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## Halloween Costume Parade Set For Monday, October 31st

It is time once again to put your imagination to work. The Annual Halloween Costume Parade will be Monday Oct. 31 downtown. We will also have Trunk or Treat around the park again this year. So start making your plans today.

The Chamber of Commerce will be making Halloween pictures again this year in the Community Center starting at 5:00 pm, October 31st. Pictures are \$2.00 each.

## Deadline to Purchase 2012 NAP Insurance for Hay and Pasture

December 1, 2011 is the final date to purchase 2012 Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on native and improved grasses for hay or grazing. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production for an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance.

For more information, contact the Eastland County Farm Service Agency at 254-629-1636 extension 2.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

## Accepting Applications at Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program

Accepting Applications - Region 14 Education Service Center's Alternative Certification Program - Special Education, EC-6 Generalist, Math and Science. Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2012-2013 Alternative Certification Program for Special Education, Math and Science Teachers will be accepted September 1, 2011 thru November 11, 2011.

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

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements: Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

For additional admission requirements, contact Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program or visit our website at www.escl4.net

Financial reimbursement is available if grant requirements are met. This program is made possible by a 1.4 million dollar federal Transition to Teaching Grant.

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

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

**Haunted House**  
The Junior Class of GHS is sponsoring a Haunted House on Oct. 22nd, 29th, 31st From 7 to 10 p.m. Each day At the Old Grade School Bldg. Second Story. Entrance will Be at front door of Bldg. \$3 - Adults / \$2 - Students

## GLRA Selling Meat and Desserts Contact GLRA

The Gorman Livestock Raisers are selling meat and desserts. If you need to purchase your ham or turkey for Thanksgiving this would be an ideal time. This is one of our fund raisers for the Fall. There is also chicken tenders, Kolaches, fajita meat, bacon, sausage, cookie dough and other desserts.

If you would like to speak with a GLRA member please call 254 734 3171 and connect to the Ag Science number! Orders are due with money the end of this week.

## LET'S READ SOMETHING SCARY

Between now and Halloween the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be giving TREATS not TRICKS to anyone who comes in and checks out a "SCARY" book. We have a great selection of age appropriate children's books plus all the R.L. Stine Goosebumps and Fear Street, Nancy Drew and Hardy Boy Mystery books, Harry Potter, Twilight series, and lots of good Mystery and Horror selections for the more mature readers.

COME CHECK IT OUT!

## TIM THOMAS TO PREACH AT UMC GORMAN SUNDAY

This Sunday Tim Thomas, the administrator at Homestead Nursing and Rehab. Gorman, will be the guest preacher at United Methodist Church in Gorman. Tim is a retired Methodist minister having served the church 25 years in the Brownwood and Ft. Worth Districts. Please join us at 11:00 a.m. Sunday the 23rd for this special service. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Also, don't forget 5TH SUNDAY SINGING, October 30th starting at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship and great snacks to follow.

## Lamb And Goat Validation

Lamb and goat validation will be October 25, 2011 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Eastland County Show Barn. If you have lambs or goats and plan to show at county or major stockshows please have your project there.

If you need to make arrangements for transportation of your lamb or goat, you may contact Mr. Boles @ 254 734 3171, connect to the Ag Science building.

## "SPOOKTACULAR" TOURNAMENT

The Lakeside Ladies Golf Association will host their annual TWO GUYS AND ONE DOLL GOLF TOURNAMENT on Saturday, October 29th. Tee Off is at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$150/ team which includes a meal Saturday evening after the tournament. The cost does not include a cart, but personal carts are welcome and rental carts are available.

The fun actually begins on Friday evening, October 28th. Arrive in your best Halloween Costume and enjoy Happy Hour and Appetizers at 6:30 p.m. with Glow Ball Pitching and Putting Contests starting about "dark-thirty". Generous cash prizes will be awarded! The fun you will experience will certainly be "unBOOlievable" !!

Call the club house at 254-629-2892 to sign up or for additional information. Lakeside is managed by Rod Straw.

## MAXFIELD ELEMENTARY'S FALL FESTIVAL

Maxfield Elementary will have its' annual Fall Festival on Thursday, October 20th 2011.

It will be held in the old gym from 5:30 to 7:00. Tickets are priced at 5 for a dollar! SEE YOU THERE!

## Panthers Win Over Buffaloes; Open Date This Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		GORMAN		CROSS PLAINS	
13	First Downs	19			
31/230	Carries/Yds	47/220			
102	Yds Passing	43			
3 of 5/2	Pass Cplt./Int	3 of 8/1			
3 / 1	Fumbles/Lost	2 / 2			
1/41	Punts/Avg	2/32			
5/65	Penalties	5/50			

Gorman hosted the Cross Plains Buffaloes on Friday night and after trailing 7-0 in the first quarter they exploded for 28 points in the second quarter to lead 28-7 at halftime. Then the Panthers held on for the win in the second half and held the Buffaloes to 13 points in the final period for the win.

