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## Mary Webb Inducted Into Peanut Hall of Fame



Mary Webb, Executive Director, Texas Peanut Producers Board, located in Gorman, was inducted into the American Peanut Council's Peanut Hall of Fame. She is the ninth inductee and the first woman elected to U.S. peanut industry's highest honor.

Mary Webb accepted the position of Executive Director of the Texas Peanut Producers Board in 1982. Her responsibilities have included carrying out the programs of research, promotion and market development on behalf of the Texas Peanut Producers Board of Directors. She is a long-time member of the Board of Directors and of the American Peanut Council and is currently serving on the Board of The Peanut Foundation as well.

In addition to these duties, she is the Executive Secretary of the Texas Peanut Growers Association, representing the Association on the Texas Agriculture Council. She has served on the Steering Committee of the Texas Ag Forum since 1982 and has served as Chairman.

Governor Ann Richards appointed Webb as Chairman of the Texas Agriculture Finance Authority where she served for six years.

She is married to Tommy Webb and has three children and six grandchildren.

## Melon Patch Tour

It is time for another Melon Patch Tour Bike ride in DeLeon. The ride will be held Saturday, August 10th, start/finish is at the DeLeon Senior Citizens Center in DeLeon, start is 8:00 a.m.

During the past 8 years, the Melon Patch Tour Bike Ride has raised \$64,000 which will be used for the expansion of the DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival grounds. Last year 715 bike riders participated.

We have great rest stops where riders can cool off with snacks and drinks. The Gorman rest stops are some of the favorite of the riders, they enjoy the friendly, hometown atmosphere and the great food.

There is also lots of activity in downtown DeLeon with Golden Saturdays, the seed spitting contest and free watermelon at 5:00 p.m., all part of the Peach and Melon Festival.

Come join us on this run ride, cost is \$25.00 per person.

## New Water Rates Effective Oct. 1

The Board of Directors of the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District has approved an increase in water rates. The City Commission of Gorman approved rate increases and changes of the minimum usage as well. These rates will go into effect October 1, 2002. The City Commission and Mayor realize this is a hardship to the citizens of Gorman, but in the last eleven (11) years the city has passed on only one rate increase on water and sewer rates. These increases are due to regulatory requirements and increased treatment costs, etc..

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Sharp Imaging Hold Open House



Shown above is Lance and Kim Sharp of K&L Sharp Imaging in their new office in Gorman. Kim and Lance look forward to establishing a new business in this area.



The above photo shows the machines of K&L Sharp Imaging, the machines perform sonograms on the human body.

## Nowlin Family to Welcome High School Exchange Student



The Nowlin family of Gorman have qualified to host Berenike Thomalla, a student from Germany who will be attending Gorman High School for the 2002-2003 school year.

Berenike has met all the academic and character qualifications necessary to be accepted as an exchange student by ASSE International Student Exchange Program, and the Nowlin family is eagerly awaiting Berenike's arrival in August.

ASSE International, a non-profit, public benefit organization, affiliated with the Swedish and

## Manulita Madera - Lee McCormick Pledge Nuptials July 6th



Manulita Madera and Lee McCormick, both of Gorman, were united in marriage July 6, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in a backyard setting at the home of the groom's parents, Mike and Mary McCormick. Justice of Peace Latrelle Cain officiated.

The vows were exchanged under an arch of honeysuckle and silk magnolias. Baskets of white gladiolas, lilies, and baby breath were on either side of the arch. Palm trees were scattered throughout the yard. The trees were decorated with silver toile and navy ribbon. Also white lights were covering the shrubs with many candles and tiki lights.

The bride is the daughter of Zenon Sr. and Maria Madera of Gorman. The groom is the son of Mike and Mary McCormick of Gorman. He is the grandson of Thurman and Claudia Jay of Gorman and the late Alvena Reynolds also of Gorman.

