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# **Eastland County Receives Fire Command Center Vehicle**



Eastland County Judge Brad Stephenson reported to us that he felt like Santa had come on Monday as he passed out checks from FEMA to eight Volunteer Fire Departments consisting of Eastland, Cisco, Ranger, Desdemona, Gorman, Carbon, Owens and Olden received money they had applied for from the Federal Emergency. Management Agency to cover costs in fighting the New Year's Day wildfire. "This is like having Christmas in August for the Departments in Eastland County," Stephenson explained. The best surprise of all came in the presentation of a 2003 Fleetwood Providence Motor Home which will be converted to a Command Center to be used by any of the departments that need it. The mobile command center was donated by Farris and Dan Wilks, owners of Wilks Masonary of Cisco. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing another \$30,000 to outfit the unit. Stephenson applauded the Wilkses, calling their contribution "VERY SPE-CIAL." Judge Stephenson reported that the are fire chiefs called a command center their biggest need especially after the Jan. 1 fire, in which more than 500 volunteer fire fighters and support staff from 50 departments from across the state assisted. The unit should be fully outfitted within six to eight weeks. We have collaborative rural agreements with other rural fire departments as well as other law enforcement agencies. This will be a fantastic resource, said Stephenson.

#### FOOTBALL FEVER – CATCH IT!!! Coach Paul Talbert

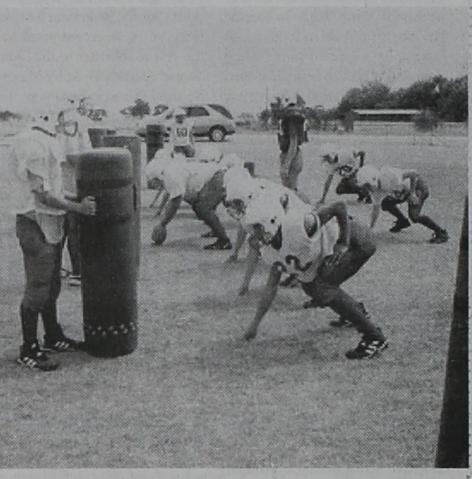
The Gorman Panthers have kicked off their new season with 32 players reporting for duty. The numbers after one week of workouts are down to 30. The Jr. High had 18 in both the seventh and 8th grades. These numbers would allow the incoming sixth graders to play this year. These must have a current physical and a parent release form.

The Varsity Team has a great attitude and they are all working very hard. Several players have been asked to paly a new position in both the changing offensive and defensive schemes. All of these changes were made with a very positive attitude. Our offense this season will be a multiple Wing T formation. We hope to be able to slow it down and control the clock but also when necessary to score quickly. Tyson Swanner is taking snaps as the quarterback and is complimented in the backfied by Matt Underwood, Reji Sanchez, Zach Fox. Gabe Burt and Ernie Rodriquez are also getting reps at running back. Freshman Justin Little is currently working at the back-up quarterback position. The offensive line, coached by Howard

Cox could be a good one. Seth

Johnson is working at the number

1 center spot. Seniors David Ibarra



open our 2006 season at home Fighting Red and Blue colors. Talk Tony Perez and playing both run- against the Roby Lions on Sept. 1. to you next week. ning back and receiver transfer The kickoff will be at 7:30. We hope

their place. Then of course we will to see everyone there wearing the

# **Barry Schahn Accepts** Pastorate Of FBC

#### **Peanut Queen's Contest**

If you are a young lady between the ages of 14 and 18 and reside in the GISD area...You are invited to participate in the Annual Gorman Peanut Festival Queen's Contest

#### Great prizes --

including make-up, gift cards for each girl and a \$250 scholarship for the Winner Come be a part of a great tradition. Encourage a friend to enter with

you!

#### Contestants Tea to be held Sunday August 20 at 2 pm Contest to be held Friday August 25 at 6 pm Contact Veronica Seaton at 734-5052 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637

# **Doodlebug Train Coming To Town On October 14th**

DOODLEBUG TRAIN coming to town on October 14th. Please make plans to come and join in the festivities. Boarding time will be 10:30 in Dublin, on to Deleon for lunch arriving in Gorman at 1:30. I am sorry to say that all tickets have already been sold.

We had so many who were unable to get a ticket last year, they re- Church Annex in Desdemona. The served for this year. I am now taking reservations for the ride in 2007. Let's make everyone feel welcome in our town to encourage them to visit us again.

#### **Jewell Cemetery** Association **To Hold Meeting**

The Jewell Cemetery Association will hold its Association Meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Carbon Community Center. All interested persons, please make plans to attend.

# **Benefit B-B-Q Eva Rodriguez Set For Friday**

On Friday night, August 18 there will be a Benefit Bar-b-que for Eva Rodriguez at First Baptist benefit begins at 6:00 p.m. til food is gone. Make plans to attend this event.

and Pete Ramirez are anchoring the guard spots. Cory Clark and Tyler Johnson are starting at the two tackles. All of these young men will have too be able to play multiple positions on the line. The Tight ends are Aaron Keith, Orlando Valenzuela and Cody Church. The offense is based on execution and great ball handling skills. It is a team scheme in which each player must be unselfish. The kids are picking it up very well and should continue to progress throughout the season. I will give you some facts and names on the defensive side of the ball next week after our first scrimmage this Saturday, vs. both Evant and Johnson City. This will be a three way starting for us at around 11 a.m. We will do a series of 20 plays alternating between both these schools. Johnson City has just dropped down from 2-A where they have competed in one of the toughest 2-A District in the state. The scrimmage Saturday should be a real test for our very young squad. We will come back the following week on Thursday the 24th at 6:00 against Miles at

Barry Schahn along with his wife Sharlene, have accepted permanent Pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Gorman. He has been the Intentional Interim Pastor for the past year. He was working with the BGCT (Baptist General Convention of Texas) doing interim work. Previously he had worked with them doing missionary work, crusades and revivals in many parts of the world, their home base being in San Antonio, Texas. He worked in Miami Beach, Florida and with other missionaries in Brazil along the Amazon River, in Canada, California, Europe and Alabama.

During the past year, he has been a leader in the community and helped with aid for the wildfire victims and ministering to everyone in the community. Since Sharlene's health has not been good, the slower pace of this community and loving and caring people here seemed to be the place where they needed to be. She had surgery at Harris Hospital two weeks ago, but is home now recoverning, and feeling much better. They are looking forward to being a part of this community and working with the people here.

He is excited to be working with all the programs here at First Baptist Church and with the other churches of the area, the Ministrial Alliance and the other pastors in the community as Richard Watson, Denver Rainey, John Howard, Larry Stogdale, Victor Pena and the incoming pastor of Kokomo Church. Looking forward to great and exciting times to come.

# GSTC Car Wash Set Saturday

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will hold a CAR WASH on Saturday, August 19th at the American State Bank parking lot beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come on out and support the Travel Club.

# **Burl Gene and Virginia Wright To Mark 60th Anniversary**



#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR!**

It has come to our attention that our Firemen are in need of Bottled Drinking Water to take with them on fire calls. We are asking people to leave donations of bottled water at Hirst Nut & Produce. We will see that the water is delivered to the firemen. Let's All Support Our Firemen Every Way We Can!

