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## GHS Sports Banquet



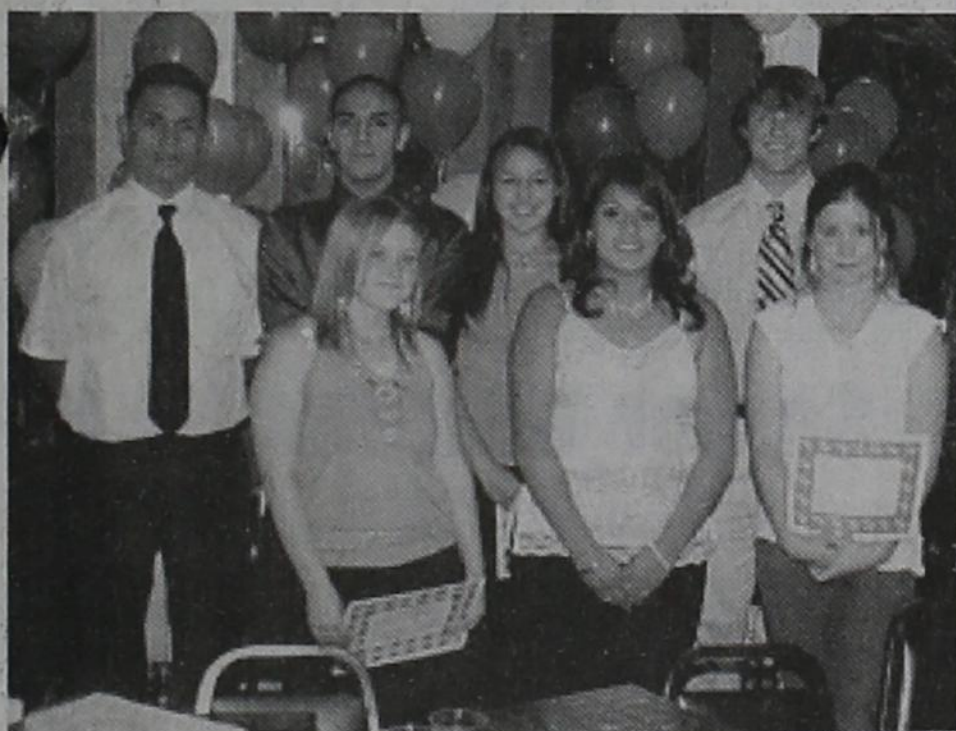
MVP Awards — Nikki Keith - Volleyball / Softball; Kendra Swanner - Volleyball / Basketball / Softball; Rosa Herrera - Powerlifting / Tennis; Megan Lewis - Track / Tennis; Mary Powell - Cross Country.



MVP Awards - Aaron Keith - Golf; Tyson Swanner - Basketball / Baseball; David Ibarra - Track / Tennis; Pete Ramirez - Powerlifting; Zachary Bryan - Football.



The Todd Anderson Fighting Heart award, the Bill Clark Fighting Panther, and the Academic Athlete Awards go to Kendra Swanner and Zachary Bryan. These awards are given to athletes who exemplify heart, leadership, and dedication to the athletic program.



The Panther "heart" awards for each individual sport go to David Ibarra, Armando Giles, Reba Granado, Corey Clark, Hollyann Wright, Rosa Herrera, and April Keaton.

## De Leon VFD Annual BBQ & Benefit

De Leon Vol. Fire Department members will have their Annual BBQ on June 10th 2006, starting at 5pm at the De Leon City Hall. This year our department is hosting a Benefit for the Clyde Brinson family. Clyde served many years as our fire chief. We invite everyone to join us and the Brinson family June 10th.

## Gorman GROW Meeting

Gorman GROW will be meeting next Wednesday, June 14 at 5:30 in the Community Center. We will be discussing the Park Project, as well as other ongoing community projects. If you would like to help in any way, please come to the meeting.

**Gorman Fire Department  
Drawing For  
\$100 in Gasoline  
To Be Given Away June 24 At the Miss Gorman Coronation  
To purchase tickets please contact Nicole Vaughn at 734-6561 or  
any member of the Gorman Fire Department Thank You For Your  
Support! \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2006 in the  
Downtown City Park. 11:30 - 1:30.  
BBQ Sandwiches, Chips and Coke or Dr. Pepper \$6.00**

## Winner of Scout Drawing Is Joe Clack of Cisco



Local Cub Scouts had a drawing recently to help raise money for Relay For Life Teams. The winner of the Bronzed Bull Rider was Joe Clack of Cisco, Tx. Thanks for your support.

## Look Who's New It's A Girl



Brita and Jackson Stone of Fairway, Kansas were excited to welcome home their baby sister, Ella Rose. She was born to Brian and Leah Stone on April 11, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stone of Aledo. Her great grandmothers are Leona Coan of De Leon and Verne Isaacson of Dollar Bay, Michigan.

