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THE GORMAN LADY PANTHERS WIN THE ALBANY TOURNAMENT!



The Gorman Lady Panthers played in the Albany Volleyball Tournament on Aug. 21st and Aug. 23rd where they won the championship for the 2nd year in a row.

Pictured are: Coach Matthews, Grace Treider, Audrey Johnston, Kimi Seaton, Brittany Henderson, Coach Scott, Jamie Johnston, Carrie Treider, Sha Acherman, Lindsey Laminack, and Erica Limon. **Congratulations Girls!**

Panthers To Scrimmage Roby and Baird Friday

The first scrimmage for the Panthers, slated last Saturday at Irion County with Cross Plains and Irion County was called off due to inclement weather as thunderstorms and heavy rain forced the teams off the field.

The Panthers are scheduled for another 3-way scrimmage on Friday beginning at 5 p.m. At Baird with the Roby Lions and Baird Bears. This will be a good test for the Panthers and will let the Panthers see what they have accomplished in their preparations for the upcoming season. So follow the Big Red to Baird on Friday and show them your support.

Community Blood Drive Set At Gorman City Park Monday

A Community Blood Drive will take place on Monday, August 25. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the City Park from 1:00 p.m. Until 6:00 p.m.

"The summer months, especially August, are challenging," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Usage never slows down and blood must be available when it is needed. No patient should ever have to wait for a blood transfusion because it could be a matter of life or death."

"The blood supply is completely dependent on volunteers who make a choice to donate blood out of the goodness of their hearts," Baker continued. "I am very thankful that there are good-hearted people who live in this area. They are truly a lifeline to patients with many different health problems who can all be helped by receiving blood from another person."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. All donors are required to present a photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a free mini-physical, total cholesterol test and a T-shirt.

Attention Band Students

Hello Students,

I trust that each of you has had a great summer and that you are refreshed and ready to experience the 2008-2009 school year and all of the opportunities that will be available to you this year. Each of us has the potential and ability to make this year the best that we have experienced until now.

It is time to begin working on our marching music and stand tunes, as well initiating our 2008 marching exhibition. This next week, we will only meet twice. The following week we will meet three times. It is most important that every member of our team be at each of these sessions so that we can get a head start on the season. We will meet according to the following schedule:

Thursday, August 21 - 6:00-9:00 PM

There will also be an additional practice on Friday and/or Saturday as the schedule permits.

This year the following songs will make up the majority of our show:

The Final Countdown

Mr. Roboto

I AM A Robot Man

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday

Jthjr77

Beautiful Baby Contest

Time is getting closer and this year for the Gorman Peanut Festival there will be a Beautiful Baby Contest held again. Categories consist of: *Newborn to 12 Months / 13 to 24 Months and 25 to 36 Months.*

The Baby's will be judged according to their beauty, personality, and Sunday outfit. There will be a \$10 entry fee. For more information call Mila at 734-5637. Deadline is 3:00 p.m. Sept. 13th.

Hey Kids and Parents:

September 13, 2008 is approaching fast. So don't forget the Little Goober Kids Parade. The kids need to be at The Inspection Service Building at 8:45 a.m. And the Parade will start at 9:45 a.m. For more information call Amber Seitem at 734-5431.

