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Carl Edward Baugh To Speak At Carbon Community Baptist

Founder and Director of Creation Evidence Museum, Glen Rose, Texas. Scientific Research Director for world's first Hyperbaric Biosphere. Scientific Research Director for water reclamation and energized plant systems. Discoverer and Excavation Director of fourteen dinosaurs, including Acrocanthosaurus in Texas and



Diplodocus in Colorado.

Co-discoverer and co-excavator of a unique South American ammonite that has not been described in the technical literature. He is preparing publication in the scientific literature, and has tentatively named the fossil *Pendulaceras corrugatumlaqueus*.

He has appeared on CBS TV Network Special: "The Incredible Discovery of Noah's Ark"; "Ancient Secrets in the Bible"; on NBC TV Network Special: "Mysterious Origins of Man"; on two national Japanese TV Networks on Dinosaurs and Man. Interviews on ABC and CBS Radio Networks on Glen Rose excavations. Granted over 500 news interviews on Glen Rose excavations.

Over 70 guest appearances representing scientific creation on Trinity Broadcasting Network and is host of a weekly television program - "Creation in the 21st Century."

Dr. Baugh will be speaking at the Carbon Community Baptist on August 21, 2005 at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. Schedule for the event is 10 a.m. to 12 noon with a break at 11 a.m. The church is located at 515 E. Anthracite in Carbon (old school building). Nursery will be provided. There will be a Pot Luck Luncheon following the event.

50th Year Class Reunion For Class Of 1955

The Gorman Senior Class of 1955 will be holding their 50th Class Reunion on September 10, 2005 in conjunction with Ex-Students Association Homecoming. Register for Homecoming at 8 a.m. in front of Old Post Office. Also at High School at 1:30 p.m. Evening meal will be at ZJ's Steakhouse at 7 p.m.

For more information call Woodrow Browning at 254-734-2756 - Howard Hagood at 254-734-2977 or Ernestine Campbell at 254-639-2476.

Gorman Livestock Raisers Note

If you are planning on showing an animal during the Eastland County Livestock Show in 2006 please notify Shawn Boles @ 734-2505. This is an effort to get everyone involved before validation. This will also distribute the work load more evenly among the G L R A families. Thank you.

24th Annual Comanche Co. POW WOW and Antique Tractor & Engine Show

The 24th Annual Comanche County POW WOW presents the 14th Annual Tractor and Engine Show to be held Saturday Only - Be in the Park by 9:30 a.m. on September 24th - City Park West Edge Comanche, Tx. Admission to Park \$2.00 - One Free Admission Per Exhibitor. Featured Tractor -- Massey Tractors - Engines - Machinery - Cranking Races - Slow Race - Washer Drop - Barrel Roll - Can Crush - Parade - Exhibitor Meal Provided. Plenty of Shade Trees, Parking and Loading Docks! For more information contact Cliff Conway 325-642-5581 or Larry McKnight 325-330-0449; Comanche Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture 325-356-3233 - FAX 325-356-2940.

Ticket drawing for Kiddie John Deere Tractor.

Panthers Look Good In Early Season Work

The Gorman Panther varsity football team traveled to Eden this past Saturday for their first scrimmage of the year against the Bulldogs of Eden. The scrimmage got off to a late start after a hour and a half delay due to lightening and storms. However, when it did start, the Gorman Panthers were ready to go. Although Eden won the scrimmage 2-0, the Panthers appeared to outplay the Bulldogs throughout most of the scrimmage. "We gave up a few big plays, but other than that we literally shut them down. Offensively we were on a script and we did not veer off of it any."

We had a few opportunities to score, but I went with the play on the script instead of calling a play that might have been more favorable at the time. As coaches we want to see all our plays and evaluate a lot out of these scrimmages." The Panthers are looking forward to traveling to Ft Worth this week to take on Muenster Sacred Heart in a scrimmage at Ft. Worth Nolan Stadium (see directions). "Our kids were much more aggressive this year against Eden than we were last year."

We must keep that intensity and build on it as well as reduce our busted assignments and mistakes. Muenster will be a great test for us since they are coming off a 10-3 season which was preceded by a 12-0 TAPPS 2A State Title. They will run a spread offense that features an exceptional one back (6'0 180 4.4 40yd dash).

We will see if we made any progress and corrected some of the mistakes we had this week. As coaches we are encouraged by the way we scrimmaged against Eden and look forward to a good season."

- Coach Tyson

Directions To Fort Worth Nolan High School

Driving Directions to Ft. Worth Nolan High School- Gorman vs Muenster Sacred Heart; August 19, 2005 @ 7:00 pm

- 1- I-20 East- 60 mi
- 2- I-30 East toward Ft. Worth/Downtown- 19.0 mi
- 3- Take exit #18/ Oakland Blvd- 0.2 mi
- 4- Turn left on Oakland Blvd- 0.1 mi
- 5- Turn right on Bridge St. - 0.3 mi
- 6- The high school should be on the left

CHILD FIND REFERRAL

The children of Texas come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and abilities. They do not all learn the same way, but they all learn. Do you know of an infant, child, or young adult who does not learn easily or who has an impairment that might affect his/her success in life?

Children with disabilities are eligible for school services on their third birthday and continue through age twenty-one. Whether the child is in public school, private school, home school or resides in a nursing home or group home, they may be eligible for services.

For an educational evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services at no cost to the parent, contact East End Education Cooperative at P. O. Box 717 / 539 West Roosevelt, Gorman, Tx 76454, or call 254-734-2020. East End Education Co-op serves schools in Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Moran and Ranger.

New Immunization Requirements Announced

Effective September 1, 2005, a new law will require children attending child-care centers, enrolled in prekindergarten, Head Start, or other early childhood programs to be vaccinated against invasive pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is requiring these two vaccines in addition to those already required: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella.

Pneumococcal disease is caused by a bacteria that often leads to middle ear infections, pneumonia, blood stream infections, sinus infections, and meningitis. Hepatitis A is a liver disease that is spread from person to person, often by putting objects in the mouth that have been contaminated.

In addition, new for the 2005-2006 school year, are expanded requirements for hepatitis B and varicella immunizations. CCISD students in Kindergarten through Grade 11 must have received hepatitis B vaccine. Those in Kindergarten through Grade 5 and Grand 7 through Grade 11 must have received the varicella vaccine before the start of school.

The DSHS will distribute pneumococcal and hepatitis A vaccines to local health departments and healthcare providers during the month of July. Students will have access to the vaccines during the month of August in order to ensure enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year.

St. Joe Baptist Church To Hold Revival

St. Joe Baptist Church located 2 miles north of De Leon on Hwy. 16 and FM 2921 will be holding Revival Services on August 28th thru 31st. Sunday's Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Dinner on the Grounds following at noon. Nightly Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Brother Steve Joiner, First Baptist Church, Buffalo Gap will preach the Messages and Clay Wooton of Morgan Mill will Lead the Music.