> Thanks for your help!! **Daryl and Cecilia Hirst**

# **GISD School Menu**

Week of August 21 thru 25 BREAKFAST MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice Juice and Milk and Milk. TUESDAY - Eggs, Hash Browns, MONDAY - Barbecue Chicken or Biscuits, Juice and Milk. Yogurt, Juice and Milk.

The years have flown and multiplied With family and friends by her side Eight decades of life she has known Time has passed and love one gone But she's still here ... spry and sassy A well-preserved Good-Looking Lassie!

Juice and Milk. FRIDAY - Biscuit, Ham, Gravy,

LUNCH

Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Pinto WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Beans, Vegetable Sticks, Orange Slices, Cornbread and Milk.

THURSDAY - Pancake on a stick, TUESDAY - Chicken strips or steak fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello w/fruit, Rolls, Brownies, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burrito w/chili and cheese or Taco Salad, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Crackers, Fruit Shape Up, and Milk. THURSDAY - Homemade Pizza or Ham & Cheese Hot Pocket, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Pears, Milk.

In honor of the 80th Birthday of Ruth Guy her children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company on Saturday, August 26, 2006 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Carbon Community Center Carbon, Texas

"He children arise and call her blessed" Prov. 31-28

No Gífts Please, Only Your Love and Friendship FRIDAY - Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Pizza Burger on a Roll, Pork and Beans, Fresh Carrots, Tater Tots, Crispy Rice Treat and Milk.

### **GHS Class Of** 1986 To Hold **Class Reunion**

GHS Class of 1986 schedules its 20th Year Reunion for August 26th at Sowell Creek Park at Lake Proctor and have Dinner at ZJ's Steakhouse. For specific details contact 254-734-5340.

The family of Burl Gene and Virginia Wright is hosting a reception in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on August 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the Gorman Community/Senior Center.

The Wrights were married in Eastland, TX August 23, 1946. Mrs. Wright is the former Virginia Houston. She was born in Houston and raised in Eastland. Mr. Wright was born and raised in Gorman. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Mr. Wright and his brother, Gabe, opened the Wright Brothers' Garage in Gorman, specializing in sales and service of Massey-Ferguson tractors.

Moving to Arlington in 1954, Mr. Wright went to work for General Motors. Mrs. Wright worked for LTV in Grand Prairie. After their retirement they returned to the Gorman/Eastland area, residing on Lake Leon.

They have two children, Sherry Massey of Watauga, TX and Rodney Wright of Flower Mound, TX. They have three grandsons: Troy Massey and wife Stacie, residing in Austin, TX; Brian Massey and wife Heather, residing in Mandeville, LA; and Trenton Wright, residing in College Station, TX. They have six great-grandchildren: Cody, Emily, Claire, Jeannette, Grace, and Leigha Massey.

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mona, passed away Friday, August 11, 2006 at Harris Methodist Erath County Hospital in Stephenville.

**Elsie Ervin** 

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Higginbotham Funeral most of her life. Home Chapel in Gorman with Denver Rainey and Victor Pena offici- Chester Ervin of Desdemona; three ating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery near Desdemona.

Ted Hall and Otilla Mayhar Hall.

Richardson, Texas and Craig Scott Comanche County, Texas in a country cemetery near the land his great grandfather homesteaded in 1879.

In lieu of flowers, memorial con-Joshua, Meagan, Anna and Cole tributions may be made to Kairos of Texas (Prison Ministry), 4000 Southpark Drive, Suite 1100, Tyler Texas, 75703.

The family would like to send Fay Wilcoxson. The celebration of his life will heartfelt thanks to the staff of Dr. be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 10, Robert Birdwell, Texas Oncology 2006 at Trinity United Methodist Center of Beaumont and the staff Church under the direction of of Professional Healthcare Hospice Broussard's, 1605 N. Major Drive, of Beaumont. A special thanks to Beaumont. Burial will be Saturday, Joyce Tatum for her care and sup-August 12, 2006 in Sipe Springs, port during this time.

Elsie Ervin, age 78 of Desde- She married Chester Ervin on December 27, 1943 in Eastland. She was a homemaker and a member of the Gorman Methodist Church. She had lived in the Desdemona area

Survivors include: husband, sons, Garry Ervin and wife Linda, David Ervin and wife Carole Rae Mrs. Ervin was born September and Danny Ervin all of Desdemona; 4, 1927 in Erath County to Edwin two sisters, Linda Hahn of Arlington and Carol Sue Willis of Desdemona; two grandchildren, Kristin and Kris Scitern of Gorman and Kirk and Eva Ervin of Desdemona; four great grandchildren, Karsyn and Kyndall Scitern and Kacen and Esmerelda Ervin; also three stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Ira Ray Hall and one sister, Jessie

#### **Coy Leon Bershers, Sr.**

Coy Leon Bershers, Sr., age 67 of De Leon, passed away Friday, August 11, 2006 at her residence.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 15th at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel in De Leon with Ted Eaton officiating. Music by Vicki Robinett and La Ressie Lindsley of San Antonio and Wilkerson. Burial was in De Leon Willliam Bershers; four daughters, Cemetery.

1938 in Harrison, Arkansas to the of Corpus Christi and Tammy late Vearl Abbott and Blackie Blackwell; two brothers, Clifford Tomblle Abbott. He was a retired Abbott and Rusty Abbott, both of truck driver; mechanic, resided i n Plainview; sister, Norma Calloway De Leon since 1985, veteran of U. of Snyder; 16 grandchildren and 4 S. Navy; previously lived in Corpus great-grandchildren. Christi; and he was a Baptist.

Bershers, Jr. of Ft. Worth, William 2005; brother Ed Abbott and sister Bershers of Lawton, OK, Randy

#### **Clarence Lee** "Sonny" Driver

Clarence Lee "Sonny" Driver, age 46 of Odessa, passed away Friday, August 11, 2006 at his residence.

Services were at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 15th at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel in De Leon with Ted Eaton officiating. Burial was in Garden of Memories, Comanche Co.

Clarence was born on December 14, 1960 in Amarillo, TX to the late R. L. Driver and Betty Jean Leach Driver Shumate. He was a truck driver and a member of the Church of Christ; served in the U.S. Marines.

Survivors include: one son, Mathew Driver; sisters Norma Lee Marker, Glenda Driver and Nina Jo Wright all of Odessa and Margaret Ann Sheridan of Big Spring; halfbrothers Larry Driver of Burilson and Jimmy Driver of OK: half-sisters LeAnna Driver and Rachel Driver, both of OK .; 16 nieces and nephews; 16 great-nieces and nephews; 5 aunts and 6 uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother Betty Shumate and father R. L. Driver; one brother Sherm Driver and one niece Jamie Stahl.

Pallbearers were Terry Stahl, Gary Sheridan, DeWayne Culpepper, Andre Moreland, Garrett Skaggs, and Hunter Sheridan.

Linda McCoy of Corinth, TX, Vicki Coy was born on September 23, Teschendorf and Debbie Boyd, both

He was preceded in death by his Survivors include: four sons, Coy wife Faye Bershers on July 24, Ruby Perser..

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Obituaries

#### **Odus Dean** Moorman

O d u s Moorman, 73, of Beaumont. Texas died August 7, 2006 surrounded by his loving family. Odus was



born August 22, 1932, in Gorman, Texas to Dean Moorman and Harriett Sowers Moorman. He attended high school in Graham, Texas and graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton. He was proud to have been acstudies at George Washington Uni- God, find new life in Jesus Christ.

