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Halloween Costume Parade Oct. 31

It is time to start thinking about what to wear to the annual Halloween Costume Parade. This years parade will be held on Monday Oct. 31 just before dark.

Donations of money, candy, snacks, toys, ect. are needed to fill the "goody bags"
Donations are being accepted at Bob's Gro., City Gro., City Office, and Smith's Service Station.
See you there
Ina Smith

Fall Festival Monday, October 31st

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship is hosting its 4th annual Fall Festival. The evening will be filled with free games, food, and fun for the young and the young at heart. The community is invited to come and enjoy the pony rides, pumpkin bowling, a bounce slide, hot and cold drinks, and snacks. There is something for all ages. The event will begin immediately following the Halloween Parade on Monday night October 31th.

Senior Recognition Night This Friday At Brogdon Field

This Friday night at 7:10 pm, the Gorman seniors in football, volleyball, cross-country, cheerleading and band will be announced and recognized for their participation. We hope to have a good crowd at the game, but we would like everyone to come out early to honor these seniors as they are escorted by their parent(s) and honored for their dedication to their respective programs. Please come early, be loud, and help us BEAT RANGER!

Ryan Laminack Collects Eyeglasses

Rylan had so much fun collecting old eyeglasses for the Lions Club while tricking or treating last year, he's willing to do it again this year.

If you have old frames or eyeglasses, please contact Becky Laminack at 734-5959 or Jerilyn Wilkerson at 734-2765 and Rylan will come "trick or treat" for them Monday night. On behalf of the Lions Club, we appreciate your donation.

Personal Thank You

I personally want to thank the actors from Gorman who performed so well. The Shipp gang is certainly a dangerous bunch. I was very pleased that the Caballeros were able to apprehend them to bring them to justice. We hope our community will be safe now, at least until next year. They may be out of jail by that time.

The questionnaires passes out on the train were returned with Gorman getting an A+. Most said they would like to spend more time in Gorman and would definitely be returning at a later date. I noticed some had returned that night to eat at ZJ's and a few came for the dance.

We are planning another ride in the spring and another in October in 2006. The spring ride has no definite date as yet, but we do know that there will be a "real" wedding on the train. In October, Steve Goen, author of seven train books, will be signing his new book, Miss Katy in the Lone Star State.

Our city crew did an excellent job. The town looked extremely well cared. Thank you Cary, Glenn and Bill.

Our bus drivers, Ron, Shawn, and Mike were wonderful and patient. Thanks Shawn for going the "extra mile".

I was very proud of our town and am looking forward to more events that will put us in the mind of more people when they are deciding where to go or what to do or see.

Thank you all,
Cliffa

Cubs Win Over Baird By The Score of 44-20

The Gorman Cubs continued their winning ways by clobbering the Baird Bears Thursday night in front of a very large hometown crowd. The starters got most of their work done in the 1st quarter, as all the Cubs got substantial playing time in the victory. Tyler Johnson touched the ball three times and scored on each opportunity, finishing the game with 143 yards and three touchdowns. Taylor Chew carried three times and scored twice and finished with 77 yards. Ernie Rodriguez scored one touchdown and totaled 51 yards on four carries. Cameron Clark converted two 2 point conversions and ran hard throughout the game. A.J. Vaughn came into the game and ran hard, carrying the ball seven times for 57 yards and a 2 point conversion. Justin Little ran in a 2 point conversion and did a good job at quarterback running the offense.

Defensively, the Cubs did a great job. The first unit was done early and many younger players received valuable playing experience. Ben Burgess recorded an interception, Keifer Wilson lead the team with seven tackles, and Cameron Clark finish with six tackles. Ernie Rodriguez blocked a punt and Tyler Johnson made a very hard hit on a two point conversion. Other players making an impact on the game were James Brown, Dylan Keith, Scotty Martin, Randy Woodall, Jonathan Finley, and Alex Giles. The Cubs improved their record to 7-0.

The Cubs next travel to Ranger to take on the Bulldogs this Thursday, the game starts at 5:30. Please keep the spirit and support your undefeated Gorman Cubs as they continue to strive for perfection. We need our stands full; as we continue our theme "Another One Bites the Dust." The Bulldogs are next on our "Hit List".