A Nursery will be provided. We invite everyone to join us for a good old fashioned heaven sent Revival. You will be glad you did.

Maxfield Elementary Meet the Teacher Night

Maxfield Elementary Classrooms will be open Thursday, August 18 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for students and parents to bring there school supplies. This will be a good time to meet your child's teacher before going to the auditorium to meet the new principals and superintendent starting at 7:00.

Peanut Festival Parade Set

Gorman Peanut Festival Parade Committee
Julie Clark: Chairman
P O Box 607
Gorman, TX. 76454

Parade date: September 10, 2005

This year we will be honoring Gorman's Hometown Heritage. There are many families, churches and businesses that contributed to the foundation of Gorman and we wish to honor them. We invite you to be a part of our celebration by taking part in our parade.

Our categories that will be judged are Bands, Cheer or Pep Squad, Businesses, Civic, Services, Sweethearts on floats and cars, Special and Unique (i.e. four wheelers, unusual bicycles, etc.), Antique Cars, Tractors, and Horse Riders and Clubs.

Please return this form by mail to the above address or you may call 254-734-2257. Please enter the gate in front of the football field and you will be directed from there.

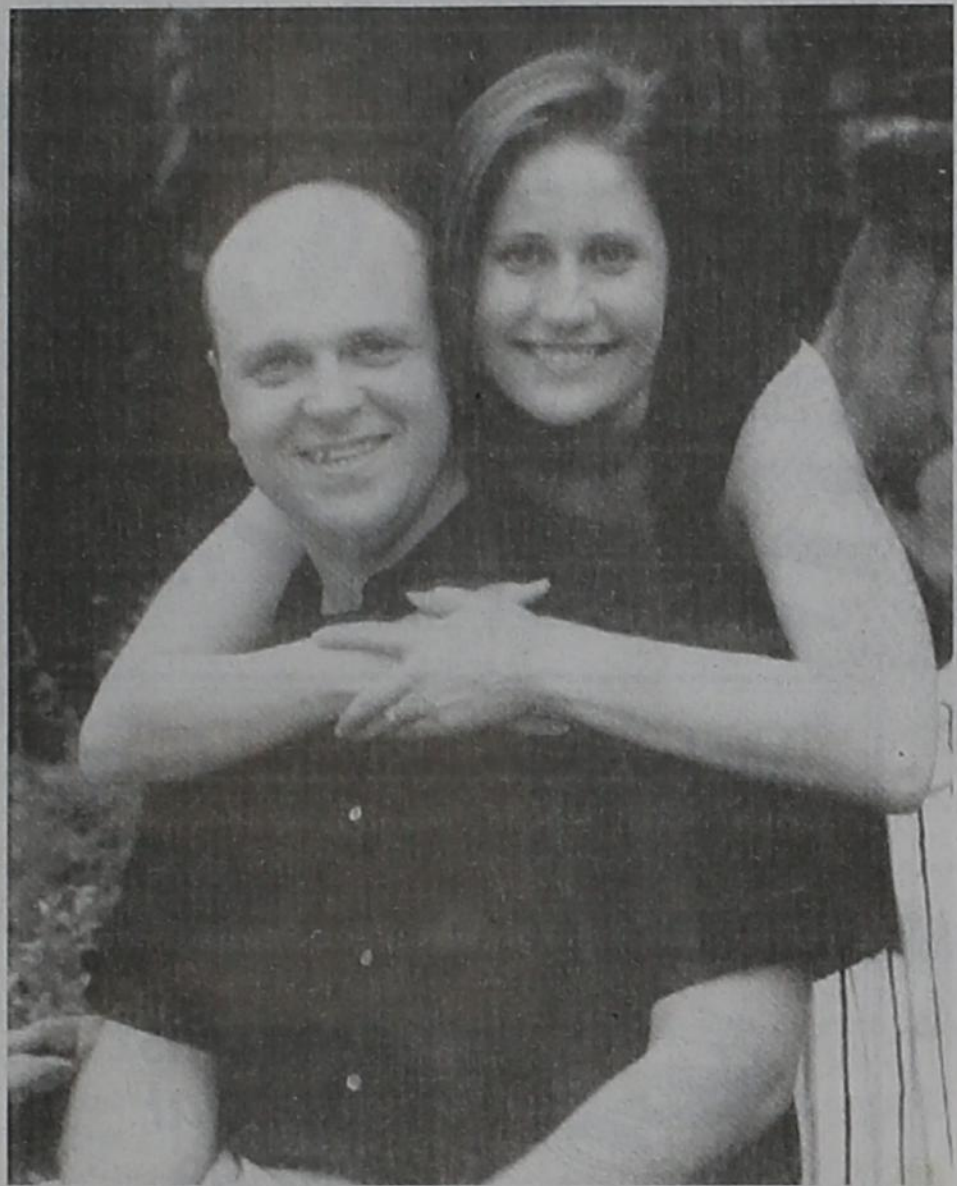
Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. If you are not in line at that time, you will not be judged. There are no exceptions.

I, _____, agree to release and discharge from liability, the Gorman Peanut Festival Association, all officers, and members, from any and all damages or injuries, losses, judgments or claims, sustained from any cause connected to my/our participation in this parade.

Signature

Date

Jennifer Eaves and Joel Dickerson Announce Engagement



Johnny and Catherine Eaves are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh to Joel Adam Dickerson of Fort Worth. He is the son of Joe and Jo Ann Dickerson of East Worth.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Wayne Eaves of Desdemona, Mary Joe Eaves of Gorman and the late Bill and Virginia Parr of Gorman. Joel is the grandson of Velma Dickerson of Pryor, OK.

They plan to marry at 5:30 p.m. October 22, 2005 at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford. Reception to follow. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

NOTICE

Lexington Street from Kent to Fisher Street is now ONE WAY ALL THE TIME. This is the portion of Lexington that runs in front of the school.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY

This Sunday, August 21, Barry Schahn with the Intentional Interim Ministry will fill the pew at First Baptist Church, in view of a call as interim pastor. We would like to encourage all members of First Baptist Church to be present for this very important Sunday Service. Deacons of First Baptist Church.

Child Safety Seat Classes will be held the first Wednesday of each month at the Gorman Community Center @ 7 p.m., and on the third Wednesday of each month at Eastland Memorial Hospital @ 7p.m. This is a free class. Call 734-4526 or 734-5989 To Sign Up.

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library

Open Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to 12 noon (through summer)

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

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. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m.
Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17th FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

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

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Obituaries

James "Jim" Wilson, Jr.

