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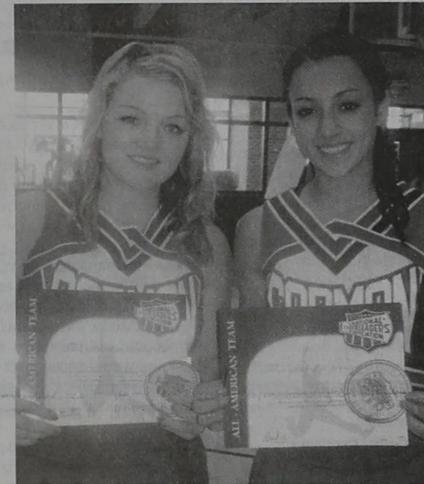
AUGUST 16, 2012

Varsity and Junior High **Cheerleaders Attend Camp**



Varsity Cheerleaders - Virdiana Malddonado, 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, Kayce 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.

donation toward the purchase of the tunnel contact a Cheerleader or a Sponsor.

Notice of Meeting

We are also accepting donations of all sizes for the tunnel. If you would like to make a

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 ureged to please come!

Wynelle Brown - Secretary-Treasurer

Gorman Peanut Festival Set Sept. 8

The Gorman Peanut Pestival Would like to invite your 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 years 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 begin opening at 8 a.m., the Little Goobers Parade starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Peanut Parade at 10:00 a.m. Judging will be done during the parade this year.

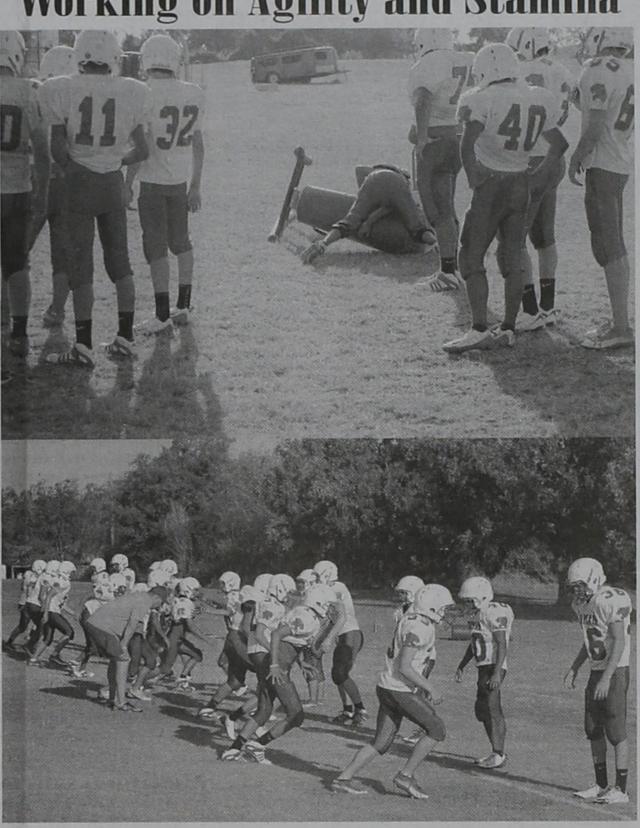
If you need any information, feel free to contact City Hall at 254-734-2317.

We Look Forward To Seeing You On September 8, 2012

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

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



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 TOUR

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 Scitern 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 TEEX 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 happended 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.

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 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.

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few trees. \$3,100 acre.

43A. Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced.

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\$2,800 Acre. 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds,

elec. available. \$2,000 acre.

158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central All Control of 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fer Control of the control of t 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds,

sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre. SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!! 322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner re

ports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivatable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg. with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A. NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00

407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 /fr complete transport metal roof & more! \$3,500

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Obituaries

Robert Bejamin Akers

Robert Benjamin Akers was born on August 10, 1921, in Baird, Texas, to Cora Almand Akers (formerly of Arkansas) and C.M. Akers (formerly of Mississippi) and died on August 11, 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas. He is survived by Venita Lou Terry Akers, his wife of 69 years; daughter, Brenda Lea Akers-Williams and husband CoryWilliams; a grand-daughter, Jean Williford of Austin, Texas; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Akers was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, J.C.



