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Panthers Have Good Scrimmage 2006-2007 Peanut Festival Queen Audrey Johnston

This past Friday the fighting Panthers took to the road for the second straight week to take on the Miles Bulldogs. The Panthers got the ball first in the control scrimmage and got off to a slow start for the first three plays. Then on the fourth play Zach Fox weaved his way through the Bulldogs left side of the line and sprinted 67 yards for the touchdown. David Ibarra pulling guard led the way. The Panthers offense would find pay dirt again later in the series with senior back Reji Sanchez plowing his way in over a Miles linebacker. The offensive line was much crisper this week and the backs did a much better job of carrying out their fakes and blocking for each other. Tyson Swanner was more effective throwing the ball hitting Fox and Sanchez out of the back field for key pickups on both touchdown drives. Matt Underwood, the Panthers leading rushing returning from the 2005 campaign also got cranked up and picked good yardage up the middle behind Seth Johnson and the rest of the line. The offense finished the night with a total of five scores. The much improved defense over the first scrimmage held Miles to just one score. A long pass play on the third play from scrimmage. The big hit of the evening came on an attempted pass play by Miles that for a brief moment looked like an apparent reception until defensive back Reji Sanchez jarred the ball loose with a hard hit. Freshman Ernie Rodriguez also picked up a fumble after a big hit by senior linebacker David Ibarra. Junior defensive lineman Corey Clark had a solid game as well with good pressure on the quarterback and a fumble recovery. The Panthers in this very young season made positive strides in just six days time. Overall it was a good scrimmage and the Panthers still have plenty of work to do in order to be ready for the District competition.

Editor's Note: We will publish a complete list of players and positions for next week.

After a fun and entertaining evening last Friday, the judges made the decision to have Audrey Johnston as the new Peanut Festival Queen. Judges Nicki Harle and Priscilla Gwilt from Abilene noted it was one of the most difficult decisions they had ever made. Each of the girls showed so much personality and poise and did an excellent job. The judges also noted that our community should be very proud to have these three young women represent our community.



2006-2007 Peanut Queen - Audrey Johnston

Nicki Harle is Executive Director of Texas Midwest Community Network, an organization that enhances community development through networking for local leaders from 43 small cities surrounding Abilene and San Angelo. A native of Columbus Texas, she graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She & husband Rob have lived in Callahan County for 32 years. Prior to regional work, Nicki produced and hosted a local talk show on the Abilene NBC affiliate station KRBC-TV from 1989-1992. As a former pageant participant and title holder, Nicki has also produced and judged a number of state-wide and local beauty pageants, including Miss Texas USA, Miss Abilene USA, festival queens and high school beauty pageants.

Priscilla Gwilt is a native of Cisco. She has resided in Clyde since 1985. Priscilla owns Rave Computer & Design, a home based desktop publishing business. Her specialty service is graphics and design for publication layouts. She works part time on special events & programs for Texas Midwest Community Network and provides tech support for the TMCN Marketing Alliance group. As the past

owner of Reel Action Video in Clyde Priscilla had the opportunity to attend a number of movie trade shows which gave her the chance to personally meet with Hollywood celebrities. She became keenly aware of the personal qualities that led these folks to stardom.

Liz Caraway was Master of Ceremonies for the evening, and did a delightful job keeping the audience involved and interested. The intermissions were full of door prizes, and the wonderful vocal talent of Shandy Rutledge from Ranger was inspiring and entertaining. The audience was also given a chance to see the newly formed GHS Dance Team perform. They will be fun to watch at games and pep rallies in the days and weeks ahead.

Audrey is the 15 year old daughter of Amy Johnston Seaton, born in Stephenville on February 11,

1991 and is a sophomore at Gorman High School. Her grandparents Johnny and Ina Smith and she was sponsored by Smith Service Station. Audrey is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, softball, cheerleader, UIL, tennis, golf, OAP, and Band. Some of her school awards include: National AB Honor Roll, Academic All-District, perfect attendance, Presidential Award, GHS Outstanding Student, District Newcomer of the Year in Volleyball and Softball, Honorable Mention Basketball, and Area Qualifier in Track. Audrey wants to attend college and be either a coach or a doctor.

Each of the girls will be invited to ride on the Peanut Festival Queen's float at the Peanut Festival Parade, September 9 at 10 am. Tell each of them GOOD JOB!

Panthers Will Open 2006 Season At Home

The Gorman Panthers will open their 2006 Football Season this Friday night in Gorman at Brogdon Field. Kickoff is set for 7:30. The Panthers will be hosting the Roby Lions. Their will be no junior high game this week with the first game next week against Covington at 6:00. All football fans are encouraged to attend the kickoff this week with Roby. Come early, be loud and stay late. **Go Get 'Em Big Red!!**

Remembering Jimmy Gail Warren



August 30, 2006 will mark the thirty-year anniversary of my father's passing. Me and my family are asking everyone who knew my father to please remember him on August 30th. Friends and family who knew my father better than anyone else, rejoice and pay tribute to my father. Say a prayer, tell a friend about some of the times you may have spent with my father, or make a toast in his honor. Remembering my father on August 30 would mean the world to me and my family. Thank you for your time Gorman, Texas.

Sincerely,
Michael Warren

Continued To Thank God
For Our Rains and
Pray For More Cooler
and Rainy Weather

REMINDER!!

SCHOOL ZONES ARE 20 M P H
THIS IS ANY STREET THAT GOES TO THE SCHOOL.
THE SCHOOL ZONE IS NO LESS THAN 2 CITY
BLOCKS OF THE SCHOOL.
LEXINGTON STREET,
IN FRONT OF THE ELEMENTARY
BUILDINGS AND PLAYGROUND,
IS ONE WAY 24/7.

FBC GA's, RA's & Mission Friends Starting SEPTEMBER 6th 6-7:30 PM

GA's, RA's & Mission Friends is right around the corner and the sponsors are getting geared up for another great program. This year they will be introduced to "TEAMKID", the recreation-based discipleship club for kids. It makes learning about God fun and exciting for everyone! What makes it unique is the way it balances high-energy activities and games with Scripture memorization and high-impact biblical lessons.