James "Jim" Wilson, Jr., 79, of Amarillo died Saturday, July 2, 2005. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005 in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, with Rev. John Benson, minister of Unity Church on the High Plains, officiating. Burial was at Llano Cemetery. Mr. Wilson was born in Gorman to James Wilson and Ora Octive Franklin. He worked with computers selling farm software and as a custom farmer. Mr. Wilson married Andrea Lee Michaels on Dec. 12, 1978, in Amarillo. He served in the Navy and Air Force as a pilot during World War II. He served with the United Way. He was a member of Ambucs and Toastmasters. Mr. Wilson was also a member of Unity Church on the High Plains. He started the first English Riding Club in Amarillo and gave many riding lessons to promote the English riding style. He was preceded in death by a son, Paul David Wilson in 1987; and a brother, Wesley Franklin in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea; a son, James Harold Wilson of Los Angeles; a daughter, Jennifer Mayschak of Wasilla, Alaska; a brother, Elmo Franklin of Placerville, CA.; a sister, Billie Tevebaugh of Lake Tanglewood; and three grandchildren, Devon, Kristen and Travor Mayschak.

The family suggests memorials be to Unity Church on the High Plains, 2224 S. Taylor St., Amarillo, TX 79109; Amarillo Humane Society, 3501 S. Osage St., Amarillo, TX 79103; or the scholarship fund for Paul David Wilson at Amarillo College.

Gary Clea Echols

Gary Clea Echols, 64, of Eastland, died Friday, August 12, 2005 at an Abilene Hospital. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Roberts officiating assisted by Terry Slavens. Burial followed in Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home. Gary was born April 1, 1941 in Gorman to Clea and Mutt Echols. He married LaVenia Rodgers March 12, 1960 in Gorman. He was district supervisor for Energas for many years before retiring. He was a member of the Eastland Church of Christ.

Her is survived by his wife, LaVenia Echols of Eastland; two sons, Craig Echols and wife Terri of Odessa and Eric Echols and wife Karen of Chandler, Arizona; two grandsons, Aaron Echols of Abilene and Ryne Echols of Odessa; two aunts, Velda Baze and Annie Watson both of Gorman. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family request donations be made to the American Diabetes Foundation or the Foster Children's Home in Stephenville.

Mozelle Blair Brown Pyburn

Mrs. Mozelle Blair Brown Pyburn was born August 24, 1918 in Comanche County, Texas to the late W. L. Blair and Sally Kenndey Blair. She was a grocer in Houston for thirty years; a homemaker; resided in De Leon for many years and was a member of the De Leon First Baptist Church. She married Boyd L. Brown on April 9, 1939; he preceded March 9, 1977; and she later married B. J. Pyburn in 1983; he also preceded. Survivors include: Two granddaughters, Jennifer Brown Hooper of Fort

Juanita Frances Raby

Juanita Frances Raby, 77, of De Leon died Thursday, August 11, 2005 at Comanche Co. Medical Center. Services were Saturday, August 13, 2005 at 1 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine, officiating. Burial was in Cleburne Cemetery, Cleburne, Tx; graveside services conducted by Harley D. Martin. She was born December 11, 1927 to the late Joe Hulsey and Grace Jenkins Hulsey. She married Billy Raby on November 5, 1973 in Fort Worth, Tx. She was a homemaker, member De Leon First Baptist Church. Survivors include: Virginia Martin and husband Bud of Amarillo; great nieces, Molly Andrade and husband Mike of Ft. Worth and Meagan Martin of Houston; nephew Andy Martin and wife Judy of Houston; great-nephew Brandon Martin and wife Laura of Ft. Worth; great-great-niece Abigail Grace Andrade of Ft. Worth and very special friend, Nadine Cook of Ft. Worth. She was preceded by her husband, Billy Raby, her parents, Joe and Grace Hulsey and her niece Sheri Martin.



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NEW : Kent St. App. 2 A., 3-2-2 brick, central a/h, lots kitch. cabinets, garden area, large pecan trees, nice retirement property. \$69,500
NEW : 3.29 A., south of Desdemona on pavement, fenced, electricity, small pond, good building site. \$16,500
3.78 A. 3-2 frame, app. 1160', garage/carport, lots of large oak trees, water well, creek, pond and barn, close to town. \$47,500
47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good deer area, \$1,050 acre.
NEW 58A. Desdemona, app. 10 coastal, 500' pond, water well, shed, pond, pavement, hunting, wildlife. \$1,800 per acre.
NEW: 105 A., Comanche Co., near De Leon, 30 A. Coastal, 52 A. cultivated, 23 A. pasture, 3 stock ponds, 2 wells (previously used for irrigation), steel corrals, electricity, paved @ CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combination stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre
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September 10th Approaching Fast

September 10 weekend is fast approaching. It's going to be a busy weekend in Gorman with the Peanut Festival, the Parade and other Festival activities and the Gorman Ex's Homecoming Celebration. The Gorman Church of Christ is planning their 100 Year Centennial Celebration on Sunday September 11 and just last year, the First Baptist Church of Gorman celebrated 120 years! All this is in keeping with enjoying and being proud of our past.

Many people are looking in old files and gathering information to get ready for all these celebrations. Vicki Frossard Campbell found this picture among her mother's keepsakes. It is a 1934-35 picture of her third grade class in the Gorman Schools. Clara Underwood Frossard was the teacher and had listed each child's name on the back of the picture. You'll recognize many of them! This goes along with the theme of the Festival Parade, "Preserving Our Heritage!" We do have a unique reason to preserve our heritage in Gorman. "Small Town, America" is as good as it gets! This is where we count our neighbors as friends and people consider helping one another as a way of life. Doesn't get much better than that! If you don't believe it, just look around. Some of our new neighbors have moved from the cities to have what we may take for granted. Let's make them welcome and invite everyone to join in our local celebrations and preserve this fine heritage.

Doodle Bug Contract Signing Held

On Thursday afternoon, August 11, the mayors of Dublin, DeLeon and Gorman met in DeLeon to sign a contract with the Fort Worth & Western Railway for the Doodle Bug Excursion train ride, which will be held on Saturday, October 15. Tickets for the ride are \$25 and may be ordered by calling the toll-free number, 866-550-4544 or 254-734-4544. People with memories of the original Doodle Bug train are encouraged to send them in as a letter to the Gorman Progress.



At DeLeon City Hall. Seated from the left: James "Red" Seigars, Dublin mayor; Jim Adams, DeLeon mayor; Robert Ervin, Gorman mayor. Standing: Cliffa Vaughn, excursion committee chairman.

Cisco Junior College Regular Registration Dates

Cisco Junior College has scheduled regular registration dates for the fall semester. Registration at the Abilene Educational Center will be Monday and Tuesday, August 22 and 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration at the Cisco campus will be Thursday, August 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is assigned by the first letter of the student's last name. To determine proper registration time, call the Abilene Educational Center at (325) 794-4400 or the main campus at (254) 442-5000. The first class day at both locations is Monday, August 29.

For more information about CJC, to view fall schedules, and to apply online, visit our website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

How thankful we are for all the rain that we have received during the past week. I've had over 8 inches at my house beginning with last Monday, August 8, and the weatherman tells us it isn't over yet. The cooler weather has been so nice too.