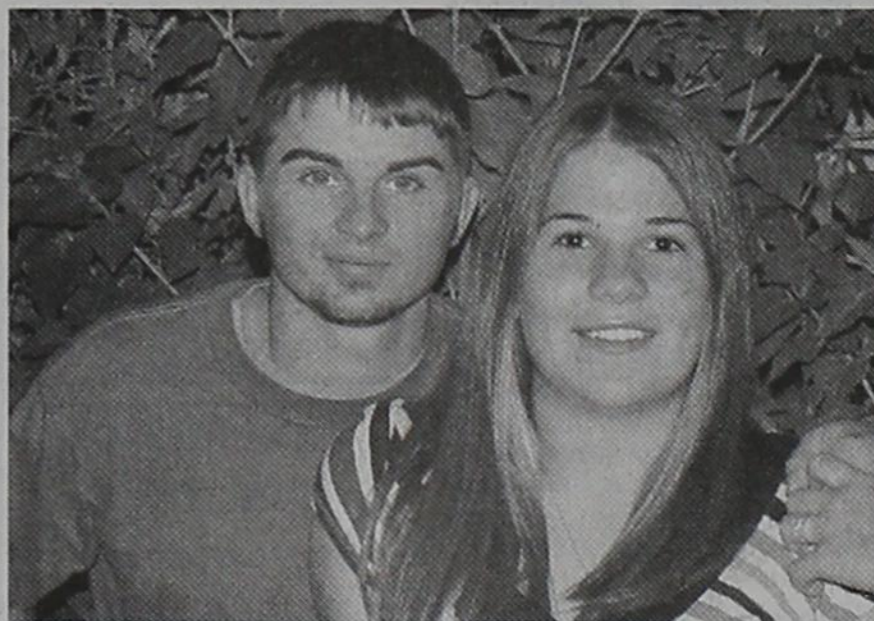
Peanut Festival Booths Available Now

The Peanut Festival is right around the corner on September 13th. So any person wanting a Booth for this year. Please call Amber Seitem at 254-734-5431. Thanks.

Little Miss and Preteen

Little Miss and Preteen Peanut Queen Contest will be held Sunday, September 7th at 4:00 p.m. For more information call Mila at 734-5637.

Kendra Swanner and Ryan Wright to Pledge Vows



Ms. Kendra Leigh Swanner of Gorman and Mr. Ryan Christopher Wright of Gorman are excited to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Kendra is the daughter of Tim and Becky Swanner of Gorman. She is the granddaughter of CW and Wilda Swanner of Gorman, Ms. Carol Ward of Gorman and the late Norman Ward.

Ryan is the son of Mary Reed of Gorman. He is the grandson of Carl and Wanda Wright of DeLeon, Johnny and Ina Smith of Gorman, and the late Diane Smith.

Kendra is a 2006 graduate of Gorman High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University, where she is pursuing and degree in Kinesiology. Ryan is a 2005 graduate of Gorman High School. He has two years completed at Tarleton State University, but is currently employed by Dixie Electric in Odessa.

The couple's wedding is planned for September 27th at 5:00 in the evening at the First Baptist Church in Gorman. All Friends and Relatives are Invited to Attend. After the wedding, the couple will live in Stephenville.

Landscaping and Gardening Info Will Be Featured At TSG

Thursday, August 21 will be the date of the next Gardeners meeting. It will be begin at 10:00AM at the home of Bob and Brenda Hammontree. 811 S. Crescent (Duster Highway) in Gorman. After touring the grounds of the Hammontree home, the group will proceed to the back yard of Carolyn Gilbert, 439 W. Lexington in Gorman where refreshments will be served and a program on Herb Gardening will be held. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Place First



Miss Gorman Kimi Seaton and Little Miss Brylee Johnston participated in the DeLeon 94th Peach and Melon Festival parade where they placed 1st. Great Job girls.

Meet The Panther/Lady Panther

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club will host "Meet the Athlete" on Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the football stadium.

All football and volleyball players will be introduced, and the football team will then perform "play polishing" drills. This consists of running through plays, the team WILL NOT be in pads nor will there be hitting. They will be preparing for the scrimmage on Friday night by running through plays only.

THIS WILL ALSO BE SOAP AND TOWEL NIGHT, so bring a towel and/or soap as the athletes are in need of these items.

Please come out to the stadium on Thursday to meet the Gorman athletes and to encourage them on as they begin the 2008 season. Also, be sure to attend the football scrimmage in Baird on Friday where the junior varsity will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the varsity will follow, or the volleyball game at Gorman which will be at 10:00 a.m.

GISD SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY - Eggs, toast, gravy, juice and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cheese toast, hash browns, juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - French toast sticks, fruit, juice and Milk

FRIDAY - Bacon, eggs, biscuits, juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Rings, cream potatoes, green beans, rosy applesauce, biscuit and Milk.