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cepted to the prestigious Mayo the call to minister to the "Men in Foundation Health Science Center, White" at Mark W. Stiles Maximum School of Physical Therapy in Security Prison in Beaumont, Texas. Rochester, Minnesota. He gradu- This became the main ministry foated in 1956 as President of his cus of his life, to see men, mostly class and continued his graduate overlooked by society, but not by

versity in Washington, D.C. He Odus married his college sweetserved as Director of Physical heart Bonita Boyd over fifty-two Therapy, Anderson Orthopedic years ago. The Lord blessed their Clinic, in Alexandria, Virginia as marriage with three wonderful chilwell as Director of Physical dren and ten grandchildren that rap-Therapy at Baptist Hospital of idly became the apple of his eye. Southeast Texas for over twenty-six He is survived by his wife years. Odus then entered into pri-Bonita, of Beaumont; daughter, Karen Lewis of Austin, Texas; sons, vate practice of Physical Therapy

establishing Moorman and Associ-James Dean and his wife Donna of ates, Physical Therapists, in Beaumont until his retirement in 1997. and his wife Jane of McKinney, Odus was faithful member of Texas; grandchildren include Eric First Baptist Church, Beaumont for and Paige Pampe of Austin, Texas, twelve years, Cathedral in the Pines Christian Center, Beaumont for six Moorman of Richardson, Texas, years, and the Trinity United Methand Callie, Rachel, Meredith and odist Church, Beaumont for twenty-Camille Moorman of McKinney, three years. In recent years he felt Texas.

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CLASSE	S WILL BE THE FOLLOWIN	IG DATES AI	ND TIMES:	
Eastland	Chamber of Commerce	Aug. 10	12-1 pm	
Eastland	Chamber (part 2)	Aug. 11	12-1 pm	
Ranger	Ranger City Library	Aug. 21	6-8 pm	
Cisco	Hillside Village/Wheatley	Aug. 22	6-8 pm	
Rising Star	tentative/ RSHS auditori		g. 24 6-	8 p

Classes are free, and open to the public. For more information please contact Rural Texas Access at 629-6010 or e-mail rta@txol.net.

# **2nd Annual "Make The Effort"** Reunion

#### Saturday, October 21 - 2:00 p.m. La Mancha Lake Ranch - Lake Leon

16 Cabins, 5 RV Pads Available - 254-629-3651 lamanchalakeranchresort.com For More Information: Dorenda Rogers - 817-279-8316 Cell 817-504-1496 dorendapt@aol.com Cheryl Burgess - 817-573-2916 Cell 817-559-4054 burgess@hcnews.com cburgess@pc1systems.com RSVP

# **Class of 1965 To Hold Reunion**

The Class of 1965 will be holding a 41st Reunion on September 9th in conjunction with Homecoming events and The Peanut Festival. for further information contact Joy Campbell at 734-2121 or Doyle Welch at dwelch@texaspeanuts.com.

#### We Teach Bowling Lingleville Hwy. - Pro Shop On Site -BYOB On Friday and Saturday Nights - 9 to 12

# 2006 Gorman Ex **Students Homecoming**

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#### State Winning Football Team of 1976 to be Honored!

The Gorman Ex Students Homecoming will be held on Saturday, September 9 along with the Peanut Festival. Events are as follows:

· Ex Student Registration Booth downtown from 8:00AM until af-

· Program and business meeting at the Gorman High School Audi-

· An Ex's dinner will be held at Z.J.'s Steakhouse in Gorman at

Many have very special memories of 1976! Call your classmates and encourage them to attend!

Note: The Blackwell Hospital Historical Association will have a special ceremony to dedicate an historical marker at the hospital site on Saturday just after the parade. Make plans to attend!

# — — PRAY FOR RAIN ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet Every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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. LIBRARY - Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Open Tuesday 9 to 12 a.m.

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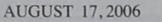
#### **Boy Scouts**

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

**Meeting Week** Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. **Methodist Church** 

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD FROM 9 - 11 A.M. 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.





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MORE PROGRESS IN THE PARK! City crew members Glenn Scitern and Curtis Gilder along with Howard Hagood continue to get things ready for the new lights that should be arriving any day.



# **Pig Tales From Hogtown**

Hope we didn't bother anyone with all the 'oinking' here in Desdemona last Friday evening! The new Desdemona Activity Center (DAC) opened with a huge bang or 'oink'. We held a Desdemona Alumni Reunion in the brand new building. The response was more than we expected for an opening on a weekend that had so many other activities going on. The dinner was attended by 148 people who enjoyed catfish prepared by Monty and Deana Williams and Bill and Helen Collum. Adding to the fun was musical entertainment provided by Catherine Moore and Terry Branson. The first annual 'DAC Member of the Year' award was given to a special lady, Delores Tucker.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Friday and Saturday Night Specials Another special lady, George Ann Iley was named 'World's Best Cook'. the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood Acquire Entire Bowling Center For Private Parties We want to thank all who attended and all who have supported this - 734-2973. Birthday Parties and Church Lock-Ins Available venture by attending our garage sales and other fund-raising activi-VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technol-"Take The Family Out For A Night of Bowling" ties. We invite you to watch for more Pig Tales as we detail plans for ogy Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy functions to be held in the DAC that we hope will be of interest to all. Wood at 254-734-2973. Also, the building, which includes a beautiful kitchen, will be availsəup Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated able to rent for parties, weddings, reunions, etc. Information on pricmeetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members ing will be forthcoming. If you would like to look at the facility for are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, an upcoming function, please contact Floyd Moore at 758-2610. Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary. 992864 STAR Del.con Auto Suppl Walker **Reminder:** Stephenville 254-968-0440 Property Tax Rates in the City of Gorman 2006 **Deadline For Getting News** Call 254-734-2410 This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for the City of Gamen . It presents and Ads In information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit The Gorman Progress used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the 1A sinnnod 392 The Gorman Progress same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's" \$9.95 For 50 Hours to \$23.50 Unlimited rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start S TXOL INTERNET tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount **Tuesday Noon** of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value. Last year's tax rate: 179,402 Last year's operating taxes **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** Last year's debt taxes 0 Last year's total taxes 179,402 Pursuant to Section 152.905 of the Local Government Code. Last year's tax base 23,840,840 The District Judge of Eastland County will hold a PUBLIC Last year's total tax rate 75250 /\$100 HEARING on the Compensation to be paid for the Fiscal Year This year's effective tax rate: s 179,362 Last year's adjusted taxes 2006-2007 for the Following Offices: COUNTY AUDITOR, (after subtracting taxes on lost property) 23,902,610 This year's adjusted tax base (Divide)-ASSISTANT AUDITOR, and COURT REPORTER. The (after subtracting value of new property) .75039 (Equals)-This year's effective tax rate Hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at This year's rollback tax rate: 8:15 a.m. in the 91st District Courtroom, Eastland County Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and Courthouse, Eastland, Texas. adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/ or enhanced 179,362 indigent health care expenditures) 23,902,610 (Divide)-This year's adjusted tax base (Equals)-This year's effective operating rate .75039 /\$100 (Times)-1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate .81042 /\$100 (Plus)-This year's debt rate -0-/\$100 STEVEN R. HEROD .81042 (Equals)= This year's total rollback rate /\$100 JUDGE PRESIDING Statement of Increase/Decrease 91ST DISTRICT COURT of  $\frac{5.75039}{5.1922}$  per \$ 100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2005 taxes EASTLAND COUNTY, TX Schedule A-Unencumbered Fund Balances The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered



Type of Property Tax Fund

#### Balance

Maintenance & Operation

by a corresponding debt obligation.