Given in marriage by her father, Mela was escorted through a white lattice arch covered in ivy, white wisteria and navy and silver bows. Mela's gown was a white strapless princess cut featuring a sequined bodice and full tulle skirt. She wore a tiara with a fingertip length veil, and carried a bouquet of white silk roses.

Flower girls were Alexia

Madera niece of the bride and Skylar McCormick niece of the groom. They wore matching floor length white tulle dresses.

Reception followed with the wedding cake and punch being served in the dining room and a full buffet served on the patio. After a honeymoon to Cozumel, Mexico the couple will reside in Houston.

## Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion Sat., Aug 10

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 10, at the old school building (Community Center). Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Noon meal catered by the Gorman Ag Boosters at \$7.50 a plate. This annual event is well attended by former students, teachers, and friends. Make plans to attend.

Finnish National Ministries of Education, provides student exchange opportunities for high school-aged students from Scandinavia, Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Poland, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Portugal, Japan, Thailand, China, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and the former Soviet Union.

Please call Eula Micars at 254/734-2517 for more information about hosting an exchange student and the ASSE International Student Exchange Program. Or call toll-free (800) 473-0696. And look for us on the web at [www.asse.com](http://www.asse.com).

We have a Czech girl who sings

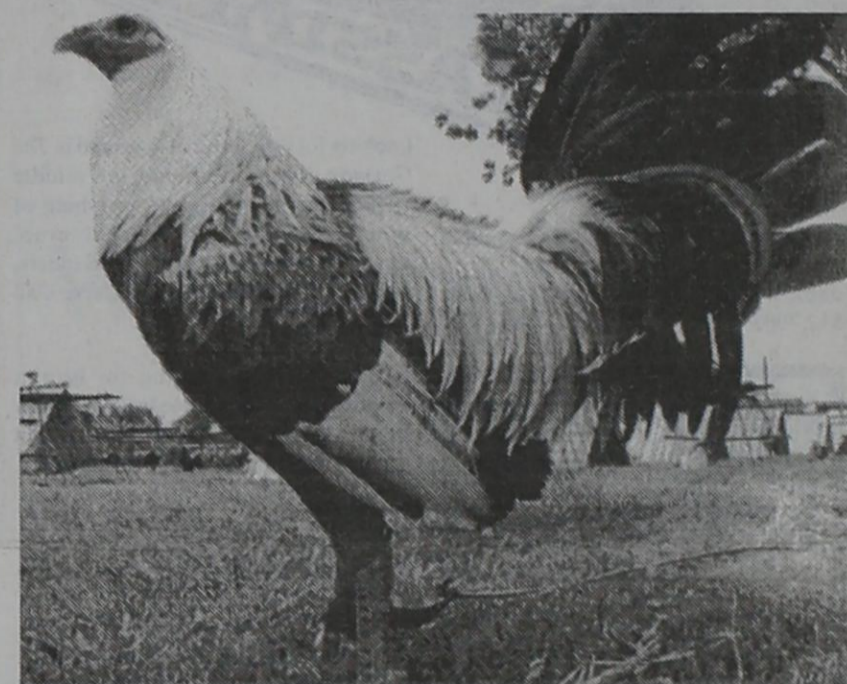
## Back to School Open House

Students and parents are invited to come and get acquainted at their Jr. High and High School Open House on Thursday, August 15th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

See you there!

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Make a difference in world understanding...Share your world with an exchange student!



**LIMITED TRAVEL OPTIONS** -- The interstate transportation of roosters, such as this one in a Brossard, La.-area farm, is now illegal due to the passage of the Agricultural Conservation and Rural Enhancement Act signed by President Bush Monday, May, 13, 2002. The new law aims to close a loophole that allowed people to raise fighting birds in states where cockfighting was supposed to be illegal. Only three states still allow cockfighting: Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

## Gorman Panther Workouts



Coach Gerick is shown instructing the defense on some of the defensive plays for this season.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

