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Eastland Co. Outdoor Burn Ban Reinstated

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 204.906, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 204.906(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 24th day of July, 2006, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Brad Stephenson,
Eastland County Judge

Gorman ISD "Wall of Honor"

The Gorman Athletic Boosters would like to remind those who would like to purchase a memory brick, that we are still taking orders. Individual engraved pavers are 4" x 8" in size, and can include three lines with twelve characters. The price of the individual paver is \$25.00 each. We will also be offering a business, family, organization, or "special event" paver that will measure 8" x 8", and can include four lines with twelve characters. The price of the large paver is \$50.00 each. The initial installation will begin soon, and we would like to have as many bricks as possible to start the project.

We encourage everyone to buy a paver and let those memories be a permanent part of the landscape at Brogdon Field. We believe this project will be a great source of pride for our school, and for our community. Anyone who wishes to purchase a memory brick; please contact, Bob Powell at 734-3322, Becky Swanner at 734-2480, or any member of the Gorman Athletic Boosters.

— Lets Play Ball —

Summer is almost over. The kids are through. Its time for the adults to play!

The Gorman Baseball Commission is holding a Co-ed Softball Tournament to benefit the Youth Baseball Program in Gorman. They money will be used for improvements to the park, also.

The tournament will be held on August 5, 2006 at the Peanut Park on Hwy. 8. Deadline for entry is July 31, 2006 at noon. Entry fee is \$175.00 per team. T-shirts will be awarded to the top 2 teams.

Contact Barbara Fenley at 254-734-5377 or night - 254-734-4122 or Vickie Majors - day - 254-734-3276.

Desdemona Ex-Student Dinner

The Desdemona Alumni Reunion and Dinner will be held at the new Activity Center beginning at 4:00 p.m., August 11. All ex students are encouraged to attend. Please R.S.V.P. by August 8. Call Floyd Moore, Jr. at 254-758-2610, Leave Message If Necessary.

Panther Football

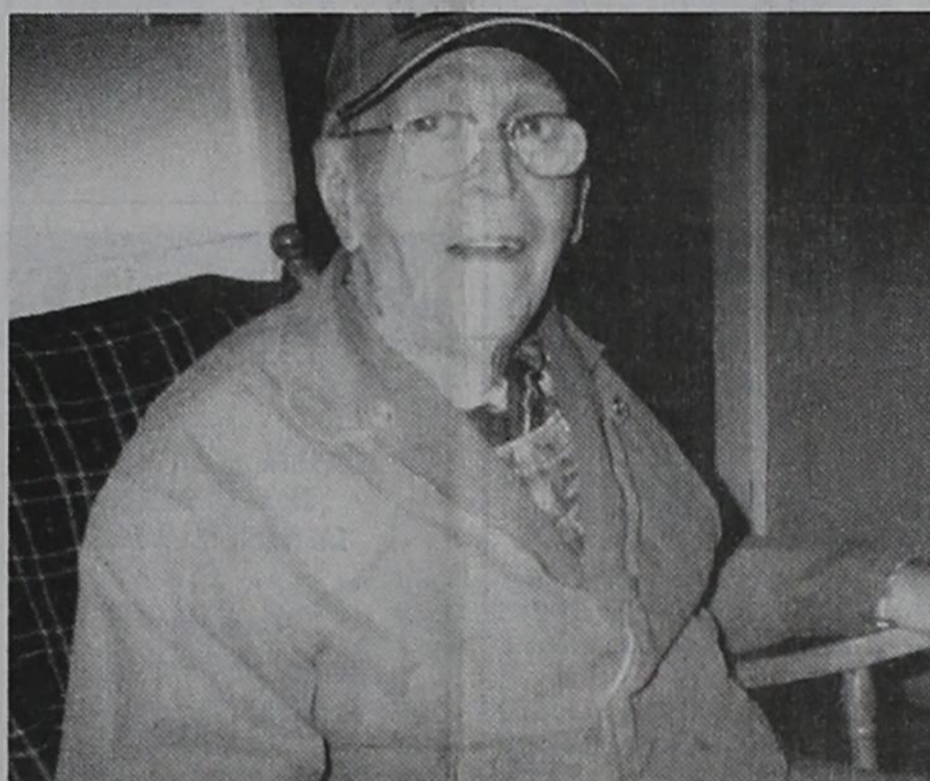
Important Dates To Remember

- August 7th – 1st day of practice (shorts) grades 9 thru 12 (Monday) 8:45 A.M. team meeting – 9:00 to 10:30 practice 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. (2nd practice)
- Aug-8th – 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 & 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. (Tuesday)
- Aug 9/10/11 – 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. (just one practice) Wed/Thurs/Friday
- ** Saturday Aug 12th – 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. Red/Blue scrimmage
- Aug 14th – Monday – 1st day of school (practice 2:30 to 6:00)
- August 19th – Saturday 1st Scrimmage Evant/Johnson City Time – TBA @ Evant
- August 24th – Thursday 2nd Scrimmage @ Miles Time TBA
- September 1st – Friday – Game One vs Roby @ Gorman
- ** Jr. High practice begins 1st day of school (supply own cleats)

Class of 1965 To Hold Reunion

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

Card Party Set For Jewel Snider On July 30th



The children of Jewel Snider would like to invite everyone to a Card Party for him on his 99th Birthday at the Heritage Manor at Gorman on July 30th. The children will serve cake and punch and all the trimmings, at 1:30 til 3:30. We will also open and read all of the cards.