TUESDAY - Pork Chop or Chicken Legs, cheese potatoes, broccoli, roll, crisp and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Baked ham or Corn Dog, Mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, orange bread slices and Milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti and meat sauce or Tony's Pizza, tossed salad, cornbread sticks, oatmeal cookie and Milk.

FRIDAY - Chili dogs or Toasted Ham and cheese, pork and beans, french fries, ice cream and Milk.

2008 Peanut Queens Contest To Be Announced

Entries for the High School and Junior High girls for Miss Gorman Peanut Queen contest will be scheduled for September 7th - 4 p.m.. More information - contact Veronica at 734-5052.

NEW PANTHER SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

The booster club now has new Panther shirts available. These shirts are non-sport specific, just pro-Panther! Therefore they can be worn to any sporting event and during any year. The back is plain so you can put your own athlete's name and number on the back if you desire. The shirts are royal blue and can be viewed at Bob's Grocery or at The Hair Shoppe. Call Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or Pam at the high school 734-2614, to get yours today. Sizes range from child XS to adult XXXL. Cost is \$10. This is the first time we have offered children sizes this small, if you need a really small shirt contact Becky right away as quantities are limited.

PANTHER JACKETS AVAILABLE

The booster club will be ordering royal blue Panther jackets again. If you have seen some fans wearing these jackets and have wanted one, here is your chance! These are remarkably comfortable, warm and water resistant jackets. Only those who order at this time will be able to get a jacket. **WE WILL NOT ORDER ANY EXTRAS!!** If interested in a Panther jacket place your order with Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or call the school at 734-2614

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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.

Food Bank

New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to 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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Obituaries

Eula Lee Miers

Eula Lee Miers, age 79, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 15, 2008.

Services were 2:00 P.M. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery with services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Eula Lee was born August 23, 1928 in Pioneer, Texas to Bertha Geye Mehaffey and Alfred Mehaffey. She married her high school sweetheart, James Miers on March 19, 1945 in Meridian, Texas. Eula Lee was a homemaker and she and James owned and operated Miers Butane for many years. She was the treasurer and kept attendance records for the Bible school classes at the First Baptist Church.

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tist where she was a member. Eula Lee was an artist and a member of the garden club. She was a director for the exchange student program, and hosted 9 exchange students in her home.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, James Miers of Gorman; two sons, Bill Miers and wife, Judy of Gorman and John Miers and wife, Carrie of Bowie; a sister, Wanda Goodwin of Midland; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Douglas Glen Rountree

Douglas Glen Rountree, age 55, passed from this earth after a lengthy battle with cancer on Saturday, August 16, 2008. A memorial service is planned for Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 2:00 pm in the First United Methodist Church of Baird, Texas with Rev. Sanura Keith officiating. Services are under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Douglas was born September 14, 1952 in Abilene, Texas, to Robert and June Stewart Rountree. Doug attended schools in Brownwood until 1968 when he moved to White Settlement, Texas. He graduated from Brewer High School and later received a Bachelor Degree in Industrial Education from Tarleton State University. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he was an oil field consultant and engineer. He married Theresia Vitalis on March 17, 1984 in Gorman, Texas. Douglas had lived in Baird the past seven years, moving here from Gorman. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Baird.

Survivors include his parents, June and Robert Rountree of Gorman; his wife, Theresia Rountree of Baird, Texas; his daughter Jennifer and sons Sean and Jameson; one brother, Roy Rountree of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Rosemari Bradley and husband James of Mansfield, Texas; and one niece, Jillian Bradley of Mansfield, Texas.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Baird, c/o 724 Brookview Drive, Baird, Texas 79504.

