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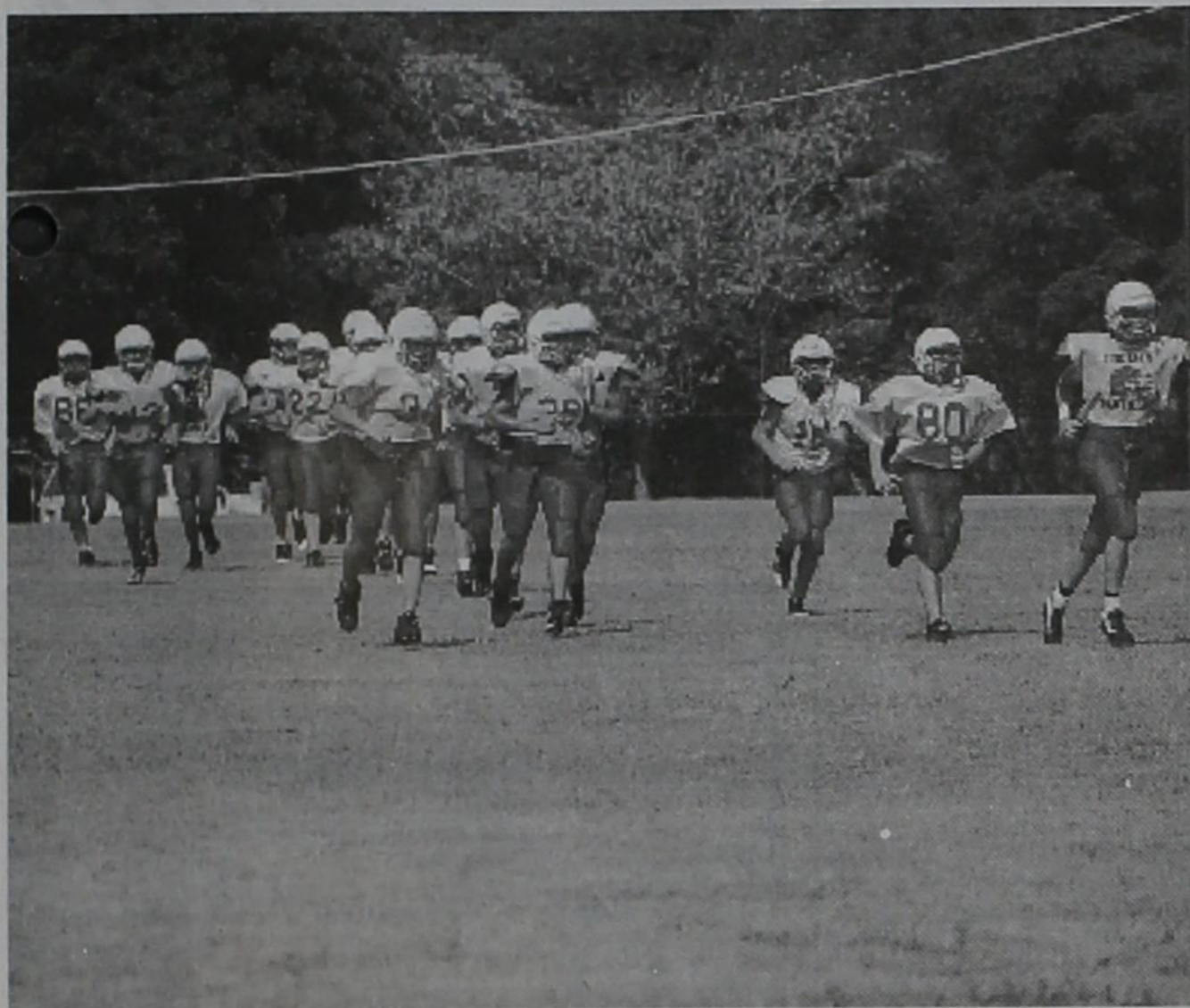
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Panthers Scrimmage In Irion County Slated Saturday



The Gorman Panthers have been working out in two-a-days in preparation of the upcoming season with a total of 36 players and anticipating a couple of more players.

