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School Registration for New Students - - Open House Aug. 18th

Registration for all students that haven't previously enrolled is scheduled for August 15th from 9:00 till 3:00 in the school building that the student will be attending; Pre-K through 5th—Elementary, 6th through 8th-- Middle School, 9th through 12th—High School
OPEN HOUSE
 Open House is scheduled for Gorman Independent Schools on Thursday, August 18th from 5:30 till 7:00.

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Participate In The Peach and Melon Festival Parade



The Gorman Chamber of Commerce was represented in the 2011 DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival Parade by Little Miss Gorman Markee Simmons and Miss Gorman Mykisha Hampton. The float placed third and the girls enjoyed throwing candy to all of the on-lookers. They are looking forward to the Gorman Peanut Festival Parade on Saturday, September 10th.

PEANUT FESTIVAL QUEEN'S CONTEST

This year's contest will be on Sunday, September 4th. Any girl entering Kindergarten thru 12th grade enrolled in Gorman school is eligible.

We have 3 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.

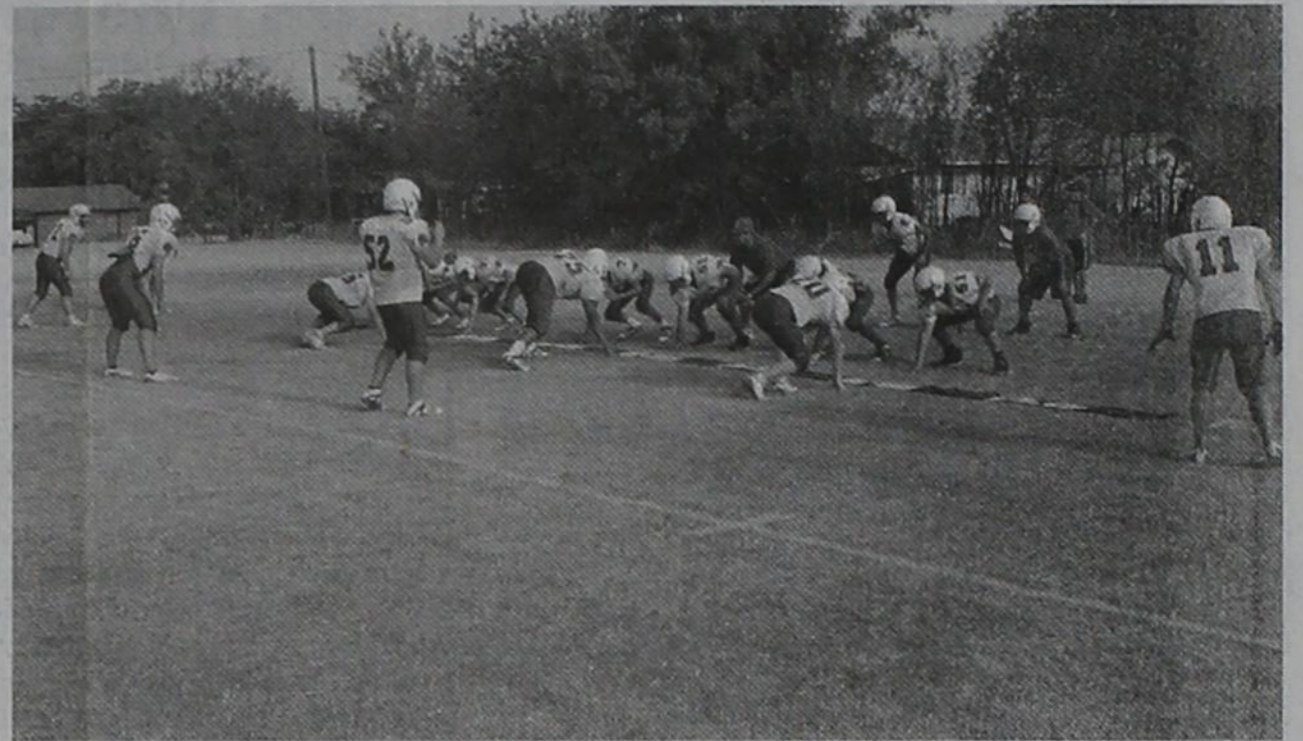
For more information, please contact Becca Woodall @ 254-734-3359 or Chris Hunter @ 325-280-3193.

Entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 26th.

