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Gorman Panthers Freshman Tight Base Team Places Fifth In State Tournament

I want to thank all the players for their hard work and dedication on a long season. Thanks to all the parents and fans for their support. I would like to especially Thank Coach Jeff Byrd for all of his hard work and all he taught the team, Flavio Herrera and Larry Thompson for helping out when we needed them.

Thanks to Marco Herrera for helping Coach at the District Tournament and Ronson Childers for helping Coach at the State Tournament. Also a big Thank You to Mindy Laminack for keeping out books and keeping us straight, even when I didn't agree with her.

For all you people who stayed home you really need to come out next year and watch this young team. They will be a lot of fun to watch in the years to come in all sports.

Thanks again,
Coach Revise Laminack



FRESHMAN TIGHT BASE TEAM: (back row) - Coach Laminack, Rylan Laminack, Omar Valasquez, Flavio Herrera, Hunter Childers, Austin Bethea, Danny Limon and Coach Byrd. (front row) - Seth Allen, Calvin Martin, Ike Torrez, Trent (aka-Forest) Padon, Stratton Thompson, Jacob Ervin and Austin Byrd.

Panthers To Scrimmage Electra Saturday at 10 a.m. 28 Panthers Out For Practice

There have been 28 hopefuls reporting for practice this week for the Panthers. Workouts have been very spirit-filled with lots of determination with high spirits for a successful season again this year.

The Scrimmage will be with Electra at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. Admission will be a donation of Bath Towels. All Panther sports fans are urged and welcome to attend the scrimmage.

We will be printing a schedule and roster of players in next weeks edition of the Progress.

The Panthers are enjoying the fine support of the fans at workouts and urge the fans to keep coming to the practices.

Desdemona Homecoming and School

Reunion Set For Saturday, August 14th
10:00 a.m. August 14, 2010

Program

Master of Ceremonies Harold (Buckshot) Lewis
Invocation Pug Guthery
Flags Lane Powledge / Madilyn Lewis
Pledge by Congregation
Welcome Address Pug Guthery
Recognition of Armed Forces ... Harold (Buckshot) Lewis
Recognition of Visitors Harold (Buckshot) Lewis

- A. Oldest Woman Present
- B. Oldest Man Present
- C. Oldest Class Present

Memorial Service Vonnie Keith Guthery
Benediction Donald Holder

NOON MEAL CATERED by Gorman Livestock Association
Award Bags donated by Lindley Clayton / Robert and Ima Brown
Vonnice Keith Guthery - Secretary

Enjoy Your Visit And Have A Safe Journey Back Home

Gorman Panthers Football Schedule

- * August 14 - Electra - Here - 10 a.m.
- * August 19-21 - San Angelo - There
- August 27 - Eldorado - Here - 7:30 - First Game of Season
- September 10 - Chico - There - 7:30
- ◆ September 17 - Perrin - Here - 7:30 - Homecoming
- September 24 - Menard - There - 7:30
- * October 1 - Santo - There - 7:30
- * October 8 - Ranger - Here - 7:30
- * October 15 - Cross Plains - There - 7:30
- * October 22 - OPEN DATE
- * October 29 - Baird - Here - 7:30
- * November 5 - Meridian - There - 7:30

- * Scrimmages
- ◆ Homecoming
- * District Games

GORMAN SPIRIT SHIRTS

The new Gorman spirit shirts have arrived!! These shirts will sell for \$10.00, and you can currently buy them at Panda's Flowers and Gift Shop. The booster club will also try to put some out in other places around town. The shirts may also be bought from Becky Swanner at the high school, call 254-734-2614 for information on these shirts. Sizes are from youth extra small to adult XXX large, however sizes are limited, so get yours soon and let's all BACK THE GORMAN PANTHERS AND LADY PANTHERS.

Sand Volleyball Court

It is truly wonderful that the town has gotten involved in the finishing of the sand volleyball court. This is a project that was begun in 2006, by the class of 2006. They were responsible for the creation of the idea and spent many hours of community service to get the concept going. They believed at the time that they were to get it prepared and that the city would follow it up with the sand and finishing touches. So while we are thanking all the ones that have put efforts into the volleyball court, let's not forget the class of 2006. They are the ones that dug out the original perimeter of the court, took out all the weeds and grass, and had a nice smooth area ready for completion, as well as having the vision of wanting our town to offer more for the youth. They came up with the original idea of the volleyball court and they deserve this recognition. So thank you also to the class of 2006 for all the work that you put into the making of the sand volleyball court.

