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Gorman Panther Cheerleader Attend Camp

The Gorman Varsity and Junior High Cheerleaders traveled to Tarleton State University at the beginning of June for the 2011 NCA Cheerleading Camp. The 2011 Varsity cheerleaders are Ally Little, Carlie Jackson, Chelsea Griffin, Alaina Swanner, Haven Gibbs, Mykisha Hampton, Holly Rainey, Lauren Spivey, and Mascot, Chey Gibbs. The Junior High 2011 Cheerleaders are Kodie Sparger, Vanessa Longoria, Kayce Dodd, Dayanna Palacios, Katalina Landa, Audri Segura, and Mascot - Kaitlyn Graham.



The Varsity Cheerleaders received all blue ribbons throughout the many evaluations during camp and Ally Little, Carlie Jackson, Chelsea Griffin and Holly Rainey were nominated for All-American Cheerleader. Ally Little also had the honor of being chosen to try out for the NCA staff.

The Junior High Cheerleaders also did an outstanding job and received all blue ribbons as well, and Vanessa Longoria, Kodie Sparger, Kayce Dodd and Audri Segura were nominated for All-American Cheerleader.

Both squads did an awesome job this year and had a very wonderful time! We are looking forward and proud to represent Gorman this year as your 2011-2012 Gorman Cheerleaders. We hope to see you all out supporting the teams on Thursday and Friday nights! Show your Panther and Cub Spirit!!!!

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs

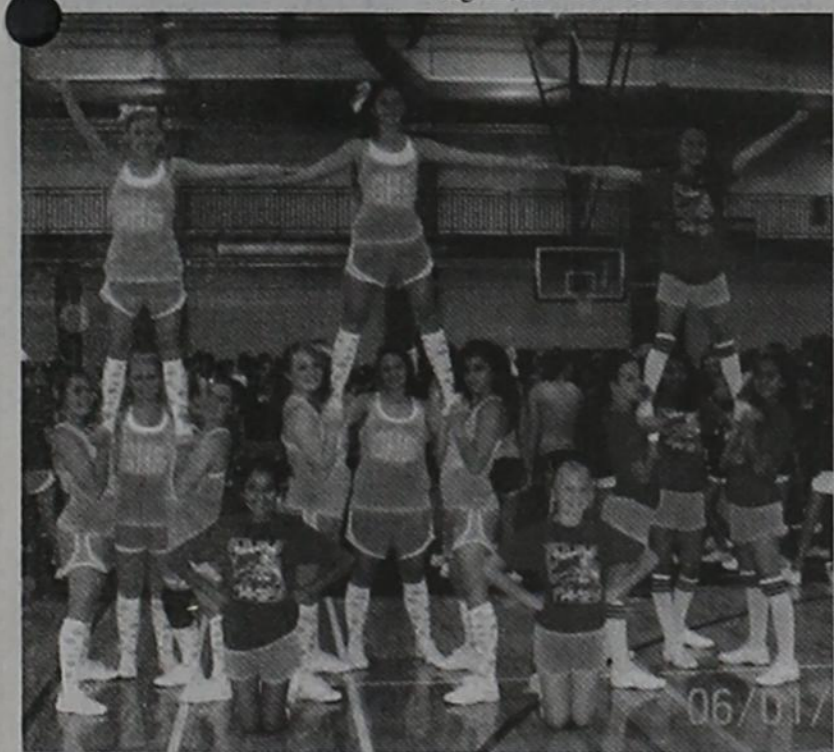
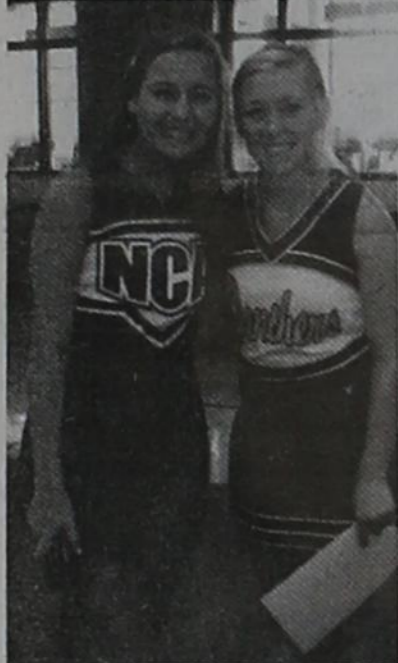
Gorman ISD offers career and technology education programs in Family Consumer Science, Agriculture Science, Business, and Computer Education.

