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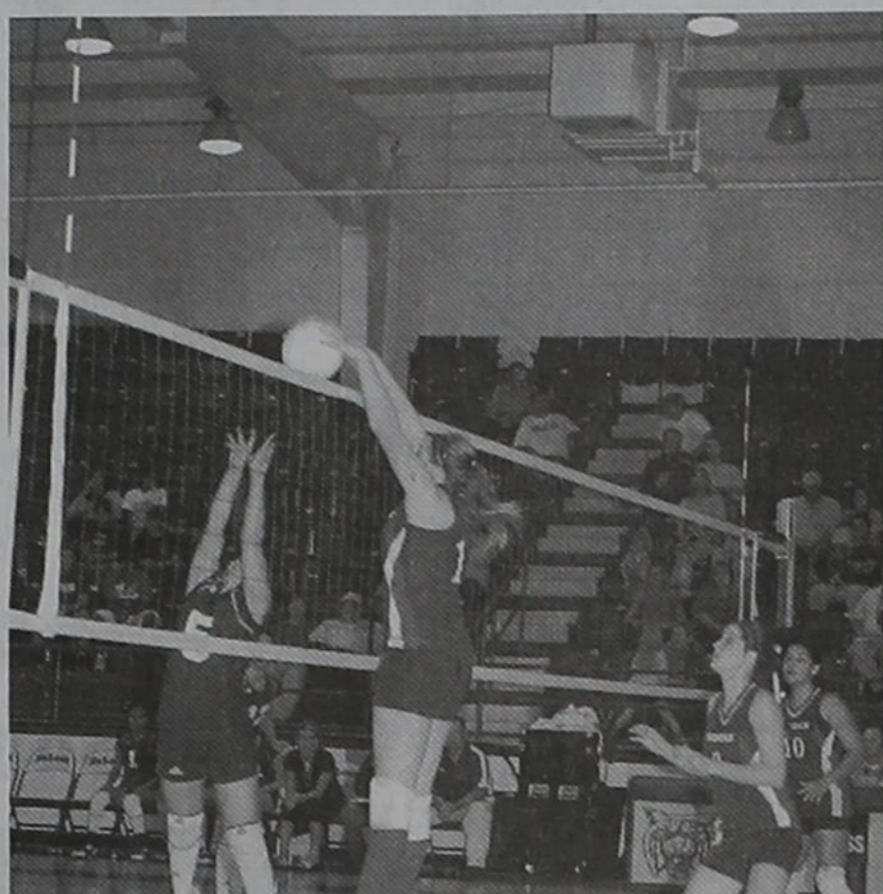
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OCTOBER 16, 2008

Lady Panthers Defeat De Leon In 5 Games

The Lady Panthers defeated De Leon Lady Bearcats on Tuesday with a 5 set battle. The Lady Panthers rallied back to take the win. Thanks to the support of the fans and the group of kids that cheered them on to victory.

The Lady Panthers defeated Moran on Saturday with games 25-12, 25-8, and 25-16. This week the Lady Panthers are open. They will play at Tolar on October 21 at 5 p.m. Gorman will then host Lingleville on October 25 at 5 p.m.



Jaime Johnston (shown above) gets up high to send the spike over the blockers hands to add another point for the Lady Panthers.

(left) It's a team thing! On any given play there is only one spike, but the entire team sets up for the hit and gets into the act with every play. Shown here is Jaime Johnston hitting the ball while Grace Treider, Audrey Johnston, Kimi Seaton, Abby Pacheco, and Brittany Henderson prepare for the next round of action.



Lamb and Goat Validation will be Tuesday October 21, 2008 at the Eastland County Barn from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you need further information please call Mr. Boles @ 254 734-2505.

