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## Lions Club Community Blood Drive

The Gorman Lions Club will host a blood drive on Thursday, September 2. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. Blood may be donated every eight weeks, so those who gave blood in DeLeon on July 8 will be eligible to give blood on September 2. "This is an important blood drive, because it is right before the Labor Day Weekend. I hope that we will have a good turnout for this drive," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, in good health, and free of illness or infection. There is no upper age limit. Most prescription and over-the-counter medications are acceptable. Those who have questions regarding eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798.

Each donor will receive a T-shirt that commemorates September 11, 2001, and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results can be obtained two days after the blood drive by calling 325-670-2799.

## Longtime Area Banker Joins Staff of ASB in Gorman

Verganna Halbrook has made a career move—but it keeps her in familiar territory.

Effective this month, Ms. Halbrook becomes administrative assistant and personal loan officer at American State Bank in Gorman.

James Bruton, branch president of ASB-Gorman, says: "The addition of Verganna to the current staff is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Verganna and I had worked together at F&M Bank in De Leon for 19 years. Verganna came to DeLeon from Ranger; she knows families from the Ranger, Eastland, Gorman, and DeLeon area. She had experience in all areas of the bank, from bookkeeping to making loans. To our customers, this is like welcoming part of the family back."

Ms. Halbrook is the wife of Don Halbrook, who works with the Walnut Springs ISD. They have one son, Brandon, who is an independent welder in the area. The family belongs to the Catholic Church.

American State Bank began operations in Lubbock in 1948. Since then, it has established 29 locations in 16 Texas cities. Deposits total \$1.5 billion.

**September 3-10, 2004  
County Court  
Jury Trial Week  
Has Been Canceled**



### Benefit Bake Sale For Kendra Lewis

Sponsored by the Bride of Christ Church of Gorman  
Saturday, September 4 at the Farmer's market Stand Hwy. 6  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also available hotdogs and cokes

Kendra Lewis is a 15 year old in Gorman High School. She is the daughter of Bit and Lori Lewis of Desdemona and Gina Alexander Roberts of Morgan Mill, and the granddaughter of R.M. and Ruth Lewis of Desdemona, Betty and Raul Perez of DeLeon.

Kendra has been experiencing fainting episodes for periods of five to 30 minutes and has been diagnosed Chiari I malformation (basically the brain has an extra growth that extends into the spinal canal affecting respiratory and heart rate). The surgery cannot be performed in Texas, but there is a neurosurgeon in Iowa City, Iowa that will do the surgery.

The surgery will take place in September and she will be in the hospital for approximately 3 weeks and then in halo traction for six months. The family is needing help from the community to help defray some of the medical expenses and parents will be unable to work during the time spent in Iowa. Contacts for donations in Gorman are: City Grocery; Bride of Christ Church, Denver Rainey; Gorman High School; and Gorman Pharmacy; Desdemona—Country Corner Store, Boom Town Cafe. Also, an account has been set up at American State Bank in Gorman.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**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. Bob Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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

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

## FOOD BANK

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

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

**Peanut Festival - Saturday, September 11**

## Benefit Fund For Lindsey Family

Benefit fund has been set up at the banks in DeLeon for Dirk and Tara Lindsey who were injured in a tragic car accident and the loss of their three children.

## Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sipe Springs Community Center.

All musicians and the public are invited to attend.

## School News

Monday, September 6—Holiday

Tuesday, September 7—

Volleyball—here

Wednesday, September 8—

Thursday, September 9—

Jr. High Football—

Gorman vs. Covington—

There 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 10—

Homecoming—

Gorman vs Covington, 7:30 p.m.

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GORMAN  
EX STUDENTS  
ASSOCIATION**

**Attention World War II Veterans Who Attended Gorman Schools or Who Live in Gorman**

World War II Veterans who attended Gorman Schools or who live in Gorman will be honored during the business meeting of the Homecoming Celebration at 1:30 PM on Saturday, September 11. This will be held in the auditorium of the Gorman High School.

Letters have been sent to these veterans for whom we have addresses. Forty six of these have been contacted to date and many have indicated they are coming! This could be quite a reunion!

If you are a World War II Veteran who lives in Gorman or who attended Gorman schools, or if you know of such individuals, let us know. We are asking for your help in contacting all of these folks. We surely don't want to leave anyone out! Call Carolyn Gilbert at 734-4268 or Kay Cradock at 734-2363.

### Benefit Car Wash for Kendra Lewis

**Saturday, September 4th**  
American State Bank  
parking lot 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
by donations.  
Sponsored by the Class of 2000

## Panthers Outlast Hermleigh Travel to Santo Friday

| GAME AT A GLANCE |               | Gorman  | Hermleigh |
|------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|
| 16               | First Downs   | 13      |           |
| 43/184           | Carries/Yds.  | 20/34   |           |
| 25               | Yds. Passing  | 207     |           |
| 4 of 6           | Passes/Comp.  | 8 of 34 |           |
| 1                | Interceptions | 1       |           |
| 1 - 2            | Fumbles/Lost  | 1-3     |           |
| 4/33             | Punts/Avg.    | 4/27    |           |
| 6/55             | Penalties     | 9/85    |           |

The Gorman Panthers opened the season on a bright note on Friday night when they travelled to Hermleigh to take on the Cardinals and came away with a 27-13 victory. The Panthers jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and added more points, in the third period while holding the pass oriented Cardinals to 7 points in the second quarter and 6 in the third.