Gorman Panthers To Scrimmage In Electra At 10 A.M.

There have been 19 hopefuls reporting for practice this week for the Panthers. Workouts have been very spirit-filled with lots of determination with high spirits despite the intense heat during the practices.

The Scrimmage will be with Electra at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning in Electra. The Panthers encourage support from the fans at workouts



Desdemona Homecoming and School

Reunion Set For Saturday, August 13th

10:00 a.m.

August 13, 2011

Program

Flags Dylan Cogburn / Jade Guthery
 Pledge To The Flag Congregation
 Welcome Address Pug Guthery

Benediction

NOON MEAL CATERED

Vonnie Keith Guthery – Secretary

Enjoy Your Visit
 And Have A Safe Journey Back Home

2011-2012 School Supplies

For the past two years, Firstfruits Christian Fellowship (FCF) has distributed school supplies to elementary students involved in the CIA (Children In Action) program, a children's program designed for ages six to twelve years old. The purpose for this distribution remains the same. To encourage students to engage in their academic studies and to support their academic success while helping with their educational cost. Many parents and students have expressed their gratitude for this educational and financial support. It is with this same gratitude that FCF gladly serves the needs of the community of Gorman. With school just a few days away, FCF has once again offered to help with school supplies for the 2011-2012 school year.

Each school supply package contains about 10 to 12 items as listed on the Gorman Elementary supply list for first to sixth graders. It does not contain all of the items requested by the school, but it still proves helpful. As it has been said, "A little bit here and there...goes a long way." And in these days, "every little bit counts."

This year, we are asking for your help as we fulfill the demand for school supplies in a timely and cost effective method. If you have a child attending Gorman Elementary (first thru sixth grades) and would like to receive a school supply package with "selected supplies" as per the Gorman Elementary supply list, then please notify us at fcgorman@yahoo.com or call 734-3203 with the following information: Your Name; Your Phone Number and Your Child's Name and Grade. If you have more than one child attending Gorman Elementary, then please leave info accordingly. You will be notified by phone when your package is ready for you to obtain which will be no later than August 22nd. If your child attends CIA on Monday's, they you may respond to the "school supply" note. Be sure your child turns in the information. The deadline for all requests is August 15th. If you have any questions or comments, please call 734-3203 and leave your message for Daniel or Becky Montes. Thank you and God bless the children of Gorman and their families.

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 or
 254 965 2145

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Changes To CRP To Assist Producers Impacted by Severe Drought Conditions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 2011 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is modifying its Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) policies to help those affected by sustained drought conditions. Throughout this year of extreme weather, USDA has supported and delivered assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country.

"We continue to do all we can to help thousands of farmers and ranchers in the southwestern United States who are struggling from drought," said Vilsack. "Many ranchers have been or will be forced to sell livestock due to drought and USDA will do what we can to help our farmers and ranchers during these challenging times."

The policy changes influence FSA rules governing emergency grazing. The period normally allowed for emergency grazing lasts through Sept. 30, 2011. FSA is permitting farmers and ranchers in drought stricken states who have been approved for emergency grazing, including those in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, to extend the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Producers wishing to participate in emergency grazing must first request permission from the FSA county office by indicating the acreage to be grazed.

As a second condition designed to help livestock producers, FSA will allow producers nationwide to utilize harvested hay from expiring CRP acres when those acres are being prepared for fall seeded crops. Prior to this modification, all mechanically harvested hay was required to be destroyed. This change enables livestock producers to feed the hay that is mechanically harvested to their own livestock or to sell or donate hay. Consistent with existing policy for managed or emergency haying and grazing of eligible CRP acres, rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent for those utilizing this option.

"We are eager to do all we can in the face of this drought crisis across the southern plains," said FSA Administrator Bruce Nelson. "This has been one of the worst dry and hot spells since the Dust Bowl era of the '30s."

For further information about the Conservation Reserve Program and Emergency Haying and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their USDA Service Centers or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov. Search under Conservation Programs and Disaster Assistance.

"Pray For Rain"

SCHOOL GUITARS FOR SALE

Gorman ISD is currently selling all School Guitars.

These guitars are Alvarez and Ibanez. All guitars come with Hard Cases. To Purchase any of these please contact Lisa Laminack at 254-734-2550 - Home or 254-631-6620 Cell. Prices Range From \$100.00 to \$150.00



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS -- The Gorman Junior High Cheerleaders are shown in the Peach and Melon Parade held Wednesday night in De Leon. The photo is by Jon Awbrey - Publisher of the De Leon Free Press.