Gorman Homecoming Senior 1988 – 20-Year Reunion

Friday, October 31, 2008
Gorman Homecoming Football Game
7:30 p.m. @ GHS Stadium
Saturday, November 1, 2008
Family BBQ: 11:30 a.m. @ Melissa Osborne's on Scurry Street
Saturday, November 1, 2008
Class Dinner: 6:30 p.m. @ ZJ's Downtown Gorman
Please RSVP to
Christian @ 469-855-4345 or c_h_ruiz@yahoo.com
Note: Gorman will be Trick-or-treating on Saturday Night

Public Notice

Eastland County Indigent Health Care Program (CIHCP) is open to people in the following towns not included in a hospital district: Cisco, Ranger, Rising Star, Gorman, Carbon and Desdemona. Residents of these towns who fall within the minimum income, resources, residency and household composition criteria established by the Texas Department of State Health Services are eligible to apply. Applicants must provide all requested information and documentation or applicant will be denied eligibility for the CIHCP. For information or applications contact the County Judges Office, 100 W. Main Suite 203, or call (254) 629-6076. The CIHCP monthly income standards are: Number in Household - 1 - \$182, 2 - \$245, 3 - \$308, 4 - \$371, and 5 - \$434.

Join the Texas Star Gardeners For a Trip to Clark Gardens

Clark Gardens Botanical Park near Mineral Wells is the destination of the Texas Star Gardeners for their Thursday, October 16 meeting. The facility consists of thirty five acres. It has large pathways for visitors and indicates carts are available for a fee. Cost to tour the site is seven dollars for adults; five dollars for seniors. For more information on the park, go to their website: clarkgardens.com. The group will leave from in front of the Gorman Dairy Queen at 9:00AM. If you are interested in this trip with the Gardeners, or if you would like to join the group, call 734-4268.

Panthers Edged By Pirates; Host Ranger On Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		
Gorman		Perrin-Whitt
9	First Downs	11
41/171	Carries/yds.	26/117
6	Passing Yds.	125
1 of 3/1	Complete/Int.	5 of 11/0
2/45	Punts/Avg.	1/40
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
5/45	Penalties	7/45

The Panthers traveled to Perrin-Whitt on Friday night for a District Game and just couldn't seem to muster enough offense for a victory due to untimely penalties. The Panthers opened the game on offense and did show some ability to move the ball and scored on the possession. But from that point the offense just couldn't get cranked up the rest of the way, while the Pirates were able to move enough in offense to score a TD in the second quarter and then added 7 with just 1:15 left in the game for the win.

Gorman took the opening kickoff on their own 30 yard line and moved the distance in 16 plays and scored with just 2:25 left in the first quarter with Matt Underwood getting the final 2 yards for the score. The kick for point failed and Gorman led 6-0. The drive featured runs of 2, 20, 3, 7, 2, 5 and 5 by Underwood and 4, 4 and 2 by Drew McCreless, and 2 runs of 5 yards each by Tyson Swanner.

The Panthers held the Pirates on their next possession but couldn't must a drive. They punted to the Pirates, who got the ball on their own 27 and in one big pass



FOLLOWING BLOCKERS – Matt Underwood is shown trying to follow blockers in game action Friday.

and run play Anderson Bradley caught a pass behind the Panther defender and raced the distance on a 73 yard play with 5:12 left in the half. The kick for point failed and the score was knotted at 6-6 at halftime.

The Panther Band and the Peaster Band performed very good routines and the Panther Dance Team and the Pirate Cheerleaders each performed.

The Panthers held the Pirates on their first possession after the half and got a fumble on the Gorman 13. They drove to the Pirate 17 before having to turn the ball over on downs. The game was played on even terms until the later part of the final period when the Pirates got the ball on their own 47 and scored in just 5 plays with Gray getting the final 16 on a run with just 1:17 left in the game. The point after was good and the score was 13-6 in favor of the Pirates.

The Panthers got the ball on their own 20, but on the first play the Panthers tried a long pass which was intercepted and the Pirates ran out the clock for the win.

Underwood led the Panthers with 116 yards on 22 carries. Swanner had 40 on 10 keepers and McCreless got 15 on 9 tries. The Panther ground game was hurt by the absence of Justin Little who was injured and couldn't play.

The Panthers will try to bound back this Friday night when they host the Ranger Bulldogs at Brogdon Field. They will need a strong performance for a victory and all the Panther backers are urged to turn out to show their support.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!

De Leon Theater To Present "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"

De Leon Theater Presents "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" - a Family Dinner Theater on October 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. At De Leon City Auditorium. For more information contact Carla Landreth at 254-893-4824. Sponsored by Women's Division - Chamber of Commerce.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK!