Gorman's first score came on a 3 yard run by Reggie Sanchez with 2:15 left in the first period. The score came after the Big Red defense got a fumble on the Cards 5 yard line. John Torres ran for 2 yards on the first play. Scott Lewis booted the point after and the score was 7-0.

The Panthers got another break on the next Cardinal possession when they returned a Card fumble on the Cards 27 for a score with 1:49 left in the first. Lewis kicked the point after and Gorman was up 14-0.

But the Cards came back in the second quarter when they took the ball on their own 9 and scored in one big blast as Blaine Minton hit Keenon Garcia with a pass at the Hermleigh 42 and he out-raced the Big Red defense the rest of way for a 91 yard scoring play with 9:26 left in the second. The kick for point was good and the score was 14-7.

Following the intermission at which the Panther Marching Band entertained the crowd. The Panthers came back for another score when they took the ball on their own 33 and scored in 7 plays with Joey Jones getting the final 3 yards with 6:57 left in the third. The drive featured a 19 yard run by Reggie Sanchez and a great pass play of 13 to Joey Jones to set the Panthers up at the Card 3 yard line. Jones kicked the point after and Gorman was up 21-7.

The Cards came right back on the next possession and took the ball on their own 43 and scored in 3 plays with the help of a 15 yard penalty by the Panthers. Following a 20 yard pass and a 9 yard run to set the Cards up at the Gorman 11, Robby Anderson ran it in with 5:28 left in the third. The kick for point failed and the score was 21-13.

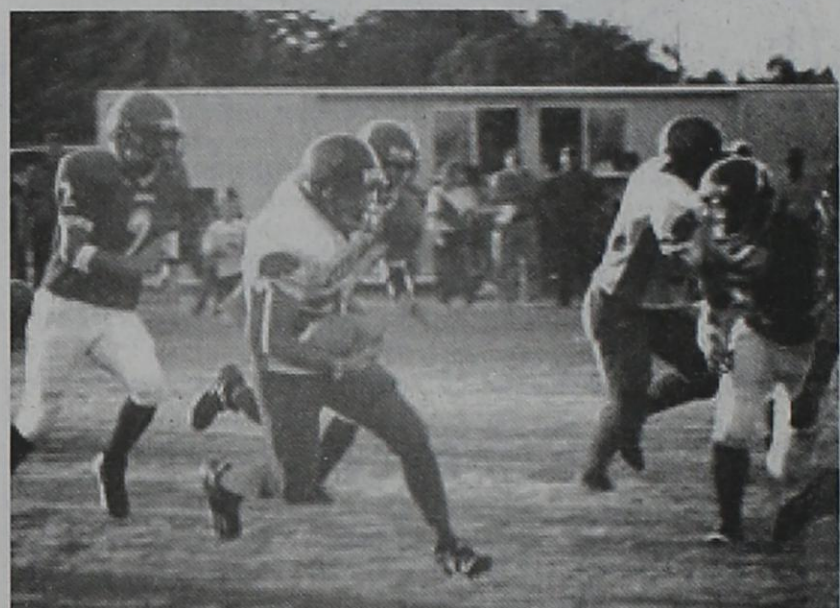
The final Panther score came with 4:23 left in the third when the Panthers got the ball on the Card 9

and following a 5 yard loss, Reggie Sanchez went in from 14 yards out. The try for 2 points failed and the final score was 27-13.

Sanchez led the Panthers with 74 yards on 14 carries. John Torrez had 72 on 8 tries. Scott Lewis got 36 on one. Joey Jones had 13 on 6. Ryan Wright had a minus 11 on 13 after being caught for losses on 9 snaps.

The Panthers will travel to Santo on Friday night to take on a strong Tigers in a 7:30 game. Follow the Panthers to Santo and back them all the way.

**Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!**



Scott Lewis is shown scampering during game action Friday night.