The Buffaloes jumped to a 7 point lead on their first possession going 60 yards in 10 plays with little resistance from the Big Red defense and scored with just 5:54 left in the period. Blake Hutchins got the TD on a 5 yard run. Ryan Fister booted the extra point for the 7-0 lead.

The two teams exchanged possessions with both teams turning the ball over on fumbles. But with 9:57 left in the second period the Panthers scored on a 4 yard run by B. J. Ramirez. The kick for point sailed wide and Gorman trailed 7-6. The drive took only 3 plays with Ramirez getting 40 yards on the first carry and Zack Carlton got 7 yards.

Then on the next possession by the Buffs, the Big Red got the ball on an interception from the Gorman 34 and went the distance in 6 plays with Carlton hitting Dakota Pacheco on a beautiful 35 yard pass for the score with 7:27 left in the second. Ramirez added to two pointer on a run and Gorman was up 14-7. The drive featured runs of 21 and 1 by Ramirez and a 10 yarder by Carlton.

The Panthers took the ball on their next possession on the Cross Plains 49 and scored in 6 plays with Carlton getting the final 2 with 3:05 left. Matt Fox booted the point after and Gorman was up 21-7. The drive featured runs of 31 and 10 by Carlton and 5 by Ramirez.

Gorman scored again with 1:59 left in the half when they got a Buffalo fumble on the Buff 38 and scored in just 2 plays with Yovani Palacios catching a pass from 34 yards out. The point after was added by Fox. This made the halftime score 28-7.

In the second half the Panthers took the ball on their own 28 and moved to the Buff 1 before turning the ball over on downs. Ramirez had runs of 4, 9, 6, 17 and 3 and Carlton had runs of 4, 10, 13, 3 and 2.

The Buffs got the ball on the Gorman 1 and scored in 12 plays with Hutchins getting the final 7 yards with 10:17 left. The try for point failed and the score rose to 28-13 with 10:17 left to play. The drive was aided by 2-15 yard penalties by the Big Red.

The Panthers couldn't score on their next possession after moving to the Buff 10. The

Buff then took the ball on their own 10 after holding Gorman and went the distance in 15 plays with Cody Self catching a pass for the final 26 yards on a fourth down play with just 3 seconds left in the game. Stephenson kicked the point after and the final score was 28-20.

This win gives the Panthers a 2-0 District record.

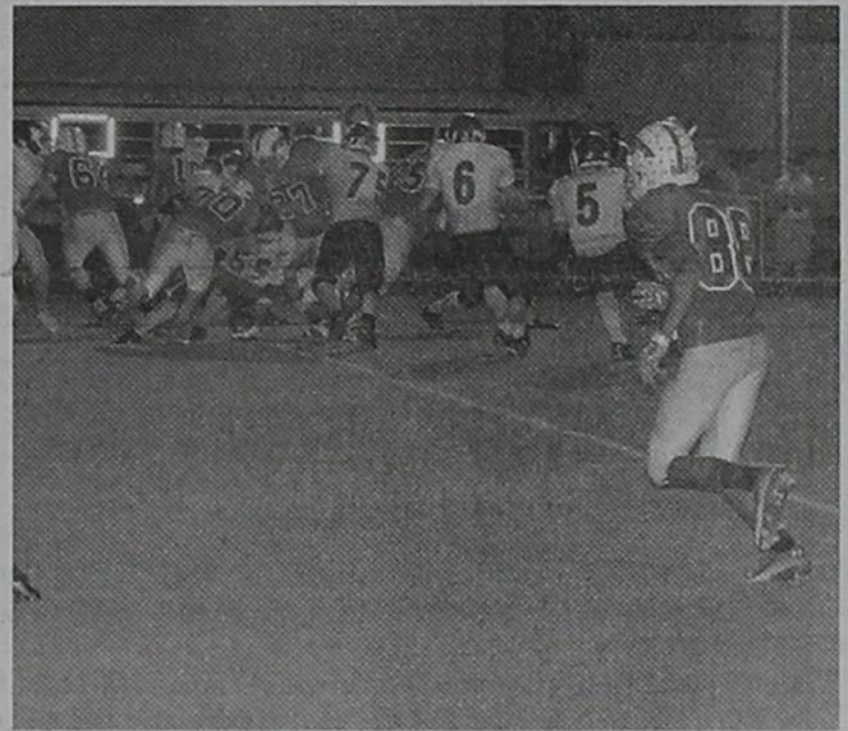
Ramirez again led the Panthers with 119 yards on 16 carries and Carlton had 107 on 14. Fox carried 1 time for 4 yards.