It is the policy of Gorman ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Gorman ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Gorman ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Jeff Byrd, at 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 ext. 1 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, LaTricia Hampton, 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 ext. 2.



PUBLIC NOTICE

RENEWALS OF REGISTERED BRANDS

In accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, the Clerk's office will begin the process of renewal of brands. You will have until Wednesday, February 29, 2012 to renew your registration. On Thursday, March 1, 2012, all marks and brands that have not been renewed will become "open brands" for the general public. Any brand that is not renewed becomes "void" on March 1, 2012, in accordance with the Agriculture Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact this office Cathy Jentho, County Clerk - 254-629-1583

MEETING SET AUGUST 29TH

The Building & Standards Commission will be meeting Monday, August 29th, 2011 at 5:30 for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Gorman City Commission Chambers, located at 116 S Kent. The board will be reviewing properties that are in violation of City of Gorman Ordinance 302.2.

Band Booster Meeting

There will be a Band Booster Meeting on Thursday, August 25th at the Band Hall. We will fit uniforms at 6:30 p.m. With meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. We would like to invite all Community Members interested in helping with the growth and success of our band program to attend the meeting. If you have any questions please call Tiffany Childers at 734-6160 or Becca Woodall at 734-3359.

Gorman Panthers To Travel To Eldorado For Season Opener

#	NAME	CLASS	POSITION
7	Zach Carlton	10	QB/LB
8	Dakota Pacheco	10	REC/RB/DB
10	Yovani Palacios	9	REC/TE/QB/DB
11	Fox, Matt	12	REC/RB/QB/DB/LB
12	Ramirez, BJ	11	RB/REC/DB
21	Daniel Herrera	9	REC/DB
54	Randall Miley	10	OL/LB
56	Tony Ramirez	10	OL/DL
60	Stetson Thompson	12	OL/DL/LB
64/42	James Thomas	12	OL/TE/LB
70	Sheldon Finley	10	OL/DL
71	Eric Velasquez	10	OL/DL/LB
72	T J Trevino	9	OL/DL
75	Luis Limon	11	OL/DL
77	Jon Fenley	12	OL/DL
80	Jordan Gonzales	9	TE/DL
88	Sergio Hipolito	12	REC/DB

The Gorman Panthers will travel to Eldorado in the season opener on Friday night. The Panthers scrimmaged San Angelo TCLA on Friday in San Angelo.

The Panthers are lead by Seniors - Matt Fox, Stetson Thompson, James Thomas, Jon Fenley and Sergio Hipolito. The underclassmen will have to step up and to bring the Panthers into winning form. The Panthers are coached by Tommy Simmons - Head Coach; Assistants - James Gerick, Trey Felan.

Go Get E'm Big Red

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Jeff Byrd
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH: Tommy Simmons
ASSISTANTS: James Gerick, Trey Felan
MANAGERS: Eric Ryon, Flavio Herrera, Danny Limon, Jon Rivas, Trent Padron, Jose Maldonado, Cade Simmons.

AARP Drive Safely Course ONE DAY ONLY!!!
Thurs Sept. 3 1-5 pm
Comanche Senior Center
To register, call 254 965 2145 after 9 am

25th Class Reunion Slated For GHS Class of 1986

It's 25 year reunion time for the Gorman Senior Class of 1986! A get together is planned for Saturday, September 10th at Lone Cedar Country Club at Lake Leon from 6-10PM. The meal will be \$12 per adult and \$8 per child.

An RSVP by August 31st is requested to allow the country club to prepare for the meal. This will be the weekend of the Peanut Festival.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Julie Clark or Traci Gerick. Old photos are requested for a slide show. Please e-mail these to tdgerick@yahoo.com.

Eastland County Burn Ban Extended For 90 Days

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 22, 2011, at 8:00 a.m., for 90 days from the adoption of this Order, 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 22th day of August, 2011, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields
County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho
County Clerk

GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVALS

2nd ANNUAL FIREMANS TUG-OF-WAR

We would like to invite your Department to be a part of the 2nd Annual Firemans Tug-of-War on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Please let us know if your department wants to be a part of this by calling the Gorman City Hall at (254)734-2317 or Jill at 734-6421 or Carlos at (254)631-6607. Teams will consist of 6 men and/or women that are a part of your department. We are trying to decide what time to hold the "war" so your input would be much appreciated. We can do it right after the parade or we can do it in the evening time so you and your family and friends can stay for our free street dance that night. Just let us know what is best for you and we will do a majority thing. Please respond by Sept 5th so we can set a time, let ya'll know and make a bracket.