"Bob" and Venita were active mem-

bers of the Arlington Heights United Methodist Church for more than 33 years, and for more than twenty years, they frequently participated in activities at the White Settlement Senior Center -- especially on dance nights.

They had met at a roller-skating rink while in high school. He was a football captain at Gorman High School; she was a beauty from De Leon High School, Gorman's biggest rival. They continued dating while he attended a vocational school in Fort Worth, and she worked at Montgomery Ward. In August of 1942, Robert was drafted, and early the next year, he asked Venita and her aunt to visit him in El Paso, where he was stationed. Not long after they arrived, Robert proposed, Venita accepted, and they were married on March 1, 1943 in the base chapel. A friend sang, "Let Me Call You Sweethert," a theme that persisted for the next 69 years.

Not long after their marriage Robert was sent overseas, where he served as an artillery truck driver in combat zones in Sicily and in Italy, where he was injured and North Africa where he was hospitalized for several weeks before rejoining his company in France.

After the war, the couple returned to Fort Worth and the home which Venita had purchased while Robert was overseas. It remains, with some additions, the only home they ever needed. Robert worked for the United States Postal Service for more than 30 years, while Venita was employed at General Motors until the company moved their offices and plant to Dallas. Their daughter, Brenda, born March 1, 1959 on their 16th wedding anniversary, was an active member of the Texas Girls Choir, and as an adult worked for Kimberly-Clark until their operations moved to another

Robert was a strong, athletic, good-natured kidder whose quips and jokes delighted relatives and friends. He was also an honest, stable man, whose greatest loves were his wife and daughter.

Graveside services were held at De Leon Cemetery in De Leon, Texas on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, August 24, 2012, at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at West Side Campus of Care and to their physician, Dr. Jason Ledbetter for the care, kindness and respect paid to Robert.

His memory may be honored with a gift to Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, 4200 Camp Bowie Boulevard Ft. Worth, TX 76107.

For Sale: Queen Size Sleeper Sofa - \$30.00; Swivel Rocker - . \$25.00; Bookcase headboard with frame and footboard (no mat- the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. tress)- Stand bed - \$25.00; Wooden End Table - \$15.00; Other Odds: and Ends - For More Info - 254-734-6736 Vicki Brown

· Huge Garage Sale: Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August · · 18 - 8 to ? - 402 No. Briscoe in Gorman. Treadmill, dishes, · · Clothes (Mens - Womens - Kids), Much More Items.

Public Hearing Notice Texas Community

Development Block Grant Program Date of Publication: August 16, 2012

The City of Gorman will hold a Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m. on August 20 2012, at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application (or applications) to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Texas Community Development Block Grant (Tx-CDBG) Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application (or applications) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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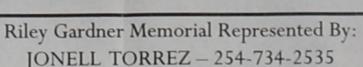




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A Letter To The Editor

In response to Mr. Henry Buchanan's letter suggesting that we cut our ties of responsibility to Israel, I would like to state that the stance of the United States in regard to Israel matters a great deal. International news consistently focuses on this little country in the Middle East. The global importance of Israel - at the geographical center of the world and at one point only nine miles wide - is not accidental. Though it comprises only one one-thousandth of the world's population, it has landed and remains at the very center of the world stage, precisely as God said it would so long ago. He said he was going to bring his people back to the land. Numerous places in the Bible refer to this. Regardless of what any of us think politically, the fact is that the modern nation of Israel, dramatically reborn in 1948, has been brought back from the land of nothing ness. No other people has ever experience anything like it. This was the fulfillment of a promise to the Jews. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu acknowledged this quoting from Ezekiel 37 in early 2010 in a speech in Poland at Auschwitz Concentration camp. This reminds us that God keeps all His promises. He made another promise to all nations. The Bible confirms that God will judge nations based on their treatment of Israel and where they stand in accord with or opposition to His plan for their nation. History bears witness to the reality of this proclamation. Therefore as a country we cannot simply ignore this issue or decide that whether we stand for or against Israel is of no consequence. Whatever leader the United States finds itself under, it would be wise and in her best interest to maintain a clear position and policies that establish support for Israel and her people or surely incur serious repercussions.