The Panthers had a very good season last year and have several returnees from the squad. Coach Hendrix stated that he is looking forward to the new season and anticipates another good season. He stated that he will release a roster of players for next week's paper. He seemed well pleased with the progress and determination of the players and assured us the players are working hard and were look forward to this season.

The team will hold a Three-Way Scrimmage on Saturday at 10 a.m. At Irion County. Irion County, Cross Plains and Gorman will participate. This scrimmage should show a lot as to the progress of the team.

The 2008 schedule has been released and is as follows:

Landscaping and Gardening Info Will Be Featured At TSG

Landscaping and Gardening Information to be Featured at the August 21 Meeting of the Texas Star Gardeners

The yard and surrounding grounds of Brenda and Bob Hammontree will be featured at the program of the Texas Star Gardeners at their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 21 at 10:00AM. The event will begin at the Hammontree home on 811 S. Crescent (the Duster Highway) in Gorman. The group will then proceed to the home of Carolyn Gilbert at 439 W. Lexington Street for a program on herb gardening. All interested persons are invited to attend.

2008 Peanut Queens Contest To Be Announced

Entries for the High School and Junior High girls for Miss Gorman Peanut Queen contest will be scheduled at a later date. More information - contact Veronica at 734-5052.

Meet The Teacher Night Set

Maxfield Elementary is gearing up for the start of school. "Meet the Teacher Night" for Maxfield Elementary will be August the 21st between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. This will give the students, parents, and teachers a chance to get acquainted. Students are welcome to bring their school supplies at this time.

School will begin August the 25th at 8:00 a.m. and dismiss at 3:10 p.m. Students will receive free breakfast again this year and need to be at school about 15 minutes early. We are looking forward to working with your children.

New students not registered need to check in at the Elementary Office.

Gorman Varsity Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|----------|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Aug. 15 | Irion Co./Cross Plains | Irion C. | 10 a.m. |
| Aug. 22 | Baird / Roby | Baird | 5 p.m. |
| Aug. 29 | Evant | Home | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 5 | Dallas Gateway | Away | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 12 | Roscoe | Home | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 19 | Christoval | Away | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 26 | OPEN | | |
| Oct. 3 | Archer City | Home | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 10 | *Perrin-Whitt | Away | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 17 | *Ranger | Home | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 | *Tolar | Away | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 31 | ** Santo | Home | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 7 | *De Leon | Away | 7:30 p.m. |

* Denotes District Games
** Denotes Homecoming Game

Athletic Director & Head Coach - Keith Hendrix
Assistant Coaches - Bill Bates, Billy Fox, James Gerick.
Superintendent - David Perry
Principal - Rick Panter
Band Director - John Howard
Cheerleading Sponsor - Becky Swanner - High School
Keri Guthery - Junior High

Follow The Panthers!!!

De Leon Golden Peanut Rangers



The De Leon Golden Peanut Rangers team consist of Coaches - Micheal McCamey, Josh Thayer, and Adam Morena. Back row (left to right) - Jacob Ervin, Eric Morena, Aaron Salinas, Jacob Riley, and Ethan Thayer; Bottom row (left to right) - Noble Adams, Alex Rainey, Greg Wilkerson, Miguel Barron, Arick Salinas, Ray Amaya and Dylan McCamey.

NEW PANTHER SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

The booster club now has new Panther shirts available. These shirts are non-sport specific, just pro-Panther! Therefore they can be worn to any sporting event and during any year. The back is plain so you can put your own athlete's name and number on the back if you desire. The shirts are royal blue and can be viewed at Bob's Grocery or at The Hair Shoppe. Call Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or Pam at the high school 734-2614, to get yours today. Sizes range from child XS to adult XXXL. This is the first time we have offered children sizes this small, if you need a really small shirt contact Becky right away as quantities are limited.

