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Varsity and Junior High Cheerleaders Attend Camp



Varsity Cheerleaders - Virdiana Maldonado, Mahalia Majors, Mykisha Hampton, Melissa Ramirez, Lauren Spivey, Alaina Swanner and Kaeli Hines (Mascot)

The Varsity and Junior High Cheerleaders participated in a Camp at Tarleton the week of June 18th thru 22nd. Four out of six of the Varsity Squad was nominated for All-American try outs - Melissa Ramirez, Mykisha Hampton, Lauren Spivey and Mahalia Majors. At Junior High Level two of the six girls were nominated - Haley Wright and Kaycee Dodd. It is an Honor to be nominated and even greater honor to say our Varsity Squad has two girls that made the All-American Team Mykisha Hampton and Melissa Ramirez. Congratulations to both of the young ladies.



Junior High Cheerleaders - Darette Lara, Kaycee Dodd, Mayra Ramirez, Diana Rainey (Mascot), Jessica Ramirez, Haley Wright and Sydney Casey.

The Varsity Cheerleaders will be having a Bar-B-Que Lunch that consists of sandwich, chips and drink for \$6.00. We will also have a BAKE SALE going on. On Friday, August 17th at the Laminack Construction building beginning at 11 a.m. Until we sell out. This fundraiser is to raise money for a 20ft. Tunnel for the Football Players to run through. We are also accepting donations of all sizes for the tunnel. If you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of the tunnel contact a Cheerleader or a Sponsor.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioners' Court will meet in a **Special Called Meeting** at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 17th in Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Budget Workshop for Budget FY 2012-2013
2. Bills, Claims and Accounts

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioners' Court

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioners' Court.

ATTENTION: Anyone interested in Jewel Cemetery. A Meeting will be held at Carbon Community Center on August 25th at 3 p.m. You are urged to please come!

Wynelle Brown - Secretary-Treasurer

Gorman Peanut Festival Set Sept. 8

The Gorman Peanut Festival would like to invite you to be a part of this year's events and help to make this the best Peanut Festival ever. This year's theme is "Remember When". Parade Forms are available at the Gorman City Hall.

This year's festival will be held on Saturday, September 8th, downtown Gorman (rain or shine). It will consist of the 9th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cook-Off, starting on Friday night, a full day of activities planned for Saturday, followed by a Free Street Dance featuring THE DONNIE EVETTS BAND. We are planning to have the Firefighters Tug-of-War again this year given that none of our firefighters are called to duty. The booths will be followed by the Little Goobers Parade starts at 9:45 a.m. beginning at the Peanut Parade at 10:00 a.m. Judging will be done during the parade this year.

If you need any information, feel free to contact City Hall at 254-734-2317.

We Look Forward To Seeing You On September 8, 2012

"2012 PEANUT QUEEN CONTEST"

It is almost time for the 2012 Peanut Queen Contest to be underway. We need school age girls of all grades to participate. This year there will be three Queen titles given. The titles and grade eligibility are as follows: **Little Miss Peanut Queen - Grades K-4; Junior Miss Peanut Queen - Grades 5-8; and Miss Peanut Queen - Grades 9-12.**

Qualification and entry forms can be picked up at the City or by calling Chris Hunter at 734-6120. All entries and fees must be turned in by September 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Panther 2-A-Days Continue Working on Agility and Stamina



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR GORMAN ISD

Registration has been scheduled for August 16th, 2012 from 9:00 till 3:00. Go to the respective campus that your child will attend and we will help you get registered. Information required for registration is birth certificate, social security card, picture i.d. of the person enrolling the student, and shot record.

Thank you, GISD

PEANUT FESTIVAL CO-ED SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT

The Peanut Festival Co-Ed Slow Pitch Baseball Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 8th. The Co-Ed Slow Pitch entry fee is \$125.00 and the deadline is September 3rd - More info call Donna Scitem at 254-734-6007. There will be a Home Run limit of 4 per game each homerun after 4 is an out or will cost you \$5.00 to keep it. All the proceeds from this tournament will be donated to the Girl's High School Athletic Department. Concessions will be available and Very Affordable. Come out to Peanut Park and Show Your Support for these Young Ladies....