Jewel was born on July 24, 1907 at Rucker, Texas. He has lived all of his life in Eastland County, except for the two years he was in the army during World War II. He had a farm at Kokomo and that is where he and his wife raised their eight children. He also worked at Jay Grocery in Gorman, and Gorman Schools and owned and operated his own grocery store.

Come and help us celebrate. If you would like to send a card, please address them to:

Peggy Ingram
805 West 7th Street
Cisco, TX 76437

VFW FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, August 5th the VFW Post 4136, Eastland, TX will be having a Fundraising Cookout at the Post on Highway 570. Brisket, German Sausage, Hamburgers, Side Dishes and Drinks will be served from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m.

The public as well as all Veterans are cordially invited to attend. All donations for the meal will be greatly appreciated. We are raising these funds to purchase insurance and registration and maintenance on the van which was donated to the post for use by the Veterans Members.

If you need more information, Call Larry Monroe 254-647-1097 or VFW after 5:00 p.m. 254-629-1918 and ask for Larry or Ronnie. Larry Monroe, Comander



Do you have special memories of the State High School Football Playoffs in 1976? If so, you won't want to miss the Gorman Exes' Homecoming celebration this year! Plans are in progress for a Homecoming celebration in conjunction with the Peanut Festival on Saturday September 9. This year the State winning football team of 1976 will be honored. They will be recognized during the parade on Saturday, at the Gorman Exes business meeting at 2:00PM at the Gorman High School auditorium and at a recognition dinner on Saturday evening at ZJ's Restaurant in Gorman. We hope to make this a very special and memorable occasion for the 1976 football team, their coaches and all football fans. The Exes count on the registration fee to cover expenses for Homecoming activities each year. If anyone would like to contribute beyond this, you may make a donation to the Gorman Exes association account at the American State Bank in Gorman. Kenneth Welch is 2006 Homecoming President. He would appreciate suggestions and volunteers to make this the best year ever!

Community Blood Drive Sponsored By Lions Club

A Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Lions Club will take place on Monday, July 31. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at the City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. Those who gave blood at the drive on June 5 will be eligible to give blood. Twenty three pints of blood were donated at the drive on June 5.

"The need for blood is constant" said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Hospital patients require medical care every day, regardless of holidays and summer vacations. One out of every ten hospital patients receive a blood transfusion, and most of these patients require at least three pints of blood."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. Those who have questions regarding donor requirements may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.or.

Donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt or a cap and a total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

MARKET LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION

Deadline for ordering and paying for validation tags for the major shows is August 6th! Please contact the Eastland County Extension Office or your Agricultural Science Teacher. Cost is \$8.00 per tag.

All lambs and goats entering major shows must be tagged and validated. If you do not order tags, animals cannot be shown.

Casondra Cooper and Timothy Elmore To Pledge Vows



Jack and Sharon Cooper and Tim and Sherry Elmore would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Casondra Hope and Timothy Jason.

Casondra is a 2004 graduate of Gorman High School and has been attending Cisco Junior College for the past two years.

Jason is a 2006 graduate of Eastland High School.

Casondra and Jason will be united as one in marriage on August 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Kingdom Builders Fellowship Church which is located at the old Camp Inspiration on Highway 6 between Eastland and Cisco.

Friends and Family are invited to attend.

Barb wire or hog wire fence 8500 Linear Feet Material is FREE and available from the Abilene Regional Airport. Fencing can be received by anyone suffering fence loss after New Years Day fire. Contact Rural Texas Access 629-6010 for more information.

Obituary

Zelma Sharp

Zelma Sharp, age 80 of Gorman, passed away Monday, July 17, 2006 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Victor Cemetery in Erath County.

Zelma was born May 22, 1926 in Comanche County to Thomas H. Forrest and Eunice V. Woodfin Forrest. She married L. E. "Bud" Sharp on April 21, 1945 in Comanche. He preceded her in death in December 1981. Zelma was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. She worked for Hollywood Vassarette for about 25 years. She later worked as a teller at the bank in Gorman for many years.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, DaSha and Clyde Johnson of Desdemona; son and daughter-in-law, Leslie and Lana Sharp of Desdemona; four sisters, Betty Logan of Lake Leon, Lavelle Hallmark of Lake Leon, Brenda Sears of Proctor and Wanda Crenshaw of Lake Havasue, AR; four grandchildren, Toni Carlile of Lantana, Brent Johnson, Lance Sharp of Brock and Laci Pounds of Duster. She was preceded in death by her parents, and three sisters, Avis Painter, Thelma Brown and Tommie Guthery.

