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Silver Anniversary Gorman Peanut Festival Set For All-Day Saturday, September 10

The Gorman Peanut Festival would like to invite you to be a part of this year's events and help to make this the best Peanut Festival ever. This year's theme is "Silver Anniversary". Enclosed is a Parade Entry Form.
This year's festival will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, downtown Gorman (rain or shine). It will consist of the 8th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ cook-off, starting on Friday night, and a full day of activities planned for Saturday. The booths will begin opening at 8:00 am, the Little Goobers Parade starts at 9:45 am, followed by the Peanut Parade at 10:00 am. There will be different types of entertainment throughout the day and Saturday night (about dark) there will be a free street dance.
If you need anymore information, feel free to contact City Hall at (254)734-2317.

2011-12 Peanut Queens Crowned Sunday



The Peanut Queen Pageant was held on Sunday, September 4th - Katey Thackerson was crowned Miss Peanut Queen; Kayce Dodd was crowned - Junior Miss and Annesty Rainey was crowned Little Miss Peanut Queen. More photos of the contest are elsewhere in the paper.

"FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS" CONTINUES AT GORMAN UMC

Gorman First United Methodist Church has dedicated the month of September to exploring ways that we can reach out to our community. Pastor Paul Bellinger began a series of sermons two Sundays ago encouraging us to think about worship and service. Last weeks topic was "Passionate Worship", citing many examples in Scripture, especially Psalms. Next Sunday's topic will be, "Intentional Faith Development". Our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies would both be places where we are doing that, but there are always more ways to develop our faith. We welcome visitors who wish to deepen their faith and explore these topics with us. Sunday Services begin at 11:00 a.m. with Sunday school just before at 10:00. Wednesday night Bible Study starts at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE STOP BY AND VISIT OUR "RADICAL HOSPITALITY" BOOTH AT THE PEANUT FESTIVAL SATURDAY!

ATTENTION KIDS!

The Children's Parade will be September 10th. This year's categories are Pets, Costumes, Bicycles, and Misc. There will be awards presented to the top 3 in each category. So please decorate your pet, bicycle, lawnmower, scooter or put on your costume and be a part of the parade.

Be at the Inspection Service at 9:30 A.M. to be judged. Children's parade will start at 10:00 A.M. and will go from the Inspection Service to the Post Office.

For more info: Contact Kaci - 254-734-5414 / Veronica - 254-734-5052.

Washer Tournament Slated At Peanut Festival

Washer Tournament will be held by the Junior Class of Gorman High School on September 10th at the Peanut Festival. Registration should be made by September 8th. Entry fee is \$8.00 per team. \$10 Per Team for late entries (2 people per team). Single games after tournament are \$2.00 per game.

To Register please call Gorman High School and ask for Sandy Porter. Prizes will be Awarded.

PUBLIC NOTICE RENEWALS OF REGISTERED BRANDS

In accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, the Clerk's office will begin the process of renewal of brands. You will have until Wednesday, February 29, 2012 to renew your registration. On Thursday, March 1, 2012, all marks and brands that have not been renewed will become "open brands" for the general public. Any brand that is not renewed becomes "void" on March 1, 2012, in accordance with the Agriculture Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact this office Cathy Jentho, County Clerk - 254-629-1583

Peanut Festival Schedule

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Panthers Edged By Chico; Open Date This Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		GORMAN	CHICO
19	First Downs	19	
35/276	Carries/Yds	32/244	
16	Yds Passing	83	
2 of 5/2	Pass Cplt./Int	7 of 17/2	
2 / 1	Fumbles/Lost	0 / 0	
1 / 40	Punts/Avg.	1 / 30	
10/70	Penalties	11/100	

The Panthers received the opening kickoff Friday night in the game with Chico and jumped to a 7-0 lead. Then the Dragons answered back with a score but missed the point after to make the score 7-6 in the first. There was no scoring in the second period. The Panthers scored 13 in the third while the Dragons added 20 and there was no scoring in the final period with the final score being 26-20.

Gorman took the kickoff on their own 28 and scored in 5 plays with Zach Carlton hitting Yovani Palacios for 18 yards with 9:04 left in the period. Matt Fox booted the point after and Gorman was up 7-0. The drive featured runs of 1, 16 and 28 by B. J. Ramirez and a 2 yarder by Carlton.