Eastland County Burn Ban To Be Set Aug. 16

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 August 16, 2010, for 90 days, 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.

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 9th day of August, 2010, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields
County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest: (s) Sonja Hare - Chief Deputy
Eastland County Clerk

PEANUT FESTIVAL QUEEN'S CONTEST

This year's contest will be on Sunday, September 5th. Any girl entering Pre-k thru 12th grade enrolled in Gorman school is eligible. We have 5 age groups and would love to have you represent Gorman as our next Queen. The High School girls will also be eligible to win a \$250.00 scholarship. For more information, please contact Veronica Seaton @ 254-734-5052. Entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 27th.

Changes In School Lunch and Breakfast Prices

The School Board has adopted a "No Change Policy" in regards to lunch and breakfast effective at the beginning of school. Previously, breakfast was served free to all students. If your household received child nutrition program benefits at the end of school last year, they will receive the same benefits at the beginning of school for both lunch and breakfast for a grace period of time (30 operating days) until your new application has been approved in the office. If you child does not have money for lunch, your child will receive a nutritious alternative meal. The prices for lunch and breakfast are as follows:

LUNCH

Reduced Price Lunch - \$.40 Elementary Lunch - \$1.75
Jr. High and High School Lunch - \$2.00 Salad Bar - \$2.00
School Employees Pay - \$2.75 for Lunch Meals
Visitors pay \$3.50 for Lunch Meals Additional Milk - \$.30
There will be an extra charge for milk for adults

BREAKFAST

Reduced Price Breakfast - \$.30 Elementary Breakfast - \$1.25
Jr. High and High School Breakfast - \$1.25
School Employees - \$2.00 Visitors pay \$2.00
Additional Milk - \$.30
There will be an extra charge for milk for adults



The Gorman Peanut Queens participated in the DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival Parade - Markee Simmons - Petite Miss Queen, Sara Woodall - Little Miss Queen, Kacye Dodd - Pre-Teen Miss Queen, Jacquelynn Rainey - Junior Miss Queen, and Brittany Henderson - Queen.

New Enrollee Registration For Maxfield Elementary

Parents of students who are new to our district and who will be enrolling for the 2010-2011 School year, are invited to come to the elementary office on Thursday, August 18th to register their children. Parents are asked to bring: Student's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, and Copies of their Vaccination Records.

We are looking forward to having your child attend Maxfield Elementary School and are expecting to have a wonderful school year.

"Back To School" VBS Saturday at the Church of Christ

Bring your Preschool through Junior High kids to the Church of Christ this Saturday, Aug 14 from 9 am to 4:00 pm for one last "who-rah" before summer ends and school begins. Registration begins at 8:40. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Call Jason Wilder if you have any questions at 734-2774.

Drawing For Quilt Planned

The Gorman Peanut Festival is selling chances on this amazing quilt that was donated by the Twinkle City Quilters. If you would like to purchase a chance to win, please call the Gorman City Office at (254)734-2317.

Thanks, The Gorman Peanut Festival Committee



Cora Lee Bennett

Cora Lee Bennett, age 87 of Gorman, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at the Ranger Care Center.

Graveside services were at 11:00 A.M. Friday, August 6, 2010 at the Simpson Cemetery with Joe Bernier officiating.

Cora Lee was born January 1, 1923 at the Indian Creek community in Brown County to John Griffith and Virginia Pittman Griffith. She married George Elbert Bennett on March 24, 1940 in Breckenridge, Texas. He preceded her in death on September 15, 2009. She was a homemaker and had worked at the sewing factory and Rooney Williams Insurance Agency. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors include, son, Dwight Bennett and his wife, Kathy of Mansfield; daughter, Sharon Jones of Austin; sister, Katy Hise of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Katrina, Jennifer, Kathi and Chris and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and one brother.

CARD OF THANKS

Our family would like to express our appreciation to the many friends, churches, and others who ministered us during Bill's going home to be with the Lord. The food, flowers, cards, calls, memorials, and your presence at the services were such an encouragement to us. The Higginbotham staff (Ray, Carolyn, and Marjorie Nell) were wonderful.

