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Gorman Athletic Booster Panthers To Scrimmage Soap and Towel Day Eden Here On Saturday

Gorman Athletic Booster Club would like to invite everyone to "Soap and Towel Day," Saturday, August 14th at the Brogdon Field. It will be the Panthers first scrimmage at 10:00 a.m. with Eden.

Everyone that brings a Towel and Bar of Soap will receive a FREE Panther Water Bottle.

Come out and support your Panthers!!!
Thank you.

The Gorman Panthers of 2004 will begin play on Saturday, August 14th at 10:00 a.m. when they host the Eden Bulldogs in a scrimmage game at Brogdon Field.

The Panthers have a larger squad this season when they opened workouts with 25 players. This will help the Panthers after opening workouts last year with only 15 players and losing three players due to injury. Panther backers are anticipating another good year, especially with the additional players.

There will be another scrimmage on August 20th when Gorman hosts Dallas Life in a 7:00 p.m. scrimmage.

The players have been working real hard to get in shape for the upcoming season and will be looking forward to these scrimmages to tune up for the season opener, when they travel to Hermligh on the 27th for a 7:30 p.m. game.

There are three new senior players, two new juniors, and one sophomore. There are also 11 freshmen coming out.

Meet The Athletes

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club would like to invite everyone to Meet the Athletes on August 20th when the Panthers play their second scrimmage against Dallas Life at 7:00 p.m. at Brogdon Field.

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 5:00 p.m. with the Panthers and others will follow. All athletes will be announced after the scrimmage.

Come join the fun and support our youth at Gorman.

Thank You From Gorman Blue's Little League 7 to 9 Years Old

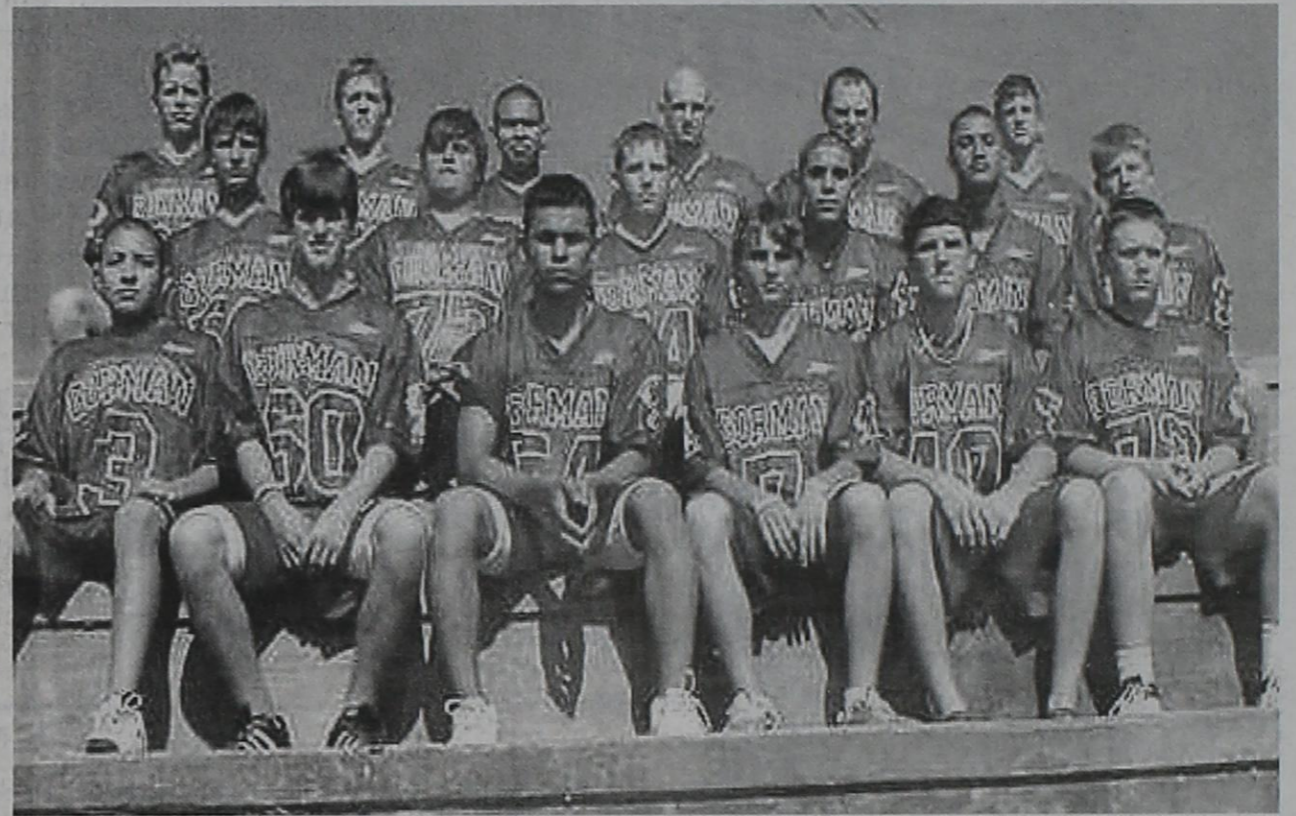
The Gorman Blue's Little League 7 to 9 year olds baseball team would like to thank the businesses and the individuals who donated money for their way to play in the State TTAB Tournament. Also, they would like to thank all the fans that supported them throughout the season.

The kids really had a great time and they will never forget this experience or the memories made while being there.

We are proud to tell you they got 5th place and hope next year they will strive to do even better.

Congratulations to the entire baseball team for their accomplishments throughout the season and the State TTAB Tournament. Also, an outstanding job by Dakota Pacheco for receiving an All-State Player Medal.

A special thanks to our coaches that made this achievement possible—Lucio Pacheco, Richard Watson and Flavio Herrera.



This photo shown above has 18 of the 25 panthers for this season.