Coach Barker

Photos of Cub game inside this issue

Pioneer Quilting Club To Hold Annual Quilt Show

The Pioneer Quilting Club will have their Annual Quilt Show Saturday, November 5th at the Pioneer Community Center.

You are invited to bring quilts for display. This year machine quilts as well as hand quilted quilts will be accepted. The best of care will be given to each quilt, but we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage.

There will be no entry fee. Quilts should be brought to the clubhouse the morning of the Show on November 5th between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

A card stating the background history or interesting facts may be attached to the quilt if desired.

The Quilt of Peoples Choice will be awarded a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon. Phone contacts: (254) 725-7188; (254) 643-4879 or (254) 725-7342.

Grand Opening Friday



The Grand Opening for M & A Liquidation will be held on Friday, October 28th at 9:00 a.m. at 410 W. Lubbock in Gorman. Make Plans to attend.

November 8 - Constitutional Amendment Election Dates

A person can call the Eastland County Clerk's Office to see if they qualify for a ballot by mail - 254-629-1583.

October 11, 2005 last day to register to vote.
October 24, 2005 to November 4, 2005 - Early voting in Person.
November 6, 2005 - Election Day.

TURKEY SHOOT SAT., NOVEMBER 19TH

at 10 a.m. at Post Oak Gun Club (5 Miles East of Gorman on Hwy. 2921)
\$3.00 per person - shooting 5 shot group

Sponsored by Athletic Booster Club All Invited: MOMS, DADS and KIDS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

at the game - Athletic Booster Club will draw for the winner of the Remington 700 Shotgun

The Gorman
Baseball
Commission
will be having
a Meeting on Nov. 7, 2005
at 6:30 p.m. in the
School Cafeteria. Everyone
is invited to attend.

FUND SET UP TO BENEFIT JEFF SEATON

A fund has been set up to benefit the Jeff Seaton Family. Jeff is facing major surgery and will be unable to work for some time. Through his involvement with the agindustry and performing with The Messengers gospel group of Gorman, Jeff has many friends and acquaintances throughout this area. Donations may be made to the Jeff Seaton fund which has been set up at American State Bank and First National Bank in De Leon. Donations may also be mailed directly to: Jeff Seaton Fund - P. O. Box 217 - Gorman, Texas 76454.

Panthers Lose To Baird; Host Ranger On Friday Night

Gorman		Baird	
15	First Downs	18	
38/155	Carries/Yds.	3/196	
140	Yds. Passing	175	
12 of 24	Passes/Comp.	1 of 1	
0	Interceptions	1	
0-0	Fumbles/Lost	1-0	
4/30	Punts/Avg.	2/31	
6/45	Penalties	10/70	

The Gorman Panthers journeyed to Baird on Friday night to meet the Bears in the Bears Den and held their own for the first half and had the score at 14-7 at the halftime intermission. However, they were outscored 14-7 in the third and 12-7 in the final period and came out on the short end of a 40-21 score.

The Bears got the ball on the Gorman 14 after a long return on a Panther punt. It took only 3 plays for the Bears to score, when following a loss of 6 yards on a run and a no-gainer, Blain Scott threw a pass to an open Justin English for 21 yards for the TD with 11:15 left in the second. Chance Rodriguez added the point after and the Bears were up 7-0.

After holding the Panthers the Bears took the ball on their own 35 and scored in 4 plays with Scott hitting Chance Rodriguez on a 55 yard pass with 5:48 left in the second. Rodriguez kicked the point after and the Bears were out front 14-0.

But the Panthers answered back with a drive of their own when they got the ball on their own 37 and drove 63 yards in 10 plays with Tyson Swanner passing it to John Torres for the final 10 yards with just 29 seconds left in the half. The drive featured passes of 17, 27 and 6 to Torres. David Ibarra added the point after and Gorman was on the board.

At the intermission the Panther Marching Band and the Baird Band performed the routines they used at the Band Contest in Abilene on Saturday. They did great.