Youth Football/Cheer-leading Signups
 Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5:30 to 7 P.M. at the Community Center. 1st and 2nd grades will be playing Flag Football and the cost is \$35.00 per child. 3rd and 4th Grades and 5th and 6th grades will be playing tackle football and the cost is \$55.00 per child. If you child will be playing tackle please bring them with you to sign ups so that they can be fitted for equipment.
 Thank You
 Gorman Youth Sports Council

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 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, AUGUST 17TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BONITA!

Please join us to celebrate Bonita Moorman's 80th birthday!

COME AND GO RECEPTION:
 Stay 10 minutes or 2 hours!

Saturday, August 20
 302 N. Winkler Street
 2-5 p.m.

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

Food Bank
 New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
 Second 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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

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 NEW - 34.5 A. HWY 8 - Desdemona, 30 acres Coastal, pond, excellent fences, large Post Oaks - nice home site. Water well, Natural gas and Elec. Available. Will divide in 1/2. \$130,000.
 S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 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.
 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 779: Old home, w/large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40' cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.
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NICE BRICK HOME ON CORNER LOT - 2 BR, 1 bath, formal LR/DR, family room, wood floors, fresh paint, SAG CP & nice patio. 02
HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18
CHARM, WARMTH, COMFORT - This 2 BR, 1 bath brick has all of this & more. Large inviting living room, kitchen/dining combo, CH/A, utility w/extras, DACP & cov. porch overlooking the oversized back yard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08
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Obituary

Vernon J. Crain

We have lost our Husband, Daddy and Papa. Vernon J. Crain was born October 31, 1932, and passed away August 6, 2011 at home and in the arms of his loving wife.

He was born in Shreveport, LA to Wilmer D. and Mary Walston Crain.

He enlisted into the military in 1946, and proudly served his country for 22 years. He married Shirley Wood in 1961 in Abilene.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Gorman; sister-in-law (his oldest kid) Maudine Rice and husband, Jeff of Richland, WA; children, Debbie Blood of Bunkie, LA, Beckie McGlothlin and husband Wayne of Galveston; Mary Davis Harris of Gorman and Bill Crain and wife, Lori of Gorman; grandchildren, Heather Bubb and husband, Keelan of Forney, Charla Davis and Junior Madera of Gorman, Catie Davis of Gorman, Marcie Davis and William Duske of Gorman, Claire Gryder and husband, Steve of Carbon, Maxx Crain of Grand Prairie, Jacob Harris of Gorman, Carrie, Mary and Lila Crain of Gorman, Naomi Reynolds of Houma, LA, Timmy Crain of Lake Charles, LA and Tony Fuselier; great grandchildren, Maddy Bubb, Sahara Dawson and Westin Bubb of Forney, Cas Wyatt and Khloe McGlothlin of Carbon, Lily and Dorian "Sprout" Madera of Gorman, Adyn Duske of Gorman and Emily Crain of Eastland. He is also survived by a brother, W.D. "Cooter" Crain of Conroe.

Vernon loved his family and he loved life. He lived and died on his own terms.


"On The Wilder Side"

Last week I watched the Discovery Channel during Shark Week - a full week devoted to documenting how sharks hunt, feed, mate, and everything else you would want to know about sharks. One particular program had an actor getting ready to feed bull sharks by hand, while scuba diving. And they showed a clip from a previous year where a shark expert was standing waist deep in the water. He was talking to the camera about how gentle great white sharks are when one took a nibble out of his left calf. That nibble took off all the muscle in one bite. And still, these "experts" are willing to feed these 14' instruments of death by hand. One person said "Sharks have a bad reputation b/c people don't understand them." I guess that's true. If you are willing to get into the water, have no protection between you and the shark, and lure it to you with bits of tuna... then you really don't understand sharks! Now, I am no shark expert but I know enough to stay away.

Now, there are a lot of people who think they have the world and heaven, and hell all figured out. Maybe they think that they're saved b/c of their good reputation, that they are a good person, or b/c they drop some change into the red baskets at Xmas time. In all sincerity, they think they have God and eternity figured out, but they don't know the first thing about it. They haven't confessed the name of Christ except when they hit their thumb with a hammer, they have no interest in living by faith, and have never opened God's Word... but they think they have it all figured out. It's like the shark expert who didn't pay attention to the first lesson in Sharkology 101... stay away from sharks!

And the ones who think they're saved based on their own self-righteousness are the hardest ones to convince they need a savior. It's not easy to teach someone who is convinced they know it all. It's like trying to tell a shark expert to stay out of the water during feeding time!

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

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HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

We always enjoy our Monday afternoon gospel singers but we had a special treat this week as Tim Thomas, our administrator, joined us and played his harmonica. Thanks Tim. We appreciate Ruby Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Marjorie Treadway and Bill Joe Dennis for coming.

We would like to thank Ennis Joiner for the Israel Melons he brought. Everyone enjoyed those. Thanks again Ennis for remembering us.

Visiting Edgar Reynolds were Jordan and Weldon Scitern of Roswell, NM, Missy Sones of Lexington Ky, Margery Churchville of White Settlement, Jaime Johnston, Kenny Welch, Nelda Mauney and Johnny Smith

Visiting Mary Kirk were Tom, Kristen, Kathleen and Randi Kirk of Boston, Mass. Mary Reeves, Karen Kirk and Sara Bays.

Visiting Ima Brown were Jackson Grice of Abilene, Malory May and Jana Grice.

Roy Cooper of Canyon Lake visited Lula Schneider. Frances Couch of DeLeon visited Wes Couch.

Rozelle Caraway visited with Bo and Pat Caraway and Shannon Caraway and family out at their home at Kokomo.

Visiting Jud Thompson were Jessie Speers of Ranger, Weldon and Jordan Scitern of Roswell, Jaime Johnston and Kristy and Larry Thompson.

Visiting Frankie Stacy were Ardell Benson and Neva Huddleston of Ranger, Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon and Gary Hattox of Morgan Mills.

Bro. Barry visited all the residents.

This is Elvis Week. Johnny Smith let us borrow his old record player and his Elvis albums. Come and listen to some Elvis with us this week.

If you come to visit please sign our book in the front lobby. Continue to pray for rain. Have a good week.

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A Letter To The Editor By Henry A. Buchanan
 About Loss Of Confidence In Government

In Syria government forces are shooting people who gather in the streets to protest against their ruler.

In Libya there is open warfare between the government forces of Ghadafi and the opposition.

In Washington D. C. The government is divided and has pushed things to the brink of collapse. Are we on the same road to what is happening in Syria? How long will the American people tolerate what is being done when the needs and the wishes of the people are ignored while Democrats and Republicans and Tea Partiers struggle for power and control?

Do we the people of the United States have to go in the streets, shout slogans, wave banners, and throw stones to get the attention of the people we have elected to govern?

Our jobs are at risk. Our financial security is at risk. Our very name as a nation is at risk. We may be nearer to revolution than you realize. For we are not basically different from the people on the streets in Syria and Libya. We on Social Security have to eat. We on Medicare must have relief from our pain. We who have children must feed, clothe and educate them.

We who vote must have representation in Washington, D.C. This we will have, or the people who are mismanaging our affairs of state must go. And men who go with a rope around their necks should not expect to carry pension checks with them.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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
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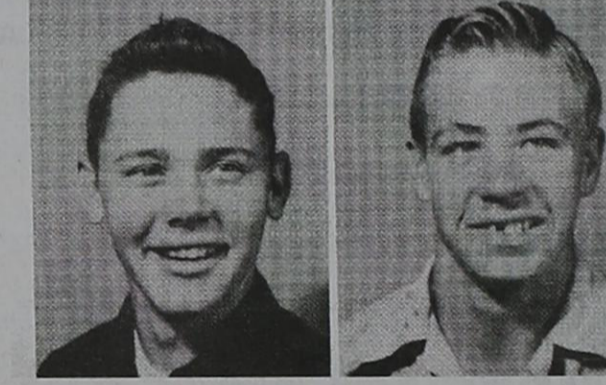
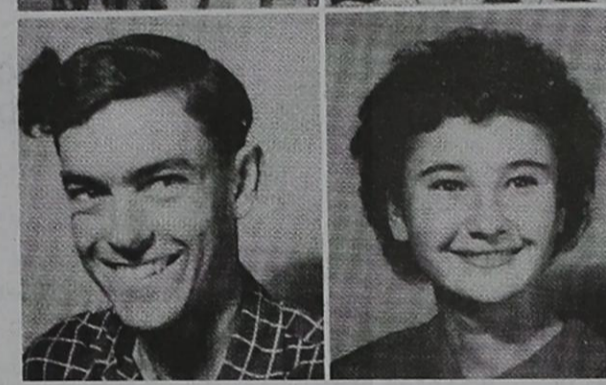
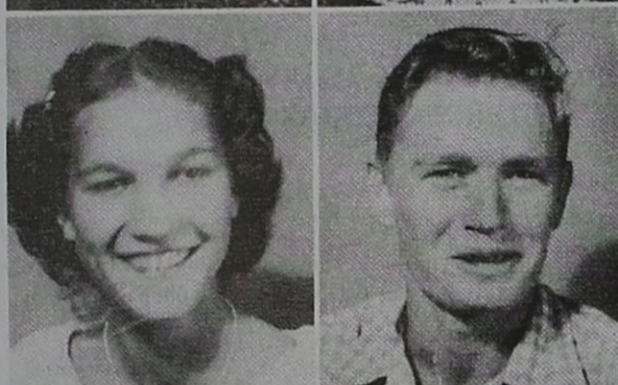
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CLASS OF 1950 TO HOLD REUNION DURING GORMAN EXES HOMECOMING

Louise Dillinder Frasier of Refugio, Texas is the contact for the 1950 Class Reunion to be held September 10 as part of the Gorman Exes Homecoming. The Exes Homecoming will be held in conjunction with the Peanut Festival.

1950 Class members from the Panther Spirit Yearbook are above: Peggy Bell, Lila Fae Brewer, Juanita Buchanan, Parille Butler, Mary Ruth Dennis, Louise Dillinder, Adele Fairbetter, Robert Forest, Arlene Fuller, Jack Harris, Bobby Gale Hallmark, Janette Isbell, Lucille Joiner, Jerry Mehaffey, Roy George Palmer, Georgia Lee Porter, Bobby Jack Ragland, Roy Rawls, Billy Gene Rodgers, Eddie Robbinett, Fred Rogers, George Samuels, Billy Check Smith, Merle Snider, Melvin Skaggs, La Velle Watson, Mrs. M.F. Allen, sponsor and Juanita Yarbrough.

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- Thursday 12/01 Medical Care Mission 1857 Pine 5PM- 7PM

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NOTICE OF MEETING - Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a **Special Meeting** at 8:30 a.m. On Monday, August 22, 2011 in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Public Hearing on the proposed County Clerk Records Preservation/Archive Plan (Local Government Code 118.025) County Clerk.
2. Public Hearing on the proposed District Clerk Records Preservation/Archive Plan (Texas Government Code SEC. 51.305) District Clerk.

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

Desdemona News

By **Vonnie Guthery**

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 13th at the "Ole" School Gym. Morning program at 10 a.m. and noon meal will be catered. This annual event began in 1921 and was called "Old Settler's Reunion". It has continued since that date except during World War II when tires and gasoline was rationed. All Ex-Students and Friends are invited to attend. This annual event will continue for as long as possible. Make plans to attend to visit and enjoy a good meal.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. There was four visitors to attend last Sunday, Geraldine Boyd and friend of Brownwood. Also Hallie Million and Wesley Wilkerson both of De Leon. Special music was presented by Hallie and Wesley. Hallie is the great granddaughter Mildred Million, who plays the organ for our church. Bro. Charlie Johnson, his wife, Jana and all the members invites visitors to attend Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. And morning service at 11 a.m. Each Sunday.

Jimmy and Ellen Graham of Lubbock sent a note to this reporter saying they are unable to attend Homecoming as their granddaughter is getting married on Saturday, August 13th. Jimmy and his sisters, Bonnie Faye and Peggy attended school in Desdemona. They attend each year.

Alfred Cate recently moved from Verhalen, Texas to close to the Metroplex. He sent a note to this reporter saying he has plans to attend Homecoming. His grandfather is the late Milton Rouse who worked in Desdemona during the "Old Boom Days".

This reporter received a short note from Bettye Jean (Stephens) Reeves of the Metroplex. The Stephens Family lived northeast of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Oldest girl, Willa Dean graduated with Class 1945 and Bettye Jean graduated with Class 1946 both Desdemona. Their brother, "Sonny" attended school here but transferred when the family moved away.