Due to the generosity of our patrons and community we are constantly adding to our collection of books. This week we received a huge selection of westerns - paperbacks by William Johnstone, Ralph Compton, Matt Braun and other well known western writers. Also donated was a fabulous 26 book Reader's Digest set called "The Old West" that you western fans and history buffs won't want to miss!

...and just in time for World Series fever, three new books on baseball: Reversing the Curve by Dan Shaughnessey, Feeding the Monster by Seth Mnookin, and The Complete Armchair Book of Baseball.

COME BY AND "CHECK IT OUT"

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

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

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

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

GISD MENU

LUNCH

MONDAY - Enchiladas, Taco Salad, Chili Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Sherbet and Milk.

TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken, Steak Fingers, Baked Potatoes, English Peas, Gravy, Roll, Strawberries and Bananas and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Ravioli, cheese sticks, Corn, Green Beans, Garlic Stick, Fruit and Milk.

THURSDAY - Ham and Cheese Stromboli, Turkey Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Fresh Carrots, Chips, Fruit and Milk.

FRIDAY - Cheeseburger, Chicken Burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and Milk.

and Precinct 9 - Lake Leon Baptist Church. Early voting will take place at Eastland County Courthouse beginning Oct. 20 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and ends on Oct. 31st.

Polling Places Named For Nov. 4th

To the registered voters of the County of Eastland, polling places listed below will be open 7 a.m. To 7 p.m. On November 4th for voting in the General Election to elect President, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

Prec. 1 - County Courthouse; Prec. 2 - Olden Community Center; Prec. 3 - Ranger Community Center; Precinct 4 - Desdemona Community Center; Precinct 5 - Gorman Senior Citizens Center; Precinct 6 - Carbon Community Center; Precinct 7 - Higginbotham Center - Rising Star; Precinct 8 - American State Bank Community Room, Cisco;

Senior Travel Club

Senior Travel Club will be having a BAKE SALE at ZJ's Steakhouse on Saturday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Fall Festival at Gorman City Park on October 25th from 3 to 6 p.m. Jospefinas - Junior Class; NaNa's Goodies - Sophomore Class. Come - Join us - Booth Space Available. Haunted Lake and Hay Ride, Saturday, November 1st - begins at City Park - Hosted by Senior Travel Club.

If any organization or class would like a Booth (\$20). Contact Julie Clark at 734-2257 or Keri Guthery at 631-2708.

LAKESIDE LADIES TO HOST TWO GUYS & ONE DOLL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Eastland--The Eastland Lakeside Golf Course Ladies Association will be hosting their annual 18 hole Two Guys and One Doll Golf Scramble on Saturday, October 25th, 2008. Tee off time is 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$120.00/team (\$40/person) which includes a meal following play. Cart and Mulligans are extra.

Friday evening activities begin around 6:00 p.m. with Happy Hour and appetizers followed by a Glow Ball Chipping and Putting contest! Come join us for lots of fun!

Call the clubhouse at 254-629-2892 to sign up or for more information. Lakeside Golf Course is located at 209 CR 157 in Eastland, 76448.

"Tree of Mercy Benefit" Held Recently In Abilene



Attending the "Tree of Mercy Benefit" at Abilene Christian University on Saturday were Second Row L-R: Bill Simpson, Gail Clayton, Joy Rogers, Bonita Moorman, Durward Webb, Mary Webb, Gene Foster, Francis Simpson, Marceil Laminack, Don Laminack and Carolyn Gilbert. Front Row, L-R: Floydene Gilbert, Carolyn Foster, Geri Stogsdill and Larry Stogsdill. Also supporting the event were Bill and Monda Oldham. Gail Clayton was part of the Zambia Medical Mission this summer. This group is made up of health professionals and trained volunteers who meet the spiritual and physical needs of the Zambian people.

The Church of Christ in Gorman is involved in supporting the Southern Cross Radio which is a project of the Namwianga Mission in Kalomo, Zambia. This Christian radio station is the only routinely available mass media source for thousands of people in the southern part of this African country.

Gorman High School First Six Weeks Honor Roll

SEVENTH GRADE: A - Zachary Carlton, Amy Hendrix, Jessica Ledford, and Melissa Ramirez; A-B - Fabian Garcia, Connie Gonzales, Mykisha Hampton, Haven Johnson, Kinsey Johnston, Randall Miley, Yarixa Montelongo, Dalton Murphy, Antonio Ramirez and Ryce Vaughn.