(s) Rachel Watson

"On The Wilder Side"

A story is told about an old mule that once fell into a farmer's well. One day as the farmer passed by, he heard the mule "braying", or whatever mules do when they fall into wells. After he carefully assessed the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule, but decided that neither

Instead, he called his neighbors together, told them what had happened, and asked them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbors shoveled dirt onto the mule's back, he would shake it off and stomp the new dirt down into the well. Over and over, he would just shake it off and step up, shake it off and step up, shake it off and step up.

No matter how painful the blows, or how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up!

Eventually, the old mule, now battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly out of the well! What seemed like it would bury him actually helped him, all because of how he handled his adversity.

There are surely times when all of us feel like at old mule. We are trapped in a deep pit, can't seem to cape, and to make things worse, people are throwing rocks at us! Whenever that happens, remember what Paul said in Phil 4:11-13 (NLT) "I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Shake it off, step up, and look to Christ for strength!

> Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) -Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

Earthquakes in Iran By Henry A. Buchanan

Two earthquakes struck Iran last night, killing 250 people and injuring two thousand. Two villages are destroyed. The survivors need food and water, medical supplies and safe shelter. Our Sunday morning newspaper did not mention the quakes.

Does this mean that nobody here in Texas cares? Not likely. Probably it is the time lapse.

But we have to ask because the United States fears that the Iranians are building a nuclear bomb to be used on Israel, and many people here would welcome any hard luck that would interrupt Iran's nuclear program. Especially if it could be seen as an act of divine origin to punish Iran for refusal to stop its nuclear program.

I see in this natural disaster a divinely offered opportunity for us to respond to Iran's suffering with help. But Congress is on vacation. Will the President take time out from campaigning to act on his own authority?

Did your church offer prayers for the suffering Iranians this morning, or take an offering to help them?

Oh well. Somebody who is out of a job will create a Help Iran agency and there will be an appeal in my mail box in three days.



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

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 that 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.

50-197 (Rev. 09-11/15)

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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COUNTY MUSEUM TO HOST GERMAN IMMIGRATION EXHIBIT

Humanities Texas' Lone Star and Eagle Exhibit Here September 1 - 29

Beginning September 1, 2012, Eastland County Museum, Inc. will present "Lone Star and Eagle: German Immigration to Texas," an exhibition by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In the 1840s, German immigrants began settling at New Braunfels, Fredericksburg, Sisterdale, and other locations, imparting a distinctive character to these communities.

"Lone Star and Eagle" features reproductions of archival photographs, newspaper headlines, maps and paintings that tell the story of these remarkable people known for their individual and communal industry in setting down roots and adapting ways of the old country to life in a new world.

The exhibition will be available to the public each Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. from September 1, 2012 to September 29, 2012 at the Eastland County Museum located at 114 S. Seaman Street, downtown Eastland, Texas.

For more information about this exhibit, or information about the Eastland County Museum, please call 254-631-0437.

Humanities Texas develops and supports diverse programs across the state, including lectures, oral history projects, teacher institutes, traveling exhibitions and documentary films. For more information, please visit Humanities Texas online at http://www.humanitiestexas.org or call 512.440.1991.

The Eastland County Museum is a non-profit organization as designated by the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). There is no fee to visit the Museum but donations are welcome.



Humanities Texas

WATERFOWL HUNTING BLIND DRAWING DATES SET

The Brazos River Authority has announced dates and times for lakeside waterfowl hunting blind drawings for the 2012-2013 season. The drawing gives hunters the opportunity to use one of several sites to set up duck blinds on the Authority's beautiful reservoirs: Lake Limestone, Lake Granbury and Possum Kingdom Lake.

The drawing for Possum Kingdom Lake will happen Saturday, Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. at the Brazos River Authority Lake Office, 301 Observation Point Road in Graford.

Lake Granbury's drawing will take place Friday, Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Brazos River Authority Lake Office, 4552 Mambrino Highway in Granbury.

The drawing at Lake Limestone will be Friday, Aug. 31 at 8:30 a.m. at the Brazos River Authority Lake Office, 20226 Sterling Robertson Dam Road in Thornton.

The Authority authorizes the hunting sites at each lake, but hunters must provide their own blinds. Hunting will only be allowed at these Brazos River Authority blind sites. Participants must stay within 20 feet of the marked area while hunting. Up to four people may share a blind

To be eligible for the drawing, each person must be at least 18 and have a Texas Hunting License for the 2012-2013 season. The license must have a Texas Duck Stamp Endorsement as well as a current federal Waterfowl Stamp attached to the back.