FAJITA LUNCH

The Gorman Travel Club
August 13, 2004
Melon Stand, Hwy 6

We will be taking orders all week. Drop by between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to order your plate. Each plate will be \$5.00

No.	NAME	POSITION	WEIGHT	CLASS
2	BRIAN GREER	SE/DB	120	SOPH
3	JOHN TORRES	RB/LB	140	FRESH
7	RYAN WRIGHT	QB/DB	115	SR
14	KENNON HORNBACK	QB/DB	125	FRESH
20	SCOTT LEWIS	RB/DE	165	SR
22	MIKE GRISSOM	SE/DB	120	SF
24	REGGIE SANCHEZ	RB/DB	130	S
33	ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ	RB/LB	125	F
36	TONY PEREZ	RB/LB	130	377
40	JOEY JONES	RB/DB	145	ler
51	CARLOS HERRERA	OL/DL	190	
52	CLINT JONES	OL/LB	180	
54	DAVID IBARRA	OL/DL	160	
56	COREY CLARK	OL/DE	160	F
60	AARON KEITH	OL/DE	140	F
61	GIL COCHRANE	OL/LB	160	S
64	SETH COCHRANE	OL/LB	140	FI
65	PETE RAMIREZ	OL/DL	195	SO
70	J.T. WHITFILL	OL/DL	250	SR
72	TOBY DARVILLE	OL/LB	160	FRES
74	ZACH BRYAN	OL/DL	185	JR
77	SETH JOHNSON	OL/DL	250	FRESH
80	ARMANDO GILES	SE/DB	165	JR
84	BRANDON GREER	SE/DB	105	FRESH
88	TREY HOLDMAN	SE/DB	90	FRESH

Prospective Jurors Summoned for Jury Duty on August 13, 2004 Should Report for Duty on August 20 at 8:30 a.m.

If you have received a summons to report for jury duty in the 91st District Court on August 13, 2004 (at either 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.), then you have been summoned to appear on the wrong date. All persons who have been summoned to appear on August 13 should instead appear as follows:

Date: August 20, 2004
Location: District Courtroom, 3rd Floor (Suite 302)
Eastland County Courthouse
100 West Main Street
Eastland, Texas 76448
Time: 8:30 a.m.

The court regrets any inconvenience that this may have caused. If you have any questions concerning your service you may contact the court at (254) 629-1797.

Friends Of The Peanut Festival

This year the Peanut Festival Committee will be offering Individual/Family Sponsorship—name only—which will appear on the sponsorship sign and on the brochure.

Individual Sponsorship is \$10.00 and Household Sponsorship is \$15.00.

Heritage Manor Of Gorman Celebration

The staff of Heritage manor would like to invite you to share in fellowship with us as we celebrate Pyramid HeathCare's 6th Birthday.

Our owner, Diane Ward, started Pyramid in August 1998 and we are proud of the success that our company has had over the years. We will have a birthday cake for Pyramid as well as our monthly birthday cake for our residents on Monday, August 23rd at 2:30 p.m. Please join us for this special event.

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers for your help with the Melon Patch Bike Ride. The baked good and your time were greatly appreciated.

Gorman Peanut Festival Committee

Desdemona School Reunion August 13th

Desdemona School Reunion has been scheduled for Friday, August 13, 2004 at the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona. Registration will be 4:30-6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. will have a program followed by a meal to be catered by Boomtown Cafe at \$8.00 per plate.

Please call 758-2296 to let us know if you plan to attend, so we will be able to have a good head count for the caterer.

Everyone is invited.

EX STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Homecoming and the Peanut Festival are fast approaching!!! The Gorman Ex-Students will have a booth set up downtown at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 11. You are invited to bring old school pictures and mementos to share. Tickets will be on sale at the booth for the Ex-Student Association Fish/Chicken Dinner to be held at 7:00 p.m. at ZJ's Steakhouse—tickets are \$8.00 for

adults and kids under 12 are \$4.00. Registration can be done at the booth downtown or at the business meeting at the High School—registration fee is \$3.00. Also as a reminder, the Association will be registering older athletes, band members, cheerleaders for prizes to be awarded at the business meeting at the school.

Come early, tour downtown, visit with fellow classmates, and enjoy the Peanut Festival Parade and Homecoming activities.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion August 14th

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the Community Center (former school building). Morning program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Noon meal will be catered. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend for an enjoyable day visiting with your former classmates and friends.

Students Can Drop Off Their Supplies Early

Maxfield Elementary is inviting you and your child to bring their school supplies early this year. We will have your student's classroom open Friday, August 13, 2004, from noon until 2:00 p.m. for students to drop off supplies. This might be an opportunity for some of you to meet your new teacher. School begins Monday, August 16, 2004. Elementary students will start going in for breakfast at 7:45.

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. Daryl Hirst, Master — Bob Wilkerson, 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.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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.

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 Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, 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 18TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Obituary

Wanda Rainey



Wanda Rainey, 75, of Gorman passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2004 in Euless, Texas. Services were Saturday, August 7, 2004 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Denver Rainey and Bill Campbell officiating. Burial will follow at Gorman Cemetery.

Mrs. Rainey was born July 15, 1929 in O'Donnell, Texas to James Roberts and Sir Velia Chisum Roberts. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survived by children, Nadine Barnes and husband Lee of Euless, Doug Rainey and wife Carolyn of Stephenville, Sandy Farrow and husband Larry of Brownwood, Faye Stinneford and husband Tim of Euless and Becky Laminack and husband Revise of Gorman; sister, Leona Allen of Desdemona; two sisters-in-law Denzle Ables of Gorman and Winnie Rainey of Stephenville; 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

TXOL INTERNET
Call Lonnie At The Gorman Progress
Call 254-734-2410

FMC Learning Center Accepting Enrollment

The First United Methodist Church Learning Center is now accepting enrollment registration for the 2004-2005 school year for pre-school children ages 3 and 4.

For more information, contact Melissa Osborne at 734-2849 or Cindy Underwood at 734-3185.

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

AARP Drive Safely Class

An AARP Drive Safely Class will be at the DeLeon Senior Center on August 23rd and 25th from 1-5. To register, call 254-893-6311.

Class of '89 Reunion

Yep, it's hard to believe that only 15 "short" years ago, we graduated from the good 'ole G.H.S.!! Now it's time to reunite with fellow classmates and friends, so please join us, as we gather to mingle, munch, and make memories!

The reunion will be at Mark and Jeanette Simmons residence at 715 N. Ector, in Gorman.

We will be having two separate gatherings—Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 12:00 noon for brisket, drinks, swimming, games—bring the kids!) Then that evening, Saturday, September 4, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. we will meet at Z.J.'s for supper, then return to Simmons residence.

R.S.V.P. by Aug. 27th to Jeanette @ 254-734-3982. We will need donations of \$5.00 per adult plate and \$2.50 per child plate for the brisket lunch. Hope to see you there!

If any one knows how to contact Clint Foster, please let him know. Anyone outside the Class of 1989 is invited to join us too.

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NOTIFICATION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND NOTICE THAT THE CITY HAS A FAIR HOUSE ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING.