"THEY SURVIVED"



It has been a long year filled with stress, sleep deprivation, test, test result, anxiety, malnutrition and high gas prices for four Gorman ladies. All of which agree that Nursing School should be a medical diagnosis. Some

how - mainly with the support of each other, family and friends - they survived!

Dixie Sherrod, mother of Cassidy Tolan and daughter of Alice Sherrod and Don and Linda Sherrod from Gorman. She plans to work as a LVN at Comanche County Medical Center and further her nursing career.

Marcie Davis, daughter of Mary Harris and the granddaughter of Vernon and Shirley Crain. She also plans to work as a LVN at Comanche County Medical Center and further her nursing career.

Sara Overstreet, mother of Aryann Cook, daughter of Martha Overstreet of Gorman and Gary Overstreet from Kermit, Tx. She is the granddaughter of Annie Faye Foster and Wilburn Overstreet from Gorman. She plans to work at the Comanche County Medical Center as a LVN and hopes to further her nursing career.

Lisa Darley is the wife of Robert Darley and the mother of Stephanie and Jared Janecek. She is the daughter of the late Kenneth P. Rainey and the granddaughter of the late Ann Rainey. Her plans to move with her family to Boise, Idaho and pursue her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

A special thank you to the family and friends of the graduating nurses during one of the toughest year of their lives.

Southern Gospel Music Concert



The Redeemed and The Country Gospel Church of Moran, will be hosting a Southern Gospel Music Concert and Service on Sunday, July 30. The concert will be located at the Moran Community Center in Moran, TX. These will be several singers and groups that day and everyone is invited.

The featured groups will be The Faithful Few, a quartet from Mineral Wells and Redeemed, the group from Eastland.

This Concert and Service will be free to the public. The concert will start at 3:30 p.m. and is located downtown Moran. So after your Sunday morning service is over at your church, come on out to the Free Gospel Music Concert in Moran.

For more information or directions to the Gospel Music Concert, Call 1-800-996-4994.

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The REHAB Dinner Show is one of the largest fundraisers that the Rehab holds each year with proceeds going directly into patient services. The Rehab serves over 21,000 patients each year regardless of their ability to pay for services.

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The gala begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception followed by a seated dinner at 7 p.m. Dress for the event is cocktail attire.

Tables for ten people are \$2,500, \$1,750 and \$1,250. Individual tickets are \$275, \$200 and \$150 and are available by calling the West Texas Rehab Center at 325-793-3527.

EDC Talk



We offered delivery or you could come sit in the cool and eat.

Things are progressing with the park project. Gorman GROW and the EDC held a fundraiser hamburger lunch last week and did well. We raised several hundred dollars. That will go toward playground equipment. The decorative street lamps have been ordered and will be installed hopefully before the Peanut Festival, but they not able to promise installation by that date, but we can be hopeful.

I would like to take a moment to thank Tommy Clark and Howard Hagood for their time and expertise in these areas. It has made making final decisions so much easier and I believe the final results will reflect their knowledge and interest in helping Gorman be all it can be.



A Walk In The Park Team members and tireless workers: Diane Casey, Tacy Warren and Vicki Perry. GREAT JOB LADIES!!!

I would also like to let everyone that we are working on re-vamping the www.gormantexas.us website. We will move away from the 'membership' format that we have right now and it will become much more user friendly, with a variety of links to local, state and national information. If you would like your organization to have a link or if you have a suggestion for a pertinent link on the city's website, please let me know at gedc@cctc.net or 734-3933.

REMEMBER: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STORES! SHOP GORMAN FIRST!!!

DWI Defendant Sentenced To Prison For Eight Years

Jeffery Frank Gordon, 41, formerly of Cisco, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve an (8) eight year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated. Mr. Gordon was apprehended on May 21, 2005 by a City of Cisco Police Officer on a routine traffic stop. On July 17, 2006, in the 91st Judicial District Court, a jury of twelve citizens were impeached to hear the case. After hearing the evidence in the case and deliberating for approximately 45 minutes, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Gordon had been previously convicted three other times for DWI; in Callahan County in 1988, in Eastland County in 1995, and in Williamson County in 2001. Because the Williamson County DWI conviction was a felony offense, the District Attorney's Office caused the Eastland County charge to be enhanced from a third degree felony to a second degree felony. On a second degree felony, Gordon faced a potential 2 to 20 year sentence.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court sentenced Gordon to 8 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division after hearing evidence in the punishment phase. Attorney Cade Browning of Abilene represented Gordon at his hearing with District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

Anchor That Shimmering Thought

Why do we write?

Writing is, first and foremost, a convenient way to preserve and share information. There's the mental and emotional growth from organizing and recording our thoughts. It can be healing, too. And fun! And, of course, there are a few blessed souls who get paid to do it.

Next question: Why do we not write?

Is it lack of time? Or procrastination? I leave you and your conscious to wrestle that one.