Transportation will be provided if needed. For more information please call 734-2420

Look Who's New - It's A Girl



Karsyn McKenzie Scitem is proud to announce the arrival of her baby sister Kyndall McKae Scitem born July 26, 2006 at Harris Methodist Erath County Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs and was 18 inches long.

Proud parents are Kris and Kristin Scitem. Grandparents are David and Carole Rae Ervin of Desdemona, Johnny and JoAnn Scitem of Kokomo. Great-grandparents are Chester and the late Elsie Ervin of Desdemona, Troy and John Scitem of Kokomo, George Johnson of Gorman and Verna Pinson of Eastland.

The Panther 2007 CoEd Softball Tournament Set

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be hosting a CoEd Softball Tournament, Saturday, September 30, 2006 at the Gorman Peanut Park.

\$175.00 Entry fee per team - September 28th will be entry deadline - All ASA rules will apply - Game balls will be supplied - double elimination - T-Shirts award to First and Second Place.

For More Information, Call Marco at (254) 631-5890.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

It has come to our attention that our Firemen are in need of Bottled Drinking Water to take with them on fire calls. We are asking people to leave donations of bottled water at Hirst Nut & Produce. We will see that the water is delivered to the firemen. Let's All Support Our Firemen Every Way We Can!

Thanks for your help!!
Daryl and Cecilia Hirst

Calling All Youth

First Baptist Church Youth on Mission: Christ Followers - Grades 7-12 -- Starting Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Growing as a Christ Follower through worship, scripture, fellowship & community. Come & Bring a Friend!!!!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet Every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 starting September 2nd.

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

GORMAN ISD CALLS FOR BOND ELECTION

At a special called board meeting Monday night, August 28th, 2006, Gorman Trustees called for a \$5,000,000.00 school building bond election to be held November 7th, 2006. Proceeds would be used to construct a new high school and gymnasium. The cost of the facility has been estimated by Cadco architects and DSA (construction manager agent) to be between \$4,250,000.00 and \$4,500,000.00. Funds that remain after the initial project would be used to upgrade existing facilities. These upgrades would be determined and prioritized by the board after receiving input from the public, the faculty, and administration. The district currently has no bonded indebtedness. The current high school had an addition built about twelve years ago that added restrooms, and some additional classrooms and since then the district has added two portable classroom buildings that added four more classrooms. The new facility would allow for additional classroom square footage to meet or exceed current state requirements and allow the district to utilize the portables elsewhere. The new facility would house a new state of the art science lab and a new computer/distance learning lab that will help our students keep pace with the more stringent four year science requirement mandated by the state and to deliver dual credit distance learning courses that will give our students a head start on their college requirements. The facility would also have a Fine Arts classroom and four regular classrooms. The new gymnasium would seat a little over 600 people and would be air-conditioned. This would be a great addition not only to the school but to the community. It would have individual stadium style seating on the home side as well as for visitors and would be large enough to house events like graduation comfortably. We will be scheduling meetings to inform the public and to receive input from them too. We hope the community is receptive of this long needed improvement to our facilities. The existing high school would continue to be used primarily for junior high classes. This would give the junior high science classes their own science lab as well as computer lab. The high school students would continue to use the auditorium on occasion and the library. We would keep the counselor and receptionist in the existing building and move the principal and secondary PIEMS coordinator to the new facility. The existing gymnasium would continue to be used by the elementary and junior high students as well as for practice and tournaments when we needed two gyms at once. We look forward to upcoming public meetings. The meetings will be advertised in the Gorman Progress.

Little Goober Parade Saturday, Sept. 9th

Hey parents and Kids, September 9th is right around the corner. So don't miss the Little Goober Parade.

This years theme is Remember the 1976 Football State Champs. Everyone that is going to be in the Little Goober Parade needs to be at Southwestern's Parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and judging will start at 9:00 a.m.

The categories are:

Pet Bikes Costumes Miscellaneous

Thank you,
Amber Scitem
Peanut Festival Chairperson

For more information call Amber Scitem at (254) 734-4572.

Reservations are now being taken for the train ride in 2007. For those of you in Gorman who want to ride, please reserve now. The tickets for next October 2007 are going fast. There is no deposit to reserve for next year, and if you find you cannot ride, just cancel your reservations.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

The ladies of Desdemona are in the process of putting together a library for our community. It will be housed in the conference room in the new DAC (Desdemona Activity Center). It is not quite ready for check-outs, but will be soon. All you readers keep watching for the opening. We will have a computer, also, for community use.

Remember that the holidays are coming up in the next few months. The DAC is a perfect place to hold your parties, reunions, meetings, etc. If you would like to plan your event early, come see our facility. There are some dates already taken, so the sooner the better. Please call Ron or Carol Pell for more information at 758-2420.

Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Gorman Peanut Festival - September 9, 2006

The Goober Gourmet Cook-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries to the Senior Citizens Building in Gorman (downtown next to City Hall) on Saturday, September 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. Results will be available by 1:00 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and awards given until 2:30 p.m.

Categories to be judged include: Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, and snacks/appetizers.

There will be four age groups: Pre-K through 2nd grade, 3rd through 8th grade, High School, and Adults.

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products.

Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the back of the recipe card (the recipe will not be returned).

Entries will be limited to one entry per category per person. Contestants may enter more than one category.

Entries should be presented on a disposable plate and covered with clear plastic (may be clear plastic wrap or clear plastic cake dome).

Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item.

Judges' decisions are final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-Off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entries left after pickup time at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Melinda Harrington or Martha Harrington at (254) 734-2150.

We look forward to having even more entries than last year. See you on September 9.

October EXIT Level TAAS and TAKS Registration Information

TAAS Exit Level Test Administration:

Dates	TAAS
October 17	Writing
October 18	Mathematics
October 19	Reading

TAKS Exit Level Test Administration:

Dates	TAKS
Oct 17	ELA
Oct 18	Mathematics
Oct 19	Science
Oct 20	Social Studies

All out of school TAAS and TAKS examinees must complete a registration form. If you have any questions about which test to take or how to register, contact Mrs. Hampton at 734-2614 or call toll free, 800-552-0302. You can register by accessing the website <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms are due in Austin no later than 5:00 pm September 15.