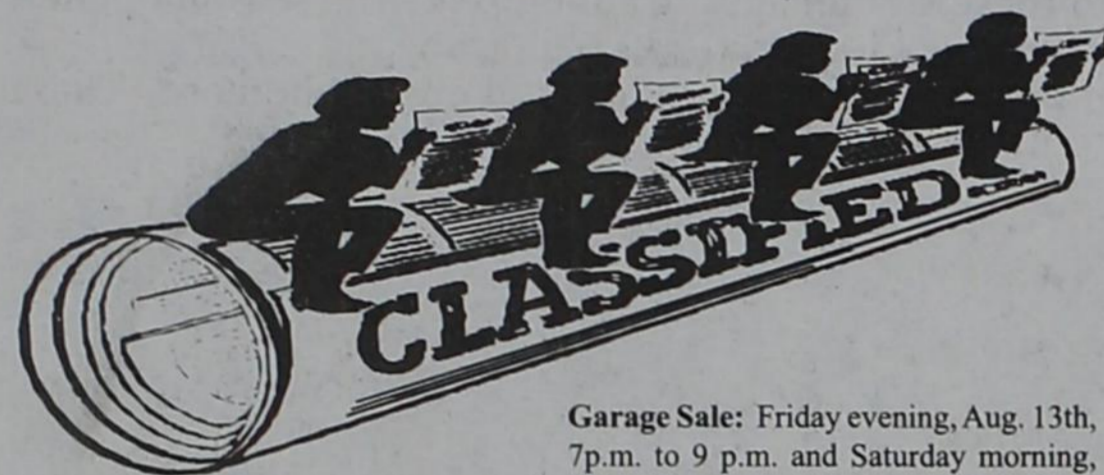
DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the city to bring about through fair, orderly and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon a recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, age; and considerations based on race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the city and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

Whereas, the City of Gorman has a copy of said Fair Housing Ordinance for review as part of its educational & public information programs, said Ordinance is available for review by all interested persons at City hall during regular office hours.

Robert Ervin, Mayor



UNLIMITED BONUS POTENTIAL with above average base pay as Manager of Gorman DQ. Looking for friendly, customer service leader. Holiday and vacation pay. Smoke and drug free work environment. Drug test and background check required. Call District Manager, Joe Tillman 405-706-6425.

4-9-2-C

For Sale: Heavy Duty Welding Trailer. \$400.00 cash. Call 734-3524. 1-8-12-P

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WANT NEIGHBORHOOD - One block from school! 3 BR, 1 1/2 baths brick home with CH/A, office, screened porch, SAG, SACP, above ground pool, & nice sized lot. 09
GIVE ME LAND - Lots of land! 10.5 acres, m/l, and 4 BR home with city convenience. Near everything with CH/A, kitchen built-ins, FP, patio, screened porch, DAG, water well & city water. Quiet & Private. HA6
PERFECT PLACE FOR A BUSINESS! This lot in Gorman on Hwy. 6 would be great place for any business. Drive by & take a look. 04
BARGAIN PRICED! 2 BR, 1 bath, large utility, large kitchen, DACP. Great starter home. 02

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Garage Sale: Friday evening, Aug. 13th, 7p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday morning, Aug. 14, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. 402 S. Crescent St. Lots of ladies clothes--MOST a \$1.00 and under, computer desk, desk, bicycle, fishing equipment, galv. tubs, kitchen stuff, lots of misc. 1-8-12-P

Garage Sale: Inside--cool, rain or shine, Sat., Aug. 14th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. FM 2921 by St. Joe Baptist Church, DeLeon--follow sign at Birdsong--10 miles, first house on right after church. Large women's clothes, computer items, dishes, books, much, much more. 1-8-12-P

For Sale by Owner: Huckabay. '95 single mobile home. 16 X 76, 3 br, 2 bath, central heat & air, to be moved. Clear title 817-579-5965. 2-8-19-C

For Sale: Clarinette. \$50.00. Call 254-734-3931. 1-8-12-P

Garage Sale: Thursday, Aug. 12 and Fri., Aug. 13 at 8 a.m. - ? 318 Bosque. Men's, women's, and kid's clothes, lots of misc. 1-8-12-P

For Sale: 1993 Buick Skylark. \$800.00. Call 254-734-4422. 1-8-12-C

DQ in Gorman has openings for day/night shifts. Flexible hours, vacation and holiday pay. Smoke and drug free working environment. Drug test requires. Apply in store to Manager, Amanda Allman. 4-8-26-C

Gorman Paper Route - Estimated profit, \$950. Call 325-670-5246. fnc

Did your electric bill go up this month? Another increase coming! NOT HAPPY! Call for individual review. I saved money this month! Eula Miears 254-734-4371. FNC.

For Sale: Office building and corner lot next to Post Office in Gorman. Call 254-734-2755.

FOR RENT: Building downtown Gorman across from ZJ's Steakhouse. Available Now!!! Central Heat and Air, restroom and waterheater. Call Joe at Gorman Progress - 254-734-2410.

COGBURN REALTY
893-6666 DE LEON, TX
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NEW: 2-1-1 brick, CH/A, 1745' LA, fenced backyard, corner lot, 24x40 shop w/cement floor, nice home. \$39,500.
SOLD
3-2 Brick central A/H carport, water well, fenced, large lot. \$52,500
NEW: 15a M/L edge town, nice remodeled 2 - 2 brick, central a/h, carpeted, fireplace, large game room, 24 x 60 metal garage - cement floor, guest house, water well + city water and sewer, pecans, pavement. Reduced \$130,000.
28A, 6 Miles East of Gorman on FM 2921; 10 acres coastal, 15 acres cult., 2 stock ponds, electricity available, good fences. \$1,250 Acre.
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 dear area, \$1,050 acre.
50 A. Gorman on FM 2921: 15A coastal, 3A wooded, 25A native. Water well, make good cattle place, lg oaks - homesites. \$1600 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
We NEED Your Listings. The market is Good. Call Us.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that at 9:00 a.m. on August 23, 2004, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas, a Public Hearing will be held by the Commissioners' Court to present the budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005 for Eastland County as prepared by the County Judge and County Auditor's office. Any taxpayer shall have the right to be present and participate in said hearing. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the offices of the County Clerk and/or County Auditor's, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas, during regular business hours, beginning August 2, 2004. The public will be given an opportunity to make oral or written comments on the entire budget and ask questions concerning the County Budget.
Published by order of the Eastland County Commissioners' Court, on August 2, 2004.