Thanks, Jill and Carlos & the Gorman Peanut Festival

Gorman Peanut Festival To Hold BBQ Sandwich Lunch

The Gorman Peanut Festival Committee is having a BBQ Sandwich Lunch on August 30, 2011 from 11am-2pm. We are trying to raise money for this year's festival and events. A sandwich with chips and a drink will cost \$6. You can dine-in the air conditioning, carry out or call for delivery. We can be found at the Community Center on Tuesday August 30, 2011. If you want your sandwich(es) delivered, please call 734-6421 or 734-2317, we will gladly accept pre-orders as well.

Thanks for your support,
The Peanut Festival Committee

Card Of Thanks

We want to Thank Homestead Nursing of Gorman for caring for S.W. "Jud" Thompson for the last four years and to Lighthouse Hospice of Eastland for their special care for him for the past several months.

We also want to express our appreciation to everyone that called, came by, attended the service, and sent flowers, cards or any other expression of sympathy that was extended to our family during the loss of our loved one, Jud Thompson.

Thank you to Higginbotham Funeral Home, Ray Daniels, Marjorie Treadway and Panda's Flowers for their professional service and support. Thank you to Richard Watson for this time and kind words in performing the service and to Glenn Copeland for the beautiful music. We want to express our gratitude to Shirley Good for going above and beyond to help our family on the day of the service.

Every act of kindness sent our way, helped our family to make it through this difficult time.

Thank you again,
Larry, Kristi, Stetson and Stratton Thompson

Gorman ISD ofrece El programa vocacionales de La Ciencia de consumo familiar, la ciencia de la Agricultura, la Informatice de Business Computorera.

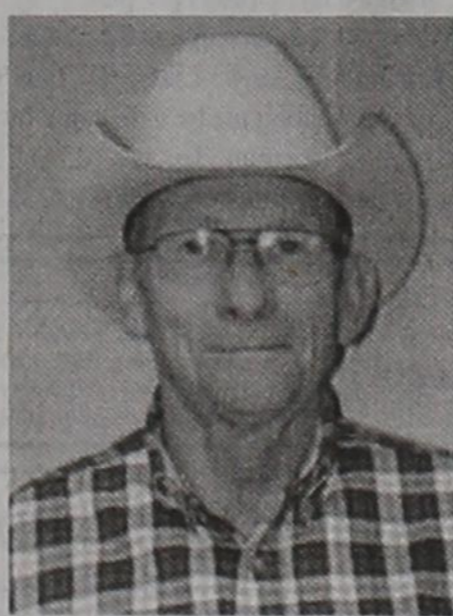
Es la norma de Gorman ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o incapacitados, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Desprechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de lay de Rehabilitacion de 1973, seguin enmienda.

Es norma de Gorman ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, Sexo, incapacitados o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de lay Ley de Derechos Civiles de 2964, seguin enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, la ley de Discriminacion por Edad, de 1975, seguin enmienda, y la Seccion 504 de lay Ley de REhabilitacion de 1973, seguin enmienda.

Gorman ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del lenguaje ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Jeff Byrd, en 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 Ext. 1, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, La-Tricia Hampton, 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 Ext. 2.

Benefit For The Koenig Family



A Benefit Fish Fry and Auction will be held on Saturday, August 28th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cook's Fish Barn in honor of Judge Bill "Wormy" Koenig and his family. Bill was diagnosed with cancer and is being treated at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. He currently serves as Justice of the Peace for Comanche County. "Wormy" is a retired state trooper he served 33 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Come show your support for Bill and his family during this time of need. Also, a fund has been set up at Comanche National Bank for anyone who may wish to make a donation to help the Koenig family. Donations can be made under the name William J. (Bill) Koenig Medical Fund.