## PRAY FOR RAIN!!

## City of Gorman Reminds Citizens of Animal Ordinance

The City of Gorman would like to remind the citizens of the Animal Ordinance on Chickens and Roosters. You can only have 8 Chickens or Roosters in any combination per household. The chicken pens have to be 10 feet apart from each other. The Animal Control Officer will be enforcing this City Ordinance. Citations may be issued for violations. If the compliants continue you could be forced to remove all birds completely.

*La Ciudad de Gorman querria recordar los ciudadanos de la ordenanza animal en Pollos y Gallos. Usted puede solo tiene 8 Pollos o los Gallos en cualquier combinacion por el asidero de la casa. Y las plumas de pollo tienen que ser 10 pies aparte de uno al otro. El Oficial Animal de Control estara imponiendo esta Ordenanza de la Ciudad. Las citaciones se pueden publicar para infracciones. Si las quejas le continuan podria ser forzado a quitar todos pajaros completamente.*

## Tour Of The Peanut Country Bike Ride June 10

The eighth annual Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride will be Saturday June 10. The ride, sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club and Gorman Volunteer Fire Dept., will start from the City Park promptly at 8 AM with no starters any later than 9 AM. There are four distances to choose from: 9 mile, 29 mile, 45 mile or 100K. These courses will all have several rest stops with water, Gatorade, fruit, cookies and peanuts to replenish the riders. There will also be Sag Wagons available should anyone have any mechanical trouble or need medical assistance.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by phone at 254-734-3810. Registration will open on tour day at 7:00 am, at the Start/Finish at City Park. Entry fees are as follows: \$22 for individuals, tandems--\$20, Families of 4 or more--\$20, Clubs (4 or more members)--\$20. First 50 riders receive a Tour of the Peanut Country t-shirt and a goodie bag. For more information call 254-734-3810 or 734-3637. All proceeds from this ride benefit the Gorman VFD and the Gorman Lions Club for local projects and scholarships.

## TDA Commissioner Susan Combs Visit Gorman



AJ Ratliff, Ranger City Manager, Jeane Pruett Eastland County Historical Society, TDA Commissioner Susan Combs, Pet. 4 Justice of the Peace Rex Fields, Mayor Robert Ervin, and Gorman EDC Director Lori Dodd.

## Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Contestants



Hello my name is Reba Rochelle Granado. I am 16 years old and will be a Junior at Gorman High School. I am the daughter of Alex and Teresa Granado. I am the granddaughter of Santiago and Gregoria Landa. I have an older sister named Rachel and an older brother named Robert.

I am involved in basketball, volleyball, tennis, softball, cheerleading, and powerlifting. I participated in FBLA and was vice president. I was also the class president of the Sophomore class. I am also in NHS.

In my spare time I like to watch movies, listen to music, swim, talk to my sister, and help my mom around the house. I also like reading books and discussing them with my dad.

In future I would like to attend college at University of Texas at Austin to pursue a career in the medical field. I want to help people in anyway possible.

My favorite color is green. My favorite sport is the one I am involved in at the time. I like to listen to all types of music. My favorite song is "Better Than Me" by Hinder. I like to play with my cats. I am interested in trying new things especially when I cook. I love



Hi! My name is Nicole Vaughn. I am 17 years old and the daughter of Vernon and Molly Gaines. I am proud to represent the Gorman Fire Department in the Miss Gorman Contest on June 24. I will be a senior at Gorman High School. Last year I was a twirler in the high school band and this upcoming year will be a part of the Gorman Dance Team. I have lived in Gorman most of my life but not all. My family and I returned to Gorman a year ago and I am very happy to be back close to family and friends. I like to spend my time visiting with friends, listening to music, going to the lake with my family and scrapbooking. It is an honor to run for Miss Gorman and I thank you for your support!

spending time with my family and attending family functions. My favorite type of food is Mexican. My favorite dish includes enchiladas, my Aunt's rice, my Grandma's beans, and my Mom's lemonade. My favorite movie is Pride and Prejudice.

I have been chosen to the Lion's Club Sweetheart and I would like to thank them for sponsoring me.

Reba Granado  
Lion's Club Sweetheart



Hello, my name is Briana Cari' Landa. I am 5 years old and will be in Kindergarten next year. My parents are Noah and Miriam Landa. I am the granddaughter of Santiago and Goya Landa and Enrique and Josefina Sanchez. I enjoy riding the four-wheeler with my older sister Katalina and jumping on the trampoline with my little brother Isaiah. I also enjoy spending time with my great grandparents, all of my aunts, uncles, and cousins, going to Sunday School, and helping my daddy in our garden. I am running for Little Miss Gorman and would like to thank the Gorman Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring me.

## Oaklawn Cemetery Meeting Set June 10th

The Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, June 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the Gorman Housing Authority Hotel Apartment Building in Gorman, Texas. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon and immediately following, the business meeting will be conducted. The business meeting will include a full financial report and trustee election.