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The booster club will be ordering royal blue Panther jackets again. If you have seen some fans wearing these jackets and have wanted one, here is your chance! These are remarkably comfortable, warm and water resistant jackets. Only those who order at this time will be able to get a jacket. WE WILL NOT ORDER ANY EXTRAS!! If interested in a Panther jacket place your order with Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or call the school at 734-2614

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree, August 16th at 6:00 P.M. (concessions open at 5:30 p.m.) At the Civic Center - 301 E. Housley St. (Hwy 16 to Downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108 (Housley St.) 2 Blocks).

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Lamb and Goat Major

Show Validation Tags

If you are planning on showing a goat or lamb at any major stock-show, please contact Mr. Boles by August 15, 2008 to order your validation tags. You may contact Mr. Boles at 734-2505.



Miss Gorman Kimi Seaton and Little Miss Brylee Johnson placed first at the Brown County Rodeo Parade held on July 26th. They had a great time representing Gorman.

Cisco Youth Football and Cheerleading Grades K-6 Registration Dates and locations: Cisco Elementary Aug 26th from 4:30pm-5:30 pm, Royal Oaks Apartments 1304 Royal Lane, Cisco, Aug 30th from 9-11am. This date is for football players to weigh-in, equipment sizing, and agility drills. Please call Beverly@325-864-7515 for more info. Thank you!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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.

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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

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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.



2nd Place - Ranger Cubs

Luvern A. Sheetz

Luvern A. Sheetz, age 85 of De Leon passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2008 at Western Hills Nursing Center in Comanche. Services are pending at Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mr. Sheetz was born March 25, 1923 in Sioux City, Iowa to the late Fred Sheetz and Glenna Garnett Sheetz. He married Rosali Marie O'Hara on November 26, 1947 in Los Angeles, CA.

Mr. Sheetz had been employed at Alameda Naval Air Station in California as a welder; resided in De Leon past four years, having previously lived in Durham, North Carolina. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by two sons, Steve Sheetz of De Leon and Randolph Sheetz of Woodridge, VA.; one daughter, Cecilia Denton of Efland, NC.; And one granddaughter, April Canell.

He was preceded by his parents, Fred Sheetz and Glenna Garent Sheetz; step-dad Jake Vanderbrock; wife Rosalie Sheetz; three brothers, Leonard, Dale and James Chester Sheetz; one sister, Estelle Dam and one granddaughter, Melanie Amber Sheetz.



First Place - Comanche Lady Horns



Third Place - De Leon Slammers



First Place - Cisco Braves



Second Place - Brownwood Panthers

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2-8-14 C.

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613 A, 3-2 Brick Home, carport, barn, wells, tanks, creek, hunting [VW02] \$2,025,000
455 A, wells, tanks, creek, tree covered, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000
320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, wildlife cover, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000
250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000
243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig.pit, on hwy, cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre
236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre
231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available [DK01] \$665,280
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrigation, wells [REM01] \$405,000
52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500
51 A, highway frontage, spring creek and hunting [RP01] \$182,000
45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, mineral available [NF01] \$2,750/ Acre
30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
25.6 A, 4-2 1/2 Brick Home, garage, carport, storage bldgs, well, tanks [JB03] \$210,000
21±A, 2-2 16x72 mobile home, well, World Feeder Coastal Bermuda grass [MS03] \$105,000
20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water available, hunting, minerals neg. [WMO1] \$75,000
15±A, 3-2 Double Wide, well, carport, porch, storage bldgs, near Proctor Lk [LR02] \$115,000
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, carport, storage bldgs, pecan trees, wells & tanks [WK01] \$99,995
4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
3-2 Dble Wide, screened porch, workshop, wells, 2 large lots & older home [JA02] \$135,000
3-2 Frame Home, 2.5 A, wood stove, carport, rural water, well, shop [CC03] \$99,900
2-1 1/2 Frame Home, garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000
3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, on 3+A lot [LK01] \$70,000
2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch [GB02] \$55,000
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15A north of Gorman, 2.5 acres, 2 carport, 2 sheds, 2 ponds, 2 sides, nice location for pond, \$250,000.
17A N/E Gorman, 10A wooded, large trees, electric meter, country location, great place for a new home. \$350,000.
38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre
40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.
77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.
NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7 - 8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
156 A, Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
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De Leon S&S Travels To Colorado City

De Leon S&S Travels to Colorado City to State Tournament. The team has back to back Championships. They defeated Ballinger on Thursday night.