Gorman Band Meeting

To all Gorman Panther Band parents, booster members and community supporters. A meeting will be held August 20th at 6:30 p.m. In the band hall to discuss current year band programs, booster club elections, and future ideas for our school band program. We are proud to announce that this year's high school band enrollment has increased by 15 students to date. We look forward to your ideas and support. Please don't miss out on being part of our growing success. See you at the meeting! For questions or comments, please contact Lisa Laminack at 254-734-2616

Gorman Volunteer Fire Department News

Justin Underwood, Dylan Cogburn and Jimmy Guthery attended Municipal Texas Fire Training School in College Station for 5 days to catch up on most recent knowledge of fire suppression. Justin and Dylan worked on the fire field, the temperature reached into the 100's wearing Personal Protective Equipment which enhances the heat. A&M's Brayton Fire Training Field is one of the largest fire training fields in the world. Students from all around the World come to College Station for training. The week of July 22-27 about 1400 students attended the school.

This is the 2nd year in a row these 3 have attended the training at A&M. A number of other Firemen attended the classes in the area such as the Hogtown Fire School at Desdemona, Mineral Wells Fire School, Abilene Fire Conference and Emergency Vehicle Driving at De Leon. All of these classes were Texas Engineering Extension Service or TEEEX sponsored. Some of the training was funded by grants from Texas Forest Service.

About 10% of the time a volunteer works is calls the other 90% are training, fundraisers, maintenance on trucks, meetings and public information. A list of other Firemen that attended this year is - *Charlie Torrez, David Stanley, Leland Rainey, Hank Rainey, Mike Moore, Adam Torrez, Frank Bussey, Nick Guthery, Stephen Watson, Rickey Rone and Noah Landa.* If you see firemen on a first responder call or fighting a grass fire on side of highway, lots of work and sweat happened before the call.

The weather is hot and dry, be careful with outdoor cooking. Make sure all fires are extinguished before leaving area. Make sure all cigarettes are out before discarding into the dry grass. Carry a bottle of some water to place the cigarettes to extinguish. Hunting season starts in September, do not park vehicle in high grass or weeds, the exhaust may start a fire. Like Smoky The Bear says "Only You can Prevent Wildfire".

Working or Playing in the heat you need to drink plenty of water, take frequent breaks, cool under shade or AC. Our stock of bottle water is running low and this is the life blood of the firemen on these hot summer days. *Show you care by donating a case of water. This would help out the firemen on these hots days.*

Thank you for all the donations - It keeps our Firemen and Fire Department running.

Thank You
Gorman Volunteer Fire Department

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioners' Court will meet in a **Special Meeting** at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, August 27th in Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Public Hearing on the proposed County Clerk Records Preservation/Archive Plan (Local Government Code 118.025) County Clerk
2. Public Hearing on the proposed District Clerk Records Preservation Archive Plan (Texas Government Code Sec. 51.305) District Clerk

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GORMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB PAVERS

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club along with the Gorman Ex's Association is offering pavers to be sold. Funds raised by the sale of pavers will be used with previously sold pavers to create a display in front of the high school. Any additional funds will be used towards the building of trophy cabinets in the gym foyer. It is the goal of these two organizations to bring Gorman's history back into display for all to see. This is not for athletics only, any individual, family or team can purchase and put any information desired on the paver. Can be Class of..., band, academic UIL, FFA, etc., anything you want, including just your name.

PLEASE HELP WITH THIS GOAL BY PURCHASING A PAVER TODAY.

Paver sizes available are shown below, along with lettering requirements, and prices. All pavers are produced by Texas Rock Art Co. in Fredericksburg, Texas. Graphics are available for an additional fee, prices will be based on the graphic chosen, please call Becky Swanner for additional information on graphics.