EIGHTH GRADE: A - Luis Limon and Austin Marlow; A-B - Jasmine DeLaTorre, Andrew Flanary, Sergio Garcia, Skyler Henderson, Viridiana Maldonado, Margarita Ortonia, B. J. Ramirez, Robert Shawver, Rachel Tucker and Haily Whitefield.

NINTH GRADE: A - Chelsea Griffin, Raven Kehl, Erica Madera, McKenzie Osborne and A. J. Vaughn; A-B - Cade Cole, Maria Garcia, Carlie Jackson, Charlesy Little, Josh Ryon, Cortney Shirley, Stetson Thompson and J. C. Whitten.

TENTH GRADE: A - Jaylon Miley and Abigail Pacheo; A-B - Destiny Ackerman, Brice Campbell, Troy Gilder, Jaime Johnston, Cecilia Olivares, Maria Raygoza, Amy Regian, Stephanie Risueno, Luisa Silva and Keifer Wilson.

ELEVENTH GRADE: A - Chance Bryant, Brittany Henderson, Erica Limon and Eric Ryon; A-B - Sean Bates, Kelsi Gibson, Laura Herrera, Tyler Johnson, Adriana Madera, Drew McCreless, Kimberly Seaton and Brenda Velasquez.

TWELFTH GRADE: A - Ashley Burkeen, Marsela Gonzales, Sonia Hipolito, Lindsey Laminack, Angelia Silva, Perla Velasquez, Maci Williams, Matt Cogburn, Nathan Flanary, Audrey Johnston, Valerie Longoria, Emily Lewis, Jordan Perry, Tyson Swanner, Matt Underwood, April Voyles and Veronica Walton; A-B - Stormy Hurd, Olivia Jackson, Martin Ramirez, Barbara Sherman and Carrie Thetford.

Halloween Costume Parade and Trick or Treat Set For Saturday

Well, it is that time once again...Halloween Costume Parade time. I have done a lot of thinking on what to do about this year's parade.

Since Halloween is on a Friday night this year, and it is also a home football game which happens to be the Homecoming Game, I am very concerned about the extra traffic that will be in town that night. So for the first time in the Halloween Costume Parade history, I am changing the parade to Saturday night, Nov. 1. The Annual Halloween Costume Parade will be held on Sat. Nov. 1.

Everyone is to Trick or Treat on that Night. NO TRICK OR TREAT IN GORMAN ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT.

I would appreciate everyone letting me know how you feel about this. You can e-mail me at jandismith@yahoo.com. or call 734-2720 and leave a message.

Thanks, Ina Smith

Association Presents Early Stage Seminar

The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter and the American Society on Aging are partnering to present "Focusing on Vitality & Capability: Supporting Persons with Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease," on Friday, October 24, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Royal Estates, 6565 Central Park Blvd., in Abilene.

This seminar will provide an overview of issues unique to individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. The morning session is designed for persons affected by the disease, family caregivers, and professionals. The afternoon session is for professionals, with continuing education credits approved for Certified Care Managers, Counselors, Occupational Therapists, and Social Workers.

Robyn Yale, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, will be the event speaker. Ms. Yale is a leading expert, educator, and advocate in the field of dementia, whose early stage support group model has been widely replicated both nationally and internationally. The program is free for non-professionals and \$30 for professionals seeking CEU's.

For more information, please contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900, or log onto www.alz.org/northcentraltx.

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United Methodist Church Announces ESL Classes

Que/WHAT: English as Second Language classes Plus Citizenship and Voter Registration upon request
Quando/WHEN: Monday nights - October 20 thru December 22
Tiempo/TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Donde/WHERE: Gorman United Methodist Church - 303 W. Roberts St.

This class is for anyone who would like to improve their speaking, understanding, reading, writing, grammar or spelling in English. Child care will be provided and each evening will include time for refreshments and visiting.

For more information please contact Suzan Lipson at 254 734-4305.



Shown at a benefit dinner at ACU in Abilene for the Namwianga Mission effort in Zambia are L-R: Bill Simpson, Marceil Laminack, Don Laminack, Gene Foster, Carolyn Foster and Durward Webb. Displays and a benefit auction were also held as part of the event.