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Comanche Co.:
175 Acres, pasture, cultivation, 115 acres wooded, water well, hunting, \$202,000
160 Acres, woods, 40 acres cultivation, corral, 5 tanks, rural water, hunting, Hwy. 587 frontage. \$195,000
34 Acres, two irrigation wells, 16 pecan trees, nice home site, irrigation tank. \$68,000
2 Acres, with 2-septic system, water well, carport, large oak trees, and Hwy. frontage. \$25,000
Bosque Co.:
324 Acres with 1.8 miles of Bosque River Frontage, 2 wells, hunting and fishing. \$646,380
Gorman:
510 E. LEXINGTON: 3-1 3/4, 1,342 sq. ft. Frame home with screened porch, central h/a. 70' x 210' lot. \$33,750
Service station on Hwy. 6 with service & wash bays, auto lift, large lot. \$22,500
711 S. Pershing, 3/2, 1,750 sq. ft. brick home, fireplace, covered patio, storage bldg. \$56,500
- Other Listings Available - We Appreciate All Listings -

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This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for Eastland County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$ 100 of property value.

GENERAL FUND

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,663,104
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 323,740
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,986,844
Last year's tax base	\$ 551,047,891
Last year's total tax rate	\$.54203 /\$ 100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,983,496
(Divide) This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 558,596,967
(Equal) This year's effective tax rate	\$.53410 /\$ 100
(Times) 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.55012 /\$ 100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,660,117
(Divide) This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 558,596,967
(Equal) This year's effective operating rate	\$.47621 /\$ 100
(Times) 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.51430 /\$ 100
(Plus) This year's debt rate	\$.05630 /\$ 100
(Equal) This year's roll back rate	\$.57060 /\$ 100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.57060 /\$ 100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Eastland County adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.53410 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2003 taxes by \$.00793 per \$100.

Schedule A-Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$ 510,000
Bond	\$ 101,283

Schedule B-2004 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes, these amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
BND	\$ 260,000	\$ 39,400	\$ 1,850	\$ 301,250
			Total required for 2004 debt service	\$ 301,250
(Minus)			Am.(if any)paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$ -0-
(Minus)			Am.(if any)paid from other resources	\$ -0-
(Minus)			Excess collections last year	\$ -0-
(Equal)			Total to be paid from taxes in 2004	\$ 301,250
(Plus)			Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 93.5% of its taxes in 2004	\$ 20,942
(Equal)			Total Debt Levy	\$ 322,192

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: Eastland County Auditors Office, Eastland County Courthouse, Second Floor Suite 205, Eastland, Texas

Name of person preparing this notice: Steve Thomas, RPA
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date Prepared: August 6, 2004

Order of the Eastern Star Honors Fire Department, Police Department, and Dr. Dan Brudnak

On Monday, August 2, 2004, the Order of the Eastern Star honored the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, Gorman Police Department, and Dr. Dan Brudnak with a chicken dinner. The members of the Chapter expressed their gratitude to the men and women of their selfless dedication of time and energy to our community. Each department was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Chapter.

The Chapter collected stuffed animals for these departments to be distributed to children in crisis.



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20406 - '02 Chev. Trail Blazer 4WD	Auto, loaded, 46K	\$18,995
20972 - '00 Chev. 1500 LS Ex. Cab	Auto, loaded, 66K	\$12,995
21150 - '01 Chev. 1500 LS Ex. Cab	Auto, loaded, 59K	\$15,995
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DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 14 at the Community Center (former school building). Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Noon meal will be catered by Texas Bar-B-Que in Stephenville. This annual event dates back to the year 1922. All former students, teachers and friends are invited to attend. Support the Homecoming Committee who have worked very hard on this year's program.

Johnny and Sandy Cameron of Sanger; Danny Cameron and son, Justin of Corinth visited recently with Bernard and Ann Keith.

"Congratulations" to Kara Gray. She won the title DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival Queen. She is the daughter of Donnie and Kay Gray of Desdemona. Grandparents are Ray and Linda McLearen of Desdemona.

Kelsey Caddell of Fort Worth spent the past week in Desdemona visiting with her great grandmother, Dorothy Roberts. They attended the DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival.

James Ryon is in the DeLeon Hospital at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Ricky Clayton visited last Wednesday with his father, Lindley Clayton in Desdemona.

This reporter enjoyed a surprise phone call last Sunday from Evelyn (Joiner) Abel in Jal, New Mexico. Robert and Evelyn are former residents of Desdemona where they attended school. Evelyn graduated with the Class of 1943. They always enjoyed their visits back "Home in Hogtown." Robert and Evelyn will not be able to attend Homecoming this year and would like to say "Hello" to their former classmates and friends in this area.

"First norther in August--Frost in three months" so the old times say. Guess we will have to mark our calendars and see if this old saying does come true.

Wanda Rainey, 75, of Gorman passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Doug Rainey and wife Carolyn of Stephenville, four daughters, Nadine Barnes and husband Lee of Euless, Sandy Farrow and husband Larry of Brownwood, Faye Stinneford and husband Tim of Euless, and Becky Laminack and husband Revise of Gorman; sister Leona Allen of Desdemona. The Rainey family are former residents of Desdemona. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Thought for today—Some minds are like concrete—thoroughly mixed-up and permanently set.

On-line Computer Technology Program At Ranger College

Are you a busy person? Do you live a long distance from Ranger? Would you like to take college courses even if you are working full-time? Ranger College is now offering on-line courses in the Computer Information Technology department to accommodate students who find it difficult to attend regular classes. Students in these classes are able to do their class work at home at any time of the day or night with a computer that has an Internet connection.

You can now earn a Certificate of Completion in Computer Information Technology from Ranger College by completing four on-line courses. Students who complete this program will have skills in the use of personal computers and very popular software such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft FrontPage, and Windows XP.

Three courses are offered both on-line and in-person for the fall 2004 semester: 1) **Microcomputer Applications**, a course that teaches computer terminology and concepts, and an introduction to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and computer programming. This three-credit-hour course is designed for academic transfer; 2) **Word Processing**, in which you can obtain an extensive knowledge of Microsoft Word; 3) **PC Operating Systems**, a course in which you can become very proficient in the use of Microsoft Windows XP.

In addition to on-line classes, computer courses are offered during the day, in the evenings, and at noon. These include **Introduction to Spreadsheets**, a course in which you can become a power user of Microsoft Excel.

Students can earn a Certificate of Completion in Computer Information Technology in as little as one semester. Ranger College also offers a two-semester certificate program, and a two-year Associate Degree program in the computer department. In these programs you will obtain computer and business skills needed in today's workplace.