3rd Annual Shin Oak Springs B B Q Cook-Off Sept. 9

Official Start Time 5:00 p.m. Friday - Downtown Gorman, Texas

In Conjunction With The Gorman Peanut Festival - Chairpersons: Shawn Boles and Tacy Warren - Lone Star Barbecue Society Sanctioned Event BEEF BRISKET - 1/2 CHICKEN - PORK SPARE RIBS

Cash Prizes, Trophies, & Prizes
1ST THROUGH 3RD PLACE PLAQUES IN ALL MEAT CATEGORIES!!
PLAQUES GIVEN TO GRAND CHAMPION, BEST/MOST UNIQUE PIT, FARTHEST TRAVELED, AND BEST DECORATED AREA!

Turn in Times: Will be announced at cook's meeting on Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 for ONE or ALL meat categories

JACKPOT BEANS: \$10.00 Entry Fee - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Plaques
Jackpot Beans have an 80% payback.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- You do not have to be a member of the LONE STAR BARBECUE SOCIETY to enter this cook-off.
 - Contestants must check in at Cook-Off headquarters. OFFICIAL START TIME IS 5 P.M. FRIDAY.
 - Contestants must furnish meat, pit, wood, sauce, etc. ONLY BEANS MAY BE COOKED ON GAS GRILL.
 - All meat and beans subject to inspection. NO PRE-COOKED OR PRE-SEASONED MEAT. NO DUG PITS.
 - Contest meats are not to be sampled by the general public or judges prior to judging.
 - ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE CONFINED TO THE COOK-OFF AREA. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the cleanliness of their area & for the conduct of the team. Misconduct or violations of rules will disqualify team.
 - ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS \$10.00 (LIMIT ONE) First come First served.
 - 8 electrical hook ups available at this time - hope to have more**
 - RAIN OR SHINE - NO REFUNDS **2 PARKING PERMITS PER ENTRY**
- Mail to: Shin Oak Springs B B Q Cook-Off, P.O. Box 321, Gorman, TX 76454.
Phones: Daytime 8-5, (254)734-2317, or 2505. Or after 5 you may call (254)647-1190, (254)734-5017, or (254)977-0935.
Fax (254)734-2270. Email: tacywarren@hotmail.com

2006 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM _____

CHIEF COOK _____

ASSISTANTS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

\$50.00 FOR ONE OR ALL MEATS: _____ BEEF BRISKET _____ 1/2 CHICKEN _____ PORK SPARE RIBS.

_____\$10.00 FOR JACKPOT BEANS TOTAL ENTRY FEE: _____
_____\$10.00-ELECTRICALHOOK-UPS

Paid By: _____ Check _____ Cash

I AGREE to abide by the rules & regulations as started above & further agree that I will not hold the Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cook-Off Council or the City of Gorman liable for damages to person, property, or theft of merchandise or displays in the sale.

Signed _____ Date _____

First Athletic Booster Meeting Held Recently

The first Athletic Booster meeting has held this past week at Gorman High School. There were nine people in attendance. It was organizational meeting in which officers for the 2006-2007 meeting were selected. The officers are President - Becky Swanner; Treasurer - Bob Powell; Secretary - Kim Ryan; Concessions Chairman - Vicki Brown.

The Athletic Booster will be responsible this fall for the concession stand for all Thursday night football games. We will have our next meeting on Monday evening the 18th of September at 6:30 in the high school library. Anyone interested in the Gorman Panthers athletic programs are urged to attend. The club will support all sports both boys and girls grades 7 through 12 grades. The next meeting will be used to discuss the football concessions and also possible fund raisers for the winter and spring sports. Parents and relatives of student athletes as well as anyone else interested in supporting our youth are encouraged to attend. See you on the 18th.

Thank You

We would like to thank each and every person who has helped us in any way during the loss of our wife, Mama and Mennie. For all the prayers, Cards, Phone calls, donations and flowers, we are grateful. A special thanks to the Desdemona First Baptist Church and others in our Community who prepared and served us a wonderful meal. Thanks you Ray, Carolyn and Majorie Nell for all they did to help us. We are blessed to have so many great friends.

May God Bless Each of You.
The Family of Elsie Ervin
Chester
Gary and Linda
David and Carole Rae
Danny
Kristin, Kris, Karsyn & Kyndall
Kirk, Eva, Kacen & Esmerelda

THANK YOU

Desdemona Homecoming Committee would like to send a special "Thank You" to the Lone Cedar Country Club. This group provided "Free" Lunch for everyone that attended the Annual Homecoming and School Reunion on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the School Gym.

Card Of Thanks

Time and time again we are thankful to the Gorman Fire Department and each volunteer. We appreciate your recent help when our pickup burned, but a much larger fire was averted. Thank you so very much.
Durwood & Aletha Burgess

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for all that has been done for us since Eva's accident. The prayers, cards, phone calls, hugs and donations are more than we deserve. A special "Thank You" to the Desdemona First Baptist Church and others who gave the wonderful Benefit Bar-B-Que for Eva and for everyone who attended. We are fortunate to live in such a Caring Place. We are happy to report Eva is getting better everyday. Keep us in your prayers and May God Bless each of you as he has all of us.

Eva, Kirk, Kacen & Esmerelda
David and Carole Rae
Kristin, Kris, Karsyn & Kyndall
The Rodriguez Family

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses that supported the Peanut Festival Queen's contest. Without your help and support, it would not be possible to give these girls such an excellent experience and scholarship opportunity.