## Blackwell Hospital Historical Marker Plaque Due Shortly

Blackwell Hospital Historical Committee's goal is near completion. The official historical marker for the hospital is in hand and available to be installed. The final wording on the companion plaque honoring Dr. D. V. Rodgers has been approved and the template for the plaque has been returned to the foundry for production.

Waiting on the state to send the plaque to us seemed like it took forever; this combined with some of our internal delays extended the time. By the first of last March 2006 we felt that everything was finally ready and the ball in their ballpark. We had been promised an approval sheet and the completed plaque within 90 days. In checking the last of May it was discovered that the promised approval sheet had been fixed to a cellular telephone on the 9th of March instead of sending it to a fax machine. The error has been corrected. Dr. Rodgers plaque is due shortly. That leaves the site preparation, installation and the ceremony. After coming this far that should be a piece of cake.

It will take an additional \$200 to pay for the plaque and about \$300 for the site preparation cost. If you planned to contribute to this recognition of our history you may mail your check to Blackwell Hospital Historical Fund, American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454. Donations at tax exempt.

## American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Of Eastland County

What: American Cancer Society's Relay For Life — A Team Event to Fight Cancer

When: Friday, June 9th  
Survivor Registration 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm  
Team Registration 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm  
Opening Ceremony & Survivors Lap 6:00 pm  
Luminaria Ceremony 9:00 pm

Who: Everyone in Eastland County  
Where: Gorman High School Track

**Cancer Survivor Recognition** — Cancer survivors from Eastland County are invited to walk the first lap of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event to celebrate their victory over cancer. The event and survivors' lap will start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9th. Each cancer survivor will receive a free T-shirt to wear while walking the track. There is no cost to participate. Cancer survivors need to arrive at the Gorman High School Track between 4:30 pm and 5:45 pm to register and pick up their t-shirt. Families are encouraged to attend.

**Luminaria Ceremony.** The American Cancer Society will conduct their Relay For Life special ceremony and luminaria lighting to recognize those touched by cancer at 9:00 pm on Friday, June 9th. Individuals or companies can make contributions in memory of those who have lost their fight with cancer and in honor of those who have survived. Each will be recognized by a lighted luminaria candle displayed at the Relay For Life event held at the Gorman track. Luminaria contributions can be made at the track until 8:30 pm.

Why: A fun way to join with others in the community in the fight against cancer and to raise funds for the activities of the American Cancer Society. A way to celebrate the lives being saved from cancer and to remember those lost.



# Obituary

## A. B. "Bud" Smithey

A. B. "Bud" Smithey, age 77 passed away Friday, June 2, 2006 at a Fort Worth Hospital.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Gorman Church of Christ with Larry Stogsdill and Scott Sheppard officiating. Burial was at Murray Cemetery.

Bud was born on August 27, 1928 in Maypearl, TX to Alvie Bruce Smithey, Sr. and Ella May (Hudson) Smithey. He married Chilten Cordelia Duggan on January 9, 1957 in Grand Prairie, TX. He was a retired truck driver for Birdsong Peanuts and a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U. S. Army. Bud was a faithful member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include, wife, Dee Smithey of Granbury, sister, Madge Davis of Duncanville; brother, Donald Ray Campbell of Maypearl and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, David Bruce Smithey in 1980 and two sisters, Marzell Jenkins and Blanche Haynes.

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Dates	TAKS
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## Gorman City Commission Minutes

JUNE 1, 2006

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez and Tony Carter. Others present were Chief Doug Caffey and Russ Thomason.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

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

Mayor Ervin at this time moved to item #10 on the agenda/Police Department and District Attorney/

**GARAGE SALE** - Saturday, June 10 - 332 S. Crescent - Parking lot 8 a.m. till 7 p.m. Luggage, clothes and miscellaneous items. 1-6-8 C.

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## EDC Talk

### Texas Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs Visits Gorman

TDA Commissioner Susan Combs recently attended a Town Hall meeting in Gorman. Commissioner Combs addressed a crowd of about 40 people, ranging in interests from local agriculture farmers/ranchers to economic development individuals.

She discussed the State of Texas's role on a variety of topics. She talked about child nutrition, health care, nature tourism, agri-business, alternative fuels, the importance of telecommunications in rural areas and more. Commissioner Combs then fielded questions from the audience.

Commissioner Combs chose Gorman as one of her five Town Hall meeting locations for 2006 because of our community's recent award of a Texas Yes! grant. She wanted to congratulate the local organizations for their teamwork and efforts to make improvements in our downtown area.

Note: The Texas Yes! grant can be used for decorative lighting, decorative banners, benches, planters/flowers, and welcome signs. Local members of the Gorman Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge, Keep Gorman Beautiful, Gorman GROW, Gorman ISD, City of Gorman and Gorman EDC have developed a plan for implementing these grant funds in our downtown park. More BIG NEWS about that next week!