Schedule B-Debt Service

NONE

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

> Gorman City Hall Gorman, Texas

Name of person preparing this notice: Steve Thomas, RPA Title : Chief Appraiser Eastland CAD Date Prepared : August 9,2006

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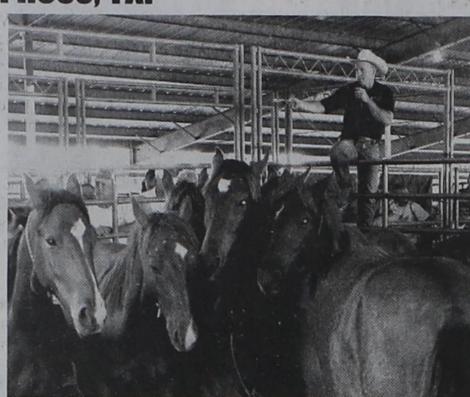
#### AUGUST 17, 2006

# Wild Horse and Burro Adoption **Heading to Glen Rose, TX!**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Glen Rose, Texas, Aug. 24-26, 2006. The threeday event at the Somervell County Expo Center will feature over 100 spectacular animals - adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to ensure herd health and to protect fragile desert ecosystems. The adoption program is essential for preserving these "living legends."

Several of the horse available at Glen Rose have been saddle- or halter-trained by inmates in a rehabilitation program at the Crabtree Correctional Facility in Helena, Okla.

Preview all of the animals Thurs., Aug. 24, from 4-6 p.m. Gates open again Friday, Aug. 25, at 8 a.m., with a competitive bid adoption starting at 10 a.m. Following the competitive bid adoption Friday morning, walkup adoptions will commence and continue until 6 p.m., then resume Saturday, Aug. interested in taking part in the competitive bid adoption are encour- floors - no drop ramp trailers. aged to come Thursday afternoon adoption applications in time; approval is done on the spot. The minimum adoption fee, set by law, is



\$125 per animal to qualified adopt- ation. Since 1973, the BLM has ers. Initial competitive bids will start at that level. Later walkup in approved homes across the adoptions will be processed for the country. minimum fee.

To qualify to adopt, bidders must free 1-866-4-MUSTANGS. be at least 18, with no record of animal abuse. In addition, adopters Expo Center: Entering Glen Rose must have suitable facilities and can via US Hwy 67, turn north on Bo adopt no more than four animals. Gibbs Blvd. and go approx. 1/4 26, from 8 a.m. until noon. Those All animals must be loaded in cov- mile to Somervell County Expo ered trailers with sturdy walls and Center - or - Entering Glen Rose

or early Friday to complete their their strength, endurance, agility, turn right; go to US HWY 67 and and intelligence - characteristics bred into them in the wild which turn left to Expo Center. make them ideal for work or recre-

placed more than 211,000 horses

For more information, call toll-Directions to the Somervell County via TX Hwy 144, turn left on SW Wild mustangs are renowned for Bernard St.; go to Hereford St. and turn right; Go to Bo Gibbs Blvd.,

# **Class of 1946 To Hold Class Reunion**



The Class of 1946 are having their Sixieth Class Get-together in conjunction with Homecoming on September 9th. After the parade we will meet at Quida (Brown) Hummel's home for visiting until the 2 p.m. Meeting and again after it till the 7:00 p.m. dinner. Anyone wanting to come for a visit are surely welcome. Take FM2526 west out of Carbon for approximately 3/4 mile. Take a right on CR 189 to first house on left.



**Super Notes** 

By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.net 734-3171

I always like to watch the children arrive on the first day of school; especially the mothers bring their little ones to Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the first time. There are tears and smiles and I know that the excitement of the event is both joyous and sad for both parent and child. It marks a new era in their child's life and things will never be the same. That's why I love my job. I get to be a part of such important events in the lives of children. The excitement is a little different at the secondary campus, but there is still excitement and you can see it in the faces of the students. Yes, they would all like to have been able to continue sleeping late in the morning, but they are still excited about returning to school!

#### **CJC Regular Registration Set** Aug. 21-22-24-25

Cisco Junior College has scheduled regular registration dates for fall semester. Registration at the Abilene Educational Center will be Monday, August 21 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 22 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on a walk-in, first come, first served basis. Registration at the Cisco campus for sophomores and nightstudents will be on Thursday, August 24 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and for freshman and all others will be on Friday, August 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The first class day at both locations is Monday, August 28. For more information about CJC, to view fall schedules or to apply online, visit our website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us

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Plate.

Bank.

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

Second Thursday

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I thought last year went by quickly, but there was no comparison to this summer. Where did it go? We had so much to do that the time went by at record speed and here we are. We are back and we are excited!

I expect we will have another great year. We have a wonderful faculty who are excited about teaching your children and we hope your children are coming to school excited and ready to learn from them. They will have every opportunity to receive a world class education and I invite. every parent to get involved and partner with their child's teacher(s) to plan their child's success. As always, my door is open anytime you have a concern you want to share with me or just to visit.

Gina Rone is our new Cafeteria Manager. They will be preparing more meals from scratch this year than in the past. There will also be several new menu items. We hope your children appreciate the changes she is making. Remember that if you have any suggestions give me a call or send me an e-mail. We have also made some changes in the serving line and the lunch periods.

Have you seen our track and football field? If not, you are going to be surprised. It looks terrifie! I expect to see big crowds at our games, We've had over thirty boys out for football this year, more than we've had in years, and I expect you to get off that couch and come see these kids play. They are working very hard right now and I expect you fans to be pleased when you see them play. There's nothing better on television! Besides that, I think our young men are going to have an excellent year. The coaches are very optimistic about our capabilities!

Also, you may see some of our students running around town, please watch for them. These are our Cross Country runners getting in shape for their competitions. It takes a lot of hard work to be a long distance runner so please give these students encouragement and plenty of room when you see them.

Volleyball is also in full swing and we have a lot of girls in the program. I have peaked in on practice a couple of times and expect us to have an excellent season. I wouldn't be surprised to see them advance out of district this year to the play-offs. We'll see!

I will do my best this year to keep you informed about what is going on at Gorman ISD, but I can always use help. If you attend an event and take any pictures you feel should be published that I could use in my article, please e-mail me and send the picture to me with an explanation including who, what , when, and where it was taken. Please send pictures as attachments in .jpeg format. I will do my best to incorporate them into this article.

I will leave it to the coaches this year to publish game schedules and to principals or sponsors to publish schedules of events that involve children from their campus. I will report on what went on at those events.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future.

David K. Perry Superintendent 27 - Rim Baller 1 . M. W. Milling and any of an Gorman ISD

#### **Overstreet Family Reunion Held** July 29th and 30th

The Overstreet Family held their annual Reunion at the De Leon Recreation Center on the 29th and 30th of July.