Registration for commuter students begins on August 12 on the Ranger Campus, August 17 in Comanche and Early, and August 19 in Graham. Classes begin on August 23. For information about the Computer Information Technology program, please contact Sandra Cunningham at Ranger College (254 647-3234) or scunningham@ranger.cc.tx.us, or visit Ranger's web site at www.ranger.cc.tx.us.

Cases Filed 91st District Court 7/1/04 - 7/31/04

Civil
 Defendant Spence, James Anthony (multi); Plaintiff The State of Texas—Bond Forfeiture
 Defendant Pierce, Tawana Terese; Plaintiff Lewis, William Wesley—Divorce
 Defendant \$1,360.00 United States Currency (multi); Plaintiff The State of Texas—Seizure & Intended Forfeiture

Defendant Green, Kristi; Plaintiff Eastland Memorial Hospital—Accounts, Contract, Notes
 Defendant Slavens, Terry Ray; Plaintiff Slavens, Edna Lorraine—Divorce
 Defendant Harmon, Evelyn; Plaintiff Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp—Accounts, Contract, Notes
 Defendant McKinney, David Brent; Plaintiff McKinney, Brenda Carol—Divorce
 Defendant Arlington Cattle & Pecan Company Inc., Registered A; Plaintiff Enderby, Kathy (multi)—Bill of Review

Defendant Stidham, Sean Patrick (multi); Plaintiff The State of Texas—Seizure & Intended Forfeiture
 Defendant Barcelo, Dennis (multi); Plaintiff The State of Texas—Seizure & Intended Forfeiture
 Plaintiff-Interest of Johnson, Wanda Gaye (multi)—Parent Child Relationship
 Defendant Patton, Karen Gay; Plaintiff May, Patsy J.—Tresspass to Try Title
 Defendant Lowe, Sherry Denise; Plaintiff The State of Texas—Bond Forfeiture
 Defendant Lowe, Sherry Denise (multi); Plaintiff The State of Texas—Bond Forfeiture
 Defendant Herring, Kimberly Rene; Plaintiff Herring, Andy Allen—Divorce
 Defendant Fuentes, Reuben; Plaintiff Fuentes, Holly Gaye—Divorce
 Defendant Lowe, Sherry Denise (multi); Plaintiff The State of Texas—Bond Forfeiture
 Defendant Lowe, Sherry Denise (multi); Plaintiff The State of Texas—Bond Forfeiture
 Defendant Chapman, Lucinda Starr; Plaintiff Chapman, Davy Lynn—Divorce

Tax
 Defendant Holdridge, et al, Justin; Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Constancio, Charlotte; Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Grable, Wayne Leroy; Plaintiff Rising Star ISD—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Southeastern Resources Corp; Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Curtis et al, Janet; Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Morris, Cora (multi); Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Davis, Allen Wayne; Plaintiff Rising Star ISD—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Ford, George E. et al; Plaintiff Eastland ISD—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Charles et al, Joe Don; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Heinzman, Janie; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Jackson, Patricia Lynn; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Solis, Raymond; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Walton, Bob; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Cozart, Billy C.; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Cooper et al, Joe C.; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Robertson et al, Cindy G.; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Christopher et al, Robert Charles; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Bateas, Marvin Linton; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Wester, Susan; Plaintiff Cisco ISD & CJC Dist.—Delinquent Tax
 Defendant Bishop, Lowell; Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent Tax

Criminal
 Defendant Keith, Dustin Lee; Plaintiff State of Texas—Poss Marijuana >4 oz <5 lbs
 Defendant Koger, Christy Dawn; Plaintiff State of Texas—Theft (aggregated) >=\$20K <\$100K
 Defendant Lemaster, Benjamin Hager; Plaintiff State of Texas—Indecency with a Child
 Defendant Lemaster, Benjamin Hager; Plaintiff State of Texas—Indecency with a Child
 Defendant Sikes, Thomas Fowler; Plaintiff State of Texas—Indecency with a Child Sexual Contact
 Defendant Breed, Joe Mack; Plaintiff State of Texas—Theft >\$1500 <\$20K
 Defendant Gwinn, Cody Lane; Plaintiff State of Texas—Aggravated Assault by Physical Contact
 Defendant Osborne, Melissa Kay; Plaintiff State of Texas—Theft <\$100K >\$200K
 Defendant Ramirez, Johnny Martin; Plaintiff State of Texas—Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Offense
 Defendant Thomas, Douglas Lee; Plaintiff State of Texas—Escape

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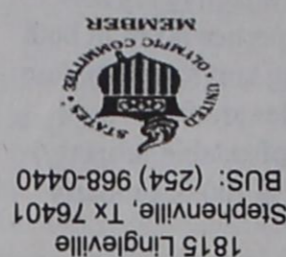
Thank You

Our thanks and appreciation go to our friends and family for all your calls, delicious foods, beautiful flowers, many cards and most of all your prayers and the love shown to us during this difficult time in our lives.

Carolyn and Marjorie at the Higginbotham Funeral Home for the consolation you gave us, also to The Messengers—Tommy, Jeff, and Glenn for their beautiful music and Brother Denver and Brother Bill for their comforting words.

The Family of Wanda Rainey
 Becky & Revise & family
 Faye & Tim & family
 Sandy & Larry & family
 Doug & Carolyn & family
 Nadine & Lee & family

At Lone Star Lanes In Stephenville, Tx



Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

What a good rain we received on Sunday afternoon. I heard reports of 1 inch to 1.6 inches around our community. Please thank The good Lord and Praise Him for it.

A quartet: Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, and Daryl Hirst blessed our hearts as they sang "Way Down Deep In My Soul" as the special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Ruby Lee Kinser and Mary Donham. James and Jill Little and Verna Lee Little also had birthdays and James and Jill had an anniversary, but they weren't there for us to sing to them, but we extend best wishes to them.

Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan from the Kokomo Baptist Church were at Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon. Woodrow led the singing with Daryl at the piano, then Daryl sang several songs for those gathered for the service. Bro. Clarence Wilson was unable to be there.

Larry and Betty Strube visited recently in Haskell with Bob and Beverley Pharris.
 Larry and Betty Strube and Jimmy Nelson attended the funeral of an uncle, Dwight Gothard in O'Brien on Friday, July 30.

Kenny, Cynthia, Tobias and Kennon Moore of Gatesville spent the weekend with her parents, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson in Stephenville. Lowell and Kimberly Wilson and Justin Pack of Stephenville also enjoyed a visit and lunch with them on Saturday and on Sunday. They all enjoyed a hamburger cookout at the home of Lowell, Kimberly and Justin on Saturday evening. Kennon spent Saturday night with Justin.