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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. \$2,950,000 A.
 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 179: Old home site w/ large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40a cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.
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11.917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3

NICE BRICK HOME ON CORNER LOT - 2 BR, 1 bath, formal LR/DR, family room, wood floors, fresh paint, SAO - 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 backyard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08

PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well s & frontage on 2 county roads. A13

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"On The Wilder Side"
 My Old Anvil

As many of you know I make custom knives as a hobby. Most of these knives go through rigorous torture in my forge and on my anvil before they become functional works of art. I was recently doing some research on my old anvil and found that it is actually very rare, at least in the United States. I learned that it was made in the mid 1800's in England and was never supposed to be exported to the US, but some smaller ships would use them to weigh down their ballast. Mine apparently came to the US that way and has been serving blacksmiths and bladesmiths ever since. Let me tell you what else I learned from my rare 160 year old anvil:

Being rare is a good thing. My anvil was molded by hand by an experienced craftsman just like you are. God created you to be unique. There is no one in the world like you, and that is a good thing. When God created you, He stepped back and said you are "very good". So be who God created you to be, not what the world around you tells you to be.

Just because you are old doesn't mean that you are useless. I had thought for a second that I should sit it aside to get a newer anvil, but this old block of wrought iron still has plenty of life in her. See, this old, rugged, wrinkled piece of iron isn't much to look at but it is far better than most newer anvils I could get. Never allow anyone to tell you are too old to do anything. Sure, you may be old, rugged, and wrinkled but you are also very experienced and much wiser than most people around you. Use your age to your benefit rather than your detriment.

I wish I could see all the tools and works of art that have been created on this anvil in the past century and a half. Just imagine what all it has touched around the world! In the same way, no doubt you have touched many lives around the world. You have created wonderful works of art through your service to God and friendships. It doesn't always seem like it because you might feel alone at the moment, but oh the stories you could tell!

So stand proud and let your ring be heard throughout the neighborhood. Show the world that you are an unmoving and unwavering worker of the Lord!

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) -
 Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ
A Letter To The Editor By Henry A. Buchanan

The Dedication of the Navy Seals
 First the Seals stormed Osama bin Laden's hideout in Pakistan, shot him dead, and reported to the President. The President praised them highly and the country rejoiced, for the man credited with the demolition of the towers was dead. He could do no more harm.

Then a helicopter loaded with Navy Seals was shot down over Afghanistan. All aboard died. It is not unusual for Americans to die in Afghanistan. But these were Seals.

That is, most of them were Navy Seals. And the nation took notice of their deaths. Not only this nation, but the nations of Europe and the Middle East where the ghost of Osama bin Laden hovers over the people rioting, gathering in the street and being shot to death by rulers trying to hold onto power.

All the Seals and Airmen and just plain soldiers who lose their lives in the war in the Middle East will now be apotheosized as the Valkyries carry them away to Valhalla. They will even be given a triumphal entry to the Christian Heaven, for have we not deified all who die in the 'Battle For Freedom' we're waging in the Middle East while millions of children starve and die on the Horn of Africa and are not even given a chance at life on this Earth?

No doubt the Navy Seals are as brave and proud as were the men who died at Normandy when we attacked and overthrew Hitler's Festung Europa, but aren't we making a bit too much of it to claim that the men who shot an unarmed man in his easy chair with his wives looking on and protesting as good wives will do, that these who carried out the raid and killed the man are "the best of the best" that America can offer up on the altar of sacrifice to the god of war?

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 - August 22, 2011

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Obituary

Robert Alan Brown

Robert Alan Brown, age 44 of Gorman, died Tuesday, August 16, 2011 from injuries in an automobile accident.
 Memorial services will be 1:00 P.M. Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Bride of Christ Church with Denver Rainey officiating.
 Robert was born March 23, 1967 in San Jose, CA to Darrell Alred Brown, Sr. and Dorothy Mae (Gatin) Silva. He was a construction worker and had lived in Gorman a short time.
 He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Silva of Gorman; sister, Christine Vallecorsa and husband, Al of Kerrville, CA; four brothers, Mike Covelleo and wife, Sarah of Everett, WA, Darrell Brown, Jr. and wife, Michelle of Salt Lake City, Utah, Donald Brown and wife, Kathy of Gorman and Richard Brown and wife, Kim of Gorman and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Brown, Sr. and a step-father, Leonard Silva.
 The family request casual attire for the service.