The choir rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. They were: Crystal Snider, Sylvia Buchanan, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Norma Webb, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Daryl Hirst, Tommy Seay, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Lydia Adams of Abilene was a visitor.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe Bond, Ruby Lee Kinser and Zelda Jordan. Leona, Helen, Woodrow and Joe rendered the special music with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan attended the Senior Adult Rally at the East Cisco Baptist Church on Monday evening. Rev. Keith Wilkerson of First Baptist Church, Liberty City, TX was the speaker for the evening and the Senior Adult choir of the Olden Baptist Church rendered the special music. It was a very meaningful and joyful worship service. Our thanks to the ladies of the church for the delicious meal.

Bro. James and Jerry Holt and Wynelle Brown of Carbon also attended the rally.

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church will gather at the Little Family's Lake Leon cabin for a fish fry on Thursday night. The activities will begin about 6:00 p.m. with games of dominoes, chicken foot, or whatever games you like to play. The meal will be served when the men get the fish fried. The church will furnish everything except the ladies are asked to bring desserts. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and a good meal.

Woodrow and Helen Browning went to Graham last Monday for a visit with Donna, Gary, Leslie, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin, and took Leslie to Wichita Falls on a

birthday shopping trip. They had dinner on Monday night with the Gatlins.

Lydia Adams of Abilene spent the weekend with Nancy Hendricks. Other visitors in the Hendricks home were Mark and Elizabeth of Abilene, Sylvia Buchanan, Lovey Lloyd and Zelda Jordan.

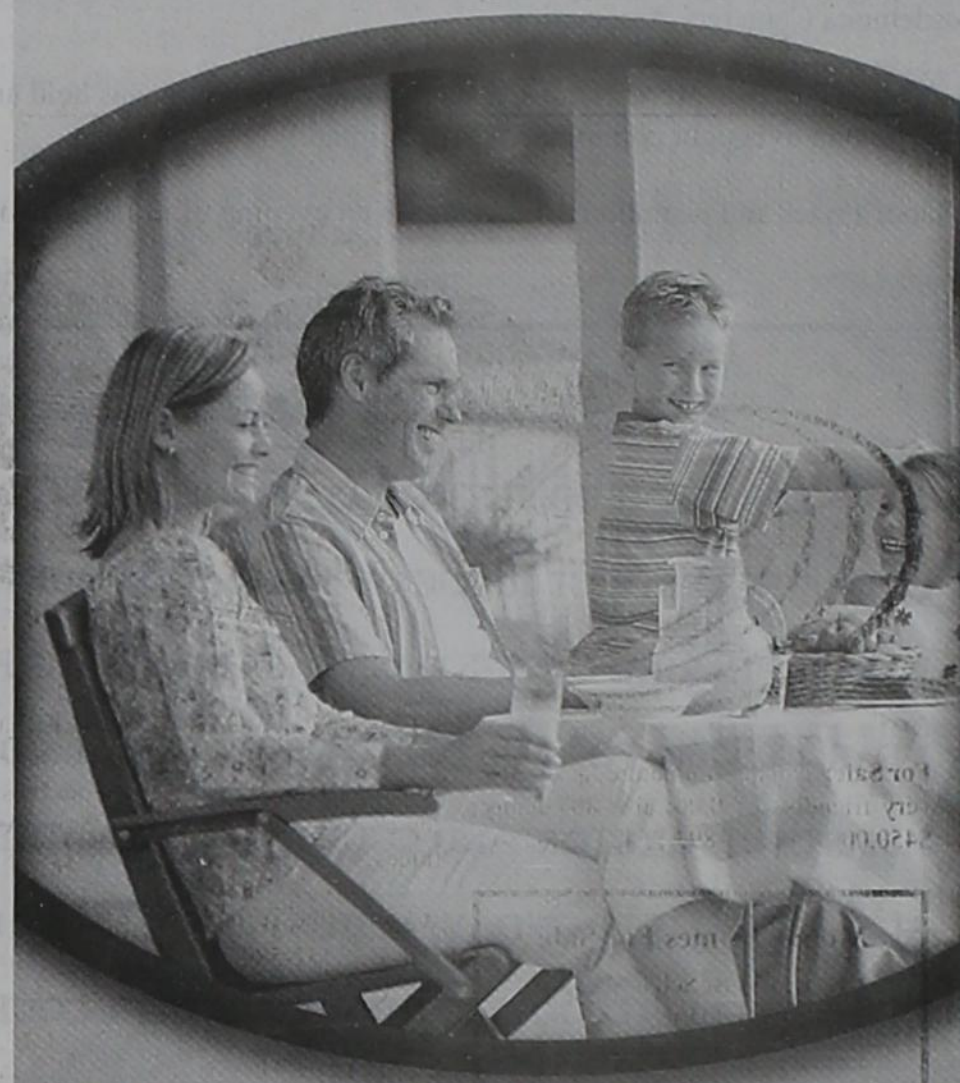
Daisy Slaton and Zelda Jordan attended the Comanche Electric Cooperative annual meeting at the Comanche Park on Saturday and enjoyed the country and Western music program and the fish and chicken lunch. Later they visited with a friend, Waldorene Pigg in Comanche.

Nancy Hendricks and Lydia Adams also attended the Comanche Electric Cooperative activities and lunch.

"Happy Birthday" to my granddaughter-in-law, Viki Miles in Austin from Grandma Jordan.

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Coffee with Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Come discuss issues important to Eastland County with Congressman Neugebauer THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th

Cisco
9:00 - 10:00 am
Hilton Hotel
309 Conrad Hilton Avenue

Eastland
10:30 - 11:30 am
Connellie Hotel
209 W. Main Street

Ranger
1:30 - 2:30 pm
Ranger Community Center
718 Pine Street

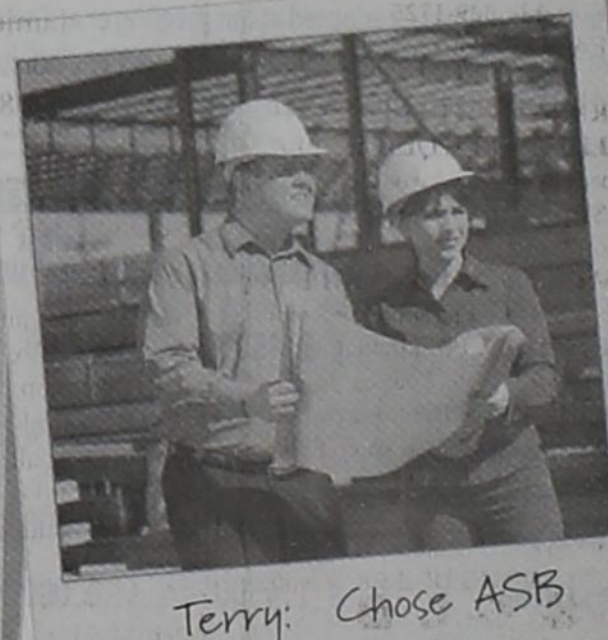
Gorman
3:00 - 4:00 pm
Gorman Community Center
120 S. Kent Street