Then with 40 seconds on left in the period McCoy passed to Rohan for 15 yards for the TD. The point after failed and Gorman led 7-6 and the first half ended with that score.

The Dragons took the second half kickoff on their own 32 and scored in 5 plays with McCoy racing in for the score from 25 yards out with 10:18 left in the third. The pass try for 2 points failed and Chico led 12 - 7.

The Dragons scored again on their next possession, getting the ball on the Gorman 20 and scoring in 3 plays with McCoy hitting Hightower on a pass from 20 yards out with 7:39 left. Long ran for the 2 points and the score was 20-7.

The Panthers came right back after getting the ball on the Dragon 44 and Carlton scored on the first play on a beautiful 44 yard scamper with 7:13 left. The kick was blocked and the score was 20-13.

Then on the next possession by the Dragons, McCoy ran in for the score from 6 yards out with 4:43 left in the third. The run for 2 points failed and the score was 26-13.

The Panthers answered right back on the next possession, getting the ball on the their own 45 and scored in 5 plays with Ramirez scoring on a run from 18 yards out with 2:47 left in the third. Fox booted the point after and the score was 26-20.

The drive featured runs of 8 and 16 by Ramirez and a 9 yarder by Carlton.

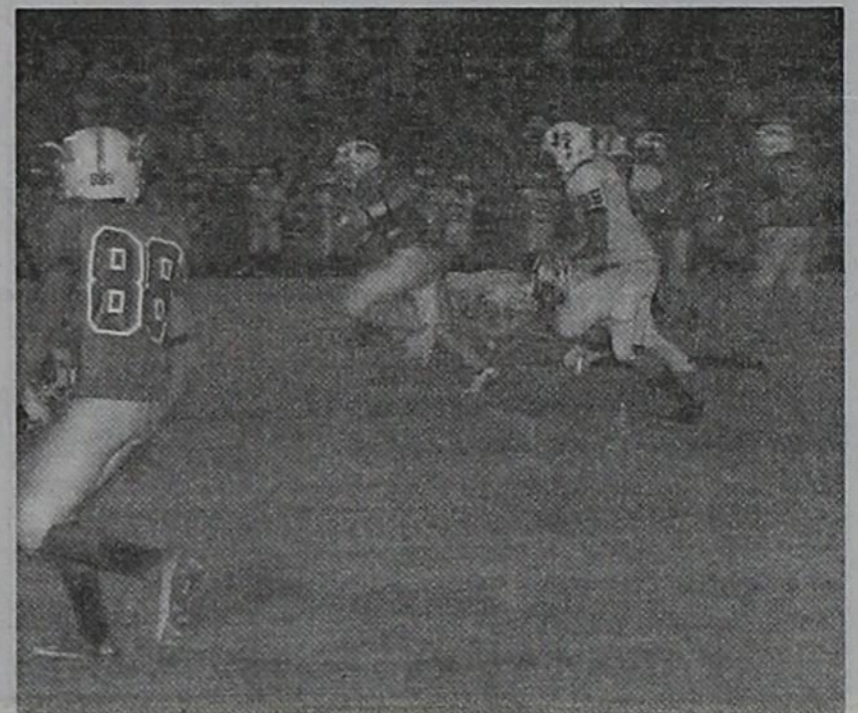
Neither teams could score in the final period and the Dragons held on for the 26-20 victory.

Ramirez led the Panthers with 136 yards on 20 carries. Carlton had 125 on 10 tries. Fox ran for 15 on 5 carries.

The Panthers have an OPEN DATE this Friday night before going to Perrin-Whitt on the 16th. Go Get "Em Big Red!!



LEADING RUSHER - B. J. Ramirez led the Panthers with 136 yards on 20 carries in game action against Chico Dragons.



CARLTON ON KEEPER - Zach Carlton is shown scampering to make extra yards in game action Friday night. Zach scored a touchdown and had 125 yards on 10 tries.