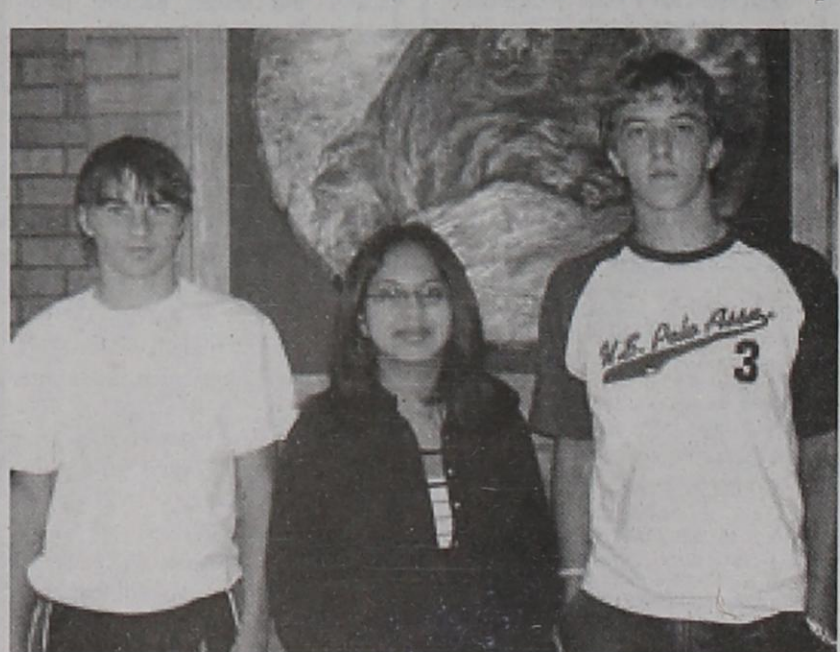
Reggie Sanchez is shown trying to break free during game action Friday night.

## Lady Panthers Placed Second In Volleyball Tourney



The Gorman Lady Panthers traveled to Lingleville on Saturday. The Lady Panthers made it to the championship game and brought home a second place trophy. The girls played well and will travel to Albany this next weekend.

## Gorman Lion's Club Dual Credit Scholarship



The Gorman High School seniors have been given the opportunity to participate in dual credit classes with Western Texas College through the distance learning system. There are six students taking college English and Government classes for both high school and college credit. The Gorman Lions Club has helped to make this possible for our students by offering three scholarships. The three scholarship recipients are Joanna Esquivel, Clint Jones and Ryan Wright. The Lions Club has been wonderful in supporting our students and these scholarships will provide the opportunity for these students to earn six hours of college credit this semester.