Birdsong Peanuts
Mr. Panter
Panda's Flowers and Gifts
Lisa Laminack
Methodist Church
Lindsay Laminack
Pizza Pro
Gorman Video
A.O. Easley
Belinda Segura

Lisa Cozart
Shandy Rutledge and parents
Bill Miears
Liz Caraway
Kayce Dodd
Kourtney Seaton
Peanut Festival Committee
We appreciate you! Lori Dodd and Veronica Seaton

Reminder:
Deadline For Getting News and Ads In The Gorman Progress Is Tuesday Noon

2nd Annual "Make The Effort" Reunion

Saturday, October 21 - 2:00 p.m.
La Mancha Lake Ranch - Lake Leon

16 Cabins, 5 RV Pads Available - 254-629-3651

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For More Information:

Dorenda Rogers - 817-279-8316

Cell 817-504-1496 dorendapt@aol.com

Cheryl Burgess - 817-573-2916

Cell 817-559-4054 burgess@hcnews.com

cburgess@pclsystems.com

RSVP

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by .0499 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 public hearing will be held on September 12, 2006 at 7:30 a. m. @ Gorman City Office

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

FOR:
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	0 % (increase) or 0 % (decrease)
Debt service	0 % (increase) or 0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	0 % (increase) or 0 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 28,952,960.00	\$ 29,269,740.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 27,390.00	\$ 261,450.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 23,840,840.00	\$ 24,124,100.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 27,390.00	\$ 261,450.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.75 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ 0.79 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.35 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	4.7 % Increase OR % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 22,419.00	\$ 22,644.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$	\$
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 22,419.00	\$ 22,644.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 168.70

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 178.41. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 9.71 or a decrease of \$ _____ in taxes.

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Morenci Candles



1976 was a memorable year for sports fans in Gorman! The whole town got in the football spirit. The mothers of the football players that year had Mom Jackets they wore to each game. Shown above are two of the moms showing their jackets from the season that year. L-R are Ann Maxfield, mother of quarterback Mel Maxfield, number 11; Aletha Burgess, mother of Billy Burgess, number 40 and Norma Webb, mother of Stacy Webb, number 70. Norma has only the memory of her jacket since it was lost in the Kokomo fire early this year. Other moms had the distinction of having two sons on the winning team. These include the late Sue Troutman, mother of Chuck and Rick Troutman and Marceil Laminack, mother of Randy and Revise Laminack. This was the year the Gorman High School Football team won the State championship. Gorman Exes Homecoming will be held Saturday September 9 in conjunction with the annual Peanut Festival. The state winning team of 1976 will be honored at that time. Don't miss this special thirty year celebration!

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The County of Eastland will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.07 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 public hearing will be held on September 7, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.
A second public hearing will be held on September 11, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

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

- FOR: Commissioners Wayne Honea, Norman Christian, Bill Underwood, and Reggie Pittman
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting: Judge Brad Stephenson
- ABSENT: None

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	4.61 % (increase)	or	NA % (decrease)
Debt service	1.29 % (increase)	or	NA % (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.54 % (increase)	or	NA % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,114,572,410	\$ 1,391,705,365
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 9,253,480	\$ 26,948,250
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 628,245,000	\$ 713,048,647
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 9,523,480	\$ 26,948,250

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 585,000.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.56	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ 0.5951	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.01049	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	NA % Increase	OR
	1.87 % Decrease	

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 28,116.55	\$ 29,064.45
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 28,116.55	\$ 29,064.45

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 157.45

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 159.71. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 2.26 or a decrease of \$ _____ in taxes.

Doodlebug Train Coming

DOODLEBUG TRAIN coming to town on October 14th. Please make plans to come and join in the festivities. Boarding time will be 10:30 in Dublin, on to Deleon for lunch arriving in Gorman at 1:30. I am sorry to say that all tickets have already been sold.

We had so many who were unable to get a ticket last year, they reserved for this year. I am now taking reservations for the ride in 2007. Let's make everyone feel welcome in our town to encourage them to visit us again.

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 _____ at dwelch@texaspeanuts.com.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought and high winds on January 1, 2006 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson," Richard G. Young said.

Eastland is one of twelve contiguous counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought and high winds on January 1, 2006 and continuing.

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75%." As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until April 16, 2007 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Honor The Texas Flag

As students return from summer vacations, many will soon begin learning Texas history as part of their curriculum. Texas pride is instilled in us at an early age as we learn about our state's history in school. As we grow, so does our pride. This is evident by the fact that a Texan is never far from a Texas flag.

Whether flying above the Texas Capitol or hanging in the homes of displaced Texans around the world, our flag conveys how we feel about our state. Texas' identity as the Lone Star State is represented in our flag's design, which has always reflected our independence.

Our flag's history dates back to 1836, but it has not always looked as simple and classic as it does today. The original Texas flag featured a gold star in the middle of a blue field, while other early Texas flags contained a blue field featuring a white five-pointed star and the word "TEXAS" embroidered between the star's points.

The dimensions and colors of our current flag were adopted and specifically defined by the Texas Congress when Texas was a republic in 1839: a blue, vertical stripe on the left side of the flag comprises one-third of its width, red and white horizontal stripes are each equal to half of its length, and a white, five-pointed star is in the center of the blue stripe - the Lone Star. Folklore explains the red stripe as representing the bloodied ground in Texas' battle for independence from Mexico. State legislation passed in 1933 qualified the flag's colors as blood red, azure blue and white, representing bravery, loyalty and purity, respectively. In 1993, these colors were changed to "Old Glory Red" and "Old Glory Blue" to mimic the colors of the U.S. flag.

Because our current flag is such a recognizable image, many do not realize that it is only one in a line of six flags that have flown for our state. The "Six Flags Over Texas" - the Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Spain, the Mexican Federal Republic, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America - all represent different eras, and the legacy of each flag contributes to our state's culture. This unique heritage resonates not only in our diversity but also in our varied styles of music, art, food and culture.

Texans take great pride in our flag - especially when they see one outside Texas. In the U.S. Senate building in Washington, D.C., a large Texas flag is displayed at the end of the hallway in front of my office, and few visitors leave without taking pictures with this flag. I regularly observe families crowding around the flag to recite the Texas pledge, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

The Texas flag has a special mystique. When I visit Texans serving abroad in the armed forces, I frequently notice the display of the Texas flag. Texas soldiers speak of the aura surrounding the flag and its ability to heighten morale and arouse camaraderie. This is the essence of our flag. Not long ago, I had the opportunity to tour Afghanistan and visit with soldiers bravely defending America in the War on Terror. Upon arriving, I was moved to see a Texas flag waving proudly in that war-torn country.