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320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, wildlife cover, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000
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236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre
234 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting UNDER CONTRACT [DK01] \$665,288
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51 A, highway frontage, spring creek and hunting [RP01] \$182,000
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30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
25.6 A, 4-2 1/2 Brick Home, garage, carport, storage bldgs, well, tanks [JB03] \$210,000
21±A, 2-2 16x72 mobile home, well, World Feeder Coastal Bermuda grass [MS03] \$105,000
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15±A, 3-2 Double Wide, well, carport, porch, storage bldgs, near Proctor Lk [LR02] \$115,000
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40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.

NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7 - 8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/Ha, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building, Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.

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Bryans Auto Supply To Hold A Truck Load Tool and Stuff Sale

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This sale will be the largest sale ever promoted by Bryans and will offer a wide array of tools, equipment, oils and more. Check it out online at www.ebryans.com

Drop by and enjoy some awesome savings on parts and stuff at Bryans Auto Supply, 925 E Main in Eastland. And thanks for the business!

Hotfooters Of Breckenridge To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 every Tuesday.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the First National Bank Tower Room.

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The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Cliffa Vaughn, Joe Casey and Nathan Files. Absent was Charlie Torrez. Others present were Chief Barbara Fenley and Trace Gortt.

Nathan led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Cliffa made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

At 5:35 p.m. Cliffa made the motion to go into Executive Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

At 6:00 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular open session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to make Trace Gortt the Animal Control Officer. He will start the position effective immediately. Trace's wages will be increased \$1.00 per hour upon successfully completing the required Animal Control classes and training and the City commission is completely satisfied with his performance as the Animal Control Officer. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

At this time the Commission had the first reading of Ordinance #2008-04, an ordinance to levy taxes and set a tax rate for the 2008 ad valorem taxes.

There being no further business for discussion Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried, time was 6:45 p.m.

Happenings At FBC!!

Majesty! All in attendance had the honor of witnessing two young people follow Jesus Christ in baptism. Glory to God!

Bro. Barry opened our morning worship service with prayer and announcements.

Mark your calendars: August 24th: Teacher Appreciation Service.

August 25th: School Starts. September 10th: Team Kids and Mission Friends Starts.

Brother Wilburn Overstreet shared his marvelous testimony of being an old sinner saved by grace and striving to serve God in line with His will. He appreciates the staff of Sunday School Teachers because there were two that taught him as a youngster and made a significant impact on his life. Wilburn was baptized with his two brothers and one sister. He learned with time that his money was God's to start with, so he learned to tithe. He was ordained as a Deacon. A deeper understanding was developed of how God planned to finance His work in the Church, and it is through tithes and offerings. Wilburn said that he is so blessed to see the many young people in the congregation, and he believes that our church's faithful commitment to God will result in our spiritual growth through numbers, love, and fellowship. Brother Wilburn is a remarkable Christian man.

Liz Caraway's Children Sermon: Liz made a recent trip to Walmart and saw a huge display will all sorts of lists and supplies. Every student is going to need pencils for school. People are like pencils. Some pencils never get out of the box; some people just sit around and do nothing. Some pencils have an eraser at both ends; some people do nothing right. Some pencils are sharpened at both ends; some people are always right and don't need an eraser. Then there is the pencil that is sharpened at one end and has an eraser at the other end; now these people are sharp and love Jesus, and they know that they will make mistakes and Jesus can erase them. The Bible says to confess your sins to Jesus and He will forgive you. Let Jesus be your eraser!

Bro. Barry's message was "Whose French Fries Are These?" - Who has the best French Fries? Most say McDonalds. Some say Mary's.

Is there anything we have that God didn't give to us? Seeing children bap-

penized is a gift from God! To whom do they belong? Our Heavenly Father!

This church has been here for over one hundred twenty five years, and God chose us to expand it and make room for more people in His house. God will supply our needs.

If somebody bought you french fries, would you share them?

God is our source for everything! God gives you eternity. What are you going to give to Him?