What's New at Gorman UMC

Gorman First United Methodist Church has dedicated September to What we need to do to reach the People of Gorman. To begin this Pastor Paul will begin a series Call "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" In this series we will look at what we are doing well and what we need to change as a congregation. The first topic is called RADICAL HOSPITALITY. This will show us through Scripture how it calls on Christians to treat others in order to further the Kingdom of God. This series is five weeks long and will begin on Sunday August 28th. Then will continue for the next four Sundays. This for our church, but also for any Christian who wants to learn how to complete the mission Jesus calls us to accomplish. We welcome visitors who wish to explore these topics with us. Sunday Services begin at 11:00 am. And Sunday school begins at 10: am. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

Scenes from Gorman UMC Vacation Bible School

Special Thanks to Diane Casey, Michelle Gray, and Thurman Jay -- www.gormanumc.org



ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC POWER FRANCHISE TO USE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERM OF SAID FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL EXISTING FRANCHISE ORDINANCES TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS PREDECESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS. 2-8-25 C.

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The Goober Gourmet Bake-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries, including the recipe, to the Community Center on Saturday, September 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 or as soon as the parade is over. Results will be available by 2:00 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and award given until 3:00 p.m. Entrants will receive a certificate of participation to be used to show community involvement for their record books if needed.

Categories to be judged include: Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, and snacks/appetizers. There will be four age groups: Elementary, Jr. High & High school, and Adults. All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products. Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the back of the recipe card (the recipe will not be returned). Entries will be limited to one entry per category per person. Contestants may enter more than one category. Each category age group will have a first thru third place ribbon, a category champion, and an overall grand champion of the bake-off. Entries should be presented on a disposable plate and covered with clear plastic (may be clear plastic wrap or clear plastic cake dome). Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item.

The Goober Gourmet Bake-off is doing something new this year. We have added a People's Choice Award. So come on out and enjoy the bake-off and enter to win a door prize that will be drawn for later in the day at the park. Judges' decisions are final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entries/awards/certificates left after pickup time at 3 o'clock. If for some reason, you are unable to pick up your award, call the City Office at 734-2317.

GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVAL

BOOTH GUIDELINES

All Booth spaces will be assigned by the committee, any changes of space or transfer of space must be approved. All booth spaces are to be 12' by 12'. If you need more space, please rent additional spaces at a discount. All determination of categories will be at the discretion of the committee. Spaces are outside rain or shine. You must provide your own tables, chairs, tents, tarps, etc. Due to the BBQ cook-off being held in the park, some booths may be set up on the sidewalk. We can not guarantee that you have the same spot as in the past. Booths are to remain operational from 11-3.

FOOD: \$30.00 fee (1 booth per type of food, first come first serve) Any booth with an open flame MUST have a fire extinguisher at that booth.

GAMES: \$10.00 fee (ring toss, dart throw, cake walk, etc)

CRAFTS: \$30.00 fee for hand made crafts (wood work, iron work, candles, etc) There is no limit as to how many the same type craft booths there are. No commercial type items are to be sold out of the craft booths.

COMMERCIAL: \$30.00 fee. These booths will be open to any commercial enterprise selling a manufactured product (Toys, T-shirts, etc), or a service. There is no limit on booths selling like items. Please no items that gives off an offensive odor or sprays (ie. hair color, paint or snow).

COMMERCIAL (DISPLAY ONLY): \$15.00 fee. These booths will be available to companies advertising products or that have public service type activities. There will be no direct selling allowed.

ELECTRICITY: \$10.00 fee. It is the concessionaries responsibility to get electricity to their booth from the meter with an approved extension cord or wiring.

If you are interested in renting a booth space, have your paper work and money in by Sept. 1st, so we can be prepared for you arrival.