In any case, push aside -- or through -- the obstacles, grab that shimmering thought and anchor it to a page somewhere. A great opportunity awaits you, but the door closes soon.

The Cisco Writers Club, a small group in Central Texas, is hosting it's 30th annual summer writing contest, celebrating three decades of achievement. Almost \$300 in prizes was awarded last year. The contest is open to members and nonmembers alike. But the deadline is Monday, July 31, so time is short.

This is a contest designed by writers, for writers. With eleven categories from humorous poetry to books, it aims to stimulate good writing in all forms. If you write -- or want to -- get the details and get going.

Find specifics at <http://ourworld.cs.com/ciscowritersclub>, or E-mail ciscowritersclub@cs.com. You may also call (254) 442-3530.

Remember, the deadline is Monday, July 31.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly "Country and Western" Musical was well attended last Saturday night at the Community Center School Building. There was several musical groups on the program and they kept the visitors entertained. We appreciate each and everyone who has a part on these monthly musicals, to the ladies that donate food each time and all of the kitchen workers. Next Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, August 26.

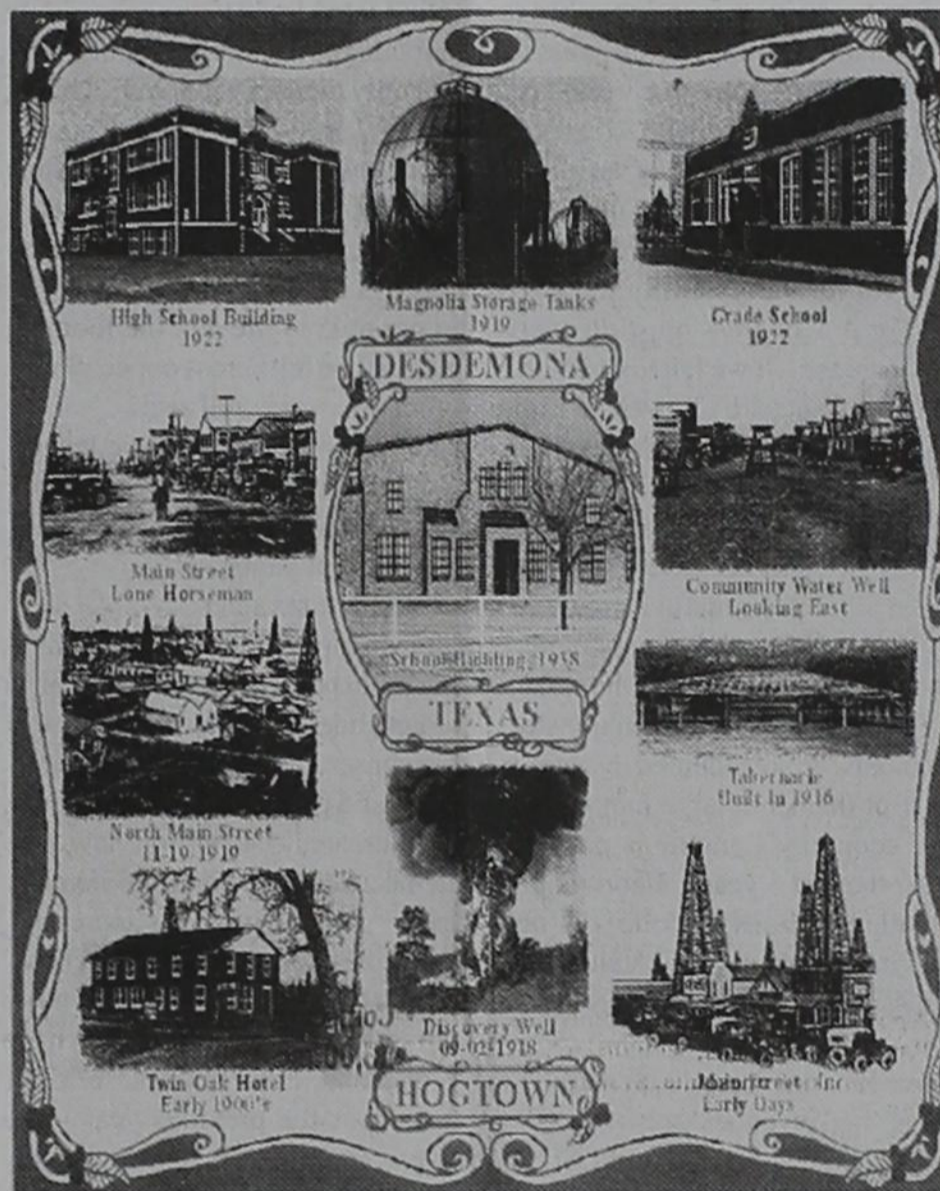
Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 12 at the Community Center School Gym. The morning program will begin at 10 a.m. and the noon meal will be catered. This annual event began 85 years ago (1921) at the Community Tabernacle. For many years the Homecoming would last all weekend and ended with a large musical program on Saturday night. Make plans to attend for an enjoyable day visiting with your former classmates, teachers and friends. We appreciate your help to keep this annual event going for many years to come.