Gorman Scouts participated in the Deleon Bike-a-thon by running a rest stop at Carbon on Saturday the 12th of August. Pictured from L-R, back row; Scott Hetrick - New Webelos leader, Becky Laminack - Bear leader, Teresa Lewis - Scout Master, Daniel Sherman-Boy Scout, Ashley Laminack - New Tiger Cub leader, Lora Lewis - Cub Scout Master. Front row; Kaiden Petree - Tiger Cub, Miles Turner - Boy Scout, Shawn Rainey -Boy Scout, Dalton Murphy - Boy Scout, and Ryland Laminack - Bear Cub Scout.

PRAY FOR MORE RAIN!!!

**Boy Scouts** 

Meeting Week

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.

**Methodist Church** 

Fundraiser At VFW Post #4136 Results

We raised approximately \$1,400 to register and insure the Van we re-

cently were donated. We thank everyone who helped this event come

Vasquez Conoco, Ranger Bookeeping, Jim's Delivery Service, Employ-

ees of Wal-Mart who ordered meals, and all the individuals who so gen-

Behind the scenes many thanks also go to the VFW members who

cooked, cleaned and mowed grass, ran numerous errands and help above

and beyond the call. The Ladies Auxiliary and Betty who brought food,

served and cleaned up afterwards are truly appreciated.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline

Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - Blood Pressure Checks by

Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citi-

zens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

LIBRARY --- Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Mon-

day thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Open Tuesday 9 to 12 a.m.

The Fundraiser at VFW Post #4136 of Eastland was a big success.

We especially want to mention Lawrence Bros. of Ranger, The Gusher,

#### PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE SEPTEMBER 9, 2006 RÖBERT ERVIN, CHAIRMAN P.O. BOX 236 GORMAN, TX 76454 (254) 734-2317

THE PRIDE AND JOY OF THINGS REMEMBERED!

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THINGS REMEMBERED WITH YOUR ENTRY IN THE 2006 PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE!

CATAGORIES ARE BANDS, CHEERLEADERS, PEP SQUADS, DRILL TEAMS, BANDS, BUSINESS OR CIVIC ENTRIES, SERVICES, SWEETHEARTS, QUEENS, FLOATS, CARS, ANTIQUE CARS, TRACTORS, HORSES, RIDING CLUBS, WAGONS OR BUGGIES, AND ATV OR MOTORCYLCES.

JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:15 A.M. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LINED UP BY 9:15 FOR JUDGING. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE JUDGED, WE ASK ONLY THAT YOU BE READY TO ROLL DOWN MAIN @ 10:00 A.M.! Please return this form by mail at the above address, or fax to (254) 734-2270

ENTRY TYPE:

Thank you once again to our local newspapers and radio who did uch a great job of getting the word out about this event. You are all very	IAGREE TO RELEASE AND DIS-
huch appreciated. Larry Monroe, Commander	CHARGE FROM LIABILITY, THE Gorman Peanut Festival Associa-
The second of the second secon	tion, all officers, and members from any and all damages or injuries, losses,
ITEMS OF INTEREST	judgments or claims, sustained from any cause connected to my/our par-
	ticipation in this parade.
The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meet- ings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.	
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Gorman Senior Citizens' meet Every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per	WorkinToyoo oom Doophoo

# WorkInTexas.com Reaches **Milestone Of 500,000 Hires**

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today announced that its online job-matching system, WorkInTexas.com, has reached a benchmark of 500,000 hires since its launch in June 2004. WorkInTexas.com, a comprehensive, easy-to-use, online employment resource provided at no cost to users, matches employers of all sizes and types with qualified job seekers.

"WorkInTexas.com contributes to our business-friendly environment here in Texas," said Diane Rath, chair and commissioner representing the public for TWC. "With 34 million hits and half a million hires, this tool has been both popular and effective since its inception." The Texas Workforce Commission continues to provide innovative technological solutions to meet employers' and job seekers' needs. Texas employers can utilize WorkInTexas.com's new mass ability to download all the applications for their posting with the click of one button. WorkInTexas.com's recently enhanced employer and job seeker browsers allow users to search by company name or specific keywords. Work is now being performed to enhance the system to supplement existing occupation lists with lay titles based on keywords, allowing job-seeking users to more precisely target their search. It is an increasingly agile one-stop recruiting/hiring/tracking system. "WorkInTexas.com provides employment-matching services without charge to more than 143,000 employers of Texas," said Ron Lehman, commissioner representing employers for TWC. "Moreover, it supplies labor market information that allows employers to strategically plan their human resource and training needs." Funded by federal and state dollars, WorkInTexas.com is backed by the workforce professionals of Texas Workforce Solutions who leverage decades of experience at a local and statewide level to provide training, employment resources and workforce solutions to businesses, employees and job seekers across the state. "With approximately 1,000 new jobs posted each day, job seekers can be very specific about their work experience and what type of employment they're looking for everything from entry- to executive-level positions is represented," said Ronny Congleton, commissioner representing labor for TWC.

Sandwiches and desserts were served on Saturday. A delicious buffet was served on Sunday.

There was swimming, Dominoes, "42", Card games and some of the family members played musical instruments.

Those attending were Wilburn Overstreet of Gorman, Billy and Jo Nell Overstreet of Grand Prairie, Robbie and Janice Overstreet of Fort Worth, Jeanetta, Scott and Kayce Bradberry of Hollettsville, Tx, Jim and Cecilie Overstreet of Tom Ball, Norma and Catherine Eddleman of Grand Prairie, Neil and Karen Overstreet of Madisonville, Kara Walker of Fort Worth, Johnny Overstreet of Wills Point, Gary Overstreet and Jessica Shelton of Kermit, Tx, Steve, Bobbie, Micah and Mandy Overstreet of Frederick, OK, Bobby and Sandy Cagle of Eastland, Tommy Overstreet of Abernathy, Linda White and Sadie White of Jacksboro, Misty, Brittany and Dalby Sherrod of Jacksboro, Ron and Ann Cagle of Eastland, Todd, Kathy, Bret and Cody Cox of Roundrock, Debby Chote and Megan Miles of Fort Worth.

The Overstreet Reunion has been held in Eastland and Comanche Counties for over forty years with the last twenty-five years being at the Recreation Center in De Leon.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

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.

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

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

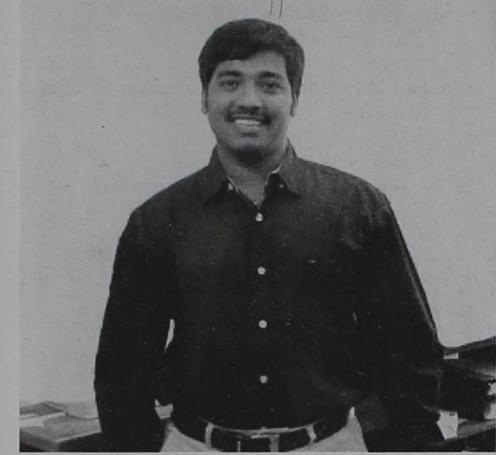
Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers, and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

Texas Workforce Commission • 512-463-8942 • http://www.texasworkforce.org • Equal Opportunity Employer - Relay Texas • 1-800-735-2989 (TDD) • 1-800-735-2988 (Voice)

# **Pastor Rufus Kamalakar To Be Guest Speaker At NHBC**



Pastor Rufus Kamalakar was the guest speaker at New Hope Baptist hurch on Sunday, August 13. Pastor Rufus is the Director of Abundant Life Ministerial Associates (ALMA) in Nellore, India. Rufus' father, the Rev. C. Kamalakar, founded ALMA which has grown to be a large multifaceted ministry widely known throughout South India.