Participants must be present at the drawing to claim their blind sites. Only one entry is allowed per person and one site per entry. A \$200 cash permit fee is required at the time of the drawing for those selected for a site. During the drawing, the first chosen will have first pick of sites followed by the others, drawn in order.

For more information on the drawings, please contact the Possum Kingdom Lake Office at (940) 779-2321, the Lake Granbury Office at (817) 573-3212 or the Lake Limestone Office at (903) 529-2141.

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Meat Purchase to Assist Livestock Producers Impacted by Drought; **Bolster Federal Nutrition Programs**

As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to do everything it can to help farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and communities being impacted by the nation's persistent drought, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced USDA's intent to purchase up to \$170 million of pork, lamb, chicken, and catfish for federal food nutrition assistance programs, including food banks. The purchase will help relieve pressure on American livestock producers during the drought, while helping to bring the nation's meat supply in line with demand while providing high quality, nutritious food to recipients of USDA's nutrition programs.

"President Obama and I will continue to take swift action to get help to America's farmers and ranchers through this difficult time," said Vilsack. "These purchases will assist pork, catfish, chicken and lamb producers who are currently struggling due to challenging market conditions and the high cost of feed resulting from the widespread drought. The purchases will help mitigate further downward prices, stabilize market conditions, and provide high quality, nutritious food to recipients of USDA's nutrition programs."

Today, USDA announced its intention to purchase up to \$100 million of pork products, up to \$10 million of catfish products, up to \$50 million in chicken products, and up to \$10 million of lamb products for federal food nutrition assistance programs, including food banks. Through the Emergency Surplus Removal Program, USDA can use Section 32 funds to purchase meat and poultry products to assist farmers and ranchers who have been affected by natural disasters. The pork, lamb and catfish purchases are based on analyses of current market conditions. A major factor affecting livestock producers is the value of feed, which is currently running high because of the drought.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) purchases a variety of high-quality food products each year to support the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and the Emergency Food Assistance Program. USDA also makes emergency food purchases for distribution to victims of natural disasters. Government food experts work to ensure that all purchased food is healthful and nutritious. Food items are required to be low in fat, sugar and sodium. The commodities must meet specified requirements and be certified to ensure quality. AMS purchases only products of 100 percent domestic origin.

Last week in Washington, President Obama convened his White House Rural Council to review Executive Branch response actions and to develop additional policy initiatives to assist drought-stricken Americans. Following the meeting, the White House announced a number of new measures the Administration is taking, including USDA's assistance for livestock and crop producers, the National Credit Union Administration's increased capacity for lending to customers including farmers, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's emergency waivers for federal truck weight regulations and hours of service requirements to drought-stricken communities. President Obama also stressed the need for the entire Administration to continue to look at further steps it can take to ease the pain of this historic drought.

Within the last month, USDA has opened the Conservation Reserve Program to emergency haying and grazing, has lowered the borrower interest rate for emergency loans, and has worked with crop insurance companies to provide more flexibility to farmers. USDA has also announced the following:

Authorized \$16 million in existing funds from its Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to target states experiencing exceptional and extreme drought.

Authorized the transfer of \$14 million in unobligated program funds into the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to help farmers and ranchers rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought.

Authorized haying and grazing of Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement areas in drought-affected areas where having and grazing is

consistent with conservation of wildlife habitat and wetlands. Lowered the reduction in the annual rental payment to producers on CRP acres used for emergency haying or grazing from 25 percent to 10 percent in 2012.

Simplified the Secretarial disaster designation process and reduced the time it takes to designate counties affected by disasters by 40 percent.

During the 2012 crop year, USDA has designated 1,628 unduplicated counties across 33 states as disaster areas-1,496 due to drought-making all qualified farm operators in the areas eligible for low-interest emergency

loans. Visit www.usda.gov/drought for the latest information regarding USDA's drought response and assistance.

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Monday	August 20	3:30pm 4:15pm		weight room practice
Tuesday	August 21	3:30pm		practice
Wednesday	August 22	3:30pm 4:15pm		weight room practice
Thursday	August 23	3:30pm		practice
Friday	August 24	9am 3pm 6:30pm		weight room Leave for San Angelo scrimmage



FILM HONORED AT NATION'S (APITOL.

