

A Veterans Memorial Marker To Be Put At Oakland Cemetery

The Veterans Memorial Marker will be for all Veterans, from all Wars in Service of their country.

We would like to ask anyone who has a Veteran Loved One at Oakland Cemetery to get in touch with us. We have information on a

gret many of them but we feel like there could be some we don't know of as of yet. We don't want to miss anyone.

We are asking for donations from anyone who would like to be a part of Honoring Our Veterans.

A Word in Season By Pastor Dane Gressett WHERE IS GOD IN DISASTER?

On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was... And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was about to sink..." (Mark 4:35-37)

Jesus was no stranger to storms. And neither will we be. Tragedy is a part of this life. All must face it to one degree or another. In the storms we learn to prepare for eternity. Or at least we have the opportunity to learn. Some fail to learn and refuse to prepare for the coming storm. They think they will live forever, I suppose. They trust in man-made levies.

"How could a loving God allow such a terrible thing to happen?", a heart-broken survivor asked. That's a good question and perhaps not easily answered. The disciples in the storm-tossed boat asked the same thing! They thought the storm meant God didn't care: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" But Jesus was in the storm with them! And He brought them to the other side!

Each day approximately 7,000 Americans die. One day each of us will face eternity. Whether through old age, disease, a car wreck, or natural disaster, we all must leave behind our possessions and loved ones and face our God and Judge.

The biggest tragedy is not the reality of trials and tribulations in this life. **The real tragedy is not having Jesus in your boat when the storm comes.** Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man can make it to the Father except through Me." Today is the best time to welcome Jesus to take the helm of your life. Don't wait until disaster strikes. (Comments or questions? Email: dane@txol.net)

EDC TALK

Once a year the Texas Rural Health Association, Texas Rural Partners and Texas Rural Communities hold a conference. It is one of the best in the state for getting valuable information to those involved in Rural Health, Community and Economic Development.

This year some of the topics covered under rural health issues were recruitment and retention for the workforce in hospitals and clinics, Texas' Nurse Friendly program, and how to lure young physicians to your community to continue their education while working with your local clients. In the area of community and economic development there was breakout sessions regarding the Emerging Technology Fund established by Governor Rick Perry, grants that are available for meeting a variety of needs to rural citizens, and integrating telemedicine in the rural areas with appropriate technology. Gorman was invited to present session on Rural Telecommunications and community success.

At lunch, the TRHA had their annual award program and a Eastland county physician was honored from all the Rural physicians in the state of Texas. Dr. DeLuca from Eastland received the Marion Zetzman Award. It was a privilege to be from Eastland county and part of such a wonderful part of Rural Texas.

2nd Annual Freedom Street Dance Set September 10

The Comanche Volunteer Fire Department and AMVETS Post 43 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting the 2nd Annual FREEDOM STREET DANCE on Saturday, September 10th at the Comanche Courthouse Square. The opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. with the Dance starting at 8 p.m. till midnight. The music will be provided by BRANDED HEART.

All proceeds to benefit the Comanche Volunteer Fire Department for costs incurred with building a new fire truck and the AMVETS Post 43 Ladies Auxiliary for the purchase of flags for veteran grave sites and also helps provide scholarships for the local area high school graduates.

Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$10 at the gate, reserved tables are available. Concession stand with Hotdogs and Soft Drinks and Coolers are welcome. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED. The Dance is sponsored by Higginbotham HBC and Clark Tractor.

Please, help us on this project. All Donations will be Appreciated.

Your Donations can be sent to: American State Bank in Gorman, Texas or to the Cemetery address: 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, TX 76454.

FSA Loans For Farm Ownership

The Farm Service Agency makes direct farm ownership loans with government funds. In addition, FSA services these loans and provides Direct Farm (FO) Ownership loan customers with supervision and credit counseling so they have a better chance of success.

Farm Ownership loans funds may be used to purchase farmland construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, and promote soil and water conservation. The maximum loan size for an FO loan is \$200,000.00. The repayment terms and interest rates for Farm Ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. The interest rates for Direct Loans are adjusted periodically based on the Federal Government's cost of borrowing. **The current interest rates for Farm Ownership loans for September is 4.875%.**

FSA also targets a portion of Direct FO loan funds to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. A beginning farmer or rancher must have participated in the business operation of a farm or ranch for at least 3 years but no more than 10 years.

To apply for a direct farm ownership loan or to get more information on farm loan programs, contact the Jones County FSA and speak with Richard G. Young, Farm Loan Manager or Michelle H. Kayga, Farm Loan Officer at (325) 823-3269 or contact them at 2303 Commercial, Anson, TX 79501.

Notice of Vote On Tax Rate

The Eastland County Commissioners' Court conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Eastland from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.2578%

on August 29, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

and September 2, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

The Eastland County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held September 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Notice of Public Hearing On Tax Increase

Last year, the City of Gorman property tax rate was \$.072039. That rate raised \$166,959, a portion of which was used to Fund operations such as: **Salaries, administrative expenses, police department expenses, street maintenance, parks & recreations maintenance, fire department expenses, health insurance, utilities, and fuel.**

This year, the City of Gorman is proposing a property tax rate of \$.75250. That rate would raise \$179,402. which is \$12,454 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on **September 8, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m., Gorman City Office.** The second hearing will be held on **September 16, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m., Gorman City Office.**

You have the right to attend the hearings and make comments. **You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, notice of a regular meeting with the adoption of a tax rate was duly posted on the agenda,

WHEREAS, a regular meeting was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such meeting and all interested persons were given opportunities to be heard on said tax rate; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary, at this time, that said ordinance be passed levying taxes on all property, both real and personal, within the City of Gorman, Texas, in accordance with such budget and all requirements of Article 7244c RCS of the State of Texas have been complied with:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That there is hereby levied, and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Gorman, Texas, for the year 2005 upon all property within the corporate limits of the city of Gorman, Texas, subject to taxation for the year 2005, a tax at the rate of $\frac{__75250__}{100}$ dollars on each One Hundred and no/100 (100.00) valuation of property to be assessed and collected for the purposes hereinafter stipulated, to-wit,

Section 2: All taxpayers shall be allowed discounts for the payment of 2005 ad valorem taxes due to the City of Gorman, Texas, said discounts to be allowed under the following conditions:

- (a) Three percent (3%) discount on ad valorem taxes due to the City of Gorman, if same are paid within the month of October,
- (b) Two percent (2%) discount if such taxes are paid in the month of November,
- (c) One percent (1%) discount if such tax are paid in the month of December,

Section 3: The general laws of the Texas, and all provisions of Article 7336, and of Title 122 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, penalties, interest, cost, and the collection of delinquent taxes, insofar as such provisions may be applicable in connection with the collection of all taxes assessed and levied by the City of Gorman, Texas, for the year 2005 are hereby referred to and adopted.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, This the _____ day of _____, A.D. 2005.

MAYOR, CITY OF GORMAN

ATTEST:

City Secretary