Visitors with "Humpy" and Betty Duke over the past weekend were their daughter, Ronda James and her daughter, Emily of Whitney; their son, Russell Duke, his daughters, Elise and Katie with their friend, Samantha all of Stephenville. This group attended the Saturday night musical where the girls enjoyed their singing part on the program with their grandmother, Betty, playing the electric keyboard.

Jeff Roberts of Dallas spent the past weekend visiting with his mother, Dorothy Roberts. One the way home, Jeff visited in Granbury with shelly Horan, Emily Williams and their families.

Desdemona Community Center and Foundation has erected a beautiful new sign in front of the Old School Building. Thanks to Larry and Gay Moore for doing all the work erecting this sign. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community Center going strong. Thanks again.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Zelma (Forrest) Sharp, 80, of Desdemona. Services were held on July 19 with burial in the Victor Cemetery. The Forrest family lived south of Desdemona in the Robinson Springs Community. Their children attended school in Desdemona where Zelma graduated with the Class of 1943.



Desdemona Community Center and Foundation Throws - \$49.95 Each

City Minutes

JULY 20, 2006

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Charlie Torre and Tony Carter.

Nathan led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:37 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Tony made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No Citizens were present for Citizens In Put.

On New Business, Joe made the motion to accept the TMLIEBP health insurance rates for the coming year. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business, commissioners are checking with a couple of individuals and businesses about the cabinets for the Community Center Kitchen. No other action was taken on New and Old Business.

Reports were submitted by department heads last meeting.

Due to conflicting meetings Cameron Gulley will be present during the August regular meeting.

At 6:15 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Tony made a second. Motion carried.

At 6:33 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular open session. Joe made a second and motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken after Executive, other than the Commission expressed to Tacy to not be late for work.

There being no further business for discussion Charlie made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 6:38 p.m.

Stephenville Summer Tennis Classic

Entries are now being accepted for the Stephenville Summer Tennis Classic, which has been set for Aug. 11-13 at the Tarleton Tennis

Center in Stephenville. The event is sponsored by the Cross Timbers Tennis Association, a non-profit organization formed to promote and develop the game of tennis in the area.

Defendant Convicted of Indecency With a Child Transferred to Prison

William Len Rainey who was convicted by a jury of Tampering With Physical Evidence on May 16, 2006 and sentenced to seven years confinement for Indecency With a Child; was transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division - Middleton Unit in Abilene, Texas on July 17, 2006. Rainey had been awaiting transfer while in the Eastland County Jail. Upon completion of his sentence, Rainey will be a Registered Sex Offender.

The tournament is open to both juniors and adults in singles, doubles and mixed doubles divisions.

Entry fee is \$8, plus one can of United States Tennis Association (USTA) approved tennis balls. Adults will start on Friday the 11th at 6:00p.m. and Juniors will begin on Saturday the 12th.

Entry forms and further tournament information may be obtained at www.crosstimberstennis.org, or by calling 254-968-9370, or 254-965-4559.

Ashleigh Bush Chosen As A State Finalist at NAMTTP

Miss Ashleigh Jolene Bush, age 16, daughter of Brenda and Ronald Bush, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Texas Teen Pageant to be held July 30-31 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Dallas. The pageant is held for girl's ages 4 through 20. The winner of the pageant will receive \$1,000 cash reward, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, air transportation to compete in the National pageant at Disneyland in California.

The National American Miss pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging Its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assisting the development of young women nationwide. The National American Miss pageants are for "Todays Girl" and "Tomorrows Leaders." The pageant Program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation, offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self - confidence, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Bush's activities include talking on the phone, hanging out with friends, watching TV, sleeping till noon, playing some sports and spending time with family. Her sponsors include, Ray's Custom Siding and Window Company, the White Cottage, Home Town Antique Mall, Golden Peanut Company, Mom, Dad, Boomtoom Steaks and Fish, Country Corner, Ben Rotter and Crystal Starr, and many friends and family.



Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Barbara Bush called us to order on Wednesday the 19th of July. Geraldene Wright gave a lovely blessing of our food. We had 27 present to partake of our weekly meal! I wish some of our regulars would return. The hot weather is probably keeping them away. It is nice and cool in the center, do remember that.

We were glad to see Ann and Jud Maxfield had returned from their vacation. They had two lovely granddaughters as guests. We all enjoyed visiting with them. They had been to New Mexico.

We also sent cards to Wilburn Overstreet, who had been in Hospital, Winston Brown and Beth Shirley. I so hope all are much improved. Beth is giving such a good battle during her treatments.

Little Lacy Wilson has been our guest the last couple weeks. She brought her grandma Charlene with her, enjoyed seeing a new face.

The ladies from Desdemona were here in force. Hope they continue to come every week, and bring some more. It was so good to see Wanda and Maxine again.