The Panthers will have an Open Date this week before going to Baird on October 28, and then will host a very strong Meridian team on November 3rd.

Great Job Panthers!!



**CELEBRATING THE WIN** - Dakota Pacheco and Daniel Herrera are shown celebrating with the other Panthers after the game on Friday against Buffaloes. Also shown are Matt Fox, Jon Fenley, B. J. Ramirez, James Thomas, Zach Carlton and Stetson Thompson. Way to go Panthers!



**STOPPED FOR SHORT YARDAGE** - Luis Limon with help from other Panthers stop the Buffalo runner for short yardage in game action.



**FOLLOWING BLOCKERS** - B.J. Ramirez is shown following the blocks from the offensive live to give him a clear shot for extra points in the game action Friday.



**TRYING TO MAKE THE CUT** - Zach Carlton is shown trying to make extra yards in game action. Blocking for Zach is Jon Fenley and Luis Limon

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

**Food Bank**  
New Hours - 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

## 6th Annual Carbon Fire Dept. Benefit

The Sixth Annual Carbon Community Fellowship and Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at the Carbon Community Baptist Church - the Old Carbon School.

The menu will be fried venison, fried catfish, barbecued beef brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, red beans, bread, dessert, tea or coffee and water.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m. There will be musical entertainment and a live auction. One of the auction items will be a Deer Rifle.

Come Enjoy A Visit With Your Neighbor, Great Food and Fellowship with Support For The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department.



# Obituaries

## Patsy Berlene Collins

EASTLAND — Patsy Berlene Collins, 76, a lifetime resident of Eastland County, passed away Sunday, October 16, 2011 in Eastland. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Leon River Cowboy Church with Pastor Paul Howie officiating. Burial followed at the Simpson Cemetery in Kokomo. The family will receive friends at Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland on Tuesday from 5-7:00 p.m.



Patsy was born on October 13, 1935 in Flatwood to George A. Norris and Edith Adeline Henly. She attended school at Flatwood and Carbon. She married Patrick Henry Collins, Sr. on August 14, 1954 in Carbon. She was a lab tech in Ranger and Eastland for many years. She was a member of the Leon River Cowboy Church in Olden and attended Community Bible Study in Eastland. She was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Pat Collins of Eastland; a son, Bill Collins & wife Becky of Keller; a brother, Gary Norris of Eastland; 2 sisters, Carol Skinner of Eastland and Leta Hogan of Gorman; grandsons, Bradley, Zach and Heath Collins; great-grandchildren, Warren, Wyatt, Austin and Esther Collins; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Wendell Bradley Collins and Patrick Henry Collins, Jr.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

## Patricia Ann Carter

Patricia Ann Carter, devoted matriarch of a very large and loving family died suddenly Friday, October 14, 2011 at the Lake Granbury Medical Center, just two days prior to her 69th birthday.

Services were at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in West End Cemetery in Stephenville.

She was born October 16, 1942 in Midland, Texas to William Moore Settle and Margaret Ann (Chambers) Settle. Patty lived a life full of love, new experiences and plenty of time in the kitchen cooking delicious homemade meals for her family and friends. Her entrepreneurial spirit led her to manage small businesses, and her caring spirit made way for her beloved role as wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, aunt, and friend. As a strong Christian, she extended her hand to anyone in need, from friends and family to total strangers. Patty was a true woman of God and will be tremendously missed by many.

She is survived by her dedicated husband, Jack Carter and children Diana Haynes, James Bell, Rick Bell, Kelly Carter, Karen Carter and Kenny Carter; brothers, James Settle and Alvin Settle; 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren and other "adopted" children. She is rejoicing with her parents, beloved daughter, Kelly, and brothers, Howard and Bert in heaven.

## Danial Leon Barnett

Danial Leon Barnett, 66, of Gorman, Texas, passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Comanche County Medical Center. He was born on May 25, 1945 to Travis Barnett and Peggy Parish. He married Barbara Elaine Boen on August 8, 1988 in Dallas, Texas.

Danial enjoyed working with machinery and iron. He loved to go fishing as well.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Boen Barnett; step-son, Randall Boen and wife Lydia; step-daughter, Monica Floyd and husband Ronnie, step-grandchildren, Keisha Floyd, Cassidy Floyd, Jason Cogburn, Christopher Cogburn, Andrew Cogburn and Donal Cogburn; and aunt, Jimmie.