You may set your booth up on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before 9:00 am, ALL VEHICLES MUST BE OUT of the booth area by 9:00 am.

~~~~~APPLICATION FOR BOOTH SPACE~~~~~  
NAME/ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ home/office \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF BOOTH \_\_\_\_\_

# of BOOTH SPACES \_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRICITY (circle one) YES NO

For more information call the City Office at (254)734-2317.

**GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVAL**  
PO Box 321  
GORMAN TX 76454

Dear Vendor:

The Gorman Peanut Festival would like to invite you to be a part of this year's events and help to make this the best Peanut Festival ever.

This year's festival will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, downtown Gorman. It will consist of the 8th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ cook-off, starting on Friday night, and a full day of activities planned for Saturday. The booths will begin opening at 8:00 am, the Little Goobers Parade starts at 9:45 am, followed by the Peanut Parade at 10:00 am. There will be different types of entertainment throughout the day and Saturday night (about dark) there will be a free street dance.

Enclosed are the booth guidelines, prices and vendor application. If you need anymore information, feel free to contact City Hall at (254)734-2317.

We look forward to seeing you on September 10, 2011.

**Gorman Peanut Festival Parade**  
10:00 am - SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2011  
25th Silver Anniversary

ENTRY FORM:(no entry fee)  
Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Unit:(car, pickup, trailer, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Entry (names of participants/club, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Check your Division Category:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Tractor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Antique Tractor

**OUT OF TOWN FLOAT:** \_\_\_\_\_ Antique Car  
\_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Street Rod  
\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycle  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you want your entry to be judged you must be in line and ready by 8:45 am!!!!

By signing this release I agree that I will not hold the City of Gorman, Gorman Peanut Festival or Gorman Chamber of Commerce liable for any accidents, damages, or losses of any kind resulting from my participation in the parade.

Signature of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVAL**  
PO Box 321 -- GORMAN TX 76454

The Gorman Peanut Festival would like to invite you to be a part of this year's events and help to make this the best Peanut Festival ever. This year's theme is "Silver Anniversary". Enclosed is a Parade Entry Form.

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# LADY PANTHERS WIN THIRD PLACE



Gorman Lady Panthers volleyball team won third place this past weekend in the inaugural Gorman Spikefest Volleyball Tournament. The tournament was sponsored by the Gorman Athletic Booster Club.

The Lady Panthers started off play in the tournament on Friday by defeating Woodson 25-23 and 25-15. Next, they beat Perrin-Whitt 25-14, 25-22. They won their last match against Dublins Freshman team 25-16 and 25-17 to finish first in their pool. "I felt we started a little slow against Woodson, especially in the first game. The second game our offense really got on track" second year head coach Jim Wood said. "Our serving was a major factor in our win over Perrin. We had 17 aces for the match" Wood said. "In our match against Dublin we played a really solid match. Cutting our errors almost in half."

The volleyball team started off bracket play on Saturday with a win over Lingleville 25-12, 25-8. Next, they ran into a tough Evant team losing a close match 21-25, 22-25.

"I never really felt that we were in that match mentally, giving up points on too many errors." Wood added "Evant is a good team and even though I thought we didn't play well, it was still a really close game."

The loss to Evant put the Lady Panthers in the third place match against Hico. Gorman won that match 29-27 and 25-23. "What a big win for the girls. They played extremely well in a really close match" Wood said. "We had game point several times in that first game and Hico just wouldn't go away. The girls just kept fighting and making plays and we ended that game with a big block and a kill." "The second game was much like the first" he continued "I don't think either team had more than a three point lead."

Sophomore setter Holly Wood was selected All-Tournament. "Holly played very consistent throughout the tournament. Her jump serves were awesome, she set the ball well and just made a lot of plays when we needed them" Coach Wood said.

Other winners in the tournament were first place Venus, second place Evant, third place Gorman and consolation was Perrin-Whitt in the Gold bracket. Winners of the Silver bracket were first place Venus JV, second place Santa Anna, third place Dublin JV and consolation was Dublin Freshman.