A few weeks back I forgot to report an important happening. Daisy Slaton's daughter, Bennie Gail came from Alabama to visit her mother. Daisy know nothing about this, so it was a very pleasant surprise. Daisy's daughters, Sonny and Sarah had a good visit with all the grandkids. Bennie also ate with us.

They played games on Friday the 21st with 10 present. I hope to return and wish many more would come. I've had too many other happenings on Friday, so couldn't make the fun.

PASTURE TO PACKER PROGRAM

The Pasture To Packer Program for 4-H and FFA members will begin again this fall. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn feeding, health care and management with hands-on training in the beef cattle industry. Enrollment deadline for youth in this program is September 1st!

Producers are needed to supply cattle for the program. Cattle will be purchased from the producer at market price. Please call Dale Dunlap at the Eastland County Texas Cooperative Extension Office (254/629-1093) if you have cattle or if you have any questions and need further explanation.

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Vendors Welcome, Entries Open To Hamilton Band Cook-off

Hamilton Band Boosters welcome vendors of all sorts to participate in the Third Annual Band Booster Lone Star Barbecue Society-sanctioned barbecue cook-off Aug. 4 and in Hamilton at the Jayson Harris Pavilion.

Meat from the prize-winning cookers will be used for a fundraising barbecue meal to be held Saturday, Aug. 5 beginning at 11:30 a.m. inside the pavilion. The cost of adult tickets is \$8 and children eat for \$5.

According to Mark Blackwell, one of the event organizers, vendor spaces will be available for \$30 at the cook-off site.

"We have served more than 500 plate lunches during past fundraiser meals," said Blackwell. "Vendors will have a great opportunity to sell and display their goods at that time as well as throughout the event."

Teams from all around Texas are expected to participate in the band's third annual cook-off. Membership in the society is not necessary, everyone is welcome to compete.

According to Blackwell, several nationally ranked teams are expected to participate and a good number of local teams have also signed up.

Categories for the cook-off will be 1/2 chicken, pork spare ribs, brisket, Dutch oven desserts and jack pot beans.

The entry fee for meat categories will be \$50 and a cooked brisket. There is an additional \$10 fee for jackpot beans and Dutch oven desserts.

Check-in time is Friday, Aug. 4 from 5-7 p.m. Water and electricity are available, but limited. They will be available on a first-come, first-served basis or by prepaying \$10 to reserve the space.

First, second and third place winners will receive cash and trophies. Fourth through tenth place winners will receive ribbons.

Besides various vendors, there will be a horseshoe and washer tournament and a bake sale in conjunction with the cook-off.

Entries are still being accepted and registration forms may be downloaded at www.atssb.org/bbq. For more information about the car show, vendor booths or registration for the cook-off call Blackwell at 254-386-4332.

For more information about the horseshoe and washer tournament, call Bruce Boyd at 254-386-4982.

Band Boosters will hold a back-to-school pool party on July 31 at City Pool from 7-9 p.m. The group will conduct a brief business meeting at that time to finalize plans for the cook-off.

Proceeds from the cook-off will benefit the Hamilton Band and will be used to finance their contests and trips.

52ND ANNUAL TEXAS A&M BEEF CATTLE SHORT COURSE

The 52nd Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course and Industry Trade Show will be held August 7th-9th in the Rudder Theatre Complex at College Station. The Beef Cattle Short Course has established itself as the focal point for the state's annual beef cattle education and training. There will be seminars, workshops and hands-on training during the three (3) day event.

Monday's featured topics will include: Basic Ranch Management covering what health issues should cow/calf producers be concerned with, cow/calf profitability, reproductive success, and simple management practices to increase value of your calves. Texas Adapted Genetic Strategies discussing cattle types and breeds, breeding systems, sire types for commercial herds, effect of body size and milk production, expected progeny differences, and selection for carcass merit. The Forage and Nutritional Management seminars will include topics on reducing the amount of hay you feed, which winter pasture is right for you...grasses or legumes, what quality hay is needed for your cattle, matching supplements to forage quality, alternative feed sources, and forage allocation.

Tuesday's topics include: Beef Cattle Research in Texas, Reproductive Management in the Female with discussion on palpation, pregnancy tests, culling heifers for fertility, and benefits of defined calving seasons. Beef Cattle Health Management will cover biosecurity and the cattle producer, foreign and emerging diseases that may affect beef cattle, and weaning a healthy calf. Tuesday afternoon will host an interesting program on managing cattle and deer together, pond management, and feral hogs.

Wednesday's activities will include mini symposiums, workshops and hands-on demonstrations in beef carcass value determination, live cattle handling, beef cattle chute side working and selection workshops and many more educational topics.

Producers may register for the 52nd Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course online at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/bcsc> or come by the Texas Cooperative Extension Office in Eastland County for a registration form and a complete agenda. Registration is \$120 per person and is due before July 31st!



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A tax play that works

There's an old story about the politician who started a speech by asking the audience if he could momentarily "tax their memories." At that point, another politician stood and responded, "Why haven't I thought of that?"