James and Mary Donham visited from Wednesday until Friday with their daughter and family, Chris, Scott, Travis and Trevor Clayton in Springtown. Their other daughter, Pam Wintermute and daughters Sarah and Emily of Carthage also visited in the Clayton home and they honored Mary with an early birthday celebration with a wonderful birthday dinner and birthday cake. Mary's birthday is August 10.

LaVon Snider met Dwayne and Connie Snider and Sheri LaBonte recently in Stephenville for lunch. She also visited with Gene and Kay Snider, Kathy, Matt and Scott Collum of Huckabay, and with Matthew, Anna, and Andrew Snider of Hollis, OK while they were spending a few days in Gorman with Ted and Charlotte Snider. LaVon also enjoyed a nice phone visit with Joy (Jumper) Grace.

Bob and Beverly Pharris of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Friday.
 Norma Webb met Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga and Kish Suniga of Comanche in De Leon on Saturday for a visit and the watermelon slicing at the Peach and Melon Festival.

Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay visited from Sunday until Tuesday with Mike, Crystal and Rachel in Gorman.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon, Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

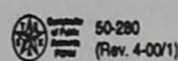
We extend sincere sympathy to the families of Vera Henderson and Wanda Rainey who passed away recently. Both were former residents of Kokomo.

Zelda Jordan enjoyed a visit in Abilene with Glenda and Leon Black and then accompanied them to Las Cruces, NM for a week's visit. While in New Mexico Zelda and Glenda enjoyed lunch and a visit in Silver City with cousins, Ernie and Christine Brown. On the return trip back to Abilene Glenda and Zelda went through Almagorda and Cloudcroft and it was a beautiful drive through the mountains. They had lunch and a visit with Barbara and Bo Bell in Denver City. Back in Abilene they visited with Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell, Loyd and Gail Daniell and Toni and Leon Black, Sr.

On Thursday night, August 5th, Glenda and Zelda and Wade and Sheri attended the retirement dinner honoring Shelby Bolls at the Tye Community Center. Shelby retired from the Abilene Department of Public Safety Office following over 23 years of service. A barbecue dinner was enjoyed. Happy retirement Shelby.

I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to my granddaughter-in-law, Viki Miles of Austin on August 10th from Grandma Jordan.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham Wednesday and Thursday with Gary and Donna Gatlin and family and with Gary and Rebecca Browning and family.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gorman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 pm August 26, 2004 in High School Library 114 W Lexington Gorman Texas 76454. 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.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.4200	\$ 0	\$ 1.4200	\$ 1,476	\$ 5,688
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4862	\$ 0	\$ 1.4862	\$ 1,515	\$ 5,648
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.4500	\$ 0	\$ 1.4500	\$ 1,495	\$ 5,869

* 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.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 23,962	\$ 27,176
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 8,962	\$ 12,176
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.4200	\$ 1.4500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 127.26	\$ 176.55
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 49.29

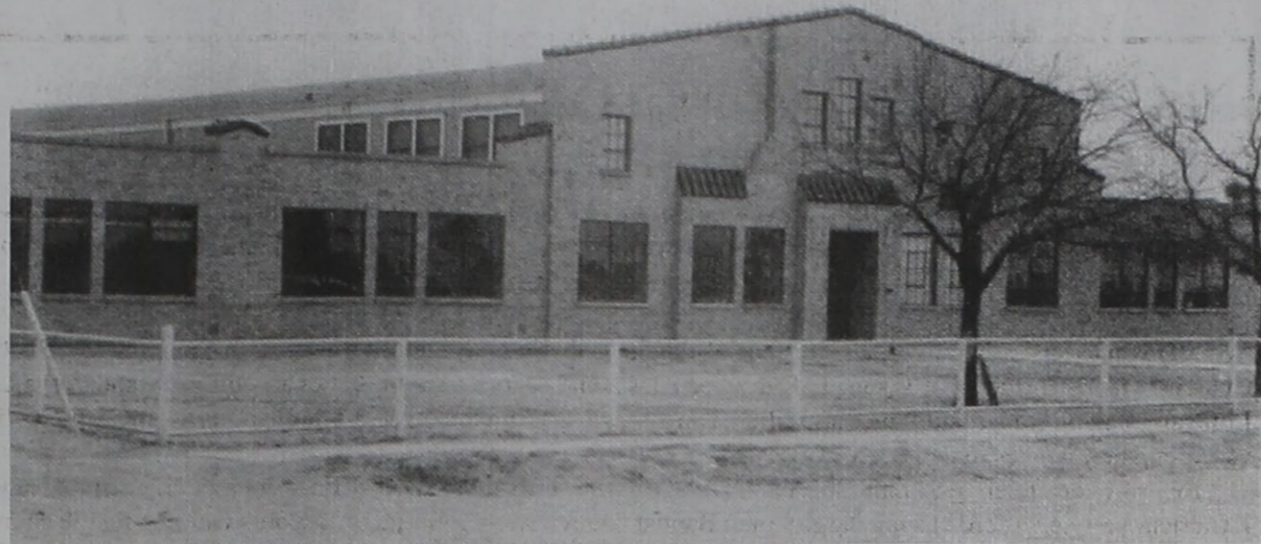
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year 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 \$1.56195/\$100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.56195/\$100.

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:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 300,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

Desdemona Homecoming and A Touch of History

By Vonnie Guthery



Desdemona School in 1938—the school was new then.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2004, at the Community Center (former school building). This is an annual affair—the same date (second Saturday in August) has been observed since it began, except the years during World War II, when it was cancelled because of the shortage of gasoline, tires and to await the return of our servicemen and women.

There is still some difference of opinion as to the actual year of the beginning of the Desdemona Homecoming. Some of the "old-timers" pinpoint the beginning as far back as 1922. Other came up with the year 1932. The style of carrying on of the Homecoming has changed somewhat in the past 80 years or so of existence.

In the early years, when population was on the increase, a parade was always formed, sometimes a mile in length. The citizens participated on foot carrying comical signs and place-cards. They rode on horseback, a string music band rode on a wagon or truck, and covered wagons were decorated and vehicles from the oldest to the newest were many in number that joined the parade.

Beef for the lunch hour was barbecued over an open pit near the Community Tabernacle. A pitch fork was used to turn the meat. People from far and near brought baskets and boxes of food to spread together for the noon meal. We now have lunch served by a catering service. This gives everyone more time for visiting former classmates, teachers and friends.