Eula Lee Mears was the original author of the "Hap-

penings at FBC" articles, and it is in her memory and faithfulness to God that we continue to write them. Eula was a remarkable Christian lady, and is in glory with her Lord.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

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Sharlene

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8	MATT FOX	9	QB/DB
10	JOSH RYON	9	HB/DB
11	GABE BURT	12	WR/DB
12	KIEFER WILSON	10	TE/LB
14	MARC GILLEN	9	WR/DB
20	NATHAN GEE	12	TE/LB
21	DREW MCCRELESS	11	HB/DB
22	TREVOR WILLIAMS	9	HB/DB
24	JUSTIN LITTLE	11	FB/LB
26	A.J. VAUGHN	9	TB/LB
30	MATT UNDERWOOD	12	TB/DB
32	BEN BURGESS	11	WR/DB
33	MARTIN RAMIREZ	12	FB/LB
42	JAMES THOMAS	9	FB/LB
44	CAMERON CLARK	10	TE/LB
60	TYLER JOHNSON	11	OL/LB
62	SEAN BATES	11	OL/LB
64	STETSON THOMPSON	9	C/DL
66	ALEX GILES	11	OL/DE
68	MATT KEITH	10	OL/DL
69	SKYLAR JONES	11	OL/DL
85	JOSE HUERTH	10	OL/DL
88	DANIEL RIVAS	10	OL/DL
89	JAMES BROWN	11	OL/DL
70	COLE UNDERWOOD	11	OL/DL
71	CLIFTON LIPSON	12	OL/DL
72	JOHN FLORES	11	OL/DL
74	RANDY WOODALL	10	OL/DL
75	JARRETT BLANKENSHIP	11	OL/LB
77	JON FENLEY	9	C/DL
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Country and Western Musical will be held on Saturday night, August 23 at the Community Center "Ole" School Building. Kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. Serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and visit with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. This musical is a "Smoke Free" environment. Admission is "Free".

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the Desdemona Community Center School building. Several ladies attend to enjoy the good food. Hostesses were Linda Lindley, Rena Maltby, Elmora Lindley and Ann Mears. Next Social will be on Monday, September 8th at the same location. Carol Sue (Hall) Willis and her daughter, Pam Horn will be the Hostesses. Visitors are always welcome.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Pat Buckley spent several days in the Abilene Hospital but was able to attend Church on Sunday.

Vivian (Powell) Wooldridge of her daughter, Sue of Tyler and Woodie Powell of De Leon visited recently at the "Ole" Desdemona School Building. The Powell Family are former residents of the Robinson Springs Community. Their children attended school in Desdemona where Vivian graduated with the Class of 1940, her sister, Imogene (Powell) Davis graduated with the Class of 1942 and their brother, Woodie attended school in Desdemona but later transferred to the De Leon School. Vivian really enjoyed her visit in the "Ole" School House. It brought back a lot of "School Day Memories". This group had plans to visit with their sister, Imogene in Odessa for a few days. Their parents are the late Adelle and Iva Powell. Adell drove the Desdemona School Bus.

Tommy Beaty and wife, Jimmie of Lake Kiowa contacted this reporter earlier saying they were unable to attend the Homecoming this year due to health problems. Several Classmates of 1951 attended this year. They are Bates Duke of Midland, James Buckley of Graham, P. D. Ash of Stephenville, Jim Craig of Deer Park, Joe Ben Koonce of Lake Leon, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley of Sealy, June Jacobs and Vonnie Guthery both of Desdemona. Other Class members not present are Rex Tilly of Gatesville, June Frank Eldridge of Lubbock, Jeanette Owens of Artesia, NM, Betty Ann (Brightwell) Haile of Brownwood, Wanda (Phillips) Haile of Kingland, Frances (Gee) Friday of Fort Worth, Ann (Lindley) Mears of Stephenville, Herman Dupuy of Washington, Bob Honeycutt of Desdemona. Those deceased are Royce Griffith, Edward Stewart, Elmer Ray Joiner and Poe Southall.

VBS Mission

There was a beach party in town! The Methodist Church held it's annual VBS the last week in July. We had a blast surf'n' through the Scriptures!

Our mission this year was Gatorade collection for the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department. We would like to thank Dylan Cogburn, Billy Don Simpson and Charlie Torres from the GVFD for being part of our closing celebration!