4 X 8 paver	3 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$20.00
8 X 8 paver	4 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$30.00
6 X 12 paver	4 lines max/18 characters per line max.	\$40.00
12 X 12 paver	6 lines max/18 characters per line max.	\$60.00
16 X 16 paver	10 lines max/20 characters per line max.	\$80.00

The History of Gorman needs to be preserved and displayed for all to see. Please help by purchasing a paver. Contact Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176 or bswanner@gormanisd.net, additional contacts are Kenny Welch at 254-734-4444 or Pam (Foster) Childers-high school secretary, at 254-734-3171. Ordering grids for the 4x8 and the 8x8 pavers are included.

Sign Up To Play Soccer With ECSA! It's Fun!

It's that time again. Sign up for soccer at Redeemer Lutheran in Cisco or First Baptist in Eastland on Tuesday, August 28 or Thursday, August 30 from 5:30 to 7:30. You may come to either church on either day during this time to sign up your child (4 years old and up). If you have any questions, please call Eric Stinnette at (254) 631-9715 or Jeanna Childers at (254) 488-1898. Our focus is showing respect, having fun and learning the game of soccer. Season starts September 15 and ends November 3. Cost is \$45 per player with a \$5 discount for each additional family member. Play more soccer!

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Well folks, the word is out - Desdemona men cook the best fish! We had a very large crowd last Friday night for the alumni/community dinner. There was concern for a few minutes that we might run out of food, but there was plenty and everyone went away full and happy. The two musical groups were wonderful - we hope they will come back to our jam sessions and other events.

Thanks to everyone who came to the dance Saturday night. I understand that there were a couple of other dances in the area, but we had a great crowd.

We here at the DAC, cook a lot of food at our first Saturday breakfasts each month and only ask for donations. Unfortunately, the donations are not keeping up with the cost of the food. The board of directors has decided that we need to, like some other places, have a suggested donation. Beginning in September, the suggested donation for a plate will be \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 3 to 12, and less than 3 years will be free. We have to make a little money in order to keep the building functioning. Those of us who volunteer and do all the work for all the events pay our way just like everyone else.

I hope you all got some rain last week. We had about an inch at our house and I know some received more than that. It was wonderful! Maybe we will get a little more in the next few days.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Gorman City Minutes

JULY 19, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Kenneth Good, Joe Casey and Dylan Cogburn. Others present were Barbara Fenley and Billy Carson.

David made the motion to approve the minutes adding that the Mayor, Robert Ervin, was absent from the Called meeting on July 9, Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

After looking over the bills Dylan made the motion to approve them for payment with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

No citizens were present on Citizens In Put. Reports were given at last meeting for department heads.

Ted Matthews of the Eastland Memorial Hospital met with Tacy on Monday morning to request additional subsidy funding. The Commission made no decision at this time, as it was not an agenda item. The Commissioners will be thinking about this request and act on it at the next meeting.

David made the motion to accept the Library Boards recommendation of the amendment to the existing by laws. This amendment will allow for an Honorary Member, this position will be reviewed and renewed annually. Alma Dickerson resigned her position on the board, and Angela Clark was recommended as the replacement. Aline Garrett will be made the Honorary Board Member. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

No amendments will be made to Ordinances #216 and 219, but an amendment will be made to Ordinance #224. The arson reward will be made only for crimes of arson committed to City owned property only. This amendment will be published and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

@ 6:25 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 4-0.

@ 6:40 p.m. Joe made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. David made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further agenda items for consideration David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Dylan. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:40 p.m.

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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 7.62 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax 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 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Eastland County Courthouse, 100 W. Main Street, Suite 203, Eastland, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at Eastland County Courthouse, 100 W. Main Street, Suite 203, Eastland, Texas.

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

- FOR: County Judge Rex Fields, Commissioners Wayne Honea, John Rutledge, Thomas Cummings and Robert Rains
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting: None
- ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the County of Eastland last year was \$37,675. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.5874 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$221.30.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the County of Eastland this year is \$42,924. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.53891 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$231.32.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.58 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$248.96.

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