**GHS Homecoming Saturday, September 11**



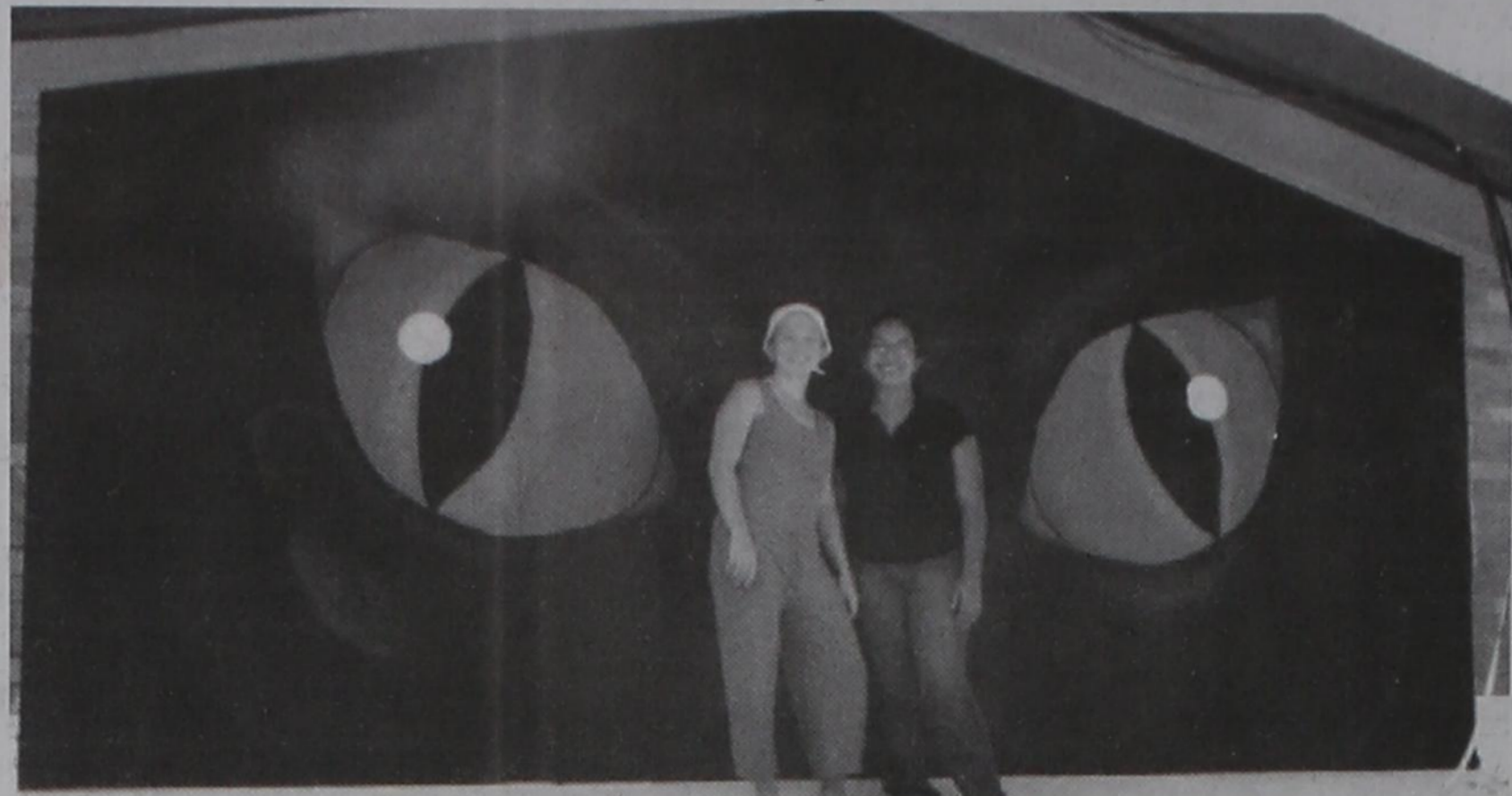
# Meet The Athletes

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club would like to invite everyone to Meet the Athletes on Thursday, September 2 at Brogdon Field right

before 6:00 p.m. when the Gorman Jr. High team plays Santo. We will also be hosting a Hamburger Supper. For a minimum

membership donation of \$10.00 each family member will get a hamburger with chips and a drink; otherwise, the meal deal will be \$5.00.

Family and Friends pictures will also be taken with all Junior High and High School athletes. So get your favorite Panther, Lady Panther, Cheerleader, Cub and/or Lady Cub and cherish the moment. The pictures will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the Panthers and others will follow. All athletes will be announced before the Jr. High game begins.



This year Gorman ISD welcomed back the students in a very artistic way. The Panther Eyes mural that have been placed on top of the high school building was painted by Gorman High School seniors, Frances Lewis and Joanna Esquivel. The "Welcome" sign in front of the main entrance was also painted by these two artistic young ladies. They wish to thank Mrs. Rainey for all her help and encouragement, and a very special thank you to Mr. Wright for inspiring us with his very creative idea. Thank you all very much.

## Obituary

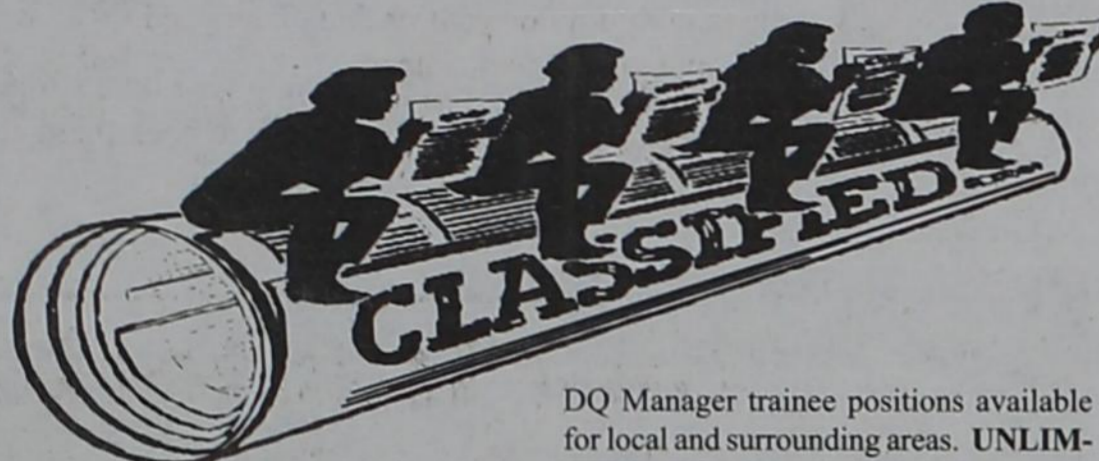
### Roger Dale Pruitt

Roger Dale Pruitt, 52, of Gorman, died on Sunday, August 29, 2004 in Gorman. Services are Thursday, September 2, 2004 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel in DeLeon with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Mr. Pruitt was born on November 27, 1951 in Dublin to Mozelle Pruitt and the late Barney Pruitt. He was a farm laborer and truck driver and had resident in and around DeLeon area all of his life.

Survivors include one son Kody Dale Pruitt of Okinawa, Japan; two daughters Raesha Dale Pruitt of DeLeon and Brandy Tomlin of Bullard; mother Mozelle Pruitt of DeLeon; three sisters Letha Chamberlain of Azle, Betty Fowler of Granbury and Christy Evans of Comanche; and two grandchildren.

He was also preceded by one step-daughter, Shenna Chupp.