Water Open House Set Thursday

The City of Eastland is extending an invitation to everyone within the water supply area of Lake Leon to attend a free and informative Water Open House, Thursday, September 8 from 4p.m. until 6 p.m. in the Roof Garden of the Connellee Hotel.

"We will have several professionals to help inform the public and answer questions," said Eastland City Manager Ron Holliday. "There will be no formal program at this come and go function, but tables will be set up with representatives from the City of Eastland and Eastland County Water Supply District to answer any questions about the current water situation due to the extended drought."

Everyone is urged to attend this very important and informative meeting to learn what is being done, what will be done, and what must be done to protect our water.

Ready - Focused - Reloaded The Panther Band



Thank You for choosing to be part of the Band. Your hard work and dedication over the past 2 weeks really showed on Friday night. You have done everything that I have asked of you the past 2 weeks plus more. Let's all keep up the good work and continue to rebuild this program.

Also I would like to thank all the parents who worked at the Concession Stand on Friday night. It is wonderful to watch you support our children and program. Thank you Tiffany Childers and Becca Woodall for all your extra work in getting ready for the first concession stand. Ronson Childers for cooking all the brisket and Jason Wilder for working with all the Drummers. Keep thinking, Ready, Focused, Reloaded.

Lisa Laminack

Dorcas Class to Begin Lessons On Tuesday, September 20th

The Dorcas Class will officially begin the Fall Semester on Tuesday September 20 in the Fellowship Hall. The group will meet beginning at 9:30 AM for refreshments and visiting. Class will begin at 10:00AM.

NOTICE: Class members will be supporting Abilene Rehab again this year and will be on hand for the auction at the Texas Cattle Exchange in Olden, 9009 I H 20, on Tuesday, September 13. Some of the Dorcas Class members will be attending the auction and lunch at the Exchange. Dorcas Class members who wish to attend are asked to be at the church at 9:30AM on Sept 13 to carpool to Olden.

2011 Gorman Ex Students Homecoming Saturday, September 10, 2011
The Classes of 1950, 1951 and 1956 To Hold Special Class Reunions
9:00AM Registration in front of the Old Post Office
10:00 Peanut Festival Parade
11:00AM Registration continues and the Association Meeting will be held in the Foyer of the New School Gym
12:00 Lunch in the New Gym
Visitation and Displays at "Antiques From Our Fathers House" In Downtown Gorman
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 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 79: Old home w/ large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 a cultivated, small pond \$2,150 per acre.
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NICE BRICK HOME ON CORNER LOT - 2 BR, 1 bath, formal LR/DR, family room, wood floors, fresh paint, SAO - CP & nice patio. 02
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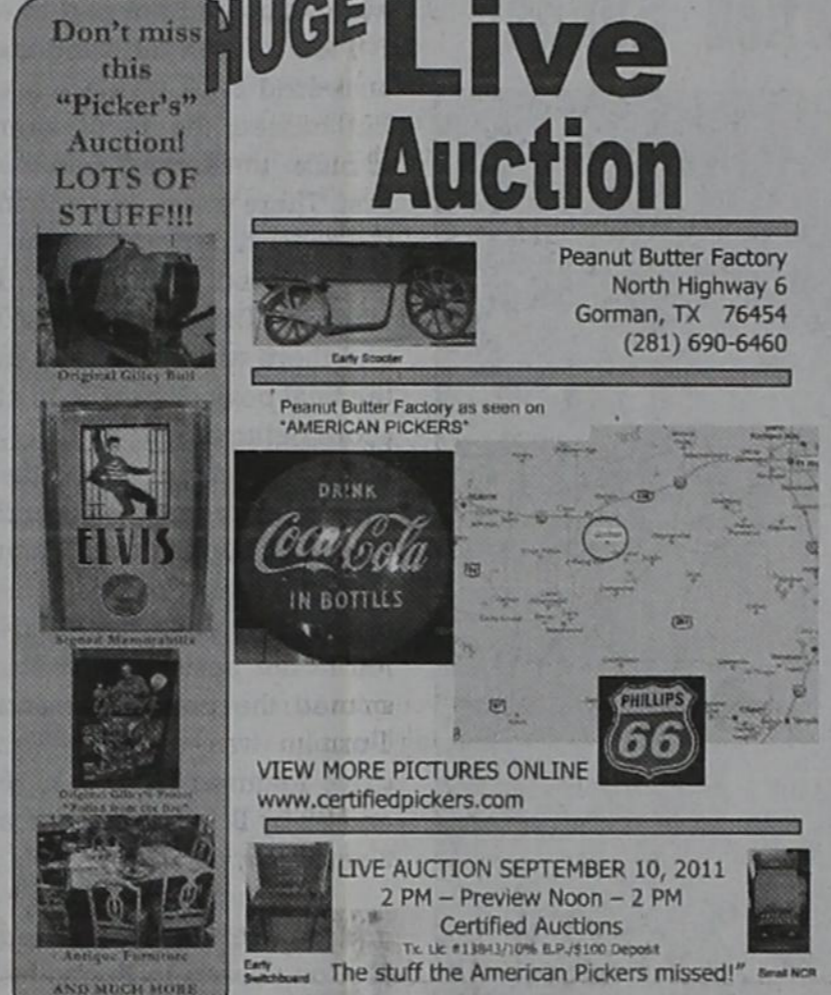
Obituary