Coaches are Brad Sanders, Rodney Hardin and Brad Dyson. Standing - Cooper Dyson, Noah Stockman, Tyler Shafer, Anthony Lopez, Trent Padron Fenley; Kneeling - Chase Beck, Calvin Martin, Jordan Hardin, Tyler Cogburn, Jacke Sanders, Dawson Whatley and Mark Rebeiro.



Congratulations To The Boys and Coaches!

PIG TALES

Oink! Oink! What a wonderful time we had in Hogtown last weekend! The alumni dinner on Friday night at the DAC was very well attended. Each year the attendance grows and we certainly appreciate everyone who comes. It's fun to meet new people and hear their attachment to Desdemona. As an 'outsider' it is fun to watch eyes light up as friends from long ago spot each other and fall right into getting acquainted again. We thank all who came and we will do it again next year!

On Saturday, we had a birthday party for Nell Moore who was celebrating a special birthday. We, also, sang 'Happy Birthday' to Wanda Martin who has a special birthday on Aug. 13. I will not tell their ages - ask these ladies if you dare!

Now that the kids are in school, you moms can come to the library for a little relaxation. Library hours are Monday through Thursday 2:00-5:00 and Tuesday evenings 6:00-8:00.

Domino players meet on Tuesday evenings, also, at 6:00 - come and join in.

Please call me if you would like to rent the DAC for an upcoming event - 254-758-2420. I think you will agree that we have a beautiful building and lots of room for any type of event.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Happenings At FBC!!

Splendor! All in attendance had the privilege of witnessing seven children follow Christ in baptism. Glory to God!

Bro. Barry opened our morning worship service with prayer and announcements.

Mark your calendars:

- August 24th: Teacher Dedication Service.
- August 25th: School Starts.
- September 10th: Team Kids and Mission Friends Starts.

James, Ellen, and Rachel Tucker shared their testimonies on what church means to them and what giving means to them. Church is a family and with gains and losses it will always be a family. Ground Breaking for the new edition was exciting, and seeing it fill up each week is splendid. Participating in programs and teaching a Sunday School Class reaps great rewards. Starting an "aluminum can drive" enabled the Sunday School Class to purchase a chair. God built this Church Family, and He continues to bless the growth. An abundant number of children to participate in the programs and the activities make them more fun. The Tucker Family is faithful in their attendance, as well as dedicated and active in their service to our Lord and Savior.

Liz Caraway's Children Sermon: Liz loves presents!!! Liz showed the children a box with a beautiful bow and they were all eager to watch her open it. It was a box containing another smaller box. The children's giggles filled the air. Liz finally got to the smallest box and it was empty. An empty box can be the greatest present of all. The Bible says that God sent His only Son to die for us, and when Mary went to the tomb it was empty. The empty tomb is a great gift because it means that Jesus arose. Jesus lives and He is waiting in heaven for you!

Bro. Barry's message was "Here Come the Judge" - Matthew 18:2-4. Is there a worse picture than standing in front of a judge waiting for him to lower the gavel?

How about standing before God on Judgment Day when God wants to see the little children?

How to be like a child: Let your faith be your backbone!

- 1) Child Like Faith / Trust - Innocence to keep trusting.
- 2) Loving - Unconditional security.
- 3) Humble - Realize that everything we have God gave to us.
- 4) Forgiving - Jesus, forgives, and no church can make it without forgiveness.
- 5) Need Help from Jesus - Know when you need help, and ask for it.

Love life - Get on with the business of living. Jesus helps and Jesus makes the difference!