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**BARGAIN PRICED!** 2 BR, 1 bath, large utility, large kitchen, DACP. Great starter home. 02

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NEW : 10.45 A. south Duster: Improved variety pecan orchard, remote area, lots of wildlife. \$2,000 acre.  
NEW : 11.69 A. south Duster: Old Pecan orchard, lots cover for game, located near a nice creek \$2,000 acre.  
NEW: 15a M/L edge town, nice remodeled 2-2 brick, central a/h, carpeted, large large game room, 24 x 60 metal garage, cement floor, guest house, water well + city water and sewer, pecans, pavement. Reduced \$130,000.  
37 A. N/W of De Leon, good sandy land, app. 5A coastal, stock pond, 3 water wells, pavement access, great building spot. \$1,250 per A.  
47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good deer area, \$1,050 acre.  
32 A. Gorman on FM 2921: 15A coastal, 5A wooded, water well, pond, large oaks, nice home site. \$1,450 acre.  
NEW: 105 A., Comanche Co., near De Leon, 30 A. Coastal, 52 A. cultivated, 23 A. pasture, 3 stock ponds, 2 wells (previously used for irrigation), steel corrals, electricity, paved @ CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combination stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre  
NEW : Sipe Springs Area: 160A on FM 587, 3-2 brick, CH/A, 1733', water well, 2 ponds, great hunting area - deer, birds and other wildlife. \$1,200 acre

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The children of Texas come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and abilities. They do not all learn the same way, but they all learn. Do you know of an infant, child or young adult who does not learn easily or who has an impairment that might affect his/her success in life?

Children with disabilities are eligible for school services on their third birthday and continue through age twenty-one. Whether the child is in public school, private school, home school or resides in a nursing home or group home, they may be eligible for services.

For an educational evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services at no cost to the parent, contact East End Education Cooperative at 100 North Kent St., Gorman, Texas 76454, or call 254-734-2020. East End Co-op serves schools in Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Moran, and Ranger.

### REMISION DE HALLAZGO INFANTIL

Los ninos de Texas vienen a todos los tamanos, formas, colores, y capacidades.

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Los ninos con la desventaja son eligibles para servicios escolares de su tercer cumpleaños y siguen por la edad vientiuno. Si el niño/niña esta en la escuela publica escolar, privada escolar, de casa o reside en una clinica de ancianos o grupo a casa, ellos pueden ser elegibles para servicios.

Para una evaluacion educativa para determinar elegibilidad para servicios de educacion especiales gratis al padre, pongase en contacto con la Cooperativa de Educacion, 539 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, Texas 76454, o llamada 254-734-2020. La Cooperativa sirve escuelas en Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Moran, y Ranger.

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216 A. excellent coastal, 2 tanks, irr. wells, hwy. frontage. #270,000  
175 A. coastal cropland, 115 A. wooded, well, hunting, \$157,500 Under Contract  
160 A. cropland, live oaks and mesquite, hunting. \$195,000 Sold  
157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250  
132 A. Hwy. frontage, tank, 4 wells, coastal, cropland. \$165,00 Under Contract  
99A 5/4, 4300 sf brick, metal barn, 5 water wells, large reservoir, rock drive, and much more. \$477,500  
97A 5/4.5, 5632 sf brick, swimming pool, deck with hot tub, metal barn, pecan trees, tanks, coral, and much more. \$582,000  
77 A. Palo Pinto Co., Woods, creek, hunting, might divide. \$240,000  
66A Near Rising Star, mature pecan orchard, 5 wells, underground mainline, by golf course, good home site. \$108,900  
57 A. 4/2 2,340 sf home, small lake, woods. \$149,000. Under Contract  
34 A. tank, wells, cropland, home site. \$68,000  
13 A. Hwy. frontage, tank, creek, barn. \$32,000  
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## GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY FORM

Gorman Peanut Festival Parade Committee  
Julie Clark: Chairman  
P O Box 607  
Gorman, TX. 76454  
Parade date: September 11, 2004

In this years parade, we will be honoring the men and women who risk their lives working for the Fire and Rescue, EMT's, Police Departments, and anyone else that might be associated with these organizations. They will be placed at the front of our parade in remembrance of 9-11. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the surrounding area who is associated with the above to be honored as well.

Our categories that will be judged are Bands, Cheer or Pep Squad, Businesses, Civic, Services, Sweethearts on floats and cars, Special and Unique (ie: four wheelers, unusual bicycles, etc.), Antique Cars, Tractors, and Horse Riders and Clubs.

Please return this form by mail to the above address or you may call 254-734-2257. Please enter the gate in front of the football field and you will be directed from there.

Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. If you are not in line at that time, you will not be judged. There are no exceptions.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to release and discharge from liability, the Gorman Peanut Festival Association, all officers, and members, from any and all damages or injuries, losses, judgments or claims, sustained from any cause connected to my/our participation in this parade.