Alvis Scitern
 Alvis Scitern, age 88 of Gorman, passed away Monday, August 29, 2011 at the Comanche County Medical Center.
 Services were at 10:00 A.M., Thursday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Jason Wilder officiating. Burial was at Simpson Cemetery.
 Alvis was born July 23, 1923 in Dickens County, Texas to Henry Lawson Scitern and Oza Rebecca (Burleson) Scitern. He married Bonnie Louise Daniels on November 23, 1941 in Gorman, Texas. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Army. He was awarded the Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart. He was a farmer and had lived in the area most of his life. In the past, he had worked as a carpenter with his Dad, Henry and brother, John. He was a member of the Church of Christ.
 Survivors include his wife of almost 70 years, Bonnie Scitern of Gorman; son, Glenn Scitern and wife, Kathy of Gorman; two daughters, Melva Jordan of Eastland and LaVeda Scitern of Gorman; two sisters, Louise Tinkler of Abilene and Carolyn Foster and husband, Gene of Gorman; sister-in-law, Troy Scitern of Gorman; 12 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Gerald Scitern, one brother, John Scitern and one sister, Faye Scitern and son-in-law, Otis Jordan.

GARAGE SALE: Lots of good stuff—furniture, games, seasonal, décor, electronics, clothes/shoes, kitchen, outdoor, bedding, toys... COME SEE!!! 1/4 mile outside Gorman city limits (on left toward Desdemona) 2602 Hwy 8 FRIDAY / SATURDAY -- SEP. 9-10 ~ 8AM -- It's a really **HUGE SALE!!!**

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 I once heard of a group of teens asking a father to take them to see a movie that had just come out. When the father asked how clean the movie was they said, 'there's only a few bad words and a little nudity, other than that, it's a good movie'. The father told them they would have a decision later that afternoon. When the teens came back for an answer the dad was just pulling out a fresh batch of hot fudge brownies and offered them to the kids. 'Now before you take a bite, you should know that I put some of the neighbor's dog poo in the brownie mix. It's only a little bit, other than that, they are good brownies' the father said. 'If you are willing to overlook the language and nudity, you can overlook the poo and if you eat it, I'll take you to the movie.' The kids never saw that movie!
 You see, the smallest amount of poo will taint the whole brownie batch. The smallest bit of profanity will taint the whole movie. Jesus taught, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matt 6:22,23).
 There are often movies our children want to watch that look like good, clean, friendly movies but are they good for the soul? Here are some websites that tell you exactly how much "poo" is in every movie: (my favorite) www.screenit.com, www.kids-in-mind.com, and www.pluggedinonline.com.
 Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