A memorial service was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home. Brother Jackie Auvenshine officiated the service. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, South West Affiliate P.O. Box 841125 Dallas, Texas 75284-1125. Online condolences may be posted to [www.nowlinandersfh.com](http://www.nowlinandersfh.com).

## Tressie Logene Murray

Tressie Logene Murray, age 77 of Gorman, passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Williamsburg Village Nursing Home in Desoto.

Graveside services were at 11:00 A.M. Friday, October 14, 2011 at the Gorman Cemetery with Gary Osborn officiating.

Mrs. Murray was born in Iredell, Texas on September 25, 1934 to Keller Aaron Dennis and Sally Royal Dennis. She married Paul Dean Murray in May of 1969. He preceded her in death on February 11, 1998. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her children, Debra Clark of Wylie, Ray Blevins of Rockdale, and Cody Murray and wife, Rochelle of Midlothian; step-son, Ronnie Murray of Grand Prairie; grandchildren, Sharla Clark of Allen, Christian Clark of Dallas, Summer Rasmussen of Wylie, Justin Ray Blevins of Kansas City, Kansas, Judah Murray, Grace Murray and Tatum Murray all of Midlothian and seven great grandchildren; two brothers, Keller Dennis and wife, Betty of Elm Mott and Jimmy Dennis and wife, Betty of Laveria. She was preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and sisters.

## "On The Wilder Side"

It has been said that Mark Twain loved to go fishing, but he hated to catch fish. The problem was he went fishing to relax, and catching fish ruined his relaxation, since he had to take the fish off the hook and do something with it. When he wanted to relax by doing nothing, people thought he was lazy, but if he went fishing he could relax all he wanted. People would see him sitting by the river bank and they would say, "Look, he's fishing, don't bother him." So Mark Twain had the perfect solution: he would take a fishing pole, line, and a bobber, but he wouldn't put a hook on the end. He would cast the bobber in the water and lay back on the bank. That way he could relax all he wanted and he would be bothered neither by man nor fish.

I wonder if Christians are a lot like Mark Twain. They have their pole in the water, but there is no hook on the end because they just want to relax. And really, many wouldn't know what to do with the fish once they catch it.

Anyone can throw a bobber in the water and look like they're fishing, but it takes a sincerely dedicated follower of Christ to commit himself to being a fisher of men.

In Matthew 4:19 Jesus said "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". The truth is, fishing can be hard work. You've got to make an effort to go, wear the right clothing, and have a very patient attitude. Then, after you get your fishing rig set up, you've got to know when to change the bait and even move to different locations. But that's the part. The hardest part is cleaning them. Thank goodness that is where the Lord comes in. He'll clean them if you will catch them.

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

## Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times

- Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
- Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
- Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
- Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

## A Letter To The Editor

By Henry A. Buchanan

The chickens have come home to roost, but they were ousted out before they could do their dirty work on our bed. An American named Mousour Awbabshar, and Ghoram Shakuri, a member of the Iranian hit squad called the Quds Force, are accused of plotting to kill Adel Al Jubeir, the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States. They were going to set a bomb under his dining table at his favorite restaurant.

The make the assassination more dramatic they planned to use Mexican drug cartel to carry out the killing with Iranian government blessing the ambassador's dinner.

It sounds like a spy novel but killing people has become boring today since we have drones and Navy SEALs to carry out our murder plans for the United States.

People at the top of the American government express shock and amazement at this bizarre plot, and they reassure us citizens that they are on the job of protecting us and they promise those guilty of the plot their plans have been noted.

Both President Obama and Secretary Clinton say there will be consequences. Since we have been looking for a reason to go to war against Iran, this seems to be what is meant by "consequences." The Iranian government with its special kit squad known as Quds Force is being held responsible for plotting the Saudi diplomat's death. Anybody who didn't expect some reactive "consequences" for our action must have been living under a very large rock for the past five or ten years. It is unreasonable to expect that we can shoot down people all over the world without giving somebody the idea to shoot back.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
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**IMMEDIATE OPENING:** Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman needs CNA's for 2-10 and 10 to 6 Shifts also All P.R.N. Shifts For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202.EEOC FNC

Gorman ISD is accepting bids for 2 separate Bids for Reroofing all foam roofed buildings and reroofing the shingle portion of the new high school/fine arts building. We will use the competitive sealed proposal/request for proposal option. Bids will be accepted in the business office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. from October 13th - November 1st. Specs can be picked up in the Gorman ISD business office. The winning bids will be approved at the board meeting on Monday, November 14th. The foam and shingle bids will be considered separately, it is possible that one contractor could win both bids. If any further information is needed please contact Jeff Byrd at 254-734-3171 Ext. 210. 2-10-20 c

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3 + Acre, 3 - 2 3/4 - 2 brick, central A/C, 2375 sf, den + lg game room, nice carpet, metal roof, water well, 20 x 40 shop, secluded, lots of Post Oaks \$119,500.  
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 79: Old home w/ large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40+ acres, 2 ponds, \$2,150 per acre.  
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## Pig Tales From Hogtown

Have you all been listening to the weather forecasters this week? We are in for some beautiful fall days! Hope you can get out and enjoy them!