Our state flag has even been to space. In 1972, NASA astronaut Charlie Duke took a Texas flag to the moon. When he served as lunar module pilot of Apollo 16, the fifth manned lunar landing mission, a Texas flag was stowed behind his seat. This flag is currently on display at the Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the "It Still Ain't Braggin' If It's True" exhibit.

Our flag has a deep history and strength. It has a special place in our state's lore, and it represents the pride of Texas wherever it is displayed.

PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2006
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JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:15 A.M. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LINED UP BY 9:15 FOR JUDGING. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE JUDGED, WE ASK ONLY THAT YOU BE READY TO ROLL DOWN MAIN @ 10:00 A.M.! Please return this form by mail at the above address, or fax to (254) 734-2270

ENTRY TYPE: _____

I, _____ AGREE TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FROM LIABILITY, THE Gorman Peanut Festival Association, all officers, and members from any and all damages or injuries, losses, judgments or claims, sustained from any cause connected to my/our participation in this parade.

signature _____ date _____

Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly luncheon on August 23 with 36 present. Bro. Frank Shirley gave the blessing of our food. Its always good to see him and Beth.

Barbara Bush called us to order. Sometime its hard for us all to quit talking. We had a discussion on inhere to go for our meal out, the week before most voted to go to Cook's. This time only three. What happened. So we will go to Hwy. 6, some time around Grandparents Day. Now to decide on a date.

The Mears brought their darling great granddaughter Haley to visit. Her grandpa Bill also came to be with us.

We enjoyed having Sandra Cagle to eat with us. She is some kin to Wilburn Overstreet.

Joy Rogers came to be with us, so good to see her. It had been quite awhile, as she has been staying with Mary Kirk.

We were glad to see Howard Hagood at our lunch. Hope he can come again and bring his wife. We thank the Food Bank for their contributions.

We sent cards to Delores Tucker and Winston Brown. I've heard he is much improved and back to playing cards. Maybe he can come visit us this week, Delores is such a trooper. Hope her new treatment leaves her much improved. We do miss seeing them at our functions.

We didn't have our playday last week as too many meetings were being held. We must pick a new day, maybe Monday. We will see what Lori or Tacy can come up with. Remember the center is for us Seniors also.

We were so happy to see Opal Burton. She is one tough lady, comes when she can. I'm amazed at how good she is making it through her treatment, also other problems. Her nephew, Billy Joe Dennis, is much improved after his heart problem. He is my neighbor and I do miss seeing him about his yard, or going by on his tractor.

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center School Building. There were several musical groups that signed in for their turn on the program. All of these musical groups and singers did a wonderful job. Thanks to all of the musicians, singers and visitors that attend regular. Also thanks to the ladies that donate food each month to the Concession Stand and to the ladies that help in the kitchen. It takes everyone doing their part to keep our Community Center going strong. Next monthly musical will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at the same place - same time.

Remember the Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, September 11th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Hostesses are Joy Rogers of Gorman and Gail Clayton of Desdemona. More details on this social will be given in next week's article.

Desdemona Homecoming Committee would like to send a Special "Thank You" to the Lone Cedar Country Club (near Ranger). This group provided "Free" Lunch for everyone that attended the Annual Homecoming and School Reunion on Saturday, August 12. The noon meal was catered by Texas Bar-B-Que of Stephenville.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Roland Tilly, 81, of Irvin. Born October 3, 1924 in Hasse, Texas to Clyde Sr. and Mabel (Reed) Tilly. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Edith Merle (Bond) Tilly (they recently celebrated 60 years of marriage), a son, John Tilly and wife, Wanda of Irving; a brother, Rex Tilly and wife Billie of Gatesville; three grandchildren and great grand children. Predeceased in death by his parents; a brother, Clyde Tilly, Jr., two sons, David Tilly and Mark Tilly. Burial was in Andrews County Cemetery, Andrews, TX. The Tilly family are former residents of Desdemona where all of their children attended school. Roland graduated with the Class of 1942.

Electrifying Events Is Coming To First Baptist Church - Eastland

Team Impact, some of the strongest men on the planet, will be making several public appearances in the (your city) area soon. With demonstrations of astounding feats of strength - such as shattering five feet of concrete with one blow from their massive arms and snapping baseball bats in half with their bare hands - Team Impact members are sure to capture the attention of both the young and old; all to share an inspiring message of hope.

Team Impact is a group of world-class athletes, including champion power-lifters, previous WWE wrestlers, and former NFL football players. The men of Team Impact travel the globe motivating and inspiring people of all ages and have performed their amazing presentation in front of millions.

With the problems young people face today, Team Impact has taken seriously the task of reaching America's youth with a timely message through their highly acclaimed school assemblies. Visiting nearly 1,000 schools each year, this group has the unique opportunity to speak to hundreds of thousands of students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and the importance of academic excellence.

In addition, Team Impact appears regularly on television programs including their own weekly show where millions of people around the world are able to see their extraordinary demonstrations and hear their inspirational message. You may visit www.team-impact.com to learn more about the efforts of Team Impact.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The best news this week is the rain that fell in our community as the thunderstorms rumbled through on Sunday and Monday. I heard reports from about 2 inches to over 4 inches, and it was wonderful. The cooler weather is good too. Praise and thanks is due our wonderful Lord.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn preached at both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, August 27. He had a very good message using Job 1: 6-7, & 13, John 7:46 and Romans 7:18-19, on having faith to believe God's promises. Tommy Seay was the song leader with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. Haggard did a bible study on the Security of the Believer, using many scriptures, on Sunday evening. Ruth Rodgers led the singing with Gynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. James Hunter of Gorman will preach at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, September 3.

Stacy Webb and Renee Fox of Comanche visited Oren and Norma Webb on Friday. Randall and Kaci Suniga of Comanche visited with them on Saturday. Durwood and Aletha Burgess visited with Oren and Norma on Sunday evening and Stacy, Renee and granddaughter, Kaelee Suniga visited on Monday.

Willie Mae Cozart of Eastland, Bill Collum of Desdemona, Betty Little, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Nelda Fails of Arlington, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Shirley Clement of Lake Leon and Carolyn Little visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

Joe and Glynda Bond were in Abilene recently to attend the concert at the First Baptist Church featuring the Brazos Boys and Jeff and Sheri Easter that was a benefit for the Children's Miracle Network. They report that it was very enjoyable.