Following the halftime break the Panthers got the kickoff on their own 33 and moved the distance in 6 plays with Matt Underwood getting the final 9 yards for the score with 9:50 left. The drive featured runs of 4 and 37 by Kennon Hornback. David Ibarra tied the score at 14-14 with the point after.

But the Bears answered right back going 66 yards in 19 plays with Tyler Orlando getting the final 9 yards with 5:18 left in the third. Chance Rodriguez booted the point after and Baird was up 21-14.

After holding the Panthers on their next possession the Bears got the ball of the Gorman 42 and scored in just 2 plays with Rodriguez catching a pass from Scott from 28 yards out with 2:55 left in the period. Rodriguez added the point after and Baird enjoyed a 28-14 margin.

Baird got another score in the final period when they took the ball on their own 25 and scored in 7 plays with Blake Manning catching a 5 yard pass for the score with 10:33 left. The point after kick failed and the score was 34-14.

The Panthers came back with a drive of their own getting the ball on the Baird 33 and scored in 10 plays with Orlando Valenzuela catching a 5 yard pass from Swanner for the score with 4:46 left. Ibarra added the point after and the score was 34-21. The drive featured runs of 14 and 1 by John Torres and passes of 8 to Torres and 6 to Underwood.

The Bears got another score with 2:49 left when the Bears got the ball on the Gorman 35 and scored in 4 plays with Orlando going the final 22 on a run. The kick for point failed and the final score was 40-21.

The Panthers suffered 2 pass interceptions to kill 2 drives and just couldn't seem to hold the Bears on defense in the last half. They will need good defense effort this Friday night when they host the Ranger Bulldogs.

Torres led the Panthers with 57 yards on 12 carries. Hornback had 41 on 2 keepers. Underwood got 27 on 12 tries. Valenzuela got 24 on 5 and Reggie Sanchez had 10 on 5 tries. Swanner had a minus 4 on 2 and was caught for losses on a pass try.

Come on out to Brogdon Field on Friday night and support the Panthers to Victory.

Go Get 'EM Big Red!!!



PANTHER DEFENSE - David Ibarra, Aaron Keith, Cory Clark, Matt Underwood and John Torres are shown in game action Friday at the Bears Den.

Redeemed To Sing At Cisco



"Redeemed", a Gospel Singing Group from Eastland County will be Singing in Cisco, Texas at East Cisco Baptist Church located at 506 East 11th Street. They will be there on October 30th at 6:30 p.m. "Redeemed" sings and plays the old loved Gospel Hymns. We hope everyone can get the chance to go to the musical.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fall Back One Hour
When you go to bed Saturday night
remember to set your clocks back 1 hour

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival at First Baptist Church will be held Saturday 29th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hay Ride · Games · Prizes · Free Admissison.

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library

Open Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to 12 noon (through summer)

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

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. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

FOOD BANK

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m.
Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

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.

Obituaries

Ramona Maxine Stacy Stewart

Mrs. Ramona Maxine Stacy Stewart, age 77, of Gorman, Texas died Saturday, October 22, 2005 at Eastland Memorial Hospital in Eastland, Texas.

She was born April 20, 1928 in Neinda, Texas to James Millard Westmoreland and Annie Eliza "Andrus" Westmoreland. She married Charles Junior Stacy on March 10, 1945 in Gorman, Texas. He preceded her in death on September 14, 1973. On May 15, 1976, she was united in marriage to Larry Jess Stewart in Lingleville, Texas. He preceded her in death on January 7, 2002. Mrs. Stewart was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman. She taught a Sunday school at First Baptist Church for eighteen years. Mrs. Stewart owned and managed the Peanut Hut in Gorman, Texas for eighteen years.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Vicky Don and Lou Stacy, Comanche, Texas; son and daughter-in-law, Charles Van and Lesa Stacy, La Grange, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Lana Vonne and Leslie Sharp, Gorman, Texas; and sister, Ileta Greer, Breckenridge, Texas; Six grandchildren and Ten Great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by (4) sisters, Velma Standridge, Irene Dutton, Allene Thompson, Margie Cates; and nephew, Bobby Glen Standridge.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Campbell and Rev. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial will be in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman, Texas under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.