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The County of Eastland will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.68 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., 100 W. Main St., Suite 203, Eastland, Tx.
The second public hearing will be held on September 12, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., 100 W. Main St., Suite 203, Eastland, Tx.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Commissioners Wayne Honea, Norman Christian, Bill Underwood and Reggie Pittman
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: County Judge Rex Fields
ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the County of Eastland last year was \$ 28,763 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.51980 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$149.51 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the County of Eastland this year is \$31,123 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.47336 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$147.32 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.505 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$157.17 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The Eastland County Auditor certifies that Eastland County has spent \$0.00 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2008, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Eastland County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The County of Eastland spent \$0.00 from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2008 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 0.00.

2008 Property Tax Rates in Eastland County

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for Eastland County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

General Fund

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's tax rate: | |
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 3,936,951 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ 38,856 |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 3,975,807 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 764,872,511 |
| Last year's total tax rate | \$.5198 /\$100 |

| | |
|---|------------------|
| This year's effective tax rate: | |
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 3,973,510 |
| / This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 839,410,937 |
| = This year's effective tax rate for each fund | \$.47336 /\$100 |
| Total Effective tax rate | \$.47336 /\$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) | \$ 3,934,677 |
| / This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 839,410,937 |
| = This year's effective rate | \$.46874 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate | \$.50623 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| = This year's rollback rate for each fund | \$.50623 /\$100 |
| This year's total rollback rate | \$.50623 /\$100 |

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Eastland County adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.47336 per \$ 100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$ 117,701.

Schedule A- Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
| Maintenance & Operation | \$ 980,896 |
| Debt Service | \$ 9,955 |

Schedule B- 2008 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:
Eastland County Auditors Office
Eastland County Courthouse
Second Floor Suite 205
Eastland, Texas

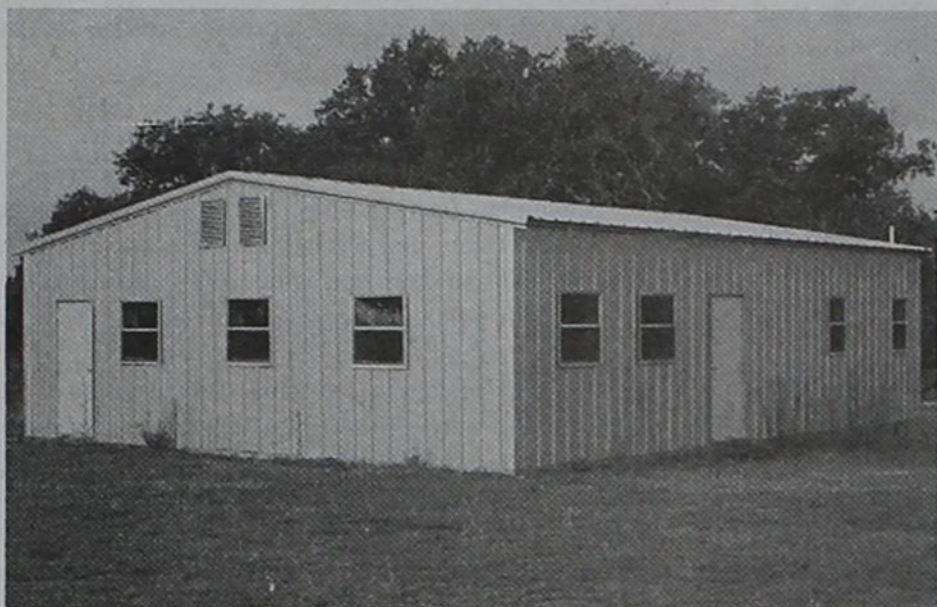
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Eastland CAD
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Kokomo Community Center Back and Ready For Use

Shown to the right is the Kokomo Community Center that burned in the wildfire on January 1, 2006. It was built in 1917 for Kokomo School consolidation with Carbon Independent School District in 1942. It was also used for church services, funerals and Homecomings. Later remodeled and became Kokomo Community Center.