Then (as now) the morning program was opened with prayer, a salute to our flags, song, welcome address, response, recognition of visitors, recognition of oldest man and woman and a memorial service for those who have passed on since the last meeting.

Desdemona, still known as "Hogtown," reached its peak just after World War I when the discovery well blew in on September 2, 1918, on the Joe Duke farm, three miles south of Desdemona in Comanche County. The Duke well, which was an estimated 8,000 barrels a day gusher, caught fire when it blew in and burned at length before it was brought under control.

During the "Hogtown Oil Boom" days, the population was an estimated 28,000 to 30,000, but soon declined as the boom ended after 18 to 20 months of being one of the "greatest oil booms in history."

Desdemona, a settlement before the Civil War, acquired its first church in 1872. The first services were held in a log cabin near Hog Creek—it had one door and a hole for a window. The benches were hewn logs and the pulpit was flanked by guns for emergency use against the Indians, who were on a war path during this time. The first church was named Rockdale Church, later on changed to First Baptist Church. The first preacher was Johnny R. Northcutt.

The settlement, know as "Hogtown," was officially named Desdemona when the post office was established in 1877. But the town has never lost the title "Hogtown."

Stories of how Desdemona actually got its name are many. Some say an oil investor of the Oil Boom Days (after many days of waiting) saw oil shooting through the top of a derrick toward the sky and he shouted, "Deah's de money!". Others claim it was named Desdemona from Shakespeare's play "Othello." Officially it was named after Desdemona Wynn, a lovely daughter of the Justice of the Peace at that time, J.J. Wynn. She later on taught school in Desdemona. She is buried near Kilgore at Laird's Hill next to her husband, B.O. Thompson. It is named Thompson Cemetery.

10:00 A.M. August 14, 2004

- Master of Ceremonies Harold "Buckshot" Lewis
- Invocation Pug Guthery
- Congregational Song Dorothy Williams Roberts
- Welcome Address Garry Clayton
- Recognition of Visitors Harold "Buckshot" Lewis
 - A. Oldest Woman Present
 - B. Oldest Man Present
- Music Bernard and Ann Keith & daughter, Vicki Robinett
- Memorial Service Ann Keith and Vicki Robinett
- Benediction Donald Holder

Adjourn for Lunch

Catered by Texan Bar-B-Que, Stephenville, Texas

Adults - \$7.00 - Children \$3.50

Enjoy your visit with former classmates and friends.

"Have A Safe Journey Home"

Homecoming and School Reunion Officers

Garry Clayton — President

Vonnie Keith Guthery — Homecoming Secretary



90 year old Burnice Daniels, of Gorman, enjoys himself at the De-Leon Peach and Melon Festival.

From The Woodshed

"The Ringing of the School Bell"

Gorman ISD is making final preparations for the first school bell to ring for the 2004-2005 school year. On Monday, August 16, 2004, at 7:55 am the first bell will ring signaling the official beginning of the new school year.

Gorman ISD's theme for the new school year is *Get On Board and Leave No Student Behind*. The faculty has participated in a minimum of five days of staff development this summer preparing for the new school year. The students and faculty have numerous challenges laid out before them. The No Child Left Behind Act calls for increased monitoring of student scores and teacher qualifications. The Texas Legislature and the Texas Education Agency mandate the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) exams, and the local Board of Trustees has established goals for the District. The GISD Board goals include enhancing Mathematics at all grade levels, providing remedial programs for students and developing a three year plan for the Career and Technology programs. The administration and faculty are prepared to address the demands from all areas.

The maintenance and administration have worked throughout the summer preparing the facilities for the new school year. A fresh coat of paint and repairs have been applied across the campus. The facilities have been thoroughly cleaned, with the Maxfield elementary building receiving a special environmental cleaning. All furniture and supplies were removed and the ceilings, walls, and floors were cleaned by an environmental cleaning service. Mr. Childers and Mr. Perez assembled the new playground equipment which was partially funded by the Gorman PTO.

Technology has been a primary tool for GISD employees and students. The summer-time has allowed Jack Sloan, the GISD Technology Coordinator, the time to place new computers in all of the elementary classrooms, and to upgrade the elementary computer lab with new computers. Gorman ISD's web page has many new items. Parents, students and community members are now able to access a number educational resources on-line. The latest edition is the teacher web pages. This year, every GISD instructor will have a web page accessible via the GISD web site, www.gorman.esc14.net. Individuals can also view the school calendar, schedules, and even review the GISD Policy manual.

Gorman is proud to announce the addition of eight new staff members. Five new teachers will greet students on the first day of school. Amy Jaggars will teach 5th and 6th grade Mathematics, Miranda Speer will teach Content Mastery and coach girls athletics, Coy Barker will teach secondary Social Studies and coach boys athletics, Barry Tooley will teach Speech, Health, Social Studies and coach girls athletics, and Penny Brister will be the Band Director. Charlotte Howard is new to the Custodial Department. Jennifer Cole will work on the elementary campus as an educational aide, and Shelly Little will be the new School Nurse.

Gorman ISD and its staff strive diligently to meet the needs of the students it serves. The District is charged with many tasks as it prepares to develop responsible and productive citizens. The District thanks you for your support, and invites you to visit the school at your convenience.

2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN The City of Gorman

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for the City of Gorman. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can stare tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$ 100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 156,953
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 156,953
Last year's tax base	\$ 25,178,680
Last year's total tax rate	\$.62336 /\$ 100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 156,953
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
(Divide) This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 22,876,290
(after subtracting value of new property)	
(Equal) This year's effective tax rate	\$.68609 /\$ 100
(Times) 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.70667 /\$ 100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 156,953
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
(Divide) This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 22,876,290
(Equal) This year's effective operating rate	\$.68609 /\$ 100
(Times) 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.74097 /\$ 100
(Plus) This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$ 100
(Equal) This year's roll back rate	\$.74097 /\$ 100

Statement of Increase / Decrease

If the City of Gorman adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.68609 per \$ 100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$.06273 per \$100 of value.

Schedule A- Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$ -0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: Gorman City Hall, Gorman Tax Office, Gorman, Texas

Name of person preparing this notice: Steve Thomas, RPA
Title: Chief Appraiser
Eastland CAD

Date Prepared: August 6, 2004

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

The Master's Touch

How blessed are the stars on high
To send to us their holy light.
As if an artist had passed our way
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The Master's touch is the real thing
Something a forger cannot claim.
He paints the sunset at the end of the day
And send His blessings along our way.
He paints the sunrise on the morning tide
And hear the seagulls on their flight
The blessings we have of another day
And the promise to walk with us along the way.
The joy that each of us are given
To be counted among the living.
So stop and smell the roses along the way
And count each blessing we receive today.