**LIBRARY** — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

**GORMAN GROW MEETING** — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

## FOOD PANTRY

Second Thursday of Each Month  
At First United Methodist Church

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

**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. Glenn Glasson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

**DANCE** — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

**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.

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

**Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association** is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to 1126 CR389, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

**SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - AUGUST 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.**

# Obituary

## M.L. Skiles

M.L. Skiles, age 89 of Gorman, died Tuesday, August 6, 2002, in the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Wednesday, August 7, 2002 in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Interment was in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Mrs. Skiles was born on July 28, 1913 in Coryell Co. Texas. She married Frank Skiles on September 22, 1932 in Strawn, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Ron Skiles of Gorman, and 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Skiles, daughter Sylvia Jo Carr, infant son Bobby Skiles, brothers Jim Huff and Bob Huff, and a sister E.J. Whitlock.



## FROM THE WOODSHED

By Leslie Vann

This is the first of a series of articles that will appear in the Progress each month. The intent is to provide you with factual information about Gorman Independent School District, the students, and the staff. The title "From the Woodshed" originated from an elderly gentleman who would stop by my office every week and ask, "What's new from the woodshed." I hope the articles will be informative and will provide the public with insight to the activities at Gorman ISD.

The high school students began two-a-days this past Monday with a great turn out. Amanda Sowell, volleyball coach, reported that fourteen girls were present for the first practice. Coby Tyson, athletic director and football coach, began workouts with twenty-one participants.

Faculty members have been busy all summer long attending workshops and preparing for the new school year. The staff will officially report to duty for the 2002-2003 school year on August 12. Staff members will attend workshops in Comanche on Monday and Tuesday. Faculty members will spend the day on Wednesday in orientation. Thursday administration, teachers, and teaching assistants will participate in "Super Start", a staff development hosted by Region 14 Educational Service Center.

Gorman ISD has a number of new faces this year. The Maxfield Elementary has three new teachers, Nikki Forbus, Donna Grissom, and Shelia Johnson. New teachers at the high school level are Troy Doyle, Charles Whitfill, Katherine Whitfill, and Dennis Schlueter. Gorman ISD will host an open house on Thursday, August 12 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Students will report for their first day of instruction on August 19, 2002 at 8:00 am. There will be an all school assembly at 9:00 am in the High School Auditorium. Gorman will begin a new tradition this year by hosting an Alpha Omega Ceremony honoring the 2002-2003 seniors. The new school year will be filled with a number of new challenges and rewarding experiences. Students will have access to two wireless computer labs. Each lab is equipped with fifteen DELL Pentium III laptops. Students and faculty alike will be faced with the new challenge of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam. Students in grades 3 - 11 will be required to take this new exam. The new federal initiative, "No Child Left Behind" goes into effect this year and stresses the importance of meeting the needs of all the students.

Education is the foundation of our community. Without a quality educational program, our community and our world as we know it today will eventually cease to exist. Community support is one of the key factors in providing the children with a quality education. Members of the community are invited and encouraged to volunteer their time and resources.

## Thank You

We wish to express our thanks to all our friends for their prayers, food, cards, flowers and calls. Also to Bro. Bill Campbell and Bro. Denver Rainey for their wonderful service, the staff at Higginbotham's Funeral Home for their part in seeing to our needs, and also to Heritage Manor for their care for the past five years. Thank you to the ladies who served our lunch at the First Baptist Church. To the pall bearers, we thank you. May God Bless you all. The Ed Johnson Family

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"Congratulations" to Roy and Angela Powledge of Cisco on the arrival of their baby boy, Martin

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**2002 Fall Semester Schedule -- Ranger Campus**