The Desdemona Activity Center will be having a fish fry this Saturday, October 22. Those of you who have been to one of our fish fries know how great these Desdemona men are at cooking fish! We are asking the women to provide the desserts. We will begin serving at 6:00 and the cost is by donation.

As it stands now, Desdemona Post Office will be closed soon. This would be a great hardship on many in the community. We have a petition at the Country Corner café that we are asking everyone who is concerned about this situation to sign. We will mail it to the proper authorities with the hope that they will reconsider this decision. We would like to be ready to mail it by November 5th. Please come by and sign as soon as possible.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## City of Eastland Hires New Chief of Police

During Monday night's City Commission meeting, the board voted in favor of hiring Billy R. Myrick to fill the Chief of Police position vacated by the retirement of longtime Chief Cecil Funderburgh.

Myrick, a West Texas native originally hails from Odessa where his 30 plus years of law enforcement service took root. A high school law enforcement class led him to the Odessa Police Explorers and prompted his decision to make law enforcement his career.

Myrick officially entered the job in 1978 and has held positions at the city, county and state levels. In 1992, following some 15 years of combined service with the Odessa Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Myricks moved to the Dallas Fort Worth area where he has served in the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain and ultimately as Chief with departments in Collin County.

With more than 4,500 in-service training hours and some 60 college hours, Myrick holds a TCLEOSE Master Peace Officer certification. He is a 1999 graduate of the LEMIT's Leadership Command College in Huntsville and a 2005 graduate of the FBI Command College in Dallas. Billy plans to enroll this spring to complete his formal education.

Myrick and his wife Carol, an ACU graduate who is an er nurse, have three children and two grandchildren and a third on the way. Members of the Church of Christ, the Myrick family look forward to coming to Eastland and becoming involved in the community.

"We are very excited to bring Billy and his experience to the City of Eastland," said Eastland Mayor Mark Pipkin.

Chief Myrick will assume his duties in the next few weeks.

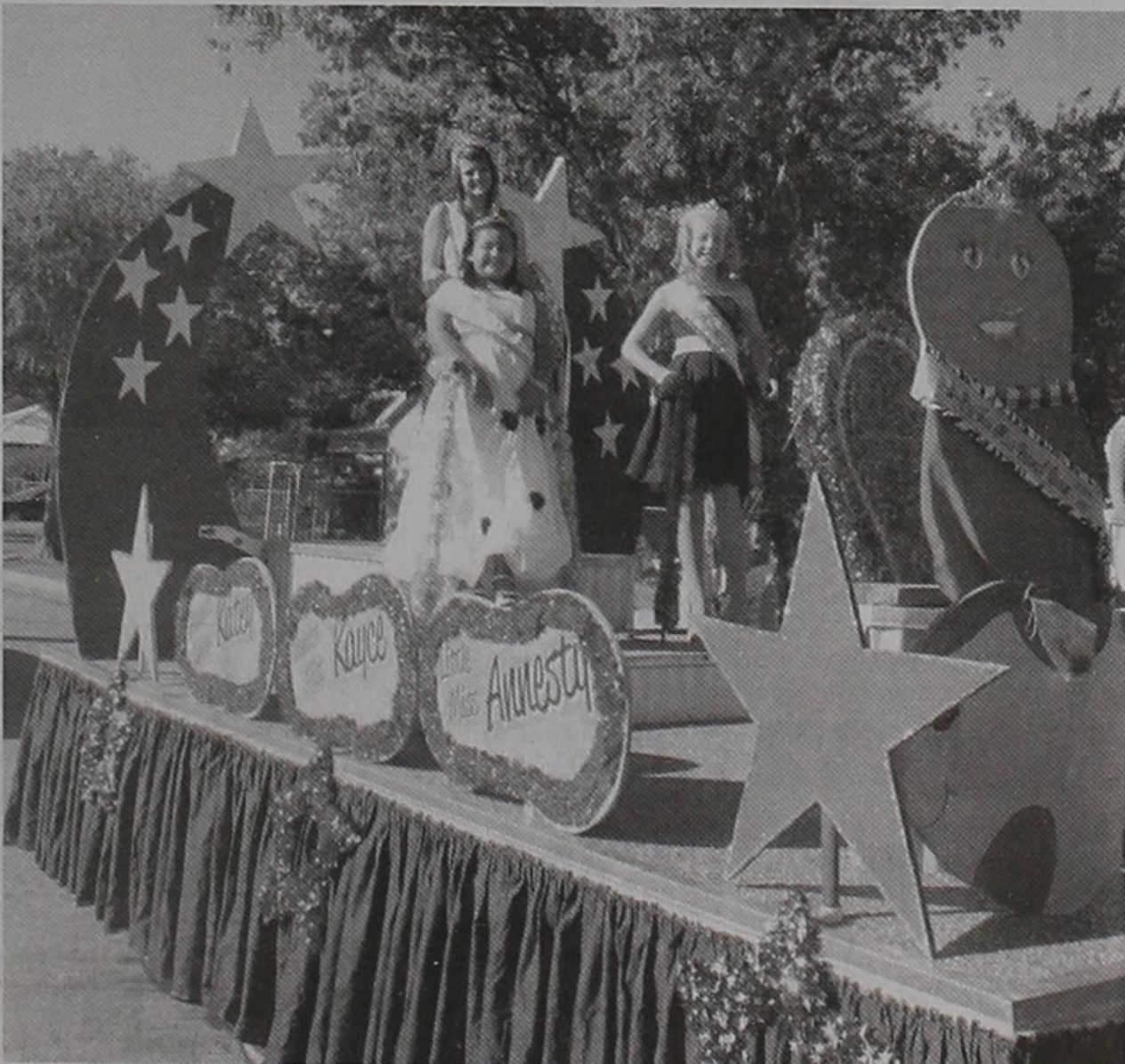
## Gorman High School P.A.L.s and Red Ribbon Week