## BIG THANK YOU!!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the first annual Gorman Spikefest Volleyball tournament this past weekend. It was sponsored by the Gorman Athletic Booster Club. All the parents, volunteers and kids who worked the tournament made it a huge success. Becky Swanner helped organize quite a bit from t-shirts to concessions and the gates. Carolyn Little did a fantastic job with the hospitality room. A big thank you to my daughter Jazz and son Cody for all their time and help, Mackenzie Osborne helping with the books, principal Nick Huepel, all the students and volleyball girls who helped and again, all the parents and volunteers who unselfishly gave their time and talents to help with the tournament. Thank you, Gorman Head Volleyball Jim Wood

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Desdemona Monthly Musical** will be held on Saturday night, August 27th at the Community Center (former school building) Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come Early to enjoy supper with all the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musical groups and singers are invited to attend. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

**Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion** was held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the old School Gym. Approximately 135 signed the register book. There was a short program, lots of visiting with former classmates and friends. Visitors came from Whitney De Leon, Odessa, Granbury, Gorman, Bangs, Lampasas, Stephenville, Azle, Tennyson, Marble Falls, Eastland, Colleyville, Arlington, Clyde Breckenridge, Midland, Carbon, Proctor, Deer Park, Carrollton, Ranger, Sealy, Zapata, Irving, Horseshoe Bay, Houston, Graham, Lubbock Lake Leon, Comanche, Georgetown, Strawn, Brownwood, Iowa Park, Fort Worth and Desdemona.

**Desdemona High School Class of 1951** celebrated their 60th Class Reunion on Friday night, August 12, 2011 at the First Baptist Church Annex. Class members to attend were P.D. Ash and wife, Margaret and Ann (Lindley) Mears, all of Stephenville; Alla Rae (Friday) Kelly and husband, Pete of Sealy; Bates Duke of Midland; James Buckley of Graham; Jim Craig of Deer Park; Joe Ben Koonce of Lake Leon; June Jacobs, Vonnie (Keith) Guthery and husband, Pug all of Desdemona. Visitors to attend were Tommy Jacobs of Desdemona Arlington Ash of Clyde and Eula Jean (Ash) McConal of Stephenville.

**First Baptist Church** of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Jana Johnson led the song service with Karen Fair at the piano and Mildred Million at the organ. Special music was presented by David Shirley of Conroe. Other visitors were Frank Shirley of Gorman, Geraldine Boyd and friend of Brownwood. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday School at 10 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. For the Morning Service.

Have a Good Day, "Coon".

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were a small group of ten when we met on the 17th of August for our Monthly Get-Together. I keep hoping for more folks to come out, but doesn't happen. People have other happenings in their life or ill or simply forget. Many have just lost interest, so we may have to end our meetings. It doesn't seem to matter if we meet once a week or monthly. The attendance about the same. We will meet on the 21st of September and try again.

Our meal was delicious with B-B-Q from Bob's Grocery, fried chicken brought by Crystal Conway from Integra Care. She is good to come visit and bring us goodies. Her little boy is now 6 months old, hard to believe The business she works for is in Cisco and some of our group use their services. Also we enjoyed cornbread salad by Billie Bennett, so good to have her back with us. We had Cole slaw, cornbread, green beans and potatoes, spinach and fruit cocktail with cookies. Estelle Lindley made a good buttermilk pie and also we enjoyed a carrot cake Henry Buchanan was kind to give the blessing.

We missed Anne Buchanan, The Shirleys, Ruthie Porter, Jackie Burns and Betty Frasier. Jackie has been ill and will have to receive some kind of treatment in the future. He has been bothered by an abscess in his teeth. Get well Jackie, hang in there. We are all thinking and praying for you.

My two new great Grandson's born this year are growing like weeds. Conner - 5 months and Cannon are something else. We carried Cannon shopping with us a couple weeks ago. He didn't like it, and Kendra said he's a spoiled brat already at 1 month. HA! I didn't like it either in the heat. It was a have to trip, but made nice by traveling in Kendra's new car. One of my older granddaughters is to give Birth around Christmas. So could be on my birthday the 25th or hers the 30th. This baby is a girl, so all are excited.

Kendra Wright is now teaching 4th and 5th grades at Goldthwaite. This will give her more time with her new baby. Coaching is so much after school time, plus driving a bus and getting home late. Doesn't work too good as she is nursing.

I visited Daisy Slaton a week ago. She is doing well and looks good. She is not too happy with the food, but is a lovely place to live. Her children bought her a little refrigerator, so she can prep some food she likes. I sure miss her being close by and at the Wednesday meals.

Hope to see more of you next month and keep well and happy, Carol.

P.S. - Wasn't the rain a week ago a blessing!! I was so thrilled I sat on my porch and watched. I believe we had about 2 inches. Now **PRAY FOR MORE!!**

## HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

School has started. Seems like summer vacations get shorter and shorter. Christmas is fast approaching. It is only a little over 4 months now til 2012.

This coming Monday is our monthly birthday party. Please come and join us as we celebrate all birthday in August. We would like to thank Bro. Jason Wilder and the Sunday School teachers from the First Baptist Church who are so faithful to come. Bro. Jason comes on Wed. mornings at 9:00 for Bible Study and the Sunday School teachers from the First Baptist come and have Sunday School at 9:00. Everyone is invited to come and join. us.