Our thanks to those who helped with the graveside and memorial services (Clay Wheat, Richard Watson, Danny Brown, John and Charlotte Howard and Ruth Campbell). We are grateful to those who served as pallbearers (Dale Curb, Bo Caraway, Bennie Duske, Larry Campbell, Brad Campbell, and Caleb Gressett).

How blessed we are by the outpouring of kindness we have experienced. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Ellen Gressett
Dane, Molly, and family
Russ, Becky, and family
Scott, Jennifer, and family

Classifieds

SIX FAMILY YARD SALE: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 12th, 13th, and 14th - 7 a.m. till ?? Washer and Dryer, furniture, Clothes (good back to school), infant to big adult, camper tops, just to many bargains to list - All Priced To Go Fast - Take FM679 to Duster (FM587 right 2 miles to CR 182 - You're There - 7 a.m. till ???) ITP

FREE TO A GOOD HOME:
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ALC Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program is in full swing. We would like to say a big thank you to all of you that have contributed toward the SLP. Your contributions and donations are greatly appreciated. May you be richly blessed and rewarded.

Happenings At FBC!!

Testimony! Joy and excitement are unexplainable while witnessing a grown man, who has been saved for many years, follows Jesus Christ in believer's baptism. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:
Aug. 12th - Food Pantry - volunteers are needed.
Aug. 14th - 8:00am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Don't miss the fun, food, & fellowship.
Aug. 15th - Sunday School Student Promotion & Sunday School Teacher Recognition.

Children's Sermon: Liz blew bubbles and all the children giggled and reached out to pop them. Bubbles are all sizes and shine in the light. Bubbles are wonderful, delicate, and fragile; and only last for seconds. The Bible tells us that man's days on earth are numbered, but the Lord's love is everlasting and will never go away. Every time you see a bubble, remember that the love of Jesus is forever!

Bro. Barry - Mark 10:14 - Jesus said in the Bible to let all the children come to Him, and we know that Children's Ministry is most definitely a special calling. Today we celebrate the Ministry of Liz and Shane Caraway. Liz has served as our Youth Director for four years, and has given our Children's Sermon on Sunday mornings. We've had thirty-three young people baptized in the last four years, Glory to God. We took a walk down memory lane by way of a slide show. The Messengers sang Liz's favorite song, "Love Never Ends". Many people stood to share their memories, appreciation, love, and best wishes for Liz and Shane. There are no words adequate to thank Liz for all she has done for all of our children and youth; and no words adequate to thank God for the many ways we have seen Him use Liz to touch so many lives. Praise God! We trust God as the future of our FBC Youth Program unfolds.

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Eastland County Youth Participate in Texas Wildlife Leadership Camps

San Antonio, TX - Skyler Henderson and Katelin Scott participated in the Texas Brigades summer leadership camps in June and July. They were among one hundred and thirty-five high school students that took part in this award-winning leadership development program.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations.

There are five Brigade camps each summer; two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, and the Bass Brigade.

Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age, and submit a complete application for consideration. Dates for 2011 will be available later this fall.

Participants are available to give presentations to schools and civic groups.

For more information, www.texasbrigades.org, or contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904, ext 120 or via email at h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

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S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some contract, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800.00

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

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

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"On The Wilder Side"

As the stories go... there were many fine pottery makers in the Roman world, and it turned out to be a lucrative business. The pottery would be formed and then placed into an oven to cure. The well-respected potter would inspect his pottery after firing, and if any cracks were found, the vessel would be discarded and he would start over. Naturally, this would increase the overall price and value of fine pottery.

Given the same situation, other less reputable potters would take the blemished vessel and rub wax into the crack, perhaps melting it somewhat, then paint over the imperfection and sell it as if it were pristine. These individuals could sell their pottery for cheaper prices, thus undercutting the sincere pottery makers.

This prompted the honorable pottery makers to hang a sign over the entrance to their stores: sincerus ... meaning this store has pottery without wax. The actual definition of the Latin word means to be pure or clean. In Greek, the word for sincere is eilikrines and actually means "judged by sunlight" or "tested by fire". By some accounts, a person could check the purity of the vessel by adding hot water or holding it near a flame. If wax is present, it would melt.