The Gorman High School Peer Assisted Leadership (P.A.L.) students have been working with our elementary students and have attended the annual training in Abilene. They are very excited about organizing the Red Ribbon Week activities. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to emphasize the fight against drugs. Red Ribbon Week will be October 24th-October 28th. We are asking all teachers and students to bring in a baby picture with their names on the back. We will scan the picture and use it in a collage. We will also have a door decorating contest and work with elementary classes on Tuesday. The dress up days are as follows:

Monday will be "Black Out Drugs" Wear your black!!!!  
Tuesday will be "Super Heroes Don't Do Drugs" Wear your super hero costumes.  
Wednesday will be "Be Smart, Don't Start, Nerd Day" Wear your Nerd outfit.  
Thursday will be "Follow Your Dreams, Be Drug Free" P.J. Day Wear your pajamas.  
Friday will be "Say Boo to Drugs" in middle and high school. Wear your Halloween costumes.  
"Team up to Beat Drugs" twin day in elementary.



Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman represented Gorman in the Old Rip Fest Parade. The 2011-2012 Little Miss Gorman is Markee Simmons, daughter of Mark and Jeanette Simmons. Miss Gorman is Mykisha Hampton, daughter of Michael and Susie Hampton



Peanut Queen Katey Thackerson and her court JR Miss Kaycee Dodd and Little Miss Annesty Rainey represented Gorman in the Old Rip Parade in Eastland Texas October 1, 2011

## SCHOOL MENU Week of Oct. 24 -- Oct. 28

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Pop Tart, Juice and Milk.  
TUESDAY - Blueberry Muffin, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.  
THURSDAY - French Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
FRIDAY - Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY - Sausage Pizza, corn, salad, oranges and milk.  
TUESDAY - Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, spice cake and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita, salad, rice, fresh carrots/ranch, fruit and milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken Nuggets, macaroni/cheese, blackeyed peas, biscuit, honey, fruit and milk.  
FRIDAY - Panther Burger, chicken burger, potato rounds, burger salad, sherbet and milk.