Kayce Dodd and Madison Warren were on hand to welcome TDA Commissioner Susan Combs. Madison and Kayce put their artistic abilities to good use and made a Welcome sign for Commissioner Combs.

## Barbarian Festival This Saturday In Cross Plains

**Fun for the whole family!**

The Eighth Annual Barbarian Festival will be this Saturday, June 10, in downtown Cross Plains from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The festivities begin with a parade down Main Street, followed by a fun filled day of arts, crafts, live entertainment, food, games and much more. This years parade is extra special as the Grand Marshall is SSG Jerry Biggerstaff, Jr. who wrote the weekly articles from Iraq that we all looked so forward to. He's like family to us now and we are glad to have him safely home.

Amazing Car, Motorcycle and Tractor Show entries along with military equipment will be on display throughout the day. Art and Crafts vendors will line the streets as will various food vendors with tasty treats include hamburgers, hot dogs, roasted corn, snow cones, and lemon aid - just to name a few.

This is a fun festival so gather up the family and come hang out with us for the day. We'll see you there!

For more information about participating in any of the above events or about the festival in general call (254) 725-6498 or 254-725-6692 or visit our web site at [www.barbarianfestival.com](http://www.barbarianfestival.com).

## Fourth Of July Parade

In celebration of our nation's independence, Eastland County will be hosting a Fourth of July Parade, Saturday, July 1st at 9:00 am in Cisco, Texas. The parade will commence all the fun and festivities lined up for this year's Eastland County's Bangin' 4th. Along with the patriotic emphasis, we encourage all children to participate in any of the following categories: decorated bicycles, decorated wagons, and decorated pets. (No ATV's will be permitted.) Other entries include bands, floats, classic cars, golf carts, and equestrian. The route of the parade will be on Conrad Hilton Avenue from 10th St to the Conrad Hilton Community Center. Registration will take place at 8:00 am behind Family Dollar on 1002 Conrad Hilton Ave. Registration forms may be obtained at the Cisco and Eastland Chambers of Commerce and KCER Radio at 209 E. 8th St. Prizes will be given for select categories. A very special ceremony, Field Flags, presented and sponsored by American State Bank, will conclude the parade. Two-hundred flag carriers are needed for this patriotic ceremony. If you or your group would like to proudly carry our nation's flag in the parade, then please register as instructed above. For more information, please call Glen Boles at 254-442-1053.

## Senior Citizens News

**May 24th**

Our May 24th meeting for Pot Luck was missed being put in paper due to graduation, company, etc. What a busy week!

Ann Maxfield was our guest mediator. Geraldene Wright gave the blessing. We had 25 people in attendance. We sent a get well card to Bernice Henson. She is home now and doing better. Hope to see her back soon.

**May 31st**

We met on the 31st of May with Barbara Bush calling us to order. Wilburn Overstreet said Grace, and we had 27 present. Good to see Delores Tucker and Sue Pettigrew.

Always nice to have the Desdemona Ladies with us. Hope they continue to come and bring more with them.

We still meet every Friday at 6 p.m. for fun and games. Attendance has fallen off some - so people come on out and help use your center! Everyone usually bring some kind of snacks.

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# DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Ladies Monthly Social will be "Canceled" for the month of June at the Desdemona Community Center. There are several repairs being done to the School Building at this time, all new windows, new air conditioners, etc. Ladies Monthly Social will be rescheduled for July at the Community Center.

"Pot-Luck Supper" will be "Canceled" for Saturday, June 10 due to the many repair jobs on the Community Center School Building.

Remember the sick and shut-ins in our community with your cards and prayers.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 12 at the School Building. Please contact this reporter if you have a change of address, etc. Mark your Calendar and make plans to attend.

Dorothy Roberts spent all day last Saturday visiting in Granbury with her granddaughter, Shelly Horan and son, Sam; Emily Williams and daughter, Kena. They celebrated Kena's 9th birthday with several family members and friends. Uncle Jeff Roberts and Henry Rivas of Dallas; Kelsey and Cameron Caddell of Fort Worth attended the party.

Donal and Kandice Cogburn hosted a Birthday Party for their son, Dylan last Saturday. Dylan celebrated his 2nd Birthday with several family members and friends. Birthday cake, ice cream and drinks was served to everyone.

Colin and Kaley Garcia visited several days this past weekend in Whitney with their dad, George and Crystal Garcia and Gavin.