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Gorman Sixth Grade Boys Physicals

The Gorman Athletic Program predicts that its numbers for the 2005 junior high football season will be below 22 on the first day of school for grades 7 and 8 combined. According to the UIL, the program will then be able to use 6th grade students as participants in football. Since this is a real possibility, the Gorman Athletic Department has set up physicals with Dr. Dan's Office here in town. Physical forms will be available at the Doctor's Office. There is no set time for these physicals. Regular office hours are the only times the physicals will be offered. When arriving at the office please state why you are there and that you will be an incoming 6th grade student wishing to participate in football. These physicals are free of charge courtesy of Dr. Dan. We thank him for this service. Parents please make sure that all forms are filled out completely and signed in all of the correct places. You will receive the following forms:

1. Medical History/Physical form
2. Acknowledgement of rules form

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Coaches' Office at 254-734-2264 and ask for Coach Tyson who is the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach.

Desdemona Alumni's Dinner Well Attended

Desdemona Alumni's Dinner was well attended. A capacity crowd of former students and guests showed up Friday evening at the Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona for the festivities. After a short period of entertainment by David Williams and Kate Moore the evening meal was prepared by Boom Town Café and served by community members.

The Master of Ceremonies was Floyd Moore who presented some special awards. Bobby Wisdom received an award for being the community grouch; Raymond Hattox was presented with an award for Best Tall Truck Driving Tales; Loreta Crenshaw received an appreciation award for her three years of service as secretary of the annual event; and Leo Williams was presented an award for his service to the Desdemona Cemetery Association.

After the awards presentations, a short business meeting was held and it was decided to continue the event and an oversight committee was appointed.

Door Prizes and visitation followed with an evening of fun and enjoyment.

Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council To Hold Art Show Thru Aug. 31

Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council is pleased to present *The Artistry of Tom Paulson Exhibit* at River North Gallery in Stephenville. The exhibit opens August 15 and will continue through August 31st and is open to the public, free of charge. "The public is invited to join us for an Artist Reception on Thursday, August 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in honor of Clifton artist, Tom Paulson and his wife, Vickie," states Keri Wallace, Executive Director.

Inspired by nature's bounty, Paulson expresses his interest through his paintings and sculptures. His works are featured through a variety of subject matter from majestic mountains to Texas landscapes. He enjoys being outdoors and is artistically influenced by the cowboy way of life. Paulson's interest in western art began as a teenager while spending summers and holidays working on the family ranch in Oklahoma where he developed a love for horses, cattle and cowboy culture. After receiving a B.A. from Texas Wesleyan College, he studied courses in Commercial Art & Illustration and Cartooning.

"We are very pleased to present such quality works of art in this exhibit. We encourage everyone in the community and the surrounding area to take advantage of this opportunity and stop by River North Gallery," states Wallace.

Paulson's works have been exhibited in the Mountain Oyster Show in Tucson and the Cheyenne Western Spirit Art Show in Cheyenne, Wyoming. His work recently won an award in the American Plains Artist Show in Midland, Texas and the Ponca City Art Show in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

River North Gallery is located at 204 River North Boulevard. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information about this exhibit call CTFAC at 254-965-6190.

Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council
204 River North Blvd.
P.O. Box 1172
Stephenville, TX 76401
Voice: 254-965-6190
Fax: 254-965-6186
ctfac@our-town.com
www.crosstimbersarts.org

SCHOOL MENU

Maxfield Elementary -- Week of August 22

- BREAKFAST**
 MONDAY - Cereal, yogurt, milk and juice.
 TUESDAY - Breakfast burrito, orange, milk, and juice.
 WEDNESDAY - Sausage & pancake, syrup, banana, milk and juice.
 THURSDAY - Cinnamon roll, applies, milk and juice.
 FRIDAY - Sausage biscuits, gravy, milk and juice.

- LUNCH**
 MONDAY - Taco salad or Burrito, lettuce, tomato, pinto beans, Spanish rice.
 TUESDAY - Steak fingers or Pimento cheese sandwich, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit.
 WEDNESDAY - Cheese/meat sauce nachos or tacos, salad, applesauce, chips.
 THURSDAY - Spaghetti or Pizza, salad, corn, garlic bread.
 FRIDAY - Hamburgers or corn dogs, lettuce, tomatoes, pork-n-beans, peanut butter bars.

- High School LUNCH**
 MONDAY - Taco Salad, lettuce, tomato, pinto beans, Spanish rice.
 TUESDAY - Steak fingers, cr. potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit.
 WEDNESDAY - Cheese/meat sauce nachos, salad, applesauce.
 THURSDAY - Spaghetti, salad, corn, garlic bread.
 FRIDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pork-n-beans, peanut butter bars.

- SNACK BAR**
 MONDAY - Hot pockets
 TUESDAY - Hamburger Meal
 WEDNESDAY - Corn dog Meal
 THURSDAY - Pizza
 FRIDAY - Hoagie Sandwich Meal
 Available every day - Burrito Meal, Chef Salad, Baked Potato and fixings, Salad and Baked Potato, Nachos.

Eastland Memorial Hospital "Happenings and Health Hints"

Essential Tremor Support Group Continues To Meet

The Essential Tremor Support Group is continuing to meet and only gaining momentum. In fact, two more meetings are scheduled for the near future. On Monday, August 22 the Essential Tremor Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Teaching Conference Room of the Eastland Memorial Hospital strictly as a support group and to share information.

Then they will be meeting on Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Teaching Conference Room of Eastland Memorial Hospital for a Special Presentation by Dr. Sandy Hazelip, D.O., Senior Healthcare Center Medical Director in Abilene, Texas. Dr. Hazelip is Board Certified in Family and Geriatric Medicine. She has extensive experience and continuing education in geriatric care. She graduated from North Texas Health Science Center and received her medical degree from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has been actively practicing medicine since 1985, when she began her practice in Eastland, Texas. Dr. Hazelip will be presenting a program on Essential Tremors and then fielding generalized questions from the audience. The public is invited to both of these meetings.

Essential tremor -- Signs and symptoms.

Essential tremor often begins gradually. Sometimes it appears during adolescence, then goes into remission, only to resurface later. More often, though, symptoms begin in mid- to late-life. The most common sign is a trembling, up-and-down movement of your hands, although your arms, head and even your tongue and voice box (larynx) also may be affected. In general, you'll have tremors in both hands, but a small percentage of people have tremors in only one hand.