The August Birthday Party will be on Monday, August 23rd at 2:30 p.m. The Gospel Singers will entertain. There will be three residents honored for having August birthday. There will be delicious refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Some visitors were Dillon and Edna Jones of Dennison. On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, Ed Rodgers, Vicki Seay and Ellen Tucker. Tootie taught the lesson, "Know Jesus." Biblical passages, Matthew 4:18-20; 11:22-23, John 1:35-42. Key verses were Matthew 4:19-20. Ed Rodgers took pictures for the "Home Bound Ministry." A resident gave the opening prayer and another resident gave the closing prayer. Twenty nine residents and two guests Howard and Pat Hagood were present.

Some guests were Peggy and Bobby Ingram, Maudie Husband, Michelle Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Sue and Lee Pettigrew of Desdemona, Garry Owens of Abilene, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider.

Sunday afternoon, those coming for church from First Baptist Church were Tootie Campbell, Ed Rodgers, Thomas and Vickie Seay, Louise Hall, Ann Maxfield, Kathy Ervin, Ann Warren, Anna Rush, Frankie Jo Shipman, Jerry Underwood, and guest Nancy Hendricks. Thomas Seay led the singing and Ed Rodgers brought the message, "A Great Day is Coming." Bible passage from 2nd Timothy. Kathy Ervin led the closing prayer.

Some visitors were Don Landers and Annette Sanders of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, and Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona.

Also visiting were Frankie Jo Shipman, Steve and Dorenda Menten, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Ann Warren.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop and did hair styling.

Recent guests were Kennard and Doylene Roberts of Gustine, Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Winston Brown, Levi Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Shaylor Roberts and Shannon Roberts.

Residents appreciated the good magazines that were donated. Some guests were W.C. and Winelle Browning, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Amy, Donny, Stephen, Andrea, Zuliaco of Monterey, Mexico, Chase Searcy, Pam Hulse of Hobbs, NM, Glen Clement of Lake Leon, Ann Maxfield.

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

Some guests were Gordon Hankins of Amarillo, Lendon and Shelly Morgan of Garland, Bonnie D. Stewart and Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers, Johnnie B. Griffith.

On Monday afternoon at 2:30, those coming for the Gospel Singing were Dorenda Menten, W.C. and Winelle Browning, Daisy Slaton, Johnnie B. Griffith, Ruby Lee Kinser, Marjorie Treadway, Ann Warren Ernestine Campbell, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Billy Joe Dennis and Nancy Hendricks.

Ruby Lee, Billy Joe, Woodrow and Helen Browning brought the special music. There were fourteen residents present. W.C. Browning voiced the closing prayer.

Recent guests were Thomas and Vicki Seay, Louise Hall, Kathy Ervin and Daisy Slaton.

A SOLDIER DIED TODAY

Editor's Note: We received this over the Internet from several different sources. We were moved by it and thought we'd print it here for all to read.

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast.
And he sat around the Legion Hall, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes everyone.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke.
All his buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for ol' Bob has passed away.
And the world's a little poorer; For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, going quietly on his way.
And the world won't note his passing; -- Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state.
Thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell their life stories, from the time that they were young.
But the passing of a Soldier, goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution, to the welfare of our land
Some jerk who breaks his promise, and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow, who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country, and offers up his life?

The politician's stipend, and the style in which he lives.
Are sometimes disproportionate, to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary Soldier who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension, small.

It's easy to forget them, for it is so long ago.
That our Bob's and Johnny's went into battle, but we know.
It's not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the Freedom that Our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with enemies at hand.
Would you really want some cop-out with his ever-waffling stand?
Or would you want a Soldier, who has sworn to defend,
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common Soldier and his ranks are growing thin.
But his presence should remind us; we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the Soldier's part.
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor, whiles he's here to hear the praise,
Then let's give him homage, at the ending of his days.
Perhaps a simple headline, in the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, FOR A SOLDIER DIED TODAY"

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for ten residents.

Some guests were Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth, Jerry Underwood, and Ed Rodgers.

Residents send "Deep and Sincere Sympathy" to the family of Wanda Rainey. Wanda was so nice to come and play the piano for the Gospel Singers.

Some visitors were Estelle Craddock, Mary Margaret Hudson and Kay Ann Craddock, and Nancy Hendricks.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell and Winston Brown of First Baptist Church came and had chapel. Bro. Bill's topic was "The Word that Blessed the World" from John 1:1-14. One resident led the opening prayer and another voiced the closing prayer. There were nine present.

Recent guests were Ronnie Brown of Lamesa, Harlees and Betty of Lake Leon, Jerry Brown, Roger Brown, Gearldene Wright, Karen Guthery and Lavell Hallmark.

On Wednesday afternoon was "Crazy Bingo with Ina Smith.

Visiting were Jimmy and Verna Little of Eastland, Nell Files of Carbon, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville. Henry Lenz of Carbon, George Rodgers, Billy Joe Dennis.

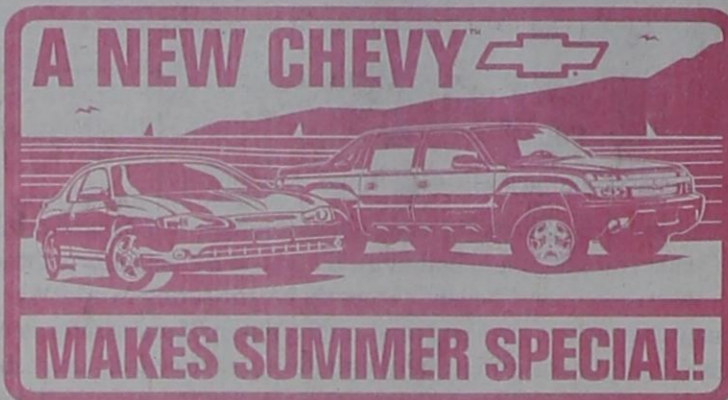
On Thursday morning residents enjoyed exercise with Ina Smith. Recent visitors were Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville. Thursday afternoon was time for residents to play the game of "Horse Races."

Some guests were Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Anna Rush, Gearldene Wright and Irene West.

On Friday morning, Pat Graham, Judy Kilbrew, Jason Kilbrew and Ina Smith had bingo.

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