Signature

Date



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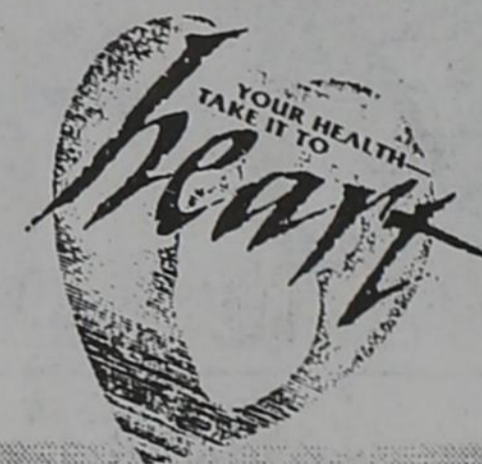
Treadway Hearing Aid Center will hold a Hearing Aid Workshop in Gorman at the Senior Citizens Center on the Second Wednesday in October from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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**Shower Honors Michaelyn and Kimie Kaylen Squiers**

Michaelyn Squiers and her baby daughter, Kimie Kaylen were honored with a baby shower on Sunday afternoon, August 22, 2004, at the Kokomo Baptist Church fellowship hall, from 2 to 3 p.m.

The serving table was covered with white lace and was centered with a Teddy Bear and Baby Lamb in the midst of a pink cloth. Frosted punch, beautifully decorated cookies featuring a letter of the alphabet on each one, mints and nuts were served.

Hostesses were: Carolyn Little, Aletha Burgess, Zeldia Jordan, Helen Browning, Dianne Snider, Belinda Segura, Charla Burgess, Angela Buckley, Mary Reeves, Kay Snider, and Mary Campbell.

Those attending were: Mary Reeves, Amber Diddy, Sonja Diddy, Sylvia Buchanan, LaVon Snider, Ruth Reeves, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith, Leona Wilson, Jennifer Eaves, Catherine Eaves, Verna Lee Little, Audri Segura, Belinda Segura, Isabella Segura, Mary Webb, Aletha Burgess, Ashley Laminack, Zeldia Jordan, Cecilia Hirst, Helen Browning, Dianne Snider, Lena Hawkins, Kenna Hoodie, and Melinda Watson.

The many useful gifts were displayed on tables after Michaelyn had a good time opening all of them. Everyone enjoyed getting to see Kimie Kaylen and many got to hold her. She was truly the hit of the party.

**City Minutes, Unapproved August 19, 2004**

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in Regular Session. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez, and Durward Webb. Others present were Jamie McCall, Amy Vasquez, Ray Allen, Josh Constancio, Alan Lesley, Tim Dennis, Dayl Hirst, and Dale Curb.

Joe led the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:32 p.m.

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

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Dennis had a question regarding registration with the Department of Health of our First Responders. Charlie addressed the question.

Durward made the motion to accept the bid for trash service pick up to remain with BFI. BFI will furnish the poly carts for each resident and "hand load" business pick up. This will begin in October, and the price will NOT increase at this time. Charlie made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Nathan made the motion to buy the paper shredder from City Grocery for \$20. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Durward made the motion to sell Cary Campbell the sewer rod machine for \$100. Joe made a second and the motion carried 4-0. The machine does not work, Cary wanted the frame.

The Commission appointed Charlie to serve on the EDC Board. He will be replacing Robert Ervin. Joe made the motion to adopt the T M L Interlocal Agreement Resolution. Charlie made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Nathan made the motion to adopt the Excessive Force Resolution, in accordance with the Department of Community Affairs Grant application, Joe made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

After discussion the Commission decided to set the 2004 Property Tax Rate @ .72039 / \$100. At this time the 1st reading of Ordinance #2004-02, Tax Rate, was read at this time.

Daryl Hirst and Dale Curb were present to discuss Oaklawn Cemetery issues with the Commission. The Cemetery Association and the City Commission were concerned about maintaining and revenue issues. No action was taken.

At 6:45 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:28 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Charlie made the motion to change the current TML insurance Indemnity Plan to the TML PPN. Durward made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 7:30 p.m.

**9/11 Commemorative Shirts Offered By American State Bank in Gorman**

The 2004 observance of 9/11 is already underway at American State Bank in Gorman.

ASB is now selling T-shirts with a design to commemorate the tragedies which occurred on September 11, three years ago at the Twin Towers in New York City; at the Pentagon Building in Washington, D.C.; and at a crash site on a Pennsylvania farm field. Proceeds from sales of the \$5 shirts will benefit local charities.

An ASB spokesman says the shirts are intended "to help us keep alive the memory of events which brought us all together as Americans."

**Gorman Livestock Raisers Welcome BBQ and Meeting**

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association will hold a welcome meeting September 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gorman School Cafeteria. All families that plan to show in the 2005 Eastland County Livestock Show please make plans to attend.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the fund raisers for the coming year. Also, it will be very informative about information on County and major show validation and entry fee dates.

If you are new to the community or your child is interested in showing a project for the first time, please feel welcome to attend. A Bar-B-Q sandwich meal will be served. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Your presence is very important. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Shawn Boles at 734-2505.

**DESDEMONA NEWS**

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona and Ann Keith spent a few days this past week in Live Oak near San Antonio visiting with their daughter, Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robin. Bill is pastor of the First Baptist Church in nearby Converse, Texas.