Automotive Technology			Computer Information Technology		
AUMT 1405	Intro to Automotive Technology	Mon-Thurs 8:00-9:15 am	COSC 1301	Microcomputer Applications	(1) M/W 9:20 - 10:35 (2) T/R 7:40 - 8:55 am (3) T/R 1:20 - 2:35 pm (4) T/R 9:20 - 10:35 am
AUMT 1405	Intro to Automotive Technology	Mon-Thurs 1:20-2:35 pm	COSC 1301 Lab	Microcomputer Applications Lab	(1) Mon 8:00-8:50 am (2) Mon 1:20-2:10 pm (3) Wed 1:20-2:10 pm (4) Fri 8:00-8:50 am (5) Wed 6:00-6:50 pm
AUMT 1407	Automotive Electric Systems	Mon-Thurs 9:20-10:35 am	ITSC 1325	Personal Computer Hardware	Mon 6:00 - 9:25 pm
AUMT 2417	Engine Performance Analysis	Mon-Thurs 10:40-11:55 am	ITSC 1405	Intro to PC Operating Systems (Windows)	Mon-Thurs 10:40-11:55 am
AUMT 1419	Automotive Engine Repair	Mon / Tues 6:00-8:45 pm	ITSW 1404	Intro to Spreadsheets (Excel)	Mon-Thurs 12:00-1:15 pm
Office Technology			ITSW 1301	Word Processing (MS Word) - Intro	Tues 6:00 - 9:35 pm
ACNT 1425	Prin. of Accounting I	Mon-Thurs 10:40 - 11:55	ITSW 2331	Word Processing - Advanced	Tues 5:00 - 8:35 pm
BMGT 1301	Supervision	M/W 12:00 - 1:15	POFI 1200	Intro to Computer Fundamentals	Wed 7:00 - 9:35 pm
BUSI 1301	Intro to Business (Section 1)	M/W 9:20 - 10:35	COSC 1301 and COSC 1301 Lab	Microcomputer Applications (On-line course)	TBA (must attend class at RC four times)
BUSI 1301	Intro to Business (Section 2)	T/R 9:20 - 10:35	Welding Technology		
BUSI 2302	Legal Environment of Business	Tues 7:00 - 9:45 pm	WLDG 1417	Intro to Layout and Fabrication	Mon-Thurs 8:00-9:15 am
POFT 1425	Bus. Math. & Machine Applications	Mon-Thurs 1:20 - 2:35	WLDG 1430	Intro to Gas Metal Arc Welding	Mon-Thurs 9:20-10:35 am
POFT 1429/2401	Keyboarding & Document Formatting	Mon-Thurs 8:00 - 9:15 am	WLDG 1434	Intro to Gas Tungsten Arc Welding	Mon-Thurs 10:40-11:55 am
			WLDG 1428	Intro to Shielded Metal Arc Welding	Mon / Tues 6:00-8:45 pm

Lane, born on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at the Eastland Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz and measured 19 1/2 inches. Lane is welcomed at home by his big brother, Colin, age 6 1/2 and big sister, Kaley, age 3 1/2. Grandparents are Wayne and Karen Eaves of Desdemona, Dean and Judy Powledge of Cisco. Great grandparents are Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona, Jackie Pior of Cisco.

Desdemona High school Class of 1952 will celebrate the 50th Class Reunion on Friday night, August 9, 2002 (7:00 p.m. til ?) at the school building (kitchen). Being so few in number to graduate, this class has asked the Class of 1951 to join them for their reunion. James Riggs of Desdemona, Geneva (Lewis) Foreman of Stephenville and Ella (Guthery) Reeves of Irving were the three graduates of Class of 1952.

Bernard and Ann Keith attended a surprise birthday party on Saturday, July 27th for Wes and Cameron Kennemur of Lake Leon. The party was held at the Cook's Fish Barn near Rising Star.

Lelan Pack of Lubbock visited recently with his mother, Dixie Pack and James. Bernard and Ann Keith spent the past weekend in Scroggins to visit with their daughter, Bill and Tami Sanders and granddaughter, Robyn Griffith. Bill serves as pastor of the Lake Cypress Springs Baptist Church. He had major surgery on Monday, August 5 at a hospital in Paris, Texas. Remember him with your prayers.