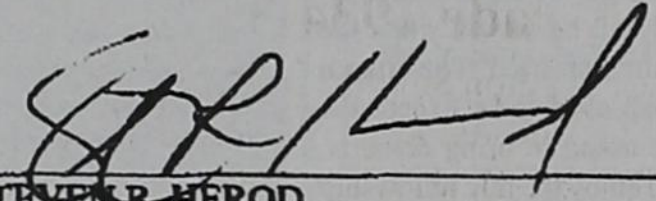
Tremors usually occur only when you engage in a voluntary movement, such as drinking a glass of water, writing or threading a needle. Actions requiring fine motor skills - using utensils or small tools, for example - may be especially difficult. Fatigue, anxiety and temperature extremes make symptoms worse, but tremors usually disappear when you're asleep or at rest.

Some people have relatively mild symptoms throughout their lives, while others develop more severe tremors and increased disability over time. Effects of worsening tremors may include:

- Difficulty holding a cup or glass without spilling
- Difficulty eating normally
- Difficulty putting on makeup or shaving
- Difficulty talking, if your voice box or tongue is affected
- Difficulty writing - handwriting may become increasingly large, shaky and illegible
- The inability to perform actions requiring fine motor skills, such as playing an instrument or drawing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PURSUANT TO SECTION 152.905 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, THE DISTRICT JUDGE OF EASTLAND COUNTY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITOR, AND COURT REPORTER. THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2005, AT 8:15 A.M., IN THE 91ST DISTRICT COURTROOM, EASTLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, EASTLAND, TEXAS.


 STEVEN R. HEROD
 JUDGE PRESIDING
 91ST DISTRICT COURT
 EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gorman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 pm August 30, 2005 in High School Library, Gorman High School 114 W Lexington, Gorman, TX 76454. 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.

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	\$ 1.4500	\$ 0.000 *	\$ 1.4500	\$ 1,582	\$ 6,274
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.5479	\$ 0.000 *	\$ 1.4500	\$ 1,596	\$ 6,259
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.4500	\$ 0.000 *	\$ 1.4500	\$ 1,510	\$ 5,932

*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	\$ 27,176	\$ 27,420
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,176	\$ 12,420
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 176.55	\$ 180.09
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ + 3.54

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.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.8682. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.8682.

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

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2nd Annual Shin Oak Springs B B Q Cook-Off

Saturday September 10, 2005

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
 Cash Prizes, Trophies, & Prizes
 1ST THROUGH 3RD PLACE PLAQUES IN ALL MEAT CATEGORIES!!
 PLAQUES GIVEN TO GRAND CHAMPION, BEST/MOST UNIQUE PIT, FARTHEST TRAVELED, AND BEST DECORATED AREA!

Turn In Times: Will be announced at cook's meeting on Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.
 ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 for ONE or ALL meat categories
 JACKPOT BEANS: \$10.00 Entry Fee - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Plaques
 Jackpot Beans have an 80% payback.

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 Cook-Off headquarters. OFFICIAL START TIME IS 5 P.M. FRIDAY.
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 DONFINED 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 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 321, Gorman, TX 76454.
 Phones: Daytime 8-5, (254)734-2317, or 2505. Or after 5 you may call (254)734-4103, (254)647-1190, (254)734-5017, or (254)977-0935.
 Fax (254)734-2270. Email: tacywarren@hotmail.com

2005 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 TOTAL ENTRY FEE: _____
 \$10.00 ELECTRICAL HOOK-UPS Paid By: _____ Check _____ Cash _____

I AGREE to abide by the rules & regulations as stated 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 _____

Decision Allows Farmers and Ranchers To Apply For USDA Assistance

WASHINGTON, July 27, 2005 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today designated counties in Texas as primary agricultural disaster areas, making certain farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers in the counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Callahan County, Texas, was designated as a primary disaster area due to losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds and lightning that occurred on June 4, 2005.

Also eligible because they are contiguous include:
Brown Eastland Shackelford Coleman Jones Taylor
The county was designated on July 20, 2005. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the designation to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs available, in addition to the emergency loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA has also made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Emergency Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Neugebauer To Host Events In Callahan, Eastland Counties

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer will be hosting a series of "Coffee with the Congressman" events across Callahan and Eastland counties on Wednesday, August 24 and Thursday, August 25. Neugebauer will provide updates on important 2005 legislative accomplishments as well as answer questions from constituents at each of the "Coffees."

Neugebauer will be in Cross Plains and Clyde on August 24. He will then head to Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, and Gorman on August 25. The "Coffees" will be held at the following locations:

Wednesday, August 24	
Cross Plains	Jean's Feed Barn - 349 W. Hwy 36 - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Clyde	Clyde Chamber of Commerce - 614 N. 1st Street - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 25	
Cisco	Hilton Hotel - 309 Conrad Hilton Avenue - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Eastland	Connellee Hotel - 209 W. Main Street - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Ranger	Ranger Community Center - 718 Pine Street - 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Gorman	Gorman Community Center - 120 S. Kent Street - 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

September 10th Approaching Fast

September 10 weekend is fast approaching. It's going to be a busy weekend in Gorman with the Peanut Festival, the Parade and other Festival activities and the Gorman Ex's Homecoming Celebration. The Gorman Church of Christ is planning their 100 Year Centennial Celebration on Sunday September 11 and just last year, the First Baptist Church of Gorman celebrated 120 years! All this is in keeping with enjoying and being proud of our past.

Many people are looking in old files and gathering information to get ready for all these celebrations. Vicki Frossard Campbell found this picture among her mother's keepsakes. It is a 1934-35 picture of her third grade class in the Gorman Schools. Clara Underwood Frossard was the teacher and had listed each child's name on the back of the picture. You'll recognize many of them! This goes along with the theme of the Festival Parade, "Preserving Our Heritage!" We do have a unique reason to preserve our heritage in Gorman. "Small Town, America" is as good as it gets! This is where we count our neighbors as friends and people consider helping one another as a way of life. Doesn't get much better than that! If you don't believe it, just look around. Some of our new neighbors have moved from the cities to have what we may take for granted. Let's make them welcome and invite everyone to join in our local celebrations and preserve this fine heritage.



Third Grade 1934-35

Front row: Alton Smith, Sarah Woods, Billy Martin Brogdon, James Whitley, Jimmie Dean, Nina Hudson, Ronald Browning

Second row: L.A. Bennett, Barbara Woods, Billy Charles Underwood, Charlene Cook, Bobbie Early, Wanda Brown, Melvin Ussery, Edward Clark, Frances Ellison, James Ormsby, David Goodwin, Syble Laminack

Third row: George Edward Bopler, Maxine McMullen, Joe Ormsby, Helen Marie Stephens, Carl Connally, Nellie Lee Seay, Frankie Jo Moore, James Smith, James Wright, Sara Frances Woods, Marjorie Joe Jenkins, Mary Ruth Yarbrough, Billy Gene Stephens

Back Row: Cleo Mahan, Leo Mahan, Davis Parker, Harold Phillips, Olive Mae Brashear, Carlton Stephens, Clara Mae Underwood (teacher), G.W. Kimbrough, Warren Denton, Edwin Pierce, Glen Iley, Joe Cook, Velma Louise Maupin

2005 Property Tax Rates in Eastland County

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for Eastland County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's 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.