Recent visitors at Homestead were Gaylea and Vaughny Elliott of Weatherford, and Louise Smart, they came and brought bananas to all the residents. What a nice treat. Thank you Louise, Gaylea and Vaughny.

Ted Higginbotham of College Station visited with Mary Kirk. Visiting Frankie Stacy were Gary Hattox of Stephenville, Marilyn Huddleston of Joshua, and Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon. Rusty and Claudia Simmons visited Sue Simmons. Tresa and John Gilbert of DeLeon and Carolyn Gilbert visited Floydene Gilbert. Linda and Reece Fountain of Weatherford visited Lula Schneider. Bill Shelton of Cleburne and Ewellene Hammon of DeLeon visited Claudie Shelton. Liz Caraway of Valley Mills, Bo Caraway and Glenn and Kathy Scitern visited Rozelle Caraway. Charles and Nell Kennedy of Olden visited Nell Kennedy. Margery Churchville of Ft. Worth, Johnny Smith, Nelda Mauney, B.E. Simpson, and Kenneth Welch visited Edgar Reynolds. Jana-Grice visited Ima Brown.

Remember to sign the register when you come to visit.

Have a good week.

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## 8th Annual Shin Oak Springs

### B B Q Cook-Off

Saturday September 10, 2011

Official Start Time 5:00 p.m. Friday

Downtown Gorman, Texas

In Conjunction With The Gorman Peanut Festival

Chairpersons: Shawn Boles and Tacy Warren

Lone Star Barbecue Society Sanctioned Event

BEEF BRISKET ~ 1/2 CHICKEN ~ PORK SPARE RIBS

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ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 for ONE or ALL meat categories

JACKPOT BEANS: \$10.00 Entry Fee - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

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RULES & REGULATIONS

1. You do not have to be a member of the LONE STAR BARBECUE SOCIETY to enter this cook-off.

2. Contestants must check in at a t Cook-Off headquarters. OFFICIAL START TIME after meat inspection

3. Contestants must furnish meat, pit, wood, sauce, etc. ONLY BEANS MAY BE COOKED ON GAS GRILL.

4. All meat and beans subject to inspection. NO PRE-COOKED OR PRE-SEASONED MEAT, NO DUG PITS.

5. Contest meats are not to be sampled by the general public or judges prior to judging.

6. ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE CONFINED TO THE COOK-OFF AREA. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the cleanliness of their area & for the conduct of the team. Misconduct or violations of rules will disqualify team.

7. ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS \$10.00(LIMIT ONE) First come First served. 8 - 10 electrical hook ups available at this time - hope to have more\*\*

8. RAIN OR SHINE - NO REFUNDS \*\*2 PARKING PERMITS PER ENTRY\*\*

Mail to: Shin Oak Springs B B Q Cook-Off, P.O. Box 754 Gorman, TX 76454.

Phones: Daytime 8-5, (254)977-0935 Fax (254)734-2270.

Email: tacywarren@hotmail.com

2011 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF COOK \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANTS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

\$50.00 FOR ONE OR ALL MEATS: \_\_\_\_\_ BEEF BRISKET

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_ PORK SPARE RIBS.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 FOR JACKPOT BEANS

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 ELECTRICAL HOOK-UPS

TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

I AGREE to abide by the rules & regulations as started above & further agree that I will not hold the Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cook-Off Council or the City of Gorman liable for damages to person, property, or theft of merchandise or displays in the sale.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This year we are asking for an optional cooked brisket along with your entry fee. Shawn and I are also active members of the Gorman Livestock Raisers Association. This organization raises money for our youth each year to purchase projects at the annual Eastland County Livestock Show.

We normally have around thirteen involved with projects. The county show is in mid January. Our families form a buyer's pool and have many fund raisers along with several donations to accumulate proceeds. We will use these briskets for a concession or a Sunday lunch.

We will also give back a portion of the proceeds to the Shin Oak Bar B Q cook-off to help build up our annual event. We so appreciate all of you who are so faithful to participate in our cook-off.

If you think you can furnish a cooked brisket, please let us know a head of time so we may plan accordingly. No matter if you choose to do this or not, we do appreciate your being here with us!!

Can't wait to see ya'll in September!!

This was a great success for the GLRA last year. We had planned to have a concession stand the day of the cook off / festival, but with all the rain those plans fell thru. We did, however, have a Sunday lunch and raised approximately \$700! Thanks to you all so very much. We appreciate your generosity and attendance.

## PROCESS TO RESOLVE DISCRIMINATION IN USDA PROGRAM DELIVERY CONTINUES

TEMPLE, Texas - As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, a process has been developed to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

"The Obama Administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA's history," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can now come forward to participate in a claims process in which they have the opportunity to receive compensation."

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

The program provides up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to claimants to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov) or by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

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