Shannon, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove visited with Joe and Glynda Bond and Shannon attended orientation at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene on Friday and then went back on Saturday for a picnic on campus. Shannon will be taking some classes at HSU this fall. Shannon and the girls returned to their home in Copperas Cove on Saturday evening.

Verda Jean Eaves and Norma Webb visited with Zelda Jordan.

Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Be sure and thank our good Lord for the wonderful rain that we received.

Bear Creek Ranch Field Day Slated Sept. 23rd

Bear Creek Ranch Field Day offers outstanding opportunity for learning/networking in holistic management.

Don't miss the HRM of TX Bear Creek Ranch field day coming September 23, 2006. We have put together quite the awesome group of speakers, the land is fabulous and lunch promises to be great. The focus of this event is the importance of the water cycle and how crucial watershed management is to all. In addition we will have the chance to see for ourselves how "Save the Farm" concepts are implemented on this ranch.

Registration fee is \$25 for HRM members and \$35 for non-members. Register online at www.hrm-texas.org or via phone with your credit card, or by sending your check, made out to HRM of TX, to Peggy Cole, HRM of TX, 5 Limestone Trail, Wimberley, TX 78676. Registration deadline is September 15.

The late Roger McFarland "Dick" Dixon inherited this part of the original McFarland Ranch near Weatherford and Aledo, TX. Now owned by the Dixon Water Foundation, the 2200 acre ranch is divided into 23 cells with hopes of increasing that to 30 by the time of our field day. HRM legend, Bob Steger, built the first grazing cell on this ranch in the 1980's.

8:30 am - Registration, coffee, visit

9:00 am - welcome / what is HRM? - Richard Sechrist

Richard Sechrist is current president of Holistic Resource Management of Texas, a framework for making wise management choices by defining the future you want and testing each decision to be sure it is taking you in the right direction and is ecologically, economically and socially sound. The process creates healthy land and healthy profits for its practitioners and healthy water and food for surrounding communities.

9:30 am - Orientation to Bear Creek Ranch and The Dixon Foundation - Clint Josey

The Dixon Water Foundation is the legacy of Dick Dixon and Clint Josey whose interest is to make all people aware of the importance of clean water through good watershed management to the future of Texas. To learn more about Clint and Robbie, see the practitioner profile on the HRM website: http://www.hrm-texas.org/Practitioners/clint_josey.htm

9:45 am - Managing the Bear Creek Ranch - grazing charts and plans and the hows and whys of those decisions - Robbie Tuggle

Robbie Tuggle manages three North Texas Ranches, including this Bear Creek Ranch, which is certified organic and currently producing grass fed beef. He uses Holistic Management to carefully plan when and where livestock are grazed and how they are moved. Robbie will explain the grazing plan and how you can do this type of planning on your own land.

10 am - load onto hayride trailers and go to stop 1 where Clint/Robbie will explain the stop, then Walt Davis talks on multi-species grazing and the Oklahoma Land Stewardship Alliance. Walt Davis is a fifth generation rancher and author of "How To Go Broke Ranching Without Hardly Trying" He was an educated rancher facing bankruptcy just before changing his ways and climbing back into profit. Walt is a past president of both HRM of Texas and HRM of Oklahoma. He has been working since 1986 as a management consultant with clients in both arid and humid regions and teaches seminars on resource management. The Oklahoma Land Stewardship Alliance is a group of farmers and ranchers concerned about land management issues providing several educational opportunities for land managers every year to improve their knowledge and skill of land management.

11 am - stop 2 Clint/Robbie explain the stop, then Huge Aljoe on The Noble Foundation and Red River Graziers - the benefits of networking for support and education/information, how to form a grazing club or management club and how to access the research at the Noble Foundation. What is new and cool there in the sustainable arena. Huge Aljoe is forage team manager for the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma (www.noble.org). Before coming to the Noble Foundation in 1995, Aljoe was the ranch manager of Belvedere Land & Cattle Corp. for 10 years. He supervised the growth of the ranch from a small 450-acre, 150-head purebred ranch into an intensive 3,900-acre, 1,500-head purebred and commercial cow-calf operation. He has many articles about forage and grazing on the Noble website. Hugh is also representing the Red River Graziers, a group of ranchers on both sides of the red River who gather each month at a different member's place to help solve problems and explore different aspects of management.

12 noon - catered lunch by Baker's Ribs, courtesy of the Dixon Foundation. Suzanne and Joe Duncan, who started the Baker's Ribs restaurants in 1988, have developed a special technique of hand-rubbing spices into their meat then slow-roasting it over real hickory logs. They have special pits to enhance the smoked flavor of the slow-cooked meat that makes the most tender and delicious barbecue you will ever taste, according to several Texas publications.

12:30 pm - Keynote speaker - Healing Landscapes - Courtney White

"Healthy land is the only permanently profitable land." - Aldo Leopold
During the Spanish Colonial era, mapmakers used the word "Quivira" to designate unknown territory beyond the frontier; it was also a term for an elusive golden dream once chased by Coronado in his search for the famed cities of gold. The Quivira Coalition was founded by a rancher and two environmentalists in June 1997 to offer "common sense solutions to the grazing debate," principally by broadcasting the principles of ecologically sensitive ranch management. They call this "The New Ranch." Quivira's Executive Director, Courtney White will offer thoughts and techniques for healing landscapes and will talk about the Coalition's mission and activities.

1:30 pm 2:30 pm - Water and Culture - Dr. Irene Klaver

Irene Klaver is a professor of philosophy at University of North Texas. She works toward combining environmental philosophy and the environmental sciences in part to demonstrate the complexity, diversity and interconnectedness of all aspects of our lives. Irene has written and spoken widely on the cultural place of water on the planet. Richard Teague is a Range Ecologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Vernon. His studies on a variety of range issues have gained wide recognition.

2:30 break

2:45 drive to "the development" park and hayride into The SignalTree

The tree is a set of trees that were tied into position many years ago by native Americans as a signal to others that this is the location of a spring.

3:00 pm - Save the Farm program - the concept and the vision - Richard Sechrist

This is a concept of saving agricultural land from rampant development by embracing the concept of planned development. In this case, 150 acres of the 2,200 acre ranch is being developed into a green community so that the rest of the ranch can produce organic grass-fed beef for the green community and other surrounding communities.

3:30 pm - Plans for the green housing development and visitor center/ headquarters planned for Bear Creek Ranch - Representative from Lake/Flato Architects

The Dixon Water Foundation chose Lake/Flato to develop their Green Community based on their reputation and their vision, which includes in part: "our work grows from the land; enhancing, connecting, and at times repairing the natural landscape. Our buildings create a heightened awareness of the land and a strong connection to the environment. The goal is to stitch together fragments, to mend, connect, and make a more vibrant and livable community. Environmental issues have been central to our approach to design. Successful sustainable design must rely on a pragmatic and integrated design process which ultimately reconnects people to the environment." Learn more at www.lakeflato.com.

4:00 pm - The Arboretum - Howard Garrett. The arboretum is a park-like area to be planted with a variety of Texas trees by organic guru, Howard Garrett aka The Dirt Doctor. Howard has written at least 11 books on organic gardening, Texas bugs and Texas plants and trees. He writes a weekly column for the Dallas Morning News and hosts a weekly radio show all about organics. Learn more about Howard at www.dirtdoctor.com


4:30 pm - wrap-up and adjourn - Peggy Cole, Executive Director, Holistic Resource Management of Texas will mention upcoming events and other logistics.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007: 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 2006 upon all property within the corporate limits of the city of Gorman, Texas, subject to taxation for the year 2006, a tax at the rate of .78790 /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 Titla 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 2006 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at 1:00 p.m. on September 7th, 2006, in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas, a public hearing will be held by the Commissioner's Court to present the budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007 for Eastland County as prepared by the County Judge and County Auditor's Office. Any taxpayer shall have the right to be present and participate in said hearing. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the offices of the County Clerk, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas during regular business hours, beginning August 14th, 2006. The public will be given an opportunity to make oral or written comments on the entire budget and ask questions concerning the County Budget.

Published by other of the Eastland County Commissioner's Court, August 24, 2006.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

DISEASES AND INSECTS AND PLANTS !!!

Diseases and insects can cause a significant amount of damage to plants. In many cases it becomes necessary to use pesticides. Sometimes the cure can cause as much damage as the problem if label recommendations are not followed.

Pesticide damage to plants appears in a number of ways, but occurs most often as:

Burn - Appears on the tip or margins of the leaf as necrotic areas or the entire leaf surface may appear burned, or the roots can be burned.

Chlorosis - appears as curling, crinkling, or cupping of the leaf.

Stunting - Reduction in size of entire plant or certain parts (fruit, flowers, roots) while rest of plant appears normal.

Abnormal Growth - A stimulation of excessive growth on either certain parts (aerial roots, suckering) or the entire plant.

Usually the new growth is most likely to show damage when sprays are applied. The following are general rules or guidelines to help reduce plant damage from pesticides.

1.) Do not apply a pesticide to plants that are stressed. Avoid spraying under extremely hot, sunny conditions. When air or plant temperature is approximately 90 degrees or higher, damage will likely occur. On bright days, leaf temperature may be 5-15 degrees higher than the surrounding air, thus increasing the possibility of injury. Avoid temperature extremes, either high or low.

2.) Do not apply pesticides under conditions which will not promote drying. Plants sprayed when cool, humid conditions exist for extended periods will remain wet for long periods of time and increase the possibility of injury. Never spray plants when they are in need of water. Wilted or dry plants are extremely sensitive to spray injury.

3.) Wettable powders are usually safer to plants than liquid pesticides because they do not contain solvents. The disadvantage of wettable powders is the objectionable residue on the foliage.

4.) Almost all aerosol formulations of pesticides will cause plant damage if applied at less than the recommended distance between aerosol nozzle and plant. The distance usually recommended is 18-20 inches. In some experiments it was found that almost all of the aerosols tested were damaging to plants when applied at eight inches.

5.) Study the label and any brochures that are available concerning the particular pesticide to be used for rates, application instructions, and plant damage information. Do not overdose. Clean out sprayer, hose, and nozzles after each use.

Any questions or want more information, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Office, Dale Dunlap, CEA-Ag at 629-1093.

4-H NEWS

Dale Dunlap, CEA-Ag
Eastland County
August 24, 2006

PASTURE TO PACKER PROGRAM

The 2006-2007 4-H/FFA Pasture To Packer Program will kick off in October. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 27th to sign up. The feeding period will be concluded in mid-March with Hoof Judging. The program is a very enlightening one in that youth have the sole responsibility of securing financing, selecting their steer and management of the project. For more information over the project, you may secure a pamphlet of the rules and guidelines at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office on 1st Floor of the Courthouse or by calling Dale Dunlap, County Extension Agent at 254/629-1093.

COUNTY & MAJOR MARKET HOG VALIDATION

All 4-Hers who plan on showing a market hog at any major show or the county show must have them validated. Cost will be \$8.00 per head for major show hogs. You do not need to order tags for county show hogs, order for major shows ONLY!

If you want to validate state hogs you must order your tags through the County Extension Agent's office before September 15th. You will need to pay for tags when you order them.

We think the date to validate will be around the week of November 21st, but this is not for certain. I will know for sure after September 15th. Tentatively mark the week of November 20th and check your next newsletter or watch the newspaper.

September 15th is the last day you can order major show Validation Tags !!

Do Not Forget !!!

EASTLAND COUNTY FOOD SHOW

The Eastland County Food Show will be hosted by the Olden 4-H Club on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at Siebert Elementary School Cafeteria. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the contest begins at 9:30 a.m.

Entry Deadline: 4-Hers must submit Project Record Form to the Eastland County Extension Office by Monday, September 11th with age division and what category your are entering. There will be no exceptions to this deadline!!!

Clover Kids, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be required to turn in a Project Record Form along with a copy of your recipe. Also there will be a poster contest for all ages. This is a county and district contest only no advancement to state. The theme is "Grains", and awards will be given for each age category at District. There will be one award for best overall poster at County. There will be a "Best Garnished Dish Award" for each age category at the County Show. This a county-only award.