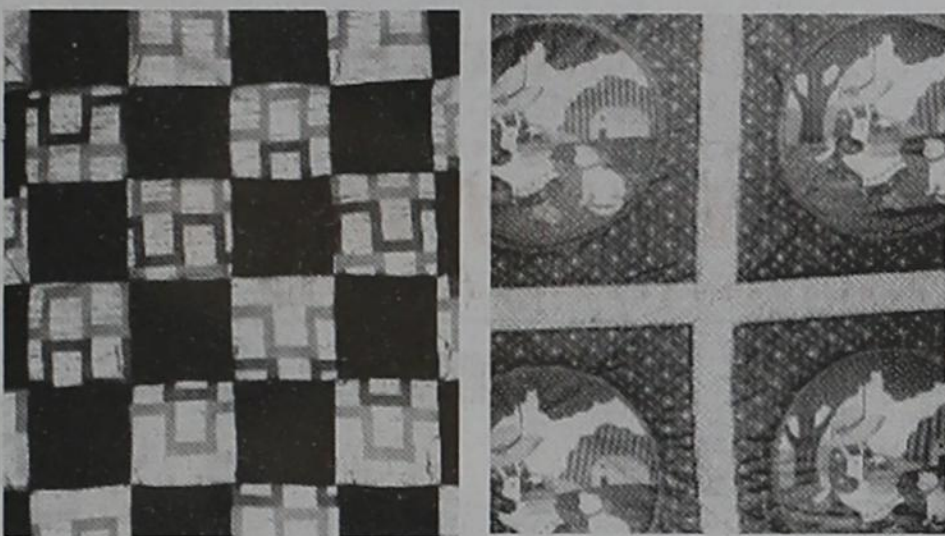
Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. It will be appreciated. News is delivered by noon on each Monday.

Thanks, Have a Nice Day. Coon

## Bed and Breakfast Getaway Drawing

Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a Week-end Bed and Breakfast Getaway in Granbury. This is a value of over \$400. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. For tickets contact Mr. Boles at 734-2505, Cecilia Hirst at 734-4059, or Melissa Osborne at 734-2849.

## Local Scouts Selling Tickets For Two Handmade Quilts



Local Scouts are selling tickets to win two quilts. One was donated by the Third Wednesday Quilting Club in De Leon, Lajoyces Shop. The other quilt was donated by Glenda Shawver, which was quilted by her mother, Inez Shawver. Both quilts are very beautifully hand crafted and will be a great treasure to anyone's family. Booths will be set up every weekend, selling popcorn, cookbooks, and quilts, tickets from Eastland to De Leon. Thank you for your continued support. Lora Lewis 254-734-4480.

## GHS 6th Sixth Week Honor Roll

7th

A  
A-B

Brice Campbell, Jordan Carter, Jaime Johnston, Cecilia Olivares, Abigail Pacheco, Brittany Ramirez, Maria Raygoza, Stephanie Risueno and Madison Wells.

8th

A  
A-B

Chance Bryant, Taylor Chew and Eric Ryon. Jarrett Blankenship, Jonathan Flores, Kathryn Fritts, Alexis Giles, Brittany Henderson, Laura Herrera, Tyler Johnson, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado, and Brenda Velasquez.

9th

A  
A-B

Codi Church, Audrey Johnston, Lindsey Laminack, Martin Ramirez, and Veronica Walton. Marsela Gonzalesz, Sonia Hipolito, Stormy Hurd, Olivia Jackson, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Jordan Perry, Barbara Sherman, Angelia Silva, Tyson Swanner, Matthew Underwood, Perla Velasquez and April Voyles.

10th

A  
A-B

Brandy Carlton, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Megan Lewis, Jimmie Murphy and Nancy Velasquez. Corey Clark, Yhdira Garcia, Reba Granado, Brandon Greer, Carlos Gutierrez, Trey Holdman, Kennon Hornback, Tecia Jones, Aaron Keith, Kendra Lewis, Carolos Palacios, Mary Powell and Trey Underwood.

11th

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Kristy Carlton and K'Ann Howard. Wade Cariker, Rosa Herrera, Maria Oronia, Amanda Regian, Kaci Seaton, Natasha Sherman, Brittany Shirley, Crystal Thackerson and Ty Vaughn.

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Zach Bryan, Amber Ervin, Brandon Hale, Nikki Keith, Sandra Lara, Kevin Lewis, Kent Long, Cindy Lopez, Jessica Panter, Sharla Perez, Kendra Swanner and Justin Wiley. Andy Abbe, Corey Brown, Armando Giles, Esteban Leal, Summer Olvera, Timothy Patel and Hollyann Wright.

## Wright Reunion

The Wright Reunion was held at Perry Hall in Dublin, Texas on May 20th this year. Not to many this year. Maybe because of gas prices, but the ones that made it, we had wonderful time. So always miss ones who didn't get to come. Only four grandchildren living now - Burl Gene Wright, Eva Grice, Monie Warren Craddock and Rena Robertson.

Lots to eat as always. Cecil Robertson offered thanks for our food. Those in attendance this year were: Shirley Warren of Dublin; Wiley and Vivian Osborn of Eastland; Billy Stewart of Gorman; Sandy Wright of Stephenville; Linda Hughes of Gorman; Kelly Johnson Hewitt; Sarah Wright of Fort Worth; Cecil and Rena Robertson of May and Dalton Monie and Craddock of Stephenville.