"Hello" to our friend, Juanita Langlitz, in Eastland. She will have knee replacement surgery soon. Juanita is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school with the Class of 1949. She has fond memories of her school days in "Hogtown."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Joyce (Read) Quinn who is having some health problems at this time. She is a resident in the Bangs Rest Home. Her daughter, Dana, sent a note to this reporter last week to give a report on her mother. Mary Joyce is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school with the Class of 1943.

Ima Brown visited a few days this past week in Grand Prairie with her sister-in-law, Janet Martin.

Larry and Gay Moore spent several days of their vacation down in South Texas visiting with Kathy Rivera and family. They returned home late Sunday eve.

Dorothy Roberts visited last Saturday with her friends, Jr. and Luella Trice who lives near Lingelville. Luella is having some health problems at this time.

Several from our area attended the 5th Sunday night singing at the

**Workshop in Cisco Highlight Agricultural Diversification for Rural Economies**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Texas Cooperative Extension to host a conference on agricultural diversification for rural Texas.

The conference, called "Agricultural Diversification: Sustaining Rural Economies and Lifestyles," is scheduled for Oct. 19 at the Cisco Junior College in Cisco.

The target audience includes landowners, farmers, ranchers, chambers of commerce and those interested in agricultural diversification in their communities.

The program will feature speakers on economic development, and the conference will cover a variety of subjects related to starting and running a small business as well as specific information on diversification options. Topics will include risk management, marketing and Web design. There will also be a panel presentation on small business development, and attendees will hear agricultural diversification success stories.

To register for the event in Cisco, which takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call Amy Lorange at (877)-428-7848. Locally you can contact Lori Dodd with the Gorman EDC at 734-3933. Registration is also accepted at the door. The workshop fee is \$15 per person, and lunch is included.

Methodist Church in Gorman. All area churches take turns to host these 5th Sunday singing followed with refreshments for everyone. Have a nice day—Vonnie.

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**Notice of Vote on Tax Rate**

The City of Gorman

**conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the**

City of Gorman

**from properties on the tax roll in the preceding**

**year by 5% percent**

**on September 02, 2004.**

The City of Gorman City Commission,

**is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public**

**meeting to be held**

**on September 09, 2004**

**at Gorman City Office, Commission Room.**

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Dr. Cox just recently started his practice at the B & W Clinic. He is a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine. Dr. Cox will be a Family Practitioner, which will include Obstetrics and Pediatrics. He served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Service Specialist. Dr. Cox volunteered to be a big brother in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Dr. Cox is married and has two daughters. His hobbies include hiking, hunting, camping, reading and tennis.

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## Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

### The Golden Rule

Be what you want others to be.  
Say what you want others to say to you.  
Love like you want to be loved.  
Live like you want others to live around you.  
Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.  
Sing like you want our singing to be.  
Be as faithful in worship as you want your children to be.  
Serve like you want to be served.  
Smile like you want others to smile around you.  
Care for others because you need others to forgive you.  
Be there for others because some day you will need others to be there for you.

Compliment others and those around you will become a comfort to you.

Strengthen others and those around you will become your strength.  
Be Christ like and those around you will be Christ like too.  
Rejoice in the Lord and those around you will rejoice.

Some guests were George and Nell Mason, L.E. and Peggy Singleton of Desdemona, Vicki Morgan of Granbury, Bobby and Jessica Cowan of Stephenville.

**Birthdays Party**--On Monday, August 23rd was the Gospel Singing and the August Birthday Party. The singers were Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Anna Rush, Gearldene Wright, Ann Warren, W.C. and Wynelle Browning, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, L.E. and Peggy Singleton, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Becky Moore and Nancy Hendricks. Special music by Ruby Lee, Billy Joe, Woodrow and Helen. W.C. Browning voiced the prayer. Ruby Lee led the 'birthday song' for the honorees and eighteen residents. Everyone enjoyed birthday cake and frosted punch.

Visiting were Larry and DeLinda Snider, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco.

On Sunday morning, those coming from First Baptist Church were Tootie Campbell and Winston Brown. Tootie taught the lesson, "Be Humble." Biblical passage 2 Peter 2:13-21; 3:1-7. Key verse 2 Peter 2:21. A resident led the opening prayer and a resident led the closing prayer. There were 25 residents and visitors Howard and Pat Hagood present.

Some guests were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Anna Rush and Gearldene Wright.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Church of Christ were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Louise Smart, Francis Simpson, Gene Foster, Don Underwood, Carolyn Gilbert and Durward Webb. Don led the singing. Bro. Larry's message was "Having the Mind of Christ." Biblical passage Phillipians 2:1-7. Durward Webb voiced the closing prayer.

Visiting were Sylvia Estes and Bubba of Carbon, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth, Howard and Pat Hagood, and Tootie Campbell.

On Monday morning, resident were happy for Karen Guthery to open the beauty shop.