Both New Hope and First Fruits Christian Fellowship actively participate with ALMA in the ministry among the Yanadi tribal people located mainly in the state of Andra Pradesh.

In addition to the evangelistic and church planting ministry which now numbers 278 "New Hope" congregations, ALMA also operates an orphanage, currently caring for 65 children. A recent addition to the ministry is a medical clinic in the city of Nellore from which medical personnel conduct three "medical camps" in three tribal villages each month.

A two-year evangelist training program was established by Rev. Kamalakar which to date has trained 125 evangelists who serve the village congregations who are a part of ALMA. These evangelists are consistently reaching out into additional tribal villages with the Gospel.

A nutrition ministry which provides milk and eggs for tribal village children, young mothers, and the elderly currently serves some 900 individuals on a weekly basis.

ALMA was one of the first organizations to be engaged in tsunami relief efforts after the tsunami struck the east coast of India in 2004. They met emergency food supply needs, provided new nets to fishermen so they could return to work and support their families, and built many houses for those whose homes were destroyed by the tsunami.

ALMA also hosts numerous youth conferences and pastor conventions which are open to all denominations and are attended by thousands of youth and pastors each year.

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# **Desdemona News**

#### BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Visitors with Dorothy Roberts over the weekend were Richard and Ulenda Cofsky; Kelsey and Cameron Caddell and Noah Weaver all of son, Sam; Emily Williams and daughter, Kena all of Granbury. This in spite of the heat. group attended the Homecoming on Saturday, August 12.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Elsie (Hall) Ervin, 78, of Desdemona. Funeral service was held on Sunday, August 13, her most magnificent coconut cakes. The are the best. 2006 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Howard Cemetery, north of Desdemona. Survivors include, her hus- her treatment. She always brings good dishes for us to enjoy. band, Chester Ervin of Desdemona; three sons, Gary Ervin, David Ervin and Danny Ervin, all of Desdemona; two sisters, Carol Sue Willis of Desdemona and Linda Hahn of Arlington; several nieces and nephews. Ray Hall; one sister, Jessie Faye Wilcoxson.

Tommy Jacobs of Pasadena; Jo Jacobs of Fort Worth spent the week-Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley and husband, Pete of Sealy.

Have a nice day, "Coon".

### **46th Annual Alamo Village Labor Day Celebration Set**

Make plans now to attend the 46th Annual Alamo Village Labor Day Celebration & Horse Races in Brackettville. Gates to the famed Southwest Texas Movie Set originally built by John Wayne for his epic movie "The Alamo" will open at 9 a.m. on September 4, 2005 with entertainment scheduled all day.

Along with the always-exciting horse races, music, games and a wide variety of food and beverages, we have our own 'Southwest Texas' renowned western band "The Pinto Mountain Boys" made up of David Lee Murray and Brad Lewis will provide live music all day. We will also have, Ben Rodgers, Last of the Singing Cowboys, will entertain the Labor Day crowd with his yodeling, cowboy ballads, trick roping and fancy gun work.

This year we would like to give a big Welcome to Pistol Packin' Paula, the only Woman making a living as a Gunslinger.

We will also have the "Best Comedy Gunfight" around by our own Alamo Village Gunfighters (featuring Mrs. Kitty, Marshall Dave, Pete, Ortho and the always loved Frito Bando) western Comedy at its very best.

There will also be children's Foot Races, Washer Throw, Cow chip Toss, Ropin' Dummy Contest, and a Longhorn Ring Toss. Educational demonstrations will include sheep shearing and cattle branding.

Oh, and for those folks with a sweet tooth Alamo Village will also have a Homemade Apple Pie contest. Bring your favorite homemade apple pie to enter; arrive by 10:30 am to get free entry at gate. Proceeds of pie Sales go to the Local Kinney County Library. The main event, The Cowboy Ranch Horse Races will feature some of the fastest steeds around. Again this year the winner will be awarded a beautiful Trophy Saddle made by Alamo Saddlery.



We enjoyed our weekly luncheon on August 9 with 25 in attendance. Our numbers fell, guess the hot weather is keeping people home.

Barbara Bush called us to order. James Miears said grace over our meal. Fort Worth; Jeff Roberts and Henry Rivas of Dallas; Shelly Horan and We had many delicious dishes to enjoy. The good ladies continue to cook

Good to see Wilburn Overstreet and Beth Shirley. She brought one of

Also nice to see Opal Burton. Hope she continues to do well during

Daisy Slaton brought her little granddaughter Katie to enjoy the meal. She is such a big-little girl, only 4.

Tacy Wilson came to eat with us one last time, before schools started. Preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Otilla Hall; one brother, Ira Maybe her grandma Charlene will come and visit again when she can.

Its always so nice to see new faces. Mrs. Patsy Clark came with her mother Lavelle Crowley. The have moved back to Gorman. So many end with June Jacobs. Other visitors in the home were their cousins, people knew them at the dinner. Hope they continue to come and be with us.

> My Dear Jerry, I'm so sorry I put the wrong name for you. I've always confused your name with Overstreet, even though I know its Underwood. Forgive me.

We didn't have our playday due to all the other happenings. Hope to get started again on Friday the 18th. Some of you people that used to go to Bush's on Tuesday night should come visit and play on Friday. Of course I was the only one to show up last Friday due to the fact I was gone when Barbara called.

Welcome Back To School

#### **Come By and See The**

New Stuffed Panthers Cheerleader Anklets **Cheerleaders Bracelets** Paw and Panther Bracelets Paw Earring Sets Football Shakers Football Purses

Rufus' parents, the Rev. C. Kamalakar and Lalitha, visited Gorman on various occasions prior to Rev. Kamalakar's death in 2004. Numerous members of both the New Hope and First Fruits congregations have made ministry trips to India in recent years.

Rufus will also be attending the Community Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Gorman Methodist Church on Wednesday, August 16.

#### **Pray For Cooler Weather** and Some Nourishing Rainfall

Prices: Adults- \$9.75, Children 6-11- \$4.75 (both including tax) and children 5 and under are free. Alamo Village is located just 7 miles north of Brackettville on FM 674. For more information on any of the scheduled Labor Day events, call (830) 563-2580, E-Mail us at happy@hilconet.com or check out our website at www.alamovillage.com

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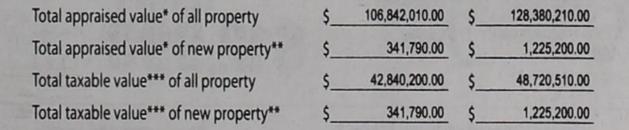


#### **Panda's Flowers & Gifts**

111 S. Kent - Gorman, Texas Phone 254-734-2519 - 1-800-254-3557 Hours: Monday thru Friday - 8 to 5 Saturday - 8 - 12 Noon (except Holidays and Funerals)

	50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2) (Back)			
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS	Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates			
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE	Maintenance   Interest   Local Revenue   State Revenue     & Operations   & Sinking Fund*   Total   Per Student   Per Student			
The Gorman Independent School District will hold a public   meeting at 6:30 pm August 28, 2006 in Gorman High School Auditorium   Gorman, Texas . The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the   school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information	Last Year's Rate \$ 1.45000 \$ 0.0000* \$ 1.45000 \$ 1,986.00 \$ 6,145.00   Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & \$ 1.28570 \$ 0.0000* \$ 1.28570 \$ 1.813.00 \$ 8,496.00   Pay Debt Service \$ 1.32570 \$ 0.0000* \$ 1.32570 \$ 1.869.00 \$ 8,496.00   * The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.			
and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.   Maintenance Tax \$ 1.32570 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)   School Debt Service Tax \$ 0.00000 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)	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 \$ 27,420.00 \$ 27,693.00			
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated	Average Taxable Value of Residences\$ 12,420.00\$ 12,693.00Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value\$ 1.45\$ 1.33			
Install year and the amount budgeted for the iscall year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:   Maintenance and operations 11.00000 % increase % (decrease)   Debt service 0.00000 % increase % (decrease)   Total expenditures 11.00000 % increase or % (decrease)	Taxes Due on Average Residence\$ 180.09\$ 168.27Increase (Decrease) in Taxes\$ (11.82)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			
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)	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



**Preceding Tax Year** 

**Current Tax Year** 

0.00

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

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

#### **Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$\_

Outstanding principal.