This idea of being sincere, without wax, is very valid in our Christian lives. As a matter of fact, Paul, in Phil 1:10 commands us to be "sincere and blameless". If tested by the fires of life, would you prove to be pure?

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST
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. Techology 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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11th 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.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

I have been sitting at my computer for a long time this afternoon thinking of the events of this past weekend – how do you make sense of the senseless? What words do you use to tell a family how horribly sad you are for the loss of a youngster? Please say extra prayers for the family of Cody Woods who passed away Saturday.

We have just gotten word that the burn ban for Eastland County will go into affect Monday.

We had a great crowd for breakfast last Saturday. Thank you to all who came.

This Friday, August 13, will be the annual Desdemona Alumni and Community Dinner at the DAC. This event is held each year on the day before the homecoming festivities at the old Desdemona schoolhouse. Please come for an evening of food and fun. We will be serving fish and chicken and all the trimmings. Visiting begins at 4:00 PM with the serving of dinner to begin between 5:00 and 6:00.

Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be at the DAC on Friday, August 20. They are always scheduled for the 2nd Friday of each month but the alumni dinner fell on that night. We will have dances on consecutive Fridays this month since the 27th is the fourth Friday and Gene Wilson will be at the DAC as usual. The concession stand opens at 6:00 on each night with the music beginning at 7:00.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

First Baptist Church

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Sunday, Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, Evening thru Wednesday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Hamilton Band Plans Barbecue Cook-Off

Hamilton Band Boosters will host their annual Lone Star Barbecue Society-sanctioned barbecue cook-off Aug. 20 and 21 in Hamilton at the Jayson Harris Pavilion. This event is the band's largest fundraiser of the year.

Categories for the cook-off will be 1/2 chicken, pork spare ribs, brisket and jack pot beans and Dutch oven desserts. The entry fee for meat categories will be \$50 and a cooked brisket. There is an additional \$10 fee for jackpot beans and Dutch oven desserts. Due to limits on electricity and water, those conveniences are available on a first-come basis or may be reserved with a \$10 pre-payment.

The meat will be used for the fundraising barbecue meal to be held Saturday, Aug. 21. For entry forms or more information, call Mark Blackwell at 254-784-0617 or 254-386-3989 or downloaded a form at www.lonestarbarbecue.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gorman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. August 25, 2010 in the High School Gym Foyer, 114 W Lexington Gorman, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04 /\$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.3499 /\$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	3	% (decrease)
Debt service	39	% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	2	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 178,876,732	\$ 196,620,152
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 1,117,460	\$ 1,229,890
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 52,517,791	\$ 56,230,058
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,117,460	\$ 1,229,890

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 4,957,231.90

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.2530 *	\$ 1.3230	\$ 1,940	\$ 8,068
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.03200	\$.35987 *	\$ 1.39187	\$ 2,507	\$ 7,234
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.3499 *	\$ 1.3899	\$ 2,523	\$ 7,879

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 60,473	CC \$ 59,403
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 15,560	CC \$ 14,471
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.323	\$ 1.3899
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 475.61	CC \$ 262.83
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$ 161.13	EC \$ 144.22
		+ 114.83 EC

*EC - Eastland County **CC Comanche County

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3499. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3499.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ -300,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR RURAL RESIDENTS

- * Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around your house and outbuildings; closely mow lawns and trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.
- * Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.
- * Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.
- * Monitor hay-baling operations closely, dry hay can ignite within the baler.
- * Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.
- * Avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas where tall, dry grass comes into contact with hot pollution control equipment under vehicles.
- * Postpone outdoor burning until your area greens up, check with local fire department to determine if ban on outdoor burning have been lifted.
- * When debris burning is allowed, establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil prior to lighting your fire. Burn trash in a burn barrel or other fire-safe receptacle covered with a wire mesh or grid that will help contain burning debris. Stay with your fire until it is out.

TIPS FOR SAFE DEBRIS BURNING

Careless debris burning is the major cause of wildland fires in most of the state. Everyone needs to cooperate and exercise extreme caution with all potential sources of wildfire ignition, if additional senseless and potentially deadly wildfires are to be avoided.