General Fund

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,938,458
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 328,485
Last year's total taxes	\$ 3,266,943
Last year's tax base	\$ 583,382,830
Last year's total tax rate	\$.56 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 3,260,808
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 618,721,520
This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.52702 /\$100
Total Effective tax rate	\$.52702 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and hold hearings.)

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, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,932,940
This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 618,721,520
This year's effective rate	\$.47403 /\$100
1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.51195 /\$100
This year's debt rate	\$.05082 /\$100
This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.56277 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.56277 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Eastland County adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.52702 per \$ 100 of value, Taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$ 44,033.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance and Operation	\$ 445,860
Bond	\$ 107,649

Schedule B - 2005 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Bond	\$ 270,000	\$ 28,800	\$ 1,350	\$ 300,150
(Minus)	Total required for 2005 debt service		\$ 300,150	
(Minus)	Amt. (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		-0-	
(Minus)	Amt. (if any) paid from other resources		-0-	
(Minus)	Excess collections last year		-0-	
(Equal)	Total to be paid from taxes in 2005		\$ 300,150	
(Plus)	Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 94% of its taxes in 2005		\$ 19,158	
(Equal)	Total Debt Levy		\$ 319,308	

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 Auditor's Office
Eastland County Courthouse
Second Floor, Suite 205
Eastland, Texas

Name of person preparing this notice: Steve Thomas, RPA
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date Prepared: Eastland CAD August 3, 2005

Notice of Public Hearing On Tax Increase

Last year, the Eastland County property tax rate was \$0.56. That rate raised \$3,260,808, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as: County offices operations, indigent health care, indigent legal services, elections, Central Appraisal District support, courthouse operations and maintenance, Department of Public Safety support, Texas Ranger support, Texas Parks & Wildlife support, Veterans' Service Officer support, MHMR court costs and support, ambulance service, libraries support, Agricultural Extensions Service, Adult and Juvenile Probation support, juries, Fire Department support, Road and Bridge operations, debt service.

This year, Eastland County is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.56. That rate would raise \$3,464,840, which is \$204,032 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on August 25, 2005 10 a.m. at Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom. The second hearing will be held on August 29, 2005 10 a.m. at Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

AS THE DEER PANTS FOR THE WATER

"As the pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirst for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet with God?"

You can almost see the deer as it begins to feel the panic. Trying to find water, any water, she begins to pant for a small stream of water somewhere. Just something to quench her thirst...

Many people know what it is like to through years of drought. Some areas of the world go for months without any rainfall at all. The grass burns up, they trees can't produce any fruit and the animals disappear from the area in search of greener pastures. But then the rain comes, everything turns green, the once dry riverbeds again have water flowing through them. And the animals return.

Have you ever felt that thirsty? We can have a good job, strong family, and still our souls are thirsty. You can put all the food you want in front of a deer, but unless it has water, the food means nothing. For us, that water that we need is an ongoing relationship, friendship, with Jesus Christ. He satisfies our deepest thirst.

"Where can I go and meet God?" The Psalmist asks. Some people say they worship God on the golf course, or in the woods camping, I wonder. Perhaps they are getting a physical and mental uplift there, but is that all there is to worship?

There are times when each one of us gets discouraged, even deeply discouraged, and we ask God, "What in the world am I doing here?" We need to let God's word speak to us. God has called up to create an environment in which He can work. A church, a local group of people...What a wonderful place to be.

Provided By Larry Stogsdill

Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of De Leon, Lendon and Sherry Morgan of Garland, Pam Childers, Annie Fay Foster and Eddie Grumbles.

ATTN: The resident August Birthday Party will be Friday, August 26th at 2:00 P.M. Three residents will be honored for having August Birthdays. Relatives and friends are welcome. There will be refreshments.

Some visitors were Maudie Husband and Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Larry and DeLinda Snider and Diana Snider and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona.

On Sunday morning those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James Miears, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. James taught the lesson, "Once and Future Life". Life question, "Is this life all there is?" Bible passage, 2 Corinthians 4:7 - 5:10, 4:16-18. Key Verse 2 Corinthians 4:18. A resident voiced a prayer. Pat and Howard Hagood were guests. Twenty four residents attended.

Recent visitors were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Billie Marbel, Mary Jeffs, Frances Warren, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood and George Rodgers.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Frank and Beth Shirley, Pam Childers, June Dossey, Nina Skiles, Nelda Mauney and Ann Maxfield. Pam played the piano and Nelda led singing. Frank's sermon was "Gods Grace is sufficient". Bible passage 2 Corinthians 12:7-9. A resident led the closing prayer. Fifteen residents were present.

Some guest were Doylena and Kennard Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Kendra and Maddux Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Levi Roberts, Shaylor Roberts and Winston Brown and Rodney Roberts.

On Sunday late afternoon residents enjoyed a movie in the North Lobby. Visiting were Thomas and Vickie Seay, Daisy Slaton, John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown, James Miears and Larry Stogsdill.

On Friday morning Pat Graham, Billie Marbel, Ina Smith and Judy Killebrew had regular Bingo for ten residents. Chris, Jeff and Jason Killebrew were guests. Everyone enjoyed iced apple juice.

Some guests were Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Nell Treadway, Ruby Lee Kinser and Billy Joe Dennis.

On Monday morning at 8:00 Karen Guthery came - opened the beauty shop and styled hair.

Recent visitors were Bonita Richardson of Ft. Worth, Bonnie Craft of Lake Leon, Trisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield.

At 8:30 a.m. on Monday "Today's Events" with Ina Smith was enjoyed by several residents.

Some guests were Roy and Charlotte Johnson, Clyde and DeSha Johnson and Tony Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock.

On Monday afternoon Gospel Singers coming were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, and Marjorie Nell Treadway. Ruby Lee and Billy Joe brought some beautiful specials. There were five residents present. Marjorie Nell dismissed.

Recent visitors were Judy Killebrew, Jason, Jeff and Chris Killebrew of De Leon, Darrell and Pat Graham.

On Tuesday morning Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona came and opened the beauty shop to style residents hair. Tuesday morning those coming for regular Bingo were Billie Marbel, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason, Chris and Jeff and Ina Smith. Everyone enjoyed snacks of graham crackers and juice. There were nine residents present.

Recent guests were Eugene Files of Houston, Nell Files of Carbon, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland.

Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. residents enjoyed "Caring Hearts" with Shavanah Bass.

Some guests were Larry Burns of Austin, Phil and Kathy Webb of Ranger, Frank and Beth Shirley, Victor and Karen Pena, Mary Margret Hudson, Kay Ann Craddock, Joe Bennett, Carol Matthews, Susan Lipson, Amber, Jordan and Weldon Scitern, Shirley Good.