We would also like to thank all of the parents and grandparents for giving us an opportunity to work with our children.



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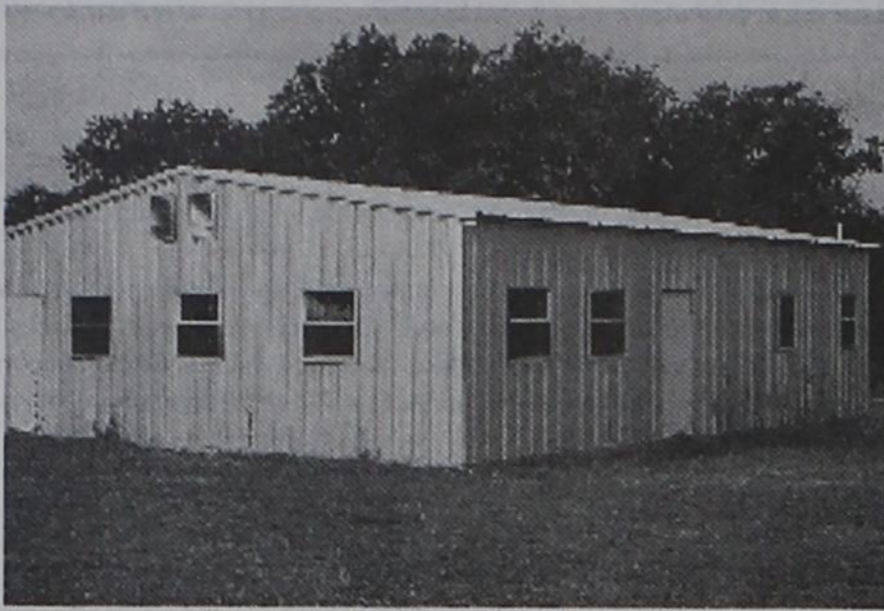
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Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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It was great to see all the teachers return to school August 11th and it was also great to see all the improvements our maintenance staff made over the summer. Our maintenance staff and our student workers did a great job this summer. Thanks to them everything will be ready for your child's return on the 25th.

The teachers will be undergoing training and getting ready for our students the rest of this week. Although, we already have some students back that are participating in football and volleyball. The band students will also be practicing, not to mention the dance team, flags, and cheerleading. Even though everyone looked rested on the 11th, it has been a busy summer for all us. Welcome back to everyone! We are going to have another great year.

On Monday, August 11, 2008 at 7:00pm we held our regularly scheduled school board meeting. The board meeting began promptly 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Jeff Seaton and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. The board then unanimously approved the consent agenda. All regular reports were then received. The site superintendent, Tim Barton, reported to the board on the progress of the building project. He said the rain had delayed the pouring of the second half of the slab until the 14th and that the steel supplier seemed to be intentionally delaying steel fabrication. Hopefully they will get their questions answered and get back on schedule. Our architect, Richard Roger, was there and fielded several questions from the board and superintendent Perry regarding issues relating to some contracts that were being considered for approval. DSA, our construction management company was not at the meeting.

After the regular reports were given the board had a budget workshop. Mr. Perry explained that Gorman was no different than other schools being highlighted in the news all over the state regarding a need for sufficient funding for this school year, but that we were in a lot better shape than most, but that our funds would only go so far. Mr. Perry said we are basically receiving the same funding we have received for the past two years making it the third year we have had to absorb mandated raises and rising fuel cost and utility rates that are exorbitant. Every time we have to do this, something else has to be cut. But we will do what we have always done and that is to give the children of Gorman the best education we can. Our most important asset educating our children is our people and we have a great faculty and staff. A proposed budget and tax rate will be discussed at a public meeting on August 28th.