The 2008-09 Peanut Festival Queens represented Gorman in the "Old Rip Parade" held on October 4th. The girls places second and looked great. They are Peanut Queen Erica Limon, Jr. Miss Rachel Tucker, Pre-teen Miss Kourtney Seaton, Little Miss Morgan Wright, and Petite Miss Jordan Hampton.

City of Gorman Minutes

OCTOBER 2, 2008

The Gorman City Commission met in Regular session on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey and Cliffa Vaughn. Absent was Charlie Torrez. Also present was Trace Gortt.

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

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to amend Ordinance #302 to raise the offense charge minimum to \$100.00 and the maximum charge to \$500.00. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0. This amendment will be published.

Nathan made the motion to purchase a 2008 Chevrolet pick up from Bayer Motor Company for City maintenance. Pay \$4000 down and finance through GMAC. Cliffa made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The Commission decided to sell the Dodge pick up and keep the GMC.

No action was taken on the Fire Department fuel bill assistance.

Tacy read resolution #10-02-2008, Filing of Application with Rural Community Affairs for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Joe made the motion to adopt said resolution with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission wants a log sheet filled out from the ACO. And to reiterate

That is job description is city maintenance has first priority and to respond to calls or complaints made - when calls are made or complaints filed - if there is immediate action necessary.

The Commission will discuss disciplinary actions at the next meeting so when any action or discipline is required steps will be in order.

There being no further business or agenda items for discussion Cliffa made the motion to adjourn, Nathan made a second. Motion carried, time was 6:45 pm.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the Community Center. Several Ladies attended to enjoy the "Country Style Luncheon" hosted by Dorothy Greenhaw and Elnora Lindley. The next Ladies Monthly Social will be a Thanksgiving (covered dish) luncheon to be held on Monday, November 10th at the same location. Visitors are welcome.

Robert and Ima Brown attended a football game last Friday night in Fort Worth where their grand-daughter, Julia Brown was chosen a Candidate for the Homecoming Football Queen. Julia was escorted by her father, Robert Alton Brown.

Bernard and Ann Keith visited recently in San Antonio with their daughter, Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn. They attended the wedding of their grandson, Derek Robinett. Derek is the son of De and Vicki (Keith) Robinett of De Leon.

Visitors with "Humpy" and Betty Duke over the past weekend were Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; and Elise and Katie Duke of Stephenville.

This reporter visited last Sunday afternoon with Jackie Whitlock in De Leon. Jackie is a former resident of Desdemona.

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday, November 8th at the Community Center ("Ole" School Building). Turkey, dressing with all the trimmings will be served at a reasonable cost. Mark your Calendar and make plans to attend this Annual event. More details later on.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were a small group of 20 for our Wednesday the 8th Dinner at 11:30. Where were all you people? Those that were here enjoyed the fellowship and good eats. Wilburn Overstreet who is here most all the time and is 91. He is one of our regulars and gave the blessing of the food. He says such good words, always correct.

I'm so sorry that in my greeting, I just left out Ann Warren and Wynogene Smith. I believe so many people just kept on talking my attention was diverted. These two ladies had been out for awhile due to illness. It was great to have them back, also Jill Torres and Lil Brudnak.

I forgot to mention last week that Daisy Slaton and I attended Robert Ervin's 60th Birthday party. It was great, decorated in multi colors, also the cake. The Center never looked prettier. Daisy and I had fun looking through the old annuals. Her daughters went to school the same time as Robert. Bennie Gail was in Robert's Class.

Our meal this week was quite heavy. The Veggies and Salads were missing. We really had lost of meat and potatoes. Ann Warren saved the day with a carrot salad. Evelyn Poindexter did bring Chicken and Dumplings. A rare treat. We also enjoyed sausage, meatloaf, chicken noodle casserole, potatoes with cheese and beans. Also our desserts were skimpy with only 1 pie, cookies, then Daisy Slaton rescued us with a big cake. Also had cornbread and rolls.

I've been volunteering at our library and really enjoy. Too bad more people don't take advantage of all these nice books. We are there 2 hours every day and twice on Tuesday. Lots of times, no one comes in. Sometimes we are closed due to illness or can't get a sub. I thought today the 13th, as it was raining, no one would be out. But hooray I had 3 people! So glad for this rain as the Earth was getting dry. Also the cooler temp is wonderful.