Lord willing all meet again next year - 3rd Saturday in May at Perry Hall in Dublin, Texas. So All Come. Monie Warren Craddock

## National Home Ownership Month

Temple, Texas, June 2, 2006 - Owning a home helps to give families security and a sense of pride,

and it is an important part of the American way of life. Nearly 70 percent of all Americans now enjoy the satisfaction of owning their own homes. USDA Rural Development is proud to have had the opportunity to assist almost 250,000 Americans achieve their homeownership dream since the start of the Bush Administration.

"USDA Rural Development has a long history of assisting rural citizens to achieve and maintain the dream of homeownership. It is with great pride that we join President Bush in celebrating June 2006 as Homeownership Month," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director in Texas.

USDA Rural Development faces the challenge of finding innovative ways to place families in the housing they need with payments they can afford. We are achieving this goal with programs that make guaranteed loans through approved financial institutions, require no down payment, and provide mortgage interest rates for as little as one percent, depending on income levels. Another popular program groups 10 to 12 families together, under the direction of a non-profit organization, to work together to build their own homes.

Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has invested over \$23 billion in the American Dream of homeownership. If you would like to find out more about one of our Housing Programs, contact the Brownwood Local Office at (325) 643-1585, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

## Boys Scouts Troop 38 Enjoy Camp Out



Troop 38 Boys Scouts had a Camp out at Desdemona on Donnie Gray's land. The camped overnight and had a great time. They swam in Hogg Creek, cooked for themselves, pitched their own tents, and told ghost stories. Those present in the picture are, back row l to r: Jeffrey Rainey, Scoutmaster Teresa Lewis, Assistant Scoutmaster Frank Fenley, Cole Underwood. Sitting l to r: Jonathan Fenley, Shawn Rainey, Dalton Murphy, Tatum Struck (visitor) and Miles Turner.

## FBC Summer Camp

The First Baptist Church would like to invite all children between the first and sixth grades to join us at camp this summer. Camp is always an enjoyable and uplifting experience for every child.

Camp dates as follows:

Lad and Lassie Camp - June 16-17 - (Grades 1 - 3)

Pre-Teen Camp - July 24-27 - (Grades 4 - 6)

Youth Camp - July 17-21 - (Grades 7 - 12)

Registration forms can be picked up at the church office, your Sunday school or CIA teacher. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 must be paid before May 1, 2006.

For more information please contact: First Baptist Church, 734-2420.

## Eastland County July 4th Softball Tournament

In celebration of our nation's freedom, the Fourth of July would not be the same without one of America's favorite pastimes. So, here it is - Eastland County's Bangin' Softball Tournament to be held on Saturday, July 1st at the Cisco High School Softball Fields. The entry fee for each Co-Ed team is \$125.00. Registration forms may be obtained at the Eastland and/or Cisco Chamber of Commerce office, and at the KCER Radio Studios. Please have your Co-Ed team register by June 17th. For more information, please call Cindy at 254-442-2554 or e-mail at [July4th@kcer.org](mailto:July4th@kcer.org).

## Foster Reunion Held

The descendants of Silas and Flora Foster met at MD Ranch for their annual get together on June 3rd and 4th. Of the six boys 5 are deceased. Jack, Horace, Buck, Douglas and Dick. Damon is still living but unable to attend. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Foster, Jill, Sky and Nathan from Andrews, Kevin Foster of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall Underwood and Jacie of Roscoe, Daryl Underwood of Arlington, Cody Foster of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Straw of Gorman, Martha Overstreet, Jennifer, Sara and Aryann of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Childers, Courtney and Hunter of Gorman, Lisa Darley, Stephanie and Jarrod of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Underwood and Velda Baze of Gorman.

Games of horseshoes, the big fish contest and who makes the best ice cream. First, second and third place prizes are awarded for each event. It's a lot of fun, visiting and getting together once a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronson Childers, Courtney and Hunter will host the get together next year.

## Miss Eastland County Pageant

KCER Radio is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual Pageant under the new name of Miss Eastland County Pageant. This year's pageant will be awarding three pageant titles and various optional categories. All beauties from the ages of 0 to 18 are invited to join this exciting event for a time of pageantry.

The first two titles, Little Miss Eastland County (ages 0 to 5) and Jr. Miss Eastland County (ages 6 to 12), will be awarded on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00 pm at the Cisco High School Auditorium. Entry fee for this pageant is \$25.00. In addition, optional categories are available for more prizes and awards. These include Most Beautiful Eyes, Most Beautiful Hair, Most Beautiful Smile, Most Photogenic, Best Dressed, and Best Personality. Entry fee for each category is \$10.00. Contestants should enter by June 17th to avoid a late fee of \$20.00.