The board then approved the following items unanimously: renewing our agreement with Texas Department of Health to use the school in the case of a disaster; to approve bids on foam roof repairs; all recommended changes to TASB Update 83 as suggested by school attorneys; propose a M & O tax rate of \$1.04 and an I & S tax rate of .25384 for the 2008-2009 school year; set Thursday, August 28th, 2008 as the date for a public meeting to discuss the proposed tax rate at 6:00pm and also as the date for a meeting to set the tax rate and adopt the 2008-2009 budget immediately following the public meeting; contracts as amended relating to the building project; and participation in Cooperative Purchasing and commodity processing program with Region 14 ESC. Under Personnel the board: reviewed resignations from Amanda Sowell and Wendy Wilcoxon; approved the hiring of Becky Smith as a special education teacher on a 187 day probationary contract; approved hiring Morgan Mathews on a 207 dual assignment probationary contract as a teacher/coach. The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Gorman ISD has a great school board and they have done a wonderful job making decisions that have helped the district over time to accumulate a healthy fund balance/building fund. If they had not done so, the school would be in dire straits under the present system of school finance. Unfunded mandates from the state, inflation, and a crippled finance system is choking the life out of many Texas school districts. Even large school districts like Abilene are struggling to make it work this year. Many school districts in Texas are having or have already had a rollback election requesting voters to approve the additional seventeen cents allowed by law with voter approval in order to have enough funding to make payroll. We are going to need everyone's help during the upcoming legislative session to contact their legislators and voice their support for increased funding to our public school system to make up for the recent shortfalls and to implement permanent legislation that is fair and equitable to all Texas school children. We don't need any more smoke and mirrors. We need honest, open, transparent legislation that clearly addresses the needs of our children that not only holds the school districts accountable for their actions, but also the legislators themselves. If we don't get any positive legislative action during the upcoming session to adequately fund schools, we may have to have a rollback election next year in order to maintain our present level of operations. Do our children not deserve the same funding for their school that rich school districts receive? I am not saying that any district in the state is receiving too much money, but that the majority of districts in the state are underfunded and even the so called rich schools need more money. The situation we have been put in was intentional and only the ones that put us in this situation can get us out of it, our legislators. The future of public education is in their hands. Jim Keffer is our Representative and he lives in Eastland and our Senator is Troy Fraser and he lives at Horseshoe Bay. Below is their contact information and it will be posted on our website also. Please contact them in support of addressing adequate school financing this session. We cannot wait for it to go to court again. We need relief now!

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It is indeed great to work for a school district that gives all of the students such specialized individual attention. I believe our small class sizes and proper staffing give our students an edge. It also helps that our administrators are the best. Both of our principals are extremely experienced, but more important, they are fair, consistent, and they love your kids and want the very best for them. It is especially advantageous to our high school students that qualify to take dual credit college courses via distance learning. It is possible for a student to have over forty hours of college when they graduate and enter into a college of their choice with no surprises about what is expected of them. Our high school was recognized last year as one of the best in Texas and our elementary was rated as recognized by the state. We are going to have a great year! By the way, we do accept most transfer students. Give us a try!

We are going to have another exciting year of sports. We have had close to forty boys out for football and close to twenty four girl's out for volleyball. We have a new girls volleyball coach. Her name is Morgan Mathews. She and her husband will be looking for a place to rent in the area. Call me if you have anything available and I will pass along the information. Both schedules should be posted on our website and published in the paper as well I believe.

Congratulations to Coach Mathews and her volleyball team! This makes the second year in a row that our girls have won the Albany Tournament. This is a great indicator for the rest of the season and raises my expectations. If you see Coach Mathews, introduce yourself and welcome her to the community. The girl's varsity will play here at 10:00am this Friday in the gym and next Tuesday in Woodson at 5:00pm.

Our football team looked great at the scrimmage in Merton Saturday morning! Unfortunately, it began to pour right after they warmed up. They tried to wait it out, but the rain won. We play at 5:00pm this Friday in a three way scrimmage at Baird. Hopefully, the rain will give us a break for a little while Friday evening. The coaches and the players are anxious to get in some playing time against another team. If you have not had a chance to meet Coach Hendrix and the rest of the coaching staff as well as our football team, we will tentatively have a meet the Panthers night Thursday at 7:30pm if it has stopped raining.