#### election is 1.3257

. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts

a rate in excess of the rollback rate of

#### 1.3257

#### **Fund Balances**

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

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

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#### Kokomo News By Zelda Jordan

Bro. Jack Clack of Moran brought the message at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, August 13. It was a wonderful message on

"Grace and Circumstance". We can't help the circumstances that come into the world and our lives, but through the Grace of God we can deal with them. We need to grow in Grace in the Lord Jesus Christ. His Grace is sufficient for us. Bro. Clack's wife, Vera, also attended the service. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to James and Jill Little. Thomas Seay rendered the special music singing that wonderful old hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross" with the congregation joining in on the chorus. Glynda Bond was at the piano.

The Sunday evening service was dismissed. Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor for the church services on Sunday afternoon were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Joe Bond, Nancy Hendricks, Ann Warren and Zelda Jordan.

Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan enjoyed dinner at ZJ's with Joe and Glynda Bond one recent Friday evening.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and their son and family, Travis, Gladys, Alexis, Tiffany and Ethan Nelson of Fort Worth spent the weekend at the Nelson farm near Carbon.

Jimmy and Maggie and Travis Nelson visited with their aunt, Zelda Jordan, on Saturday and mowed her lawn. Now it is ready and waiting for a good rain on it.

Recent visitors with LaVon Snider were: Dan and Justin Snider, Gene and Kay Snider, Ted Snider, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Belinda, Isaac, Audri, Ella, and Belle Segura, and Sheri LaBonte of South Riding, Va.

Nancy Hendricks, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan were dinner guests of Bill and Wynelle Brown of Carbon at ZJ's in Gorman on Sunday.

Glenda Black and Shelby Bolls of Abilene visited with Glenda's mother, Zelda Jordan, on Sunday afternoon. They had been in Waco this past week attending an insurance claims school and were en route to their homes in Abilene.

Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis visited during the weekend with her dad, Delmon Eaves.

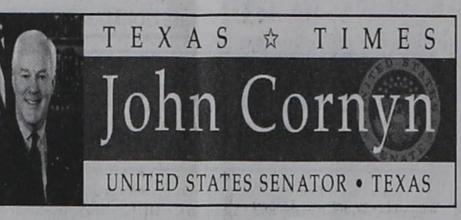
Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan attended the Senior Adult Rally at the Corinth Baptist Church on Monday night and really enjoyed the program by Larry Shotwell of San Angelo. It was very entertaining as well as inspirational.

The new Kokomo Community Center Building is up and looking very nice. Now the inside work will begin.

Work continues on the Kokomo Baptist Church. We hope to be able to have services in it by late summer or early fall. What a wonderful time that will be.

May we be very faithful in praying for rain every day. I believe that God will answer our prayers in his way and time, and we hope that it is soon.

Have a wonderful week.



#### Protecting Our Coast While Increasing Energy Supply

Gasoline prices are again hitting an historic high this summer. The combination of a strong economy, high worldwide energy demand, conflict in the Middle East and a basic shortfall in supply directly translates into a real problem for all of us.

Earlier this month, corrosion in an aging Alaska feeder pipeline that carries about eight percent of U.S. oil production forced British Petroleum to shut it down temporarily. This new setback caused another spike in world crude oil prices and threatened to send the cost of a gallon of gas even higher.

What is Congress doing about the problem? We're pushing ahead in developing alternative sources of clean energy from solar and wind power. We're researching new ways to make coal, gas and nuclear energy safer and environmentally friendly.

But in the near-term, it's obvious America must concentrate on increasing its own supply of traditional fuels. Congress can do many things, but it can't repeal the law of supply and demand. As we expand our domestic energy supplies, we have to ensure that the quality of life, in Texas and elsewhere, is fully protected.

We took a major step forward on all counts recently when the Senate, in a strong show of bipartisanship, approved a measure to allow increased energy production on offshore federal lands in the Gulf.

The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 will allow the energy industry access to more than 8.3 million acres in a region south of the Alabama-Florida state line in the eastern and central Gulf waters. It will make available more than 1.25 billion barrels of oil and 5.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

That is more than the proven oil reserves of Wyoming and Oklahoma combined. The natural gas supply would be enough to heat and cool nearly six million homes for 15 years.

The House of Representatives has passed an even more expansive version of the bill. It appears most members of Congress agree that America must expand production of its domestic reserves. The two versions will be reconciled in a conference committee in September.

One significant provision in the Senate bill divides 37.5 percent of royalties from new production among four Gulf states—Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama—to fund coastal protections and safeguards. This is a huge increase over current state offshore royalty sharing, which averages around two percent.

An additional 12.5 percent of those federal royalties will be directed to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which provides conservation grants to all states. The sum total will mean hundreds of millions of additional dollars for environmental protection.

The bill calls for Gulf states to use the royalties to support increased

# Panther Football Important Dates To Remember

- August 19th Saturday 1st Scrimmage Evant/Johnson City
  - Time TBA @ Evant
- August 24th Thursday 2nd Scrimmage @ Miles Time TBA
- September 1st Friday -
  - Game One vs Roby @ Gorman
- \* Jr. High practice begins 1st day of school (supply own cleats)

#### **2006 Football Schedule**

August 19th Scrimmage Evant/Johnson City		Evant	TBA TBA
August 24th Scrimmage Miles		Miles	
September 1st	Roby	Gorman	7:30
September 8th	Covington	Covington	7:30
September 15th	Ben Bolt	Taylor	7:30
September 22nd	**Sterling City	Gorman	7:30
September 29th	*Ranger	Ranger	7:30
October 6th	*Perrin	Gorman	7:30
October 13th	*Santo	Santo	7:30
October 20th	open		
October 27th	*Cross Plains	Gorman	7:30
November 3rd	*DeLeon	DeLeon	7:30
November 10th	*Tolar	Gorman	-7:30
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#### Skaggs Family Reunion Held At De Leon City Hall

#### July 22, 2006 By Bernice Skaggs Farley

The Frank and Lizzie Browning Skaggs family gathered once again to have food, fun, and fellowship, with singing on the side. There were at least 87 present. Someone may have been overlooked, but it was not intentional. Some still forget to register. If you were there you would understand why!