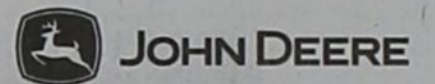
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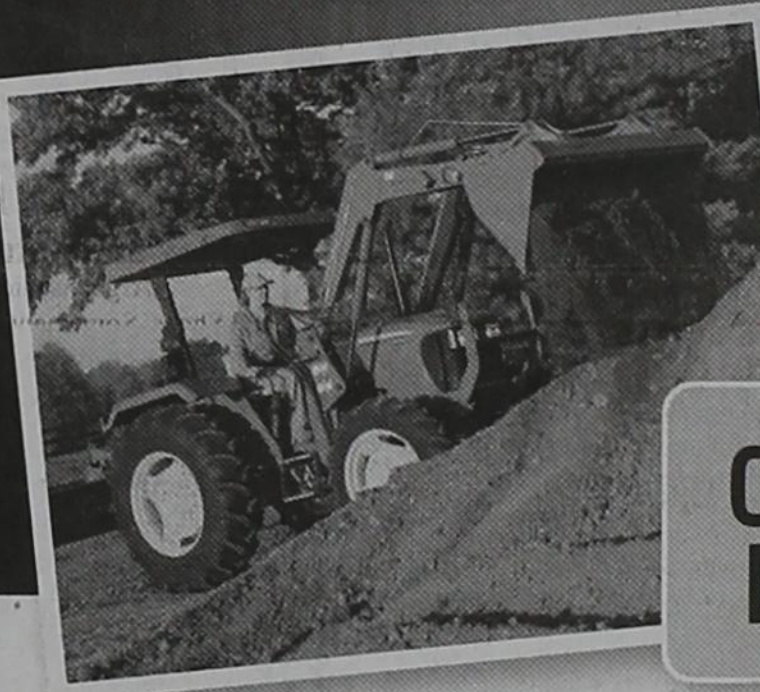
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## YOUR PROPERTY TAXES JUST WENT UP. OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?

When local governments want to increase tax revenues, they are required to publish notices in the newspaper so that you will know. But that right to know could disappear.

Local governmental entities across the state want to hide their public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites.

What you don't know will affect you personally!

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.

KEEP THE LIGHT ON PUBLIC NOTICES



The Gorman Progress



**AUTOMOTIVE**

## Smooth Sailing With Proper Tire Safety

NewsUSA

(NU) - Don't wait until there's nothing left between you and the rain-slick pavement to check your tires. The likelihood of accidents skyrockets when combining wet, seasonal weather and poor tire maintenance.

Proper tire and pressure maintenance can prevent all kinds of road accidents, but drivers must be aware of the warning signs and ongoing maintenance needs to ensure driving safety. For example, an underinflated tire might not "look" flat to the eye. A tire can lose up to 50 percent of its air before it begins to show visually. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), tire pressure literally changes the way the rubber meets the road, affecting traction, handling, steering, stability and braking. Similarly, NHTSA estimates that nearly 250,000 accidents occur in the U.S. per year due to low tire pressure.

Statistics like these remind drivers how quickly collisions occur under preventable circumstances. Schrader, a global manufacturer of sensing and valve solutions that protect and perform, recommends the following advice to keep your tires road-ready in all conditions:

- **Check your tire pressure regularly, especially before any long trips.** Inflation pressure changes depending on the temperature. Tire pressure drops about 1 psi for every 10 degrees F drop in ambient temperature. Additionally, tires can lose as much as 1.5 psi per month as air escapes the tire and rim naturally. It's best to check tire pressure when the car is off and tires are coolest.



Proper tire and pressure maintenance can help reduce risks during wet, seasonal weather; make sure you are prepared.

- **Heed the TPMS warning symbol.** All passenger vehicles and light trucks sold in the U.S. from 2008 onward have a Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) system installed. If the TPMS warning symbol lights up on your dashboard, one or more of your tires is 25 percent or more underinflated - a significant loss in pressure. Take caution, and do not ignore the TPMS warning symbol.
- **Find a safe place to pull out of traffic to stop and check your tires.** If you are not having a blowout, use a tire gauge to check the pressure of each tire against your vehicle manufacturer's recommended pressure level. Inflate tires to correct pressure at the nearest service station or repair facility. The recommended pressure level can be found on the tire placard, a label located just inside the driver's side door.
- **Don't forget the spare.** Before long drives, always check your spare for any injuries or punctures. For more tips on how TPMS ensures driver safety, please visit [www.TPMSMadeSimple.com](http://www.TPMSMadeSimple.com).

**REAL ESTATE**

## Maximize Profits From Your Rental Property

NewsUSA

(NU) - Managing a rental property can be an excellent source of income in today's economy.

A third of the nation's households rent their residences, according to the 2010 U.S. Census Report, and that number rises as high as two-thirds in large metropolitan areas, such as New York and Los Angeles.

Given the steady demand for rental housing, it's no wonder that individuals are investing in real estate, but there are several things property managers should know if they hope to make a profit.

First, it is important that landlords screen all potential tenants to ensure they have reliable income and will pay bills on time. Once you have secured tenants, keeping them happy, while still running a successful business, is your primary goal. Maintaining a clear, written record of any exchanges you have with tenants will make it easy to track any problems.

It's also essential that all properties satisfy basic living conditions, such as adequate weatherproofing, and that they adhere to state regulations for safe electrical wiring and ventilation. Landlords are required to arrange for necessary repairs. It's good to develop relationships with local contractors, so tenants remain satisfied, and the property stays in top shape.