I visited the St. Joe Baptist Church this past Sunday the 12th to hear Bro. Frank Shirley. He was subbing for Jackie Auvenshine, their regular pastor. I enjoyed his words even though he went a little overtime. He made good sense. His two sons, David and Gary presented the music. Gary can play the piano as well as Tommy Clark. I didn't realize David could sing so nice. The whole family are quite musical.

We had 10 our for games on the 9th. Played Skip-Bo and 88's. Always have a good time whether a small or large group. We enjoyed eats around 7 p.m. With sandwiches, ice cream, brownies, cookies and candies. We were happy to see Lil Brudnak back to play. Missed her. Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - www.gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

I am sure you have already heard that our Panthers lost Friday night at Perrin-Whitt. I was wrong. I thought we were going to take them, especially the way we controlled the ball the first quarter. We used over ten minutes on the first possession of the game driving down the field to score, but that was the end of it. We just couldn't bust loose and make it happen. It was 6-6 at the half and stayed that way until the last minute and seventeen seconds of the game when Perrin scored and then intercepted a pass giving them the opportunity to run out the clock to win. Unfortunately we were out of time outs and could do nothing about it. On a brighter note, the junior high boys won their game 38-14 Thursday night to continue their winning streak. Way to go Cubs! Keep it up.

Our volleyball team had another great week! They beat DeLeon in DeLeon and it was a tough night, but our girls came out on top as they should, but the DeLeon girls put up quite a fight. It was obvious that they were well prepared for us and I appreciate their effort. We faced Moran here at home on Saturday and took three straight. We are open all this week and our next big challenge will be facing Tolar on their court on October 21st at 5:00pm. If we finish the season undefeated we have a lock on second place behind Albany. I appreciate the football boys for coming over to DeLeon to support the girls last week. It really does make a difference. The more people we have at any sporting event yelling positive encouragement to our teams the more successful our teams will be.

I must say I am very disappointed in whoever was responsible for the rude sign in the DeLeon gym lobby last week that was practically blocking the entrance to the side of the gym with the comfortable stadium style seats that directed GORMAN FANS TO THE OTHER SIDE WITH A BIG ARROW making it clear we were not welcome to sit on that side, but to go to the side with the collapsible bench style seating on which a portable stadium seat will not properly fit because of their poor design. It was rude! It was irritating! It was extremely unprofessional the way it was handled! We have had fans sit on either side ever since I have been here, both at DeLeon and at Gorman. To the best of my knowledge, DeLeon has never had a problem with any of our fans since I have been here. Their administration has never reported any problems what so ever to me. I understand when Tolar was at DeLeon last month there was a problem with one of DeLeon's fans being rude to the Tolar fans sitting in the stadium seats (I heard it was because he, the DeLeon fan, did not want the Tolar fans to be able to cheer for their team while sitting over there), but that is the only incident about which I have heard. I was told the DeLeon fan even threaten the Tolar fan and was allowed to remain in the gym, but this is all second hand. I know several of our fans were upset and thought it was very inhospitable. DeLeon was not even gracious enough to have a concession stand open for the three hours we were there. I am sure even the DeLeon fans would have enjoyed some refreshment. Just a bottle of water would have been nice. I heard a lot of negative comments about what we should do the next time DeLeon visits us and I even had some of those thoughts myself and voiced them, but I was wrong. We don't do business that way at Gorman ISD and we don't plan to start. DeLeon and all the schools that visit Gorman will be welcome to sit anywhere in our gym that they are comfortable and we will do our best to have a concession stand open for their convenience and if anyone does not feel welcome, I hope they let me know about it. Also, if I hear anyone threaten anyone, they will be escorted from the gym and not allowed back in that evening and if it happens again they won't be back for the rest of the year. When you come to Gorman ISD, you can expect to be safe!

I am so glad that in our new gymnasium next year we will have stadium style seating on both sides of the gym with ample seating for both teams (and air-conditioning). We will also allow folks to drink the drinks they buy at our concession in the gym so they can enjoy the game. We want to treat all of our guests well regardless of if they are home town folks or visitors. By the way, Saturday when we hosted Moran in volleyball and knew we would have only varsity games, we still had a concession stand open for the refreshment of our spectators. Thank you Ag boosters for the hospitality you show our fans and our visitors for always being there!