Stan and Rhonda Harvey of Fort Worth recently moved to Ranger where he will serve as pastor of the Church of Christ in Desdemona. They enjoyed supper last Thursday night with Dixie Pack and James.

Billy Tom Martin of Falfurrias call this reported last Tuesday night to say that he has plans to attend the annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion on August 10th. He is a former resident of Desdemona where attended school and graduated with the Class of 1946. Been several years since he attended the Homecoming. His parents are the late Tom and Dessie Martin.

Mollie Godwin of Kyle visited the past weekend with her mother, Mary Ficklen at their Desdemona home. They attended the monthly musical.

June Jacobs visited recently in Fort Worth with her sister, Billie Gosdin and Wanda Jo Redwine and families. June and Wanda Jo attended school in Desdemona.

Visitors over the past weekend with Dorothy Roberts were Kevin and Ulenda Weaver and grandson, Tanner of Fort Worth.

**Kokomo News By Zelda Jordan**

The special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning was rendered by Helen and Woodrow Browning with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano. Ben Burgess was a visitor. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Verna Lee Little and Betty Little and to Rachel Ann Snider for her one month birthday. Rachel Ann was in church for the first time with her parents, Mike and Crystal Snider.

Recent visitors with LaVon Snider were Ted Snider, Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider, Belinda, Audriana, Isaac and Daniella Segura, Justin Snider, who is home from the University of Arizona at Tempe, AZ, Amy DeSalvo of Newton Falls, Ohio, Pat Todd and Carolyn Eaves of Brownwood.

Those who visited with Nancy Hendricks were Glynda Bond, Darlene Hampton, Johnnie B. Griffith, Zelda Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan.

Nancy Hendricks received word on Monday, August 5 that Mr. Henry Henley of Warner Robbins, GA had passed away. Funeral services for Mr. Henley will be Friday in Warner Robbins with burial there. Mr. Henley is a former resident of Kokomo. He was the son of the late Luther and Dolly (Hendricks) Henley.

Sylvia Buchanan visited recently in Baird with Inetha Anderson. Sylvia Buchanan and Doris

Bradshaw of Gorman attended the funeral of Mary Elizabeth Buchanan at Winters on Monday, Aug. 5. Mrs. Buchanan was an aunt of the late Roy Buchanan. Sylvia and Doris also visited with Bessie Buchanan of Tuscola.

James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little have returned from a vacation trip to Colorado.

Zelda Jordan spent Tuesday night in Abilene with Glenda Black and accompanied Glenda to Lubbock on Wednesday and visited until Sunday with Cindy, Kyle and Kayla Jordan. Glenda flew from the Lubbock airport to San Jose, CA for a visit with her husband, Leon, who is employed in a hospital in Fresno, CA. Glenda and Leon enjoyed seeing points of interest at Monterey, Carmel and Pebble Beach and other points of interest along the way.

Glenda and Zelda returned to Abilene on Sunday night. They also visited with Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell on Tuesday night and toured the new home the Daniells moved into during the weekend.

While Zelda was in Lubbock, her brother, Arvel Lewallen of Slaton and sisters and brother-in-law, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe and Barbara and D. C. Bell of Denver City came to Lubbock for a visit with her and Cindy, Kyle and Kayla.

Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Shorty Treadway of Ranger and Zelda Jordan visited with Ken and Mary Rogers in Eastland and enjoyed playing dominoes on Monday night. Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon came by for a visit.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Gorman ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. 8-29-02 in Maxfield Elementary Conference Room, Gorman, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.42	\$ -0-	\$ 1.42	\$ 1,348	\$ 5,581
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4503	\$ -0-	\$ 1.4503	\$ 1,386	\$ 5,543
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.42	\$ -0-	\$ 1.42	\$ 1,362	\$ 5,548

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 21,390	\$ 23,333
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 6,390	\$ 8,333
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.42
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 90.73	\$ 118.32
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		+ \$ 27.59

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.7868. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.7868.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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