- * Do not burn trash and brush on dry, windy days.
- * Check to see if weather changes are expected. Outdoor burning should be postponed if shifts in wind direction, higher winds or wind gusts are forecast.
- * Before doing any burning, establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil at least five feet wide around any burn barrels and even wider around brush piles and other piled debris to be burned. The larger the debris pile, the wider the control line needed to ensure that burning materials will not be blown or roll off the pile into vegetation outside the line.
- * Stay with all outdoor fires until they are completely out.
- * Keep water and hand tools ready in case your fire should attempt to spread.
- * Burn household trash only in a burn barrel or other trash container equipped with a screen or metal grid to keep burning material contained.
- * Never attempt to burn aerosol cans; heated cans will explode. Flying metal may cause injuries and the explosion may scatter burning material into nearby vegetation and cause a wildfire.
- * Stay informed about wildfire danger levels and heed warnings and bans on outdoor burning.

WELDING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- * Remove vegetation from the work area.
- * Where vegetation cannot be removed, use a sprayer to wet down the work area prior to starting welding operations. Wet a wider area on the down-wind side from the welding location. If working in the same area for an extended period, re-wet the vegetation surrounding the work site.
- * Keep water handy.
- * Have someone with you to spot any fires that sparks ignite so that they can be caught while small.
- * Avoid parking vehicles in dry, tall grass.



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Feds, Farmers and Friends Feed Families

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a proud participant in this year's USDA Feds, Farmers and Friends Feed Families food drive running now through Tuesday, August 31, 2010. Announced by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, this annual event is designed to help food banks across the nation that are struggling through tough economic times. Each NRCS office across the state of Texas will be collecting non-perishable items, preferably nutritious foods and sources of protein.

"When school lets out for the summer, our nation's youngsters who receive free and reduced price meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs are at a higher risk of going hungry," Vilsack said. "While USDA's Summer Food Service Program helps fill that gap, these tough economic times mean that needy families throughout America are turning to emergency food assistance agencies such as food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens to put food on the table. Unfortunately, the summer is also a tough time for these organizations, as they typically see a rise in demand coupled with a decrease in donations. The good news, however, is that while the needs of our hungry neighbors are especially great in the summer months, our opportunity to make a difference in their lives is also great."

A recent study revealed that 49.1 million Americans, or 14.6 percent of U.S. households, lived in food insecure households. This number includes 32.4 million adults and 16.7 million children.

According to the USDA Household Food Security in the United States 2008 report, Texas is ranked #3 (14.8 percent) among the top ten states that exhibited statistically significant higher household food insecurity rates than the national average (12.2 percent).

Please help make a difference by contributing your non-perishable food items to your local NRCS office prior to August 31, 2010. All donations will be distributed to local charities in Eastland County. The NRCS office in Eastland County is located at 403 Pogue Avenue in Eastland. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in this effort, please contact ShaMarie Tammenga with USDA-NRCS at (254) 629-1636 or via e-mail at tammenga@tx.usda.gov.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the "Ole" School Building. Morning program begins at 10 a.m. The noon meal will be catered by Gorman Livestock Association. This Homecoming began in 1921 at the Community Tabernacle and it has been an Annual Affair ever since, except during World War II when there was a shortage of tires and gasoline. Contact your former classmates and friends and make plans to attend.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had very good attendance on Sunday. Charlie Johnson of Fort Worth was the guest speaker for the morning service. Other visitors were his wife, Jana. Charlie will be the guest speaker for each Sunday in August. Visitors are welcome each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. to share God's message.

Vonnie Guthery and granddaughter visited in De Leon on Sunday afternoon with Avie Taylor to help celebrate her 93rd birthday.

Rex Tilly of Gatesville contacted this reporter on Saturday. Rex started to Desdemona School in the 1st grade, September 1940 with this reporter. Later the Tilly Family moved to De Leon where graduated with the Class of 1951. Rex has many "Fond Memories" of Hogtown. He would like to say "HELLO" to all his friends and former classmates in the Desdemona area. It is always good to hear from former residents of Desdemona especially a former classmate. Rex and wife, Billie are having some health problems at this time. His parents are the late Clyde Sr. and Mabel (Reed) Tilly.

Have a great day, Vonnie



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