Brandon Allen Powell's no-budget feature film, "Trial by Self," which won the "Best Actor in a Female Role" award at the Sunset International Film Festival - Los Angeles (for Amanda Branham's performance) and was proudly accepted into the Gen Con Indy Film Festival is now being honored at yet another festival.

The World Music and Independent Film

Festival (which is held annually in Washington D.C.) has seen fit to not only accept the film into it's festival, but to also specially nominate the film for no less than 4 imortant awards! It has been nominated

for Best Screenplay for a Feature Film (Brandon Allen Powell), Best Direction on a Feature Film (Brandon Allen Powell), Best Actor in a Feature Film (James Houser), and Best Supporting Actress in a Feature Film (Amanda Branham).

"People in town ask about the movie," says Powell. "It seems like the movie is just sitting around quietly, but it is actually quite busy at the moment! I am happy that it is doing as well as it is." The director expects to hear from other festivals in the months to come.

If you would like more information, "Like" the film on Facebook! There you can read a few reviews of the film, see a Teaser Trailer and more.

Here is a the address: http://facebook.com/TrialBySelfMovie



Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion was held on Saturday, August 11 at the "Ole" School Gym. Master of Ceremonies was Tommy Carr of Whitney. Invocation by Pug Guthery of Desdemona. Flag Bearers were Sonja Hornback and son, Justin of Desdemona. Pledge to the Flag was presented by Madilyn Lewis of Jakehamon Community. Oldest Woman present was Estelle (Robbins) Lindley of Jakehamon Community. Oldest Man present was Lawrence "Bruz" Robinson of Stephenville. One that traveled the fartherest to attend was Helen (Craig) Johnson of Denver, Colorado. Memorial List was read by Laverne Carr of Whitney. Tommy and Laverne Carr sang several songs during the program. Their music was really enjoyed by everyone. Benediction by Donald Holder of Desdemona. Noon meal was catered by Circle M Bar-B-Que owned by John and Carrie Miears. Approximately 135 signed the register book. Several local residents do not sign the register book as they are busy doing other jobs. Thanks to everyone that had a part helping with our Annual Homecoming. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

"Thanks" to Tommy and Laverne Carr -- They brought their P/A System and the sound system was much better this year for the Homecoming.

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth visited last Saturday with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown. They attended the annual Homecoming.

Bates Duke of Midland visited the past weekend with his brother, Humpy and Betty Duke. Bates attends the Homecoming each year. He graduated with this reporter in Class

This reporter would like to say "Hello" to a former classmate, June Jacobs. She is having some health problems at this time and unable to attend the Homecoming last Saturday.

This reporter continues to receive phone calls and short note from ex-students and friends of Desdemona. Those that did call were L.Z. Tate and wife, Martha, Mary Heatley, Jimmy and Ellen Graham. It is always good to stay "in-touch" with so many. Bettye Jean Stevens of Fort Worth attended the Homecoming this past Saturday for

the first time. She graduated with the Class of 1946 from Desdemona. Class of 1950 had five Classmates to attend on Saturday at the Homecoming. They

are Neil Pack, Harlis Logan, Bobby Jack Ragland, Donald Brazel and Nell (Echols) Moore. Class of 1951 had five Classmates to attend Homecoming on Saturday. They are Bates Duke, Joe Ben Koonce, James "Fish" Buckley, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley and Vonnie (Coon Keith) Guthery.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Thanks and have a good day, Vonnie

2012 Property Tax Rates in Gorman City

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for Gorman City. 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.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$245,756
Last year's debt taxes	\$-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$245,756
Last year's tax base	\$23,405,390
Last year's total tax rate	\$1.05 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) **\$245,756** / This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) **\$**23,591,430

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This year's rollback tax rate:

= This year's effective tax rate

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) \$245,756

This year's adjusted tax base This year's effective operating rate

1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate This year's debt rate

\$1.04171 /\$100 \$1.1250 /\$100 \$<u>-0</u>-This year's total rollback rate \$1.1250 /\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Gorman City adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$1.04171 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$851.

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 <u>\$-0-</u>

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 Chief Appraiser Eastland CAD

Date Prepared:

August 2, 2012

Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

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. Stan Harper, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454