We are also having a meet the teacher night at the elementary on Thursday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. This will be your opportunity to come by and meet your child's teacher. We hope all parents will attend! The education of your child is a partnership and you need to get involved. The building project is well under way and it is going to be congested before and after school. Parking is also going to be scarce. Please be careful! All parents of elementary age children that drop off and pick their children from school please do so on the north side of the school by the playground for your child's safety. It is going to be too crowded for you to safely drop them off on the east side this year. The only doors that will be open before and after school at the elementary will be the front doors of the two-story and the west door of the Maxfield building. The East door of Maxfield will not be opened until 9:00am.

School supplies are always a need that some families have difficulty with every year. If you would like to help out, feel free to drop off donations to either campus principal. We can always use pens, pencils, copy paper, lined paper, folders, spirals, poster board, tissue, etc.

It is very important for our school that all parents fill out a free and reduced meal application. Some of the money our school receives is based on the percentage of our students that qualify. Even if you have never qualified, the rules change and the income amounts for qualification are constantly being increased, so please fill out the application and turn it in to the school secretaries. Your information is strictly confidential and kept in a secure environment. Please help us get the best funding available for our students. Thank you!

If you have any information pertaining to school that you feel would be of benefit to our community that you would like for me to include in my article, please e-mail the information to me or bring it by my office. Your input is always welcome.

The children of Gorman lost a big supporter Friday when Eula Lee Miers passed away. She was a dear sweet lady and we will all miss her. She and her family have been big supporters of our school and a dear friend. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

This Wednesday, the 13th, we enjoyed a sandwich luncheon at 11:30. Some of us tried to have a lighter meal in the awful heat. I saw on TV that we are supposed to be in the 80's soon, great! Frank and Beth Shirley were here looking good. Frank gave the blessing after we all finally quieted down. Thanks Frank. There were 22 present, a small number of people again to eat and visit. Maybe after the weather cools down and vacations are over more folks will turn out.

Our meal consisted of chicken and tuna salad, egg and cheese, sausage and hamburger, all sandwiches. These sandwiches are time consuming to prepare, I hope those who ate them appreciated our efforts. We had a beautiful table with mixed fruit, cantalope, mixed veggies, and a relish tray with fresh veggies. Well, the dessert makers turned out in force. We enjoyed 3 cakes by Emma Jane Larch, Ruthie Porter, and Beth Shirley, all delicious. We also had cookies, brownies, banana pudding, and apple pie. Also corn bread and beans for those who must have them. Those who weren't here missed a great lunch.

Our Mayor, Robert Ervin, came to visit and enjoy a meal with us. I do hope he comes more often. Our little helper girl Micheala Burns was here working off her community service. We have enjoyed her and will miss her help. I believe she will be through this week. A young man was with her, but didn't catch his name. A lady came from Encompass Home Health in Eastland to talk about their care for the elderly. She is Pam Ezzell, area manager for the company. She handed out gifts for us, very nice, we enjoyed talking with her.

We postponed our Birthday celebration as some were on vacation or ill. Betty Regian was on a trip with family to Tennessee. Martha Rainey is in the hospital in Fort Worth. Hope she is improved. The others are Geraldine Wright, and Anne Laminack. I do hope all of you will make an effort to be here on August 27 for your Birthdays. We will have cake and ice cream.

Lil Brudnack told a good snake story about Max Bush. He has been helping her as Dr. Dan is out of town. While in her barn he spotted a 59 inch rattlesnake, with many rattlers. Wow! He then proceeded to kill it with the first tool at hand. Post hole diggers! I had never even heard anyone seeing one around here. It's not like Brown County which has a lot of rattlers in the rocky ground. I talked to Winston Brown and he had killed only one on his place in 20 years. I wonder about Wilburn Overstreet way out in the country, must ask him.

I have to miss game night this week and am writing this early. Hope all is well and see you next time.

Carol

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