Shown below is the new Kokomo Community Center that was completed the day before the annual Kokomo Homecoming and Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2008. It is available for rent at \$75.00 per day for Reunions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. For more information call Norina at 254-639-2284 or Sylvia at 254-734-4027.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gorman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at August 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Gorman High School Auditorium, 114 W Lexington Gorman, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--|
| Maintenance Tax | \$ 1.04000 | / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | \$ 0.25384 | / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|----|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 5.00000 | % increase | or | | % (decrease) |
| Debt service | 4.50000 | % increase | or | | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | 10.00000 | % increase | or | | % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 137,137,860.00 | \$ 167,596,911.00 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 1,184,020.00 | \$ 995,970.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 49,696,750.00 | \$ 52,917,128.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 1,184,020.00 | \$ 984,650.00 |

* "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* \$ 4,999,998.40

* Outstanding principal.

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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 | \$ 1.04000 | \$ 0.26700 * | \$ 1.30700 | \$ 1,749.00 | \$ 7,431.00 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.03338 | \$ 0.25384 * | \$ 1.28722 | \$ 1,891.00 | \$ 7,523.00 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.04000 | \$ 0.25384 * | \$ 1.29384 | \$ 1,873.00 | \$ 7,641.00 |

* 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 | \$ 24,467.00 | \$ 27,454.00 *EC 47558.00 *CC |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 9,467.00 | \$ 12,454.00 *EC 32983.00 *CC |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.30 | \$ 1.29 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 123.73 | \$ 161.13 *EC 426.80 *CC |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 37.40 - 303.07 |

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

*EC - Eastland County **CC - Comanche County

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.29384. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.29384.

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 |

Senior Citizens News By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly lunch on Wednesday the 6th of August at 11:30. There were 22 in attendance, still low due to vacations and hot weather. Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing. He says such good words, helps improve us all. Our meal was great, but needed more veggies. The menu was ham, salmon patties, Mac and cheese, great by Ann Warren, Blackeyed peas, and always cornbread and rolls. Daisy Slaton saved the day on Veggies and brought a Cole slaw. We also enjoyed some good cantaloupe. Our dessert was chocolate cake, brownies, cup cakes and chocolate oatmeal cookies.

The nurses from Medway Home Health in De Leon were here to take our BP and BS. We appreciate them coming to do us this service the 1st Wednesday of each month. This time it was Charlotte Green and Robin, neglected to get her last name. I was glad they stayed to eat with us as some days they don't have time.

This week we will celebrate the birthdays for August. We will have Birthday cake and ice cream on Wednesday the 13th. I tend to forget this comes out a week behind. I'll call and remind you. Betty Regian will miss as she is going to Tennessee. She will visit a grandson there. I do wish Eula Lee Miears could be with us. We miss her being here at the dinner with her family.

My brother-in-law, Witzel Ward and his wife Patsy were here to eat with us. They enjoyed being there and said the food was so good. I hadn't seen them in over a year so we had a great visit. They spent two nights and we even made the De Leon Parade. It cooled off enough that day so we could stand to go. They are on a month long vacation that will end in Seattle, WA. To visit his youngest daughter. This trip to celebrate Patsy's retirement.

There were 23 of us to eat at Cook's Fish Barn on Friday the 8th. Some had to miss due to prior commitments or illness. We missed Martha Rainey as she was put in Hospital that day. She has a kidney problem, I do hope she is improved and will be home soon. Ellen Parker brought her two grandchildren, Kailee and Davia Roberts. The girls seemed to enjoy especially since he has an ice cream machine. Also Ann Maxfield and Jud brought their two grandgirls Payton and Kylie Maxfield. All seemed to have a good time, especially us big kids.

We had 10 out to play games on the 7th at 5 p.m. We had so much fun, we stayed til 9:30. Our supper consisted of ham and cheese sandwiches, crackers and peanut butter, cookies-all kinds, cheese and chips, also cantaloupe. So good!

We enjoyed playing Spinner and 88's. Hope all is well and see you next time. Carol.

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