Visiting recently were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Zelda Jordan, Betty Sue and Billy Joe Dennis and Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham, Judy Kilbrew, Jason Kilbrew and Ina Smith had bingo for eleven residents.

Some visitors were Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Steve and Derenda Minton, Jerry Majors of DeLeon.

A fine lady was honored on her birthday with refreshments of birthday cake and ice cream. Visitors were Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville, Levi Roberts, Shannon and Trinty Roberts, Joan Butler, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Kennard and Doyleena Roberts of Gustine.

Some guests were Lydia and Kaylee Nixon, Mary Nixon and Mandy Nixon of Rising Star, Pam Hulse of Hobbs, NM, Woodrow and Helen Browning, W.C. and Wynelle Browning.

Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric organ and led singing for eleven residents.

Recent visitors were Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Jo Carey of Midlothian, Larry Stogsdill, Francis Simpson, Louise Smart, Carolyn Gilbert, Durward Webb, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon.

Tuesday afternoon, residents gathers in the front hall to play games with Ina Smith.

## 2004 Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Gorman Peanut Festival September 11, 2004

The Goober Gourmet Cook-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries to the Senior Citizen Building (downtown next to the City Hall) on Saturday, September 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. Results will be available by 1:00 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and awards given until 3:00 p.m.

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

There will be **four age groups**: Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School, and Adults.

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products.

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

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

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

Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item.

**Judges' decisions are final.**

The Gorman Goober Cook-Off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entries left after pickup time at 3 o'clock.

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

## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

There was more rain and cooler weather this past week. From Thursday until Saturday my gauge showed just a little over 6 inches. Everything looks so nice and green.

There was a heavy dew this morning (Monday) that really sparkled and was so pretty.

During the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church the choir blessed our hearts as they sang "In My Heart There Rings A Melody". Those singing were Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Helen Browning, Norma Webb, Leona Wilson, Sylvia Buchanan, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano.

What a wonderful time we had singing the good old gospel songs at the Fifth Sunday night singing at the First United Methodist Church in

Some guests were Bonnie D. Stewart and Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Rachel Beal and Landon Beal of May, Annie Fay Foster, Martha Overstreet, Pam Childers, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles.

On Wednesday morning those coming from First Baptist Church for chapel were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell and Winston Brown. Bro. Bill brought the message, "When I Look at Jesus." Key bible verse was Matthew 27-36. A resident gave the opening prayer. There were twenty two residents and one visitor, Peggy Singleton.

Some guests were Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Ray and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville.

Residents enjoyed bingo with Ina Smith, Jason Kilbrew and Judy Kilbrew.

Some visitors were Tommy Harrison, Henry Lenz of Carbon, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, and Wilbur Overstreet.

Thursday morning was 'exercise' for residents with Ina Smith. Thursday afternoon, it was 'trivia.'

Gorman. There was lots of wonderful special music from each of the churches participating. I'm sure that God was pleased to see us all meet together to sing praises unto Him. Then there was such sweet fellowship as we met in the fellowship hall for refreshments and a time of visiting. Thanks ladies for all the good food.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited with his brother Lewis Bond in Austin on Wednesday.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little spent last Monday night in Arlington with their daughter, Nelda Fails and Jarad. Jimmy and Verna Lee were in Abilene last week for Jimmy's medical checkup.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and L.D. and Carol Westbrook visited recently with their brother, George and Mary Westbrook in Pinos Altos, near Silver City, NM. George has been seriously ill. We send our prayers and get well wishes to him. Jimmy and Maggie also visited in Las Cruces, NM with Glenda and Leon Black, and then had a few days vacation in the Big Bend of Texas before returning home.

Zelda Jordan met Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and David and Cassie Brasher at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night for dinner and a visit.

Oren and Norma Webb visited with James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb in Granbury on Sunday afternoon. Jantzen had the misfortune to break his collarbone in the football game on Friday night between Granbury and Justin in Justin. Jantzen plays on the Granbury team. We send our get well wishes to him and pray that he will have a good recovery as quick as possible.

Larry and Betty Strube and Oren and Norma Webb visited with Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

Norma Webb visited with Zelda Jordan on Tuesday afternoon.

Woodrow and Helen Browning, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan and Rose Hamilton visited with Johnnie B. Griffith.

Ted Snider and Dan Snider visited with their sister, LaVon Snider.

The Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Committee met at the Kokomo Community Center on Monday night to take care of some business for the Cemetery. Those attending the meeting were: Delmon Eaves, Bryan Lee Johnson, Larry Strube, Zelda Jordan, Norma Webb, Martha Wood, and Pat and Patsy Collins. The caretaker of the cemetery, Billy Jack Hallmark, also met with them.

"Happy Birthday" to my great-grandson, Justin Miles of Austin, who will celebrate his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 2, from Great-grandma at Kokomo. Have a good week.

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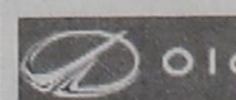
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