A Letter To The Editor By Henry A. Buchanan

Come Sunday, September 11, 2011 the American people will celebrate ten years of self-destructive hatred of thousands who uncovered the clay feet of the American idol. Now, after ten years we have to ask ourselves: What happened?
 Men whom we had trained and paid to fly American commercial planes, made weapons of those planes and flew them against us and killed 2,600 people.
 Did we admit our own stupidity? No. We reacted by making 9/11 a celebration of wounded pride and hatred for those people who had dared to touch the untouchable. We launched a war to punish the world that had witnessed our embarrassment. The result is economic ruin, political stalemate, and ecclesiastical confusion. The State is crumbling and the church has nothing redemptive to say. We had bled ourselves white fighting communism; now capitalistic America is debtor to Communist China to pay for a war against terrorism. And the Governor of Texas is torn between secession from the union and becoming President of the United States; if that office can be gained by prayer.
 Now we face the ten year Question: Are we going to go on celebrating our shame in the hope of convincing somebody it is a just cause of throwing everybody else in the world out of house and home?
 Or are we going to start working together for the recovery of the health and welfare of our ruined nation? Recognition that we have been the victims of fraud at the hands of contractors hired to rebuild what we've torn down is a starter. To end the war and settle down to do the menial work of rebuilding the nation would be a step in the right direction.
 (s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 - September 3, 2011

GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVALS
2nd ANNUAL FIREMANS TUG-OF-WAR

We would like to invite your Department to be a part of the 2nd Annual Firemans Tug-of-War on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Please let us know if your department wants to be a part of this by calling the Gorman City Hall at (254)734-2317 or Jill at 734-6421 or Carlos at (254)631-6607. Teams will consist of 6 men and/or women that are a part of your department. We are trying to decide what time to hold the "war" so your input would be much appreciated. We can do it right after the parade or we can do it in the evening time so you and your family and friends can stay for our free street dance that night. Just let us know what is best for you and we will do a majority thing. Please respond by Sept 5th so we can set a time, let ya'll know and make a bracket.
 Thanks, Jill and Carlos & the Gorman Peanut Festival

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Peanut Queens Contest Held Sunday



Little Miss Peanut Queen Contestants



Junior Miss Peanut Queen Contestants



Senior Miss Peanut Queens Contestants



Last Year's Peanut Queens

GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVAL BOOTH GUIDELINES

All Booth spaces will be assigned by the committee, any changes of space or transfer of space must be approved. All booth spaces are to be 12' by 12'. If you need more space, please rent additional spaces at a discount. All determination of categories will be at the discretion of the committee. Spaces are outside rain or shine. You must provide your own tables, chairs, tents, tarps, etc. Due to the BBQ cook-off being held in the park, some booths may be set up on the sidewalk. We can not guarantee that you have the same spot as in the past. Booths are to remain operational from 11-3.

FOOD: \$30.00 fee (1 booth per type of food, first come first serve) Any booth with an open flame MUST have a fire extinguisher at that booth.

GAMES: \$10.00 fee (ring toss, dart throw, cake walk, etc)

CRAFTS: \$30.00 fee for hand made crafts (wood work, iron work, candles, etc)

There is no limit as to how many the same type craft booths there are. No commercial type items are to be sold out of the craft booths.

COMMERCIAL: \$30.00 fee. These booths will be open to any commercial enterprise selling a manufactured product (Toys, T-shirts, etc), or a service. There is no limit on booths selling like items. Please no items that gives off an offensive odor or sprays (ie. hair color, paint or snow).

COMMERCIAL (DISPLAY ONLY): \$15.00 fee. These booths will be available to companies advertising products or that have public service type activities. There will be no direct selling allowed.

ELECTRICITY: \$10.00 fee. It is the concessionaries responsibility to get electricity to their booth from the meter with an approved extension cord or wiring.

If you are interested in renting a booth space, have your paper work and money in by Sept. 1st, so we can be prepared for your arrival.