The tax burden on Americans has climbed steadily throughout our history. Even so, we've managed to keep taxation and regulation lower than virtually all other industrialized democracies, and that's a major reason why the U.S. economy, year after year, is the economic engine that drives the world.

The decision to tax represents a troubling conclusion: that government knows better how your money should be spent than you do. Of course we must fund national priorities, including national security, infrastructure and a social safety net for those who need it. But we've been reminded recently that low tax levels generate more economic activity which in turn produces even more government revenue.

One of George W. Bush's earliest achievements was a series of tax cuts that has helped produce rapid U.S. economic growth and unprecedented wealth. But the move was politically divisive, and some in Congress have been trying to undo the tax reductions ever since their enactment. It's worth reviewing exactly how much these reductions have helped average Americans.

The President's original plan, in the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, reduced marginal income tax rates, softened the marriage penalty, eased the burden of the alternative minimum tax, phased out the death tax and increased the child tax credit.

Those who paid the most taxes saw the biggest savings. But a typical Texas middle-class family has since benefited more in percentage terms, saving as much as \$2,000 per year – in some cases almost eliminating their income tax liability altogether. What's more, our small businesses have seen tax rates decrease about 13 percent.

Unfortunately, because budget rules prevented the 2001 tax cuts from being made permanent, they are to be eliminated in 2010.

Sound planning, by businesses or individuals, requires certainty. But the uncertain nature of current tax law not only hinders economic growth, but also it occasionally creates personal situations that are profoundly disturbing. For example, an elderly person seeking to distribute his estate among his large family now knows that if he dies in 2010, the entire amount will go to his loved ones. But if he dies a year later, the death tax will claim nearly half for the government.

We in Congress must do everything possible to prevent the looming tax increase – if we fail to do so, the ripples will be felt across our economy. If the tax cuts are allowed to expire in four years, we will see:

- * Increased tax-rate brackets for every socio-economic level;
- * A \$500 reduction in the child tax credit;
- * Resumption of the marriage tax penalty;
- * Higher taxes on dividends and capital gains; and
- * A dramatic increase in estate and gift tax rates.

Since 2001, we've experienced major disruptions to our economy – the 9/11 attacks, soaring homeland security expenses, a war on terror in Afghanistan and Iraq, a major stock-market slide, corporate management scandals, unprecedented disaster-relief expenses and rising energy prices.

But thanks in large part to the stimulus of \$1 trillion plus in tax cuts, our economy's engine is purring. We've created 5.4 million new jobs over the last 3 years. Economic growth has averaged close to 4 percent, creating trillions of dollars in new wealth. Productivity has increased, and inflation – even with elevated energy prices – has remained in check.

And we recently learned there was an added bonus: Because more workers are paying taxes on more wealth, government tax revenues have risen far more than expected. Last year alone, even with these lower rates, tax revenues grew by \$274 billion over the previous year – the largest increase in 24 years. So far this year, tax revenues are another 13-percent higher yet, significantly better than projected.

Critics say that our national deficit is still far too large, and because we're at war, we should make sacrifices now to pay our expenses, and not pass a large debt to future generations. There is great wisdom in these ideas.

Our best legacy is a vibrant, healthy country with a growing economy. If we need to tighten our belt, we should reduce unnecessary government spending and allow Americans to keep more of their own money.

Those who follow Texas high school football know well the old adage: "If you've got a play that works, run it 'til they stop you." The same strategy applies to our economy – we're racing down the field with a low tax policy. Let's keep running that play.

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

For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

USDA Rural Development Announces \$6.2 Million Available For RCD

USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, announced today the availability of more than \$6.2 million in Rural Community Development Initiative Program (RCDI) grant funds. The RCDI Program provides technical assistance and training funds to qualified intermediary organizations to develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

"USDA Rural Development in Texas is dedicated to ensuring that local community leaders have the resources they need to assist their community in creating new economic opportunities and improving their quality of life," said Daniel. "The Rural Community Development Initiative Program is one of the instruments we can utilize to provide them with this service."

The \$6,286,500 in RCDI grant funds are available to intermediaries and have a dollar for dollar matching fund requirement, intended to double the impact of the grants. Qualified organizations can be public or private that have been legally organized for at least three years and have experience working with eligible recipients. Recipients of the funds from the intermediary can be non-profit organizations, low-income communities, or federally recognized tribes.

Complete information about the program is available in the July 12th, 2006 edition of the Federal Register or by going to: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/>. Information is also available by contacting Connie Petru, USDA Rural Development State Office, at 254-742-9793. Applications must be received by USDA Rural Development within 90 days of the Federal Register publication date. Late applications will not be considered for funding.

USDA Rural Development has invested over \$63 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Over 1.1 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

PRAY FOR RAIN AND COOLER WEATHER

Neugebauer Supports Traditional Definition of Marriage Measure Picks Up Nine More Votes Above 2004 Total

Washington, DC-Congressman Randy Neugebauer voted Tuesday in favor of the Marriage Protection Amendment which would support the traditional definition of marriage as the union between one man and one woman. Although the amendment garnered a strong majority of the votes in the House, it fell shy of the two-thirds majority required for passage.