Tommy Beaty of Lake Kiowa is having some serious health problems. Tommy and this reporter graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1951. This Class will have their 60th Reunion at the Homecoming on the 13th.

Bonnie Wayne (Daniels) Kennedy contacted this reporter from her Retirement Home near Midland. She graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1932 and she has "Fond Memories" of her school days. While living in Desdemona all her family were faithful members of the First Baptist Church where she played the piano for revivals, etc. Other Class members to graduate with her were Clydell Lewis, Glen Maltby, Raymond Lindley, Travis Hilliard, Lillian Robbins, Naomi Creager, Pauline Lemaster, Dorothy Wilhite, Novis Lindley, Guindola Jones and others. All are deceased except Pauline, Lillian and Bonnie Wayne.

This reporter has received several phone calls and short notes recently from a lot more Ex-Students and Friends from Desdemona. Most of them just want to say "Hello", give a report on their families and some to give me their change of address. It is always good to stay "in-touch" with so many former residents. This makes it more enjoyable for me to be secretary of our Annual Homecoming and School Reunion. Thanks for your letters and phone calls.

Happy 94th Birthday to our sister, Avie Taylor in De Leon from Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Bernard and Ann Keith all of Desdemona.

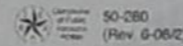


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CASH CORRAL VEHICLES

- 2003 Ford F-150 Ext. Cab 4x4, Stk. #8565.....\$5,950
- 2002 GMC 2500 Crew Cab 4x4 Diesel, Stk. #8529B.....\$9,550
- 2003 Chevy Suburban, Stk. #8520A.....\$5,950
- 1998 Ford Ranger Ext. Cab, Stk. #8495A.....\$4,950
- 2006 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab, Stk. #8460B.....\$7,950
- 1990 Ford F350 Dually Diesel, Stk. #8459A.....\$1,500
- 2001 Chevy Tahoe LS, Stk. #8297D.....\$3,450
- 2006 Ford F250 4x4 Crew Cab Diesel, Stk. #8158C.....\$9,950
- 1994 Ford Taurus GL, Stk. #8489B.....\$1,995
- 2002 Pontiac Grand Am, 4 dr., Stk. #8438.....\$4,995
- 2008 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab, Stk. #8197B.....\$5,995

*All Prices plus TT&L



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gorman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 pm August 29, 2011 in Board Room, Gorman Middle School 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	17.77 % (decrease)
Debt service	0 % increase	or	0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	17.77 % (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	\$ 146,112,106	\$ 145,533,580
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,280,350	\$ 482,040
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 56,857,691	\$ 56,566,438
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,229,890	\$ 483,360

* "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* \$ 4,773,676

* 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	\$ 3499 *	\$ 1,3899	\$ 2,261	\$ 7,874
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04710	\$ 31021 *	\$ 1,35731	\$ 2,438	\$ 7,561
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 3499 *	\$ 1,3899	\$ 2,427	\$ 7,377

* 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	\$ 59,403 CC 34,471 EC	\$ 46,980 CC 34,370 EC
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 44,595 CC 19,471 EC	\$ 46,980 CC 19,370 EC
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1,3899	\$ 1,3899
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 619.83 CC 270.26 EC	\$ 651.72 CC 269.22 EC
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ + 31.89 CC - 1.04 EC

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

*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 1.3899. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3899.

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
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

2011 Property Tax Rates in Eastland County

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for Eastland County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes
Last year's debt taxes
Last year's total taxes
Last year's tax base
Last year's total tax rate

General Fund

\$ 5,613,699
\$ -0-
\$ 5,613,699
\$ 951,474,439
\$.59 / \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 5,607,532
(Divide) This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) \$ 954,626,286
(Equals)= This year's effective tax rate for each fund \$.58740 / \$100
Total effective tax rate \$.58740 / \$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) \$ 5,607,532
(Divide) This year's adjusted tax base \$ 954,626,286
(Equals)= This year's effective rate \$.58740 / \$100
(Times)x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate \$.63439 / \$100
(Plus)+ This year's debt rate \$ -0- / \$100
(Equals)= This year's total rollback rate for each fund \$.63439 / \$100
This year's total rollback rate \$.63439 / \$100

Statement of Increase / Decrease

If Eastland County adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.58740 per \$ 100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$ 178,029.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$ 774,626
Bond	-0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Eastland County Auditors Office
Eastland County Courthouse
Second Floor Suite 205
Eastland, Texas

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