You may set your booth up on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before 9:00 am, ALL VEHICLES MUST BE OUT of the booth area by 9:00 am.

~~~~~APPLICATION FOR BOOTH SPACE~~~~~

NAME/ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ home/office \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF BOOTH \_\_\_\_\_

# of BOOTH SPACES \_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRICITY (circle one) YES NO

For more information call the City Office at (254)734-2317.

## Sandra Cagle - Eastland County Tax Assessor-Collector - New Vehicle Registration FEES

A massive overhaul of the vehicle registration fee structure is about to get underway, and it's important Eastland County residents understand what's happening and why.

Beginning Sept. 1, more than 1,700 registration fee categories are reduced to nine weight classifications that create a more equitable, standardized, and simpler registration fee system.

These changes impact what Eastland County residents will pay to register cars, light and heavy-duty trucks, motor homes (RVs), and trailers, including travel trailers. Because registration is paid forward, those of you with registrations that end in August 2011 already are seeing the new fees on your renewal notices.

The good news is some fees are being completely eliminated, and some residents will see a cost reduction.

The new fee simplification law, which was passed by the legislature in 2009, provides many benefits to taxpayers, including:

- A fixed fee means you'll always know what you owe.
- Weight classifications make the fees more equitable for everyone because what you pay is based on how much impact your vehicle has on Texas' roads.
- Vehicle dealers can accurately calculate registration fees for customers.
- Trucking companies can better determine their own registration costs.
- The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles will no longer have to spend tax dollars to maintain and program the complex fee structure in its database.
- Freeing up resources at our tax offices so representatives have more time to spend with you.

If you have an older car or light truck (6,000 pounds or less), be aware that you will see a small increase – around \$10 – to your registration fee. There are two reasons for this: The state determined the new annual base registration fee on the amount of wear and tear the vehicle's weight does to our roadways instead of vehicle age, and the new, annual base rate of \$50.75 creates a fixed fee that will not adversely impact the current collection of registration revenue. (For those buying new cars, the new fee is about an \$8 reduction.)

Everyone continues to pay the \$1 Department of Public Safety fee for TexasSure, the automated insurance verification program, and there is a \$1 automation fee for improvements to the state registration and titling computer system.

The new law requires all counties to charge each vehicle owner \$1 for automation. Previously, this fee was only assessed in the state's largest counties but now our residents will also contribute, and the revenue will be used by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to automate more of its processes – including the development of more online services to consumers.

One fee eliminated is the 30-cent reflectorization fee. It was on everyone's registration renewal to help buy the reflective sheeting for license plates.

Also eliminated is the \$5 license plate transfer fee that was charged when you took off the license plates on a car or truck you traded in or sold and put them on the new vehicle you bought. Every time you sell or trade in a vehicle there are two important steps you must take to protect yourself: File the Vehicle Transfer Notification, which you can do online at [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov), and transfer the license plates.

The notification removes your liability from anything the new owner may do with the vehicle and the license plate transfer protects your good name.

You need to think of your license plates as a personal identification number, and turning them over to someone else means that person can run up toll charges and even commit a criminal act that points to you as the culprit. Now that transferring your plates is free, I encourage everyone to take advantage of this service.

The new law standardizes the license plate replacement fee at \$6, and does away with the fee for classic, cotton, forestry, volunteer firefighter, tow truck, and radio operator license plates.

Eastland County residents who own trailers under 6,000 pounds will be pleased to know that the 75 registration fee categories for trailers are reduced to a fixed annual cost of \$45. And this includes travel trailers.

Truckers, trucking companies and those of you with other vehicles over 6,000 pounds, such as RVs, should no longer have to worry about whether you are paying the right registration fee. Gone are the 1,600 fee categories that these heavy vehicle owners had to use to determine what they owed. Instead there are seven weight classifications, which should make it easy for fleet owners and individuals to determine their costs.

Car dealers, too, often had difficulty determining the proper registration fee for customers because there were so many variables in the formula. Now, it's standardized.

County fees may still vary throughout the state because they are set by our commissioners. In Eastland County vehicle registrants pay \$10.00 Rd & Bridge, \$1.00 DPS fee and a \$1.00 Automation Fee.

We're glad to help all our customers, but we also know most Texans would prefer to handle it themselves. The new, simplified fee structure is going to help everyone to do just that. For those of you who need our in-office assistance, we're always here for you.

This standardized fee structure is not designed to make more money for the state or county. Its purpose is to apply common sense and fairness to what was a very complicated and complex fee structuring system that was difficult for many customers to understand and expensive for the state to maintain.

Plus the new categories set up to standardize registration fees are done in a way to ensure the state doesn't lose any registration revenue for building and maintaining Texas' roads and bridges. So now more than ever you can be proud to "Check the date, Love your state" and "Put Texas in your corner."

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