By families, those we know were there were: Virgil's family, there were none there due to illness. Mae's family had Wayne and Betty Quinn from Saginaw, Bob and Marjorie Anderson from Aiken, S.C., Larry and Jordan Quinn from Hurst, Gregg, Rose, Zachary, and Skyler Anderson from Charleston, S.C.; Cleo's family had Glen and Shirley Clement, Sue Seaton, James, Christian, and Suellyn Hunter, all from Gorman. Vernon's family had Frances Howard, Jay and Ona Odom from De Leon, Charles and Christina Dombrosky from San Antonio, Archie's family had Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, Emma Jane Larch from Gorman, Karla, Hayden, and Tate Swearingen from Glen Rose, Karsen and Kyle Styron from Stephenville. Lloyd's family didn't have anyone this year. Elsie's family had Elsie, Sam, Sharon, Jackie, Betsy, Timothy, De Witt, and Vickie Robinett, and a visitor, Jamie Koelln from Fort Worth, Justin and Nicole Warren from Saginaw, Jerry and Kelly King from Keller, Carolyn, Paul, Stacy, Grayce, and Kayley King from Waco, Billy, Nikki, Christopher, Allison, and Ervin from Cleburne. Elsie's family had by far the most in attendance this year. Marie's family gets special attention this year. She had four generations with each of her daughters this year. They are Marie White, Sherry, David (Kelly), Kasey Draper. The other branch is: Marie White, Peggy, Wayne, and Jerry Barton. In attendance were: Marie from De Leon, Sherry Draper from Crawley, Peggy and Jerry Barton from Granbury, David (Kelly), Kaonie, Kasey, Katelynn, Kaylee, and Kelton Draper from Burleson, Wayne, Nikole, and Jerry Barton from Ft. Worth. Elsie and Bernice repeated four generations again this year. Frankie Lee's daughter Jeanie has four generations this year. It consisted of Jeanie Mitchell, her daughter, Cindy, her daughter, Summer and her daughter, Davie. In attendance were Billy, Jeanie, Joe, Sarah, and Jacob Mitchell from Abilene, David and Cindy (Mitchell) Longman from Robinson, Summer (Beck), Sheb, Whisper, Tatum, and David Havens from Waco. Bernice's family had Jim and Martha and Bernice Farley from De Leon, Jamie and Hallie Reyna from Waco. There was one other close member of our family who had a child and a grandchild at our reunion this year. Lizzie Browning Skaggs had a nine-month old brother named John when their mother Molly died. Lizzie was only nine at the time. She ws the only mother John ever knew. John's daughter, Lottie Morris, from Gorman, and his granddaughter, Pam Morris Hulse, from Hobbs, N.M. were very welcome additions to the reunion. Ann and Bernard Keith, parents of Vicki Robinette came in time for the singing in the afternoon. We always glad to have visitors, and we hope you enjoy coming as much as we enjoy having you. We had a very enjoyable day including the balloons for the children, the gospel singing after lunch and the visiting!!!

#### Neugebauer Promotes Three, Hires Three

Washington, DC-Congressman Randy Neugebauer recently brought on some new faces and promoted some familiar ones in both his Washington and Abilene offices.

Neugebauer has hired Ben Bailey to work in his Abilene District Office. Bailey comes to Neugebauer's staff from the private sector and developed ties to Abilene and the Big Country region during his time as a student at Abilene Christian University. As Neugebauer's District Representative for the Abilene area, Bailey will meet with local constituents and officials and represent the congressman at events in the eastern part of the 19th District. Bailey takes over for Jeremy Brown, who is moving to Lubbock at the end of August to enter the real estate business.

"I want to thank Jeremy for all his hard work and wish him well as starts his new career," Neugebauer said. "I also want to welcome Ben Bailey to my staff. Ben is smart, talented and will work hard for the people of the 19th District."

In Neugebauer's Washington office, Sarah Matz has been promoted to Senior Policy Advisor. Including her time working for former U.S. Representative Larry Combest, Matz brings five years of experience handling issues important to the 19th District, such as energy, veterans and military affairs issues. Kathy Bergren has been promoted from Senior Policy Advisor to Legislative Director/Policy Advisor. In her new role, Bergren will oversee Neugebauer's legislative agenda, which includes an increased focus on agriculture issues as Congress begins work on the next Farm Bill during the coming year. Bergren replaces Jodi Detwiler who took a position working for the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

"Kathy has a deep knowledge on a wide range of issues and is well suited to run my legislative shop," Neugebauer said. "In particular, Kathy's expertise on important agriculture issues will prove to be beneficial as we work in the House Agriculture Committee to write the 2007 Farm Bill."

Moving into the Legislative Assistant position opened up by Bergren's and Matz's promotions is Will Davis, who had been working for Neugebauer as Legislative Correspondent. Davis, a Lubbock native and Texas Tech graduate, will handle education, financial services, tax and telecommunications issues for Neugebauer.

Taking over at the Legislative Correspondent spot is Jeff Williams. Williams, who grew up in San Angelo, brings prior congressional experience in the offices of U.S. Representatives Michael Burgess (R-Texas) and Lynn Westmoreland (R-Ga.) to Neugebauer's team.

Neugebauer has also brought on Tahoka native Marissa McCord to serve as Staff Assistant. McCord's duties include managing Neugebauer's intern program, coordinating Capitol tours, and helping to provide other services for 19th District constituents.

Gorman Peanut Festival Peanut Queen's WW Contest efforts to conserve critical coastal habitats and wetlands and to shore up infrastructure and public service needs along their coasts. It complements a provision in the 2005 federal energy bill, the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, which includes funding for a comprehensive strategy to protect marine species, coastal wildlife and conservation efforts.

The Texas General Land Office [GLO] will lead the effort to direct use of the federal royalties in Texas. Its roadmap is the "Coastal 2020" plan, a thoughtful blueprint for addressing the impact of many activities—natural and manmade—on our Texas coastline.

One ongoing problem to be addressed with the new funds will be coastal erosion, caused by numerous factors including sediment loss, changes in freshwater inflows, ship wakes, and storms to name a few. Unless dealt with, erosion can cause the loss of homes and even roads, such as the 26 miles of State Highway 87, which once connected Galveston to the Sabine Pass. Erosion also exposes key economic assets, including our massive refining facilities, to storm-surge damage.

One-fourth of our entire state population lives along the Texas coast. Tourists spend more than \$7.5 billion annually visiting that area. Three of the top 10 ports in America are on the Texas coast, with more than 66 million short tons of cargo moving along the Texas coast each year.

The Texas coast is vital to the economy of both the state and the nation. It must be protected. I'm confident that these increased federal energy royalties can help finance permanent safeguards against natural and man-made threats to our coastal environment.

Energy is fundamental to our quality of life and economy in Texas and America. So too is the preservation of our cherished coastal lands and habitats. Through responsible stewardship, we can fulfill our responsibility in both areas — increasing domestic energy supplies without harming our glorious Texas coastline.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's

previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

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If you are a young lady between the ages of 14 and 18 and reside in the GISD area... You are invited to participate in the Annual Gorman Peanut Festival Queen's Contest

Great prizes including make-up, gift cards for each girl and a \$250 scholarship for the Winner

Come be a part of a great tradition. Encourage a friend to enter with you!

Contestants Tea to be held Sunday August 20 at 2 pm Contest to be held Friday August 25 at 6 pm Contact Veronica Seaton at 734-5052 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637