The third title, Miss Eastland County (ages 13 to 18), will be awarded on Friday, June 30th at 7:00 pm at the Cisco High School Auditorium. Entry fee for this pageant is \$45.00. A cash prize will be awarded to the top winner. Additional prizes may be awarded for the optional categories. These include Most Photogenic, Best Western Wear, Best Sports Wear, and Scrap Booking. Entry fee for each optional category is \$15.00. Contestants should enter by June 17th to avoid a late fee of \$20.00.

All entry forms may be obtained at the Eastland and/or Cisco Chamber of Commerce office and at the KCER Radio Studios (209 E. 8th in Cisco). For more information, please call Cindy at 254-442-2554 or e-mail at [misseastlandcounty@kcer.org](mailto:misseastlandcounty@kcer.org).

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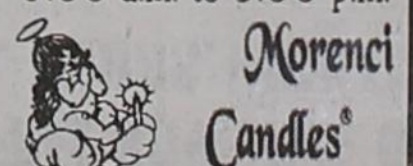
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A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
June 5, 2006

**End to Long Distance Tax Long Overdue**

On May 25, the U.S. Treasury Department announced that the federal excise tax on long distance telephone service will come to an end this summer. Americans probably have seen this tax when they have reviewed their monthly phone bills. However, what many Americans probably do not know about is the why this tax was established in the first place. As it turns out, the federal government established this excise tax in 1898 to fund the Spanish-American War. After learning about the history of the tax, I double-checked my encyclopedia. My suspicions were correct: the Spanish-American War is, in fact, over. We won.

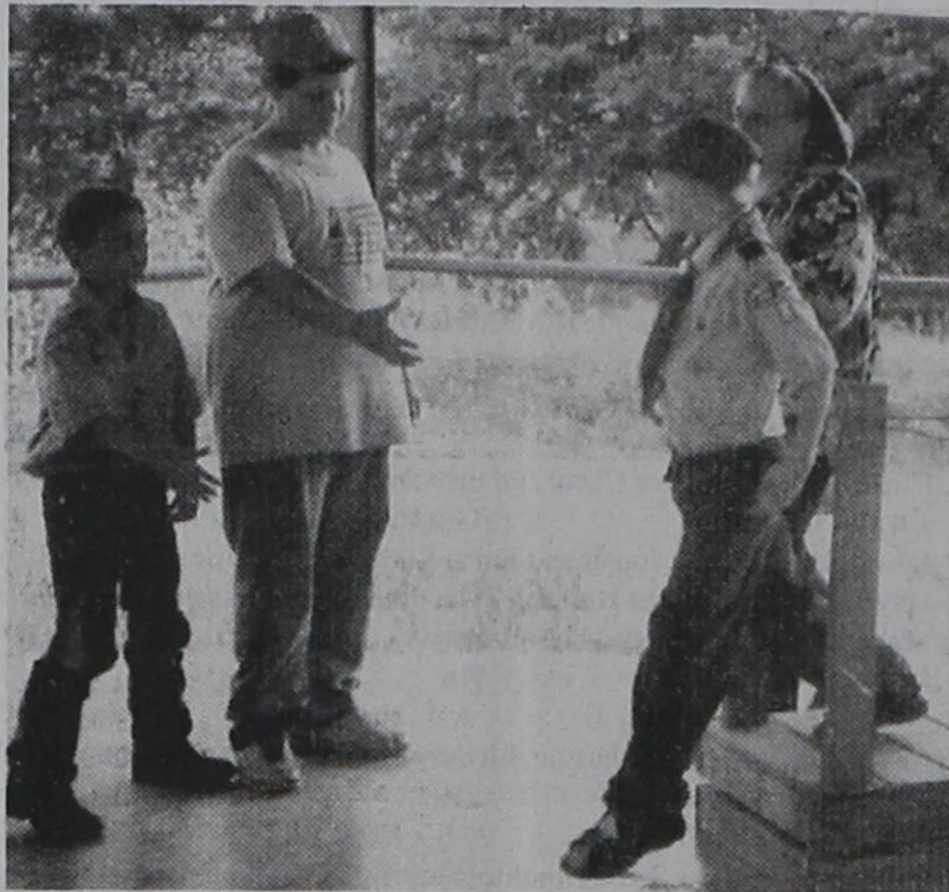
In a Roundup from several weeks ago, I wrote about how Congress passed important tax relief measures that will help continue our country's current economic expansion. Admittedly, this latest tax relief from the Treasury Department will probably not have too much effect on the economy. The average phone users will save about twenty bucks a year. However, this situation points to broader problem in Washington: it is nearly impossible to end a federal agency, program, or tax once it is created, even if the original purpose for the program or tax no longer exists. In this case, the Spanish-American War had been over for more than a century, yet Americans were still paying taxes to support it. I guess President Reagan had it right (as he usually did) when he said that "the nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."

It is this "eternal" nature of federal programs that has led me to believe that all programs and taxes should come up for review every ten years to see if they are still necessary or effective. Right now, there are efforts in the House to institute such a policy. I am very supportive of these efforts and hope to see legislation come to the floor this year.

**On This Week's Agenda**

The House will consider legislation this week that would increase the fines for broadcasters who put indecent material over the airwaves. The legislation raises the fine from \$32,500 per offense to \$325,000. The public, not private broadcasters, owns the airwaves. Therefore, the public, particularly parents, should be able to turn on their televisions and radios and reasonably expect not to be bombarded with indecent material and images. Since we will be voting on the Senate version of the bill, approval by the House will send this legislation to President Bush for his signature.

--Randy



The Cub Scouts held a Bridge Ceremony at Bass Lake on Tuesday, May 23rd. Three boys crossed from Webelos Scout into Boy Scouts. They were: Miles Turner, depicted in picture, Dalton Murphy and Robert Shawver. Older Boy Scouts are eagerly awaiting to welcome them to the troop. Congratulations Boys!



Pack 8 and Troop 38 combined efforts for a Swim Party and Fish Fry at the Gorman Pool Friday, June 2nd. The Boy Scouts cooked the fish that was donated by Tony Rabon. The meal was enjoyed by scouts and their families, 52 people in all. Tracy Pierce, the life guard taught a short class on how to rescue someone from the water if drowning and to call 911 for assistance. The Boy Scouts earned a badge for their demonstration of swimming abilities.

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**A 'Phoney' Tax Bill**

Last month, we thought we got some great news from the U.S. Treasury. A federal "luxury" tax created to fund the Spanish-American War more than a century ago was being abolished, and most of us will get refunds for the past three years of payments.

The more I looked at how this occurred, however, the less enthusiastic I got. It's a welcome development, but it's also yet another example of how poorly we do things in Washington.

The federal excise tax on long-distance telephone service was first established in 1898 as a one-cent levy on long-distance phone calls that rang up charges of more than 15 cents. The tax was designed to target the wealthy, those who could afford telephone service.

The long-distance excise tax has increased and has been revised over the years. But as often happens, the federal government failed to keep up with advances made in telecommunications, making the tax antiquated and more suitable for the horse and buggy age rather than the Internet age. Multiple lawsuits were filed.

Last month, after five appellate courts ruled against the government, the U.S. Treasury finally announced it would terminate the tax on July 31, 2006. It also ordered the Internal Revenue Service to provide refunds, including interest, for excise taxes paid since March 2003.

Since 1982, we've all paid a three percent tax on long distance calls. If you spend \$50 a month, that could mean a \$1.50 per month refund for the past three years (or \$54).

Texans may ask for a refund of these taxes on their 2006 federal income tax returns. Taxpayers have been assured the refund process will be simple and actual receipts for taxes paid won't be required for a refund. Taxpayers will be reimbursed an estimated \$13 billion.

If you believe in truth in packaging, we should rejoice when an obsolete tax is killed. Of course, it should have been done by Congress, and not under pressure from a court order. But how did we get to this point?

The long distance excise tax originated at the start of the Spanish American War, shortly before Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt and his volunteer Rough Riders pulled out of training camp at San Antonio bound for eventual glory at San Juan Hill in Cuba.

The American government was having trouble paying for our military action. A Washington bureaucrat devised the long-distance phone tax as a new revenue stream to finance the war effort.

"We drew a great many recruits from Texas," wrote Roosevelt later, "and from nowhere did we get a higher average, for many of them had served in that famous body of frontier fighters, the Texas Rangers."

"Of course, these rangers needed no teaching. They were trained to obey and to take responsibility. They were splendid shots, horsemen, and trailers. They were accustomed to living in the open, to enduring great fatigue and hardship, and to encountering all kinds of danger."

After the four-month war on Spain, Congress continued to reauthorize the tax over the years. There was always a good reason—to help make ends meet for added expenses during World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and Vietnam. And many years in between.

Texans believe in meeting their responsibilities...or doing more. Texans are always the first to extend a hand, do their part, or help resolve a problem. Like those Texan Rangers-turned-Rough Riders of 100 years ago, we step forward when a need arises.

Today, the federal government is spending far more than what it collects. We have not done an adequate job in Washington in keeping down federal spending, which continues to outpace inflation.

Ironically, this obsolete Spanish-American war excise tax is being put to rest at a time when we once again have an actual need to mobilize our collective resources. The war on terrorism is vital to our security; it will require diligence and effort for years to come.

All of us are willing to pay our share to keep America strong and preserve our liberties. But it should be done forthrightly, with full disclosure and consent of the governed—not through a hidden fee based on a wartime emergency that has long since come and gone.

As Thomas Jefferson so aptly put it: "We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." Now that a "cease fire" has been declared on a 108-year-old war tax, we should turn our attention to balancing our books and meeting our current obligations. Now is the time to hang up the telephone tax once and for all.

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.

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'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 24K, Warranty	\$32,500
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 23K, Warranty	\$32,950
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