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GARAGE SALE: Friday, October 28th, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 29th, 8 a.m. to Noon. 1/4 mile outside city limits on Desdemona Hwy. (FM 8). Large Selection of items. 1-11-27 P.

HUGE INSIDE GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, October 28th and 29th Sat - 8 to 5 and Sun. 1-5 (Sunday Prices Reduced) Baby Things - Puzzles - Tools - Books - Purses - Ties - Belts - Coats - Good Clothes - Sweaters - Shoes & Boots For Men, Women and Children. Lots of Miscellaneous. 607 S. Brewer (southwest side) 1-10-27 P.

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NEW: Kent St. App. 2 A., 3-2-2 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, 1375', 2 living areas, garden, wood, huge porch trees. Nice retirement property. \$69,500
13.958 acres west of De Leon: 2 or 3 br. - 1 bath brick, 1375', garage and carport. Tifton 85 pasture, 2 wells, big hayshed, older shop, 1/4 mile off pavement. \$112,500
NEW: 40 A. West Gorman, rough, wooded, secluded, great deer/turkey hunting, canyon w/80' elevation change, pond, electricity, views. \$2,150 per acre
NEW: 73A near Duster, good hunting, 3 nice deer blinds, 2 ponds, 30 x 40 barn w/elec., coastal, pecans, fenced. \$1,600 acre.
100 A. near Duster: 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, central A/H, fireplace, 1444', 24 x 30 shop on slab, 2 wells, 3 ponds, steel corrals, app. 36 A. coastal, some cult., and native. \$249,500.00
NEW: 102.81 A S/E Gorman: Native pasture, coastal, 2 ponds, 3 wells, new fence 2 sides, paved rd., pecans, deer & hogs, will divide. \$2,250 per acre.

PENDING
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Grace Yarbrough

Mrs. Gracy Yarbrough, age 92, of Gorman, Texas, died Saturday, October 22, 2005 at Eastland Memorial Hospital in Eastland, Texas.

She was born October 27, 1912 in Eastland County, to Jake K. Wright and Lela Faye "Mason" Wright. She was married to Rex Yarbrough on July 13, 1936 in Eastland County, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Gorman and a homemaker.

She is survived by sister-in-law, Nelda Wright of Granbury, Texas; nephew, Ted Coffman of Breckenridge. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Yarbrough; parents, Jake and Lela Faye Wright; and by one sister.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at the Graveside with Rev. Durwood Webb officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Will Orville "W.O." Guy

Will Orville "W.O." Guy, age 90, of Lovington, New Mexico, died Monday, October 17th at Good Samaritan Village, in Hobbs, New Mexico.

He was born April 10, 1915 in Gorman, Texas to the late John W. and Rosa Lee Guy. He married Frankie Juanita Cunningham on August 31, 1935 in Gorman. He was a farmer in Gorman, Tx before moving to Lovington in 1950. He worked for the John Deere Dealer in Lovington, and raised his family there. He enjoyed taking care of his family, gardening and caring for his animals, especially his cats. He was an avid fisherman, fishing just about anywhere he had opportunity. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Gorman, Texas.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 20, 2005 at Smith-Rogers Chapel with Elder Thurman Duncan officiating. Burial was in Lovington Cemetery under the direction of Smith-Rogers Funeral Home.

He was survived by his sons, Jerry and wife Pat Guy of Hobbs, N.M., Bennie and wife Kay Guy of Katy, Texas; daughters, Linda and husband James Jarman of Lubbock, Texas and Joan Guy of Abilene; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John W. and Rosa Lee Guy;

George Stanley Porter

Mr. George Stanley Porter, age 97, of Gorman, Texas, died Thursday, October 20, 2005 at Comanche County Medical Center in Comanche County, Texas.

He was born February 14, 1908 in Gorman, Texas to George Porter and Mille "Powell" Porter. He married Euna Velma Stanfield on April 7, 1932 in Gorman, Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

He is survived by daughter, Georgia Clement Hopper and husband, John of Georgetown, Texas; granddaughter, Michