended the season after great performances despite having some injuries to key players and are to be Congratulated highly for their season.



NOTICE:
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WILL BE NOVEMBER 15TH THIS MONTH DUE TO
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
AT 2:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church invites you
to the
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Sunday, November 18th - 6:00 pm
Special Guest Speaker
Tommy Larner

Eastland County Burn Ban Starts November 13

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF EASTLAND)

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county to begin November 13, 2012, at 8:00 a.m., for 90 days from the adoption of this Order, the same being February 10, 2013, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code. The County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2012, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

THIS BURN BAN WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

(s) Rex Fields - County Judge, Rex Fields

Obituaries

John Thomas "Corkey" Brown

John Thomas "Corkey" Brown was born April 25, 1938 in Gorman to John Edward Brown and Virgie Valera (Moseley) Brown. He went to be with his Lord on November 11, 2012 at Kindred Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a member of the Gorman Church of Christ.

Memorial service will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Gorman Church of Christ with David Dunlap John Howard officiating.

He graduated from Gorman High School in 1958. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1956 and received an honorable discharge in August 1962 as a Staff Sergeant. He married Jerry Lynn Jones on August 4, 1961 in Baird, Texas.

Corkey was employed by Lone Star Gas in Abilene. He and his family moved to Austin where he worked for B & B Wholesale. In 1968 he and his family moved to Gorman to help with the family business, Brown's Feed Store. After several years in the feed business he became an owner and operator in the trucking business for over 23 years.

He loved being behind the wheel of his 18 wheeler and seeing the country and meeting people.

He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He also loved his family more than life itself, but his grandchildren and great grandchildren were his world and that's what he revolved around.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jerry Brown of Gorman; two daughters, Vicki Brown of Gorman and Julie Clark and husband, Daren of Gorman; five grandsons, Specialist Josh Johnson and wife, Kayla of Fort Sam Houston, Tx, Seth Johnson of Gorman, Tyler Johnson and wife, Taysha of Carbon, Corey Clark of Brownfield, PFC Cameron Clark of Fort Riley, KS; one granddaughter, Caitlyn Clark of Gorman; three great grandchildren, Blakely Johnson, Carson Johnson and Jaylee Johnson. He is also survived by two sisters, Wanda Glasson of Amarillo and Melba Aaron of Eastland and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Truman, James and T.A. Brown.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday evening at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Public Notice For Antenna Structure Registration

Comanche Electric Cooperative Association proposes to register a telecommunications tower constructed at the Gorman site in Eastland County. The Gorman tower, FCC ASR file number A0789940, located on FM 2689 Gorman, TX 76454 at Lat. 32-13-42.8 N and Long. 098-40-14.9 W, is a 230 Ft self-supported lattice tower with FAA Type E lighting.

Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the FCC ASR File number provided above. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file requests online, instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest; however, paper filings can be mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

"On The Wilder Side"

Ahh, Democracy. It's wonderful isn't it? Isn't it great to live in a country where "We the people" have our say and get our way. 236 years ago our founding fathers founded a system of government based on the principle that the people know best, that they will make the right choices, and that they hold their future in their own hands.

Democracy is indeed great... but not without its downfalls. November 6, 2012 will be a date written down in history because on this historic day, "We the people" chose to legalize recreational marijuana in Colorado and Washington, which is something that has never been done in this nation before. And I'm sure these states won't be the last. What's the big deal, you wonder? Isn't marijuana just as bad as alcohol? Well I guess it is, but then again, just consider how much America has declined since alcohol was legalized. And let's not forget the other outcomes of November 6th. Now we have several more states that made it legal for homosexuals to marry. Now same-sex unions are recognized in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, NY, Maryland, Iowa, Washington, and DC. Oh, and don't forget about the popular vote in Florida where citizens decided that killing innocent babies should continue to be publically funded by everyone's tax dollars. Don't get me wrong. I am all for democracy and giving the people the freedom to choose, but it certainly has its drawbacks.

Have you ever realized that God Almighty never allowed His people to be led by popular vote? At first, God led through patriarchs, then judges, then kings, but He never once allowed His people to decide what was right for themselves. That's not to say that it didn't happen from time to time, because it did. Do you remember in Num 13 when Moses sent Joshua, Caleb, and 10 other spies into the land of Canaan? They came back with 10 negative reports and only 2 positive reports. The crowd followed the popular vote and as a result, they were condemned to wander in the wilderness until everyone over 20 years old died in the desert. Oh, and let's not forget about the popular and overwhelming crowd that shouted "CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM" in Lk 23:21.

The fact is, God never intended for nations to be ruled by popular vote, and we can look at the decisions on Nov 6 to see why. Sometimes "We the people" make wise choices, but that just hasn't been happening lately.

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

BACKYARD SALE: THIRD HOUSE UNDER WATER TOWER IN GORMAN - 309 EAST ROBERTS - FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 17 AND 18 - 9 A.M. TIL ???

Area Residents Qualify For Wrangler National Finals Rodeo

LAS VEGAS --- For the past 27 years, Las Vegas has gone country for 10 days in December as the city hosts the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR) where world championships are decided.

This year's rodeo is Dec. 6 - 15th and will feature 10 nights of the best contestants from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and Women's Professional Rodeo Association. Up for grabs is over \$6 million in prize money and world championships in bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, women's barrel racing and bull riding.

Steer wrestler Matt Reeves from Cross Plains and saddle bronc rider Isaac Diaz from Desdemona are hoping to add to their bank accounts and championships. Reeves enters this year's competition in fifth place with \$75,871. This is his fourth qualification. Diaz is ranked 12th with \$65,860 and is making his third appearance. They are two of 38 contestants representing Texas.

To compete at the WNFR contestants had to be among the top 15 in the world standings. They traveled across the United States paying their own entry fees and expenses hoping to earn enough money to be among the elite athletes that advance to rodeo's championship event. The WNFR has seen continued growth in prize money and fan support since it moved to Las Vegas.

Each contestant will compete in 10 individual rounds which will pay the winner \$18,257. On Dec. 15th their total scores and times will be added together for average placings. First place in that category will win \$46,820 and a saddle as the WNFR champion.

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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.
60A, 2-1 ranch house, new windows & Doors/floors/paint, metal roof. Pond, fenced, Coastal/wooded, small barn, well, wildlife. \$189,000.
77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
104A, paved road, 14x26 cabin, insulated, plumbed & wired, a/C, kitchen & bath.
42A Coastal, 42A cultivated, brushy area with pond. \$2,495/acre.
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.
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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A Letter To The Editor
About Drawing Red Lines
By Henry A. Buchanan

Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, had a bad day on Tuesday, November Sixth, when Barack Obama was re-elected President of the United States. Netanyahu wants to draw a red line about Iran and he was counting on American blood to color the line.

But we elected Barack Obama and maybe the red line won't be American blood. It's all about the Holocaust and who is going to have the Big Gun, the nuclear bomb, which Israel fears will be used by Iran against Israel.

Some Americans want to be in that red line. They want Netanyahu to know Americans are willing to die for Israel. But why? It's because of the guilt of the Holocaust. Six million Jews died under Hitler's final solution. Those who survived feel guilt because they didn't die. Religious Americans feel that guilt too and the only way they can get rid of the guilt is to die fighting for Israel's safety. An attack on Iran would satisfy that need to get rid of the guilt by shedding some blood for Israel.

Israel learned a lesson in the Holocaust: Never be without the gun. The 1967 war proved Israel had learned the lesson. But now Israel wants to be the only one in the Middle East who has the gun. That's why Israel fears what Iran is doing with nuclear energy.

But if Israel gets the war started, Israel wants the United States at her back. And Romney seemed more willing than Obama to fill that role. Now we have made our own decision. Israel must make her own decision about drawing red lines around Iran.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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An extra-special expression of gratitude to our outstanding area cooks (guys/gals) - The food was absolutely delicious.

We also want to express out thanks to all of the area businesses and individuals for your contributions. Your support continues to assure the success of our auction year after year.

In Eastland - Bryan's Auto Parts, Great Times Furniture, Stanley Ford, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Eastland Drug/Gold Lantern, Hardwick Nursery and Produce, Coats Furniture, Don and Barbara Massingill, Brookshire's, Jammerman's BBQ Shack, Wal-Mart, John Miears, Texas Cattle Exchange, I-20 Pawnshop, Cafe Rico, McDonald's, Sonic Drive In, Chicken Express, Betty Cross, Autozone, Greer's Western Wear and Fullen Motor Company.

In Gorman - Antiques From Our Father's House, Johnny Eaves, Gilmore Auto Parts, Gorman Milling, Peanut Hut/Pizza Pro, Michaelyn Mayhall, Catherine Eaves, Charles and Carolyn Little, Karen Guthrie (Country Cuts) and Bob's Grocery.

In Carbon - Carbon Community Church, Jo Haley, Gerry Zummer, Mittie Bledsoe, Janis Keith, Carbon Wildlife Management Association, John Rodgers, Joe Herring, Diamond D (Fred and Cindy Turner), Windell Treadway, Clyde Hamilton, Lynn and Emma Talley.

In Dublin - Dublin Livestock Auction (J. T. Pratt)

In Arlington - Fred and Libby Hughes, Bill and Reda Cook and the Arlington Crew, Texas Rangers Baseball Association.

In De Leon - Clark Tractor and Supply and Farley Farm Supply, Inc.

In Grafard - Lynn Prince

In Cisco - Rust Meat Processing and Ronnie Ingram (Auctioneer)

We hope this listing is complete. If not, please forgive the oversight and thank you again!

AMENDED NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a **Special Meeting** at 4:00 p.m. On Thursday, November 15th in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas to consider the following agenda items:

1. Canvass the results of the November 6, 2012 General Election
2. Request permission to pay election related invoices and salaries of election day personnel
3. Discuss and consider purchase of used tractor for Precinct 2

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioner's Court

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to all who attended the dance last Saturday night. That will be out last dance until the New Year.

Time for the annual DAC Christmas Store is coming fast. The store will be held November 29, 30, Dec. 1 and the following weekend, Dec. 6, 7 & 8. The store will open at 8:00 A.M. each day. There will be new and gently used Christmas items, small items suitable for gifts and lots of baked goodies made by the great cooks of Desdemona. Many of the baked items will be suitable for freezing for the holidays. We always have a great time at the Christmas Store - it's fun to visit with friends and meet new folks.

It is almost time to elect new officers for the board of directors of the DAC. Please consider volunteering to have your name put on the ballot.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

Further Welfare Reform Needed

By Tom Pauken

It's amazing how much bad policy gets enacted in the name of the children. For example, illegal immigrants and drug felons currently can collect welfare checks in Texas, even though they are theoretically prevented from doing so.

How does this happen? They collect welfare in the name of their children. In my time as a Texas Workforce Commissioner, issues have cropped up directly or indirectly in the course of my duties that shout out for reform. For example, fixing the loopholes that allow illegal immigrants and drug felons to collect welfare benefits in Texas should be a part of a reform legislative agenda in 2013.

By law, illegal immigrants cannot collect Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF). But a child born to illegal immigrants is a U.S. citizen. Current law allows the parents to apply for welfare in the name of their children and be in control of the money doled out by the government.

Here's what's really nuts about this policy. Normally, any adult TANF recipient must participate in the state's work program. The key word in TANF is Temporary. That program is designed as a short-term bridge to work.

However, an illegal immigrant is ineligible for employment in the United States. So illegal immigrants can get welfare for their kids and not participate in our work programs. In fact, the time limits the state applies to other recipients don't even apply to those collecting solely for their children.

Similarly, people who commit drug felonies may receive cash on behalf of their children, though they may not receive it for themselves. And, they are free to spend it in any way they see fit. We don't need to be subsidizing drug addicts' habits.

It's time to prohibit illegal immigrants from collecting welfare on behalf of children, or at least put a time limit on it. Further, let's prohibit drug felons from collecting welfare on behalf of their children. There are better ways to benefit needy children.

Another nonsensical policy is one that prohibits drug testing for people on unemployment insurance. In many jobs, it's standard operating procedure to require drug testing before hiring and at random intervals thereafter. Someone abusing illegal drugs is a liability in the workplace. Yet, a person can collect Unemployment Insurance even though their drug habit makes it unlikely that they could re-enter their profession.

There is a common-sense solution to this problem. If a worker were laid off from an industry or firm where drug-testing was commonplace, they should have to take a drug test to continue to receive unemployment benefits.

Public benefits should be a temporary help to people actively trying to find work. I'm glad to see that Senator Jane Nelson has filed Senate Bill 11, which makes many needed changes - including time limits - to the Texas TANF program. I would encourage lawmakers to consider some of the taxpayer-friendly proposals above in addition to the excellent ideas in that bill.

Another form of welfare is the state's contracting preferences for Historically Underutilized Businesses or HUBs. (This is a euphemism for minority- or woman-owned businesses.) Why should someone born in Sri Lanka or Pakistan get state contracting preferences over a native Texan who happened to be born as a white male of European descent? The state should get the best deal, not give out corporate welfare on the basis of ethnicity or gender.