On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for a large group of residents.

Visiting were Harold and Tody Zink, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Freddie and Kay Rodgers of Desdemona, Steve Estes of Sanger and Wilburn Overstreet.

ATTN: On August 18th, Heritage Manor will host their first HMG Fair. It will be a Quilt Show, Home Canned Items, Crafts, Games, Hotdogs, Snow Cones, Popcorn and Birthday Cake. There will be Free Blood Pressure Checks and Lots of Other Things. Starting at 9:30 a.m.

Recent visitors have been Joe Bob and Ruth Browning of Brownwood, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Winell Browning, Jerry Brown, Katlin Clark, Ann Maxfield, Nina Skiles, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Kay Snider, Carolyn Gilbert and Nancy Hendricks.

On Wednesday morning at 9:00 Bro Larry Stogsdill of the Church of Christ came and had Chapel. His message "Jesus Threw Out the Money changers." Biblical passage Matthew 21. There were several residents attending.

Some guests were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Fort Worth, Marie Cook of Carbon, Sylvia Estes and Bubber of De Leon.

On Wednesday afternoon Billie Marbel, Judy Killebrew and Jason, Ina Smith had "Crazy Bingo" for ten residents. Everyone enjoyed the yummie popsicles.

Some visitors were Larry and Colene Lasater of Wylie, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater and Connie Cate of Eastland.

On Thursday afternoon its "Shake and Make". Residents enjoyed making and eating homemade ice cream.

Some guests were Jerry Majors of De Leon, Kim and Ronnie, Elizabeth Ryon of Desdemona and Lendon Shipman.

Desdemona News

By
Vonnie
Guthery

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion was held on Saturday, August 13, 2005 at the Community Center (former school building). The morning program began at 10:00 a.m. with Harold Lewis serving as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Jess McCabe, pastor of the Desdemona First Baptist Church gave the Invocation. Dorothy (Williams) Roberts led the congregation song "God Bless America". Lindley Clayton gave the "Welcome" address. Clyde (Buchan) Wright (96) of De Leon was the oldest woman present. Clyde is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1928. Later on she taught school in Desdemona. Aaron Henslee (95) of near Lingleville was the oldest man present. Aaron is a former resident of Desdemona where he attended school and graduated with the Class of 1930. Clyde and Aaron received engraved award plaques. Music was presented by Bernard and Ann Keith of Desdemona and their daughter, Vicki (Keith) Robinett of De Leon. The memorial service was presented by Ann Keith. At the close of the memorial service, Bernard Keith played "Taps" with his harmonica and

- Randy's Roundup -

Easing Burdens on Rural Public Housing Authorities

One of my priorities in Congress is reducing unnecessary and burdensome government regulation and paperwork. Smaller, rural communities often bear the brunt of these regulations. We have seen this with regard to the costly requirements that the Help America Vote Act has put on many West Texas towns and counties. Small public housing authorities (PHAs) have also felt the strain of federal regulations in recent years.

I recently introduced legislation to help small PHAs better serve their communities by reducing unnecessary paperwork requirements. My legislation exempts PHAs with 250 or fewer public housing units and Section 8 vouchers combined from the requirement of submitting an annual plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These regulations are a result of the 1992 Public Housing Reform Act which required PHAs to submit five-year and annual plans to HUD. Submitting these plans requires a significant amount of time and resources for PHAs, and this process can be especially tough on small PHAs, which have limited staff. Reducing unnecessary paperwork and reporting requirements for small PHAs will help them better focus on their mission of providing affordable housing to rural residents in need.

Similar legislation passed the House last year (but did not come up for a vote in the Senate), so I think the prospects for this bill are good. I will work with members from similar congressional districts and the Housing Subcommittee, of which I am a member, to win one for rural America.

-Randy

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it was very impressive. Benediction was given by Donald Holder.

The noon meal was served by Alton Crockett Catering Service in Stephenville. Approximately 225 attended this annual event. It was a very enjoyable day visiting with former classmates, teachers and friends.

Some came from Denver, Colorado; Phoenix, Arizona; Seminole, Oklahoma; Peoria, Arizona; Cloud Croft, New Mexico; Brownfield, Abilene, Lubbock, Odessa, Midland, Big Springs, Clyde, Longview, Menard, Rowlett, Marble Falls, Alba, Houston, Waco, Deer Park, Coahoma, Pasadena, Colleyville, Port Isbell, Carrolton, Killeen, Graham, Eliassville, Sealy, Arlington, Dallas, Irving, Fort Worth, and several towns in this area.

Desdemona High School Class of 1951 was well represented last Saturday at the Annual Homecoming and School Reunion. Those attending were Bates Duke of Midland, James Buckley of Graham, Jim Craig of Deer Park, Joe Ben Koonce of Eastland, P. D. and wife, Maragret of Stephenville, Royce Griffith and wife, Bettie of Big Springs, Alba Rae (Friday) Kelley and husband, Pete of Sealy, Vonnie Rue (Keith) Guthery and husband, Pug and June Jacobs of Desdemona.

Other Class of '51 members that was unable to attend due to health problems, etc. were Tommy Beaty and wife, Jimmie of Lake Kiowa, Rex Tilly and wife, Billie of Gatesville, June Frank Eldridge and wife, Virginia of Lubbock, Ann (Lindley) Miears and husband, James of Stephenville, Wanda (Phillips) Isbell and husband, Sammie of Olden, Jeanette Owen of Artesia, New Mexico and Bobby Joe Honeycutt of Port Isbell.

Visitors over the past weekend with Dorothy Roberts were Richard and Ulenda Cofsky, Tanner Weaver of Fort Worth, Jeff Roberts and Henry Rivas of Dallas, Shelly Horan and son, Sam of Granbury. This family group attended the Homecoming on Saturday.

Molly Godwin of Kyle visited the past weekend with her mother, M. Ficklen at their home in Desdemona. They enjoyed the Homecoming.


Jr. Jacobs of Pasadena and several other family members enjoyed a visit this past weekend with June Jacobs at the "Jacobs Homeplace". June enjoys these family visits.

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth enjoyed a visit last Sunday with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown at the "Brown Ranch".

Dora Holland enjoyed a vacation trip to Florida this past weekend with her son, Sammie Holland and wife, Susan.

Desdemona High School Class of 1952 were all present. That year there was only "three" to graduate. They are Geneva (Lewis) Foreman of Stephenville, Ella (Guthery) Reeves of Irving and James Riggs of Desdemona.

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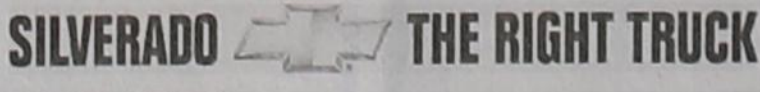
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