Property management is expensive, even with the supple-



Rental properties can be profitable assets if managed properly.

mental income that rent provides, and many property managers lose a substantial amount of money each year by not taking advantages of available tax deductions. Insurance costs, repairs and independent contractor wages are all fully deductible but often go overlooked. A detailed record-keeping system is the best way for landlords to track their income and expenses, but many simply do not have the time.

One way to address this issue is to hire a bookkeeping firm to take over bookkeeping duties. On Call Accountants ([www.oncallaccountants.com](http://www.oncallaccountants.com)) is one such company that specializes in outsourced accounting, financial reporting and consulting for small and mid-sized businesses. By handing this job over to the professionals, property managers can maximize profits with minimal headaches. For more information about On Call Accountants, visit [www.oncallaccountants.com](http://www.oncallaccountants.com).

**FOOD**

## Recipes to Bring Home for the Holidays

NewsUSA

(NU) - Coming home for the holidays gives busy adults an excuse to celebrate with their families and show their national pride. National pride signifies something different for everyone. Some might take the time to send holiday care packages to U.S. troops overseas, some may volunteer in homeless shelters, while others may simply whisper a prayer of thanks.

However you express your national appreciation, holidays and patriotism go hand-in-hand. So, what better way to share tidings of liberty and peace than by serving American-grown food during the holidays?

Delight family and friends with these two delicious holiday recipes using American-grown RiceSelect rice as you give thanks this season.

### TEXMATI PECAN RICE STUFFING

3 cups cooked Texmati White or Brown rice  
1/4 cup margarine  
3/4 cup chopped onion  
3/4 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted  
1/4 cup chopped parsley  
1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning (or to taste)

In large skillet, sauté onions and celery in margarine until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients, mixing well. Spoon into casserole; cover tightly and bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes.



Share new recipes with your family this holiday season.

### CRANBERRY PECAN RICE PILAF

2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 cup uncooked Texmati White Rice  
1 3/4 cups chicken broth  
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted  
1/4 cup sliced green onions  
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Melt butter in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add rice; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes. Add broth and heat to boiling; stir once or twice. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese, cranberries, pecans and onions. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

By using Texmati White and Brown rice, you're supporting their "Born in the USA" campaign. Learn more at [www.FaceBook.com/RiceSelect](http://www.FaceBook.com/RiceSelect) or by visiting [www.riceselect.com](http://www.riceselect.com)

# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Desdemona Monthly Musical** will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at the Community Center. Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with the all the group before the music starts at 6 P.M. All area musical groups and singers are invited to attend. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

**First Baptist Church** of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. There were 40 in attendance last Sunday for the morning worship service. Bro. Charlie Johnson and Jana was happy to have their daughter, Chris Anne of San Antonio to visit also Jana's cousin from Houston. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for Morning Worship Service.

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

Thanks and have a good day, Vonnie

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## Wildfires Still A Potential Threat In Areas Where Burn Bans Are Lifted

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Recent rains have prompted county government officials to lift burn bans in 17 Texas counties over the past week, but the risk of wildfire is still a concern, according to Texas Forest Service officials.

Debris burning is the No. 1 cause of wildfires in Texas - and due to recently-lifted burn bans, this weekend may be a prime time for landowners to dispose of their trash.

Texas Forest Service officials have determined that so far this year, more than 600 wildfires charring 39,602 acres were caused by debris burning.

Some safety tips while burning outdoors include the following:

- Clear a 10-foot radius around your burn pile, removing all vegetation and flammable materials.
- Avoid overhead obstructions like trees and power lines, and don't burn near structures.
- Wet the area around the burn pile.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Keep water and hand tools nearby.

The ongoing drought has devastated the state's land and trees this year and aided in creating conditions that are ripe for wildfires. Since fire season began Nov. 15, 2010, almost 4 million acres have burned across the state.

"Recent rains have been beneficial and we are currently experiencing a lull in fire activity, but the underlying drought still poses a threat for significant wildfires throughout much of the state," said Karen Stafford, a wildland urban interface specialist with Texas Forest Service.

Texas Forest Service urges residents to use caution when doing anything outdoors that could cause a spark and postpone burning when conditions are dry or windy.

The agency does not set or lift burn bans but provides drought and other information to county government officials who make those decisions. To find out if there is a burn ban in your county, you can check out the Texas Forest Service burn ban map or contact your local authorities.

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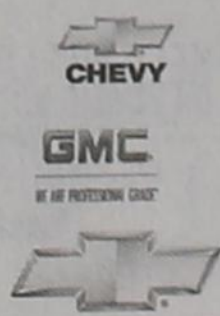
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