Your Food Show packet can be picked up at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office in Eastland in the Courthouse or from your Club Manager. If you have any questions, or need further clarification, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Office at 629-2222 or 629-1093. Dale Dunlap or Linda Stroebel can help you.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
August 28, 2006

Tackling High Energy Prices

I have been traveling across the 19th District and visiting with constituents during the month of August. Regardless of the county, one issue keeps popping wherever I stop. That issue is energy. There is no doubt that current energy prices and our future energy supply are on the minds of all West Texans right now. Families are worried about energy prices. Farmers, who are already dealing with a drought, are worried about energy prices. Even local school boards are altering bus routes in order to use less gasoline.

As I visit with constituents, I am often asked what Congress is doing to bring down gas prices. I wish there was a quick and easy answer to those questions. Unfortunately, no such "silver bullet" exists. America spent a long time digging itself into this hole, and it is going take some work to get itself out. To solve this problem, we must approach the problem from multiple angles, while keeping all options on the table.

A comprehensive approach includes further oil and gas exploration here at home. Slowly but surely, Congress is making progress on this front. We recently passed legislation that permits exploration between 100 and 200 miles off the country's coastlines. Furthermore, I believe we are coming closer to a common-sense solution to expanding exploration in Alaska.

However, a comprehensive approach means more than just tapping into additional oil and gas reserves. It also means looking at nuclear energy, which, among other usages, is used by the U.S. Navy to power submarines. I say that if nuclear energy is good enough to power our subs and move our sailors across the globe, it is good enough to provide power here in America.

A comprehensive approach also means developing renewable sources of energy. I strongly believe that West Texas can be at the epicenter of this development. Years ago West Texas was a leader in providing America with gasoline. Now, I once again see a major role for West Texas to play in securing America's energy supply. Whether it is by using cutting edge technology to convert corn, sorghum and other crops into ethanol or by taking advantage of two things Texas has a deep supply of - wind and open space - Texas can be a leader in the development of renewable sources of energy.

Various obstacles stand in the way of implementing this comprehensive strategy. In some areas, environmental regulations choke innovation and development. In others, the industries are young and the necessary infrastructure doesn't yet exist. But the good news is that support for overcoming these obstacles is growing. Piece by piece, America is working to tackle the issue of high energy prices and come ever closer to energy independence.

--Randy

Previous Roundups can be found on my website at http://www.randy.house.gov/newsroom/roundup_date.shtml

Neugebauer Earns Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise Award

ABILENE, TX - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce presented U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer with its Spirit of Enterprise Award Friday for his work in Congress to support small business growth.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," Neugebauer said. "Small businesses are the flumber one job creators in America and in many communities throughout the 19th District. To keep this economy going strong, it is vital that Congress creates a business environment that helps small businesses succeed."

Because of his stances on a number of key business votes, the Chamber gave Neugebauer a 93 percent rating for the 2005 legislative year. The Chamber based this rating on 27 votes Neugebauer cast on legislation such as tax relief, health care reform and transportation that are important to the small business community. His support of the Deficit Reduction Act (H.R. 4241), the Tax Relief Extension Act (H.R. 4297), a comprehensive energy policy (H.R. 6), the repeal of the Death Tax (H.R. 8) and association health plans for small businesses (H.R. 525) are just a few of his votes that led to his strong rating and to this award.

Neugebauer has now received the Spirit of Enterprise award in each of the three years he has been in Congress. He earned 95 percent and 100 percent ratings for his voting record during the 2003 and 2004 legislative years, respectively.

"As a former small businessman, I understand that safe roads and transportation infrastructure, an affordable energy supply and the ability to provide quality health care for employees are essential to running a successful business. I will continue to fight for sound policies that allow America's small businesses to grow and compete."

The Gorman Progress will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. Open as usual On Tuesday

Panther Football Important Dates To Remember

- September 1st - Friday - Game One vs Roby @ Gorman
- ** Jr. High practice begins 1st day of school (supply own cleats)

2006 Football Schedule

September 1st	Roby	Gorman	7:30
September 8th	Covington	Covington	7:30
September 15th	Ben Bolt	Taylor	7:30
September 22nd	**Sterling City	Gorman	7:30
September 29th	*Ranger	Ranger	7:30
October 6th	*Perrin	Gorman	7:30
October 13th	*Santo	Santo	7:30
October 20th	open		
October 27th	*Cross Plains	Gorman	7:30
November 3rd	*DeLeon	DeLeon	7:30
November 10th	*Tolar	Gorman	7:30
**Homecoming 2006			
*District 12A Games			

GISD School Menu

Week of September 1 thru September 7

BREAKFAST

FRIDAY - Biscuits, sausage, eggs, juice and milk.
MONDAY - SCHOOL HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - Eggs, hash browns, toast, juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Homemade breakfast burrito, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Cinnamon Rolls, Oranges, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

FRIDAY - Baked ham or Corn Dog, macroni and cheese, pinto beans, fresh broccoli, cornbread, and milk.
MONDAY - SCHOOL HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - Meat loaf or Steak fingers, cream potatoes, oven fried okra, rolls, chocolate cake, and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Pot Pie or Cheese Pizza, blackeyed peas, pasta salad, sparkly apples, crackers, and Milk.
THURSDAY - Ham and cheese Stromboli or Pepperoni Hot Pocket, Tossed salad, baby corn, fruit cocktail, and Milk.

Class of 1946 To Hold Class Reunion

The Class of 1946 are having their Sixtieth Class Get-together in conjunction with Homecoming on September 9th. After the parade we will meet at Quida (Brown) Hummel's home for visiting until the 2 p.m. Meeting and again after it till the 7:00 p.m. dinner. Anyone wanting to come for a visit are surely welcome. Take FM2526 west out of Carbon for approximately 3/4 mile. Take a right on CR 189 to first house on left.

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JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:15 A.M. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LINED UP BY 9:15 FOR JUDGING. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE JUDGED, WE ASK ONLY THAT YOU BE READY TO ROLL DOWN MAIN @ 10:00 A.M.! Please return this form by mail at the above address, or fax to (254) 734-2270

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