Texas has made substantial progress curbing abuses in welfare and creating a culture that rewards work. Let's apply these common-sense reforms to those who are welfare beneficiaries so that our state continues to encourage work and provides a level playing field for all Texans seeking to do business with the state.

Tom Pauken is the Commissioner Representing Employers at the Texas Workforce Commission and author of Bringing America Home.

Chamber Cookbook Holiday Offer

The Chamber of Commerce is offering the new cookbook on a Holiday special of One for \$15 or Two for \$25. These will make great Christmas gifts. They are available at Panda's Flowers, City of Gorman, Prosperity Bank, Housing Authority, and at the Gorman ISD Administration Office.

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!

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

2012 Eastland County Pecan Show

The Eastland County Pecan Growers Committee invites county pecan producers as well as homeowners with pecan trees to enter the 2012 Eastland County Pecan Show which will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

Rules for County Pecan Show Exhibition:

- * Pecan entries should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2012
- * The pecan entry must have a minimum of 45 nuts and be labeled with variety name, exhibitor name, address and phone number. (For best results, bring your best 45 pecans)
- * DO NOT POLISH your pecans, although you may weigh them or float them to get the heaviest pecans you can.
- * You may enter as many varieties as you wish.
- * Growers are limited to one entry of each variety.
- * Pecan entries will be processed between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on December 5th and judged at 1:00 p.m. on that day.

After judging of the Eastland County Pecan Show entries, all winners will be sent to the Central Texas Pecan Show for judging at the TAMU Center in Kerrville, Texas. The Regional Pecan Show will be held on Wednesday, December 11-12th.

If you have any questions on either of these events, please contact the Eastland Extension Office and speak to Makenzie Wyatt at 254/629-1093 or 254/629-2222.

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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, 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

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Happy Birthday" to our brother, Bernard Keith in Desdemona from Avie Taylor of De Leon and Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona.

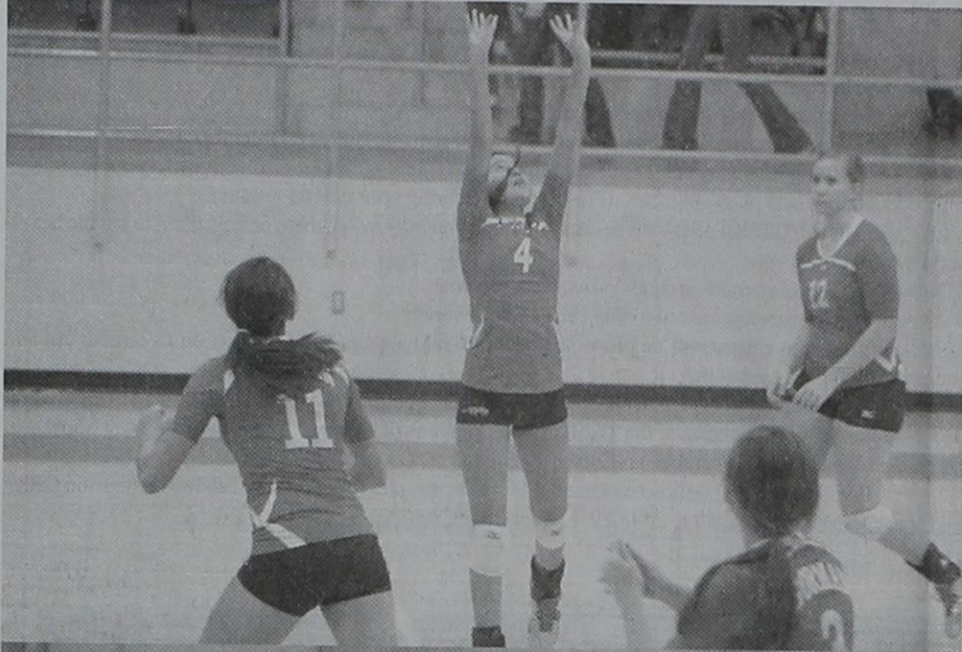
Karen Fair, Belinda Guthery, Ima Brown, Angela Powledge, Kaley and Lane all of Desdemona was in Abilene last Saturday to attend *Christmas In November* at the downtown Civic Center. They reported a great time.

This reporter enjoyed a short visit over the weekend with a former classmate, P. D. Ash and wife, Margaret. P.D. And I went all thru school together and graduated with the Class of 1951 from Desdemona. P. D. Is having some health problems and he uses a walker at this time.

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

Thanks and have a good day, "Coon"

Volleyball Pictures



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Volleyball Photos By Becky Swanner