During House debate over the amendment, Neugebauer defended the traditional definition of marriage. Below are excerpts from Neugebauer's speech on the House floor:

"I rise today in support of the constitutional amendment to protect the traditional definition of marriage. For thousands of years, across many countries and cultures, marriage has been the union of one man and one woman. Here in America, that definition of marriage has been the democratically-established and settled law of the land for more than two centuries.

"But in recent years, a small, but loud, segment of society has pushed to change that definition. As a result, we are here today to debate who gets to define marriage in America. Will it be the people in 45 states that have said - through the democratic process - that marriage should remain the union of one man and one woman? Or will it be a small number of activist judges who take it upon themselves to re-write the U.S. Constitution, arrogantly overturn the democratically-established will of the people, and impose their own personal beliefs on the rest of us? It is my hope that my colleagues in the House will stand up today and represent the will of the people and support the traditional definition of marriage."

The measure, which raised its vote total from 227 to 236 in a two year span, states: Marriage in the United States shall consist solely of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman.

Public Utility Commission Passes Emergency Rules

Last Friday, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) passed emergency measures to give low-income Texans and senior citizens a break, by adopting a rule to stop utility disconnections for the summer. The emergency rule takes effect immediately and contains three main components that strengthen existing prohibitions on disconnections:

Electric providers are prohibited until October 1 from disconnecting all critical care customers (customers in which a suspension of electric service will create a life-threatening situation). These customers will be required to pay at least 25 percent of their outstanding bill starting in October with the remainder due within five months.

Electric providers are prohibited until October 1 from disconnecting all low-income customers who are at least 65 years old. These customers will be required to pay at least 25 percent of their outstanding bill starting in October with the remainder due within five months.

Low income customers under age 65 can prevent disconnection through September with a deferred plan requiring payment of no more than 25 percent of their bill. The deferred amount would be due within five months.

Under current statute, utilities cannot disconnect service on days when the National Public Weather Service issues a heat advisory for at least two days in a row after a heat advisory.

Electric customers qualifying for the low-income plan have a household income at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or receive Medicaid or Food Stamps from a Texas state agency. Eligible customers are required to contact their electric providers to prevent disconnection. These customers will not be charged late fees on bills dated through Sept. 30.

The new rule applies to residential customers of retail electric providers in competitive areas and to residential customers of regulated investor-owned utilities. It does not apply to municipal electric utilities and electric cooperatives. However, the PUC encourages these providers to consider adopting similar rules.

"People need to be financially responsible by paying their bills, however, utility prices have drastically risen due to the overwhelming heat that hits the pocket book hard," said Texas House Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). "If a person is struggling, I would encourage them to contact their retail electric provider and seek assistance programs that may be offered in helping them pay their electric bill. Also, the utility companies can provide customers with information on low and no-cost measures for saving energy and reducing their electric bill."

For more information, please go to www.puc.state.tx.us. Also, visit www.powertochoose.org or call toll free 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (1-866-797-4839) for more information and to compare rates.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
July 24, 2006

U.S. Trade Negotiators Reject Bad Deal for Agriculture

In news that will be of interest to our agriculture industry, World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations have been put on hold after no agreement could be reached. Our trade team made the right decision to walk away from the negotiating table at this time. A close look at the proposals from other countries shows that they were full of loopholes and would have resulted in little or no market access gains. We had the most ambitious offer on the table, but the U.S. was still told it was not enough.

I want to commend our trade team for listening to members of the House Agriculture Committee and to American farmers by not committing to a deal that would have been bad for U.S. agriculture. Before these latest negotiations got underway, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns and U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab met with me and other Committee members. We told them that no deal is better than a bad deal. It is clear from the outcome of the talks that they took our words to heart and stood up for American agriculture.

As of right now, it is unknown when the trade talks will resume. Good trade agreements have potential to open new markets for U.S. farmers and ranchers and break down barriers that deny our producers opportunities to find new customers, and I will continue to support trade when we make good deals. The United States has one of the most open markets in the world, and we should continue to negotiate agreements with other countries willing to work with us.

Sunset Commission Could Help Reduce Wasteful Spending

Former President Ronald Reagan once stated that "the nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program." After serving several years in Congress, I see that there was a lot of truth in that statement. It is for that reason, that I am a strong supporter of legislation that will likely be voted on by the House this week. This legislation, H.R. 3282, establishes a "sunset commission" that would consist of 12 members, with equal representation from both political parties and both houses of Congress. The job of the commission will be to review all federal agencies in order to evaluate the efficiency and usefulness of each agency. Each agency would then be up for review at least once every 12 years.

Experience at the state level of government shows that a sunset commission would prove to be a valuable tool in reducing the deficit. In fact, Texas, which is one of 24 states to use this tool, has saved \$750 million by sunseting 52 obsolete state agencies. I hope that Congress gets behind this common sense proposal that will enable us to reduce the amount of waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government.

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