The end of the first six weeks was two weeks ago and report cards should have gone out last week. If you have not seen you child's grades, call the school and ask about them. Students that failed any class are ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities for three weeks beginning last Friday at 5:00pm. If they are passing at the end of the third week of the second six weeks, they become eligible at 5:00pm on Friday of the fourth week of the second six weeks. Unfortunately, we have a few students that forgot about their studies, but they have tutoring available to them to help them regain their eligibility. Make sure your child is taking advantage of tutorials now if they've failed and even if they fail not failed but need some additional help. That's what we are here for.

Don't forget to stay in touch with your legislators. They work for you and should be listening to your concerns and voting accordingly. If they don't, only you can replace them with someone that does listen. Every vote counts, especially yours!

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Kokomo Community Center Back and Ready For Use



Shown above is the new Kokomo Community Center that was completed the day before the annual Kokomo Homecoming and Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2008. It is available for rent at \$75.00 per day for Reunions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. For more information call Norina at 254-639-2284 or Sylvia at 254-734-4027.

Flu Shots For Veterans

Veterans can receive their flu shots this year without even getting out of their vehicle. A special drive-thru flu shot clinic is scheduled at the Abilene VA Outpatient Clinic on Thursday, October 16, 2008. Veterans are encouraged to turn south on Spindletop Street and circle behind the VA Clinic (Arcadia Building) where the flu shot station will be located. Veterans will then be requested to wait the required 10 - 15 minutes following the inoculation. Veterans residing in the Abilene area may report to the Abilene VA Outpatient Clinic, 4225 Woods Place, Abilene during the hours of 9 a.m. To 2 p.m.

Veterans currently enrolled in VA Health Care through the Abilene VA Outpatient Clinic will be required to show their VA identification cards in order to receive their shots. Flu shots will be administered to all veterans interested in receiving their immunization with appropriate documentation.

The Department of Veterans Affairs emphasizes prevention of communicable diseases. It is important for veterans to receive their flu vaccination at the beginning of flu season annually. If your schedule prohibits you from presenting during the special flu clinic, please ask your primary care nurse for your vaccination during your next visit.

Farm Service Agency News

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) Deadline Approaching -- December 1, 2008 is the final date for producers to purchase NAP coverage on native and improved grasses, alfalfa, and small grains such as wheat or oats through their local Farm Service Agency Office. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a loss of production for an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance.

NAP INSURANCE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER -- The new Farm Bill includes permanent disaster programs covering losses due to adverse weather. These programs require the crops you planted, grew, produced, failed or were prevented from planting to have been covered by federal crop insurance or FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). In order to be eligible for the crop disaster portion of the bill, all of your crops on all of your acreage in all counties and states must be covered, not only those acres that suffered losses.

If you only wish to maintain eligibility for Livestock Feed Programs, you must insure your grazing acres through either NAP or the federal crop insurance rainfall policies. Please keep this in mind and watch the NAP and FCIC closing dates to be sure that you don't miss out on eligibility.

SUBSEQUENT CROPS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NAP -- According to the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) regulations, subsequent crops are not eligible for coverage. This includes crops that follow small grain grazing crops. For instance, if you plant sorghum forage (haygrazer) following wheat for grazing, the sorghum forage will not be eligible for NAP payments. Please keep this in mind when deciding whether or not to purchase NAP coverage.

FCIC RAINFALL INSURANCE AND NAP COVERAGE -- You can purchase both FCIC Rainfall insurance and Non-Insured Assistance Program coverage on your grass for grazing and hay. The Rainfall insurance only covers losses due to drought, but NAP covers some other weather related losses such as hail. However, if you receive a Rainfall payment on any of your acres, you cannot receive a NAP payment for the same crop and intended use, regardless of the cause of loss. For instance, if you are paid on an interval for grazing under rainfall, you will not be eligible for a NAP grass grazing payment. Likewise, if you receive a rainfall payment on hay for any interval, you will not receive a NAP payment.

2008 NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) FEE INCREASE -- Under the new farm bill, fees for the Non-insured Assistance Program have increased from:

- \$100 to \$250 per crop
- \$300 to \$750 per county
- \$900 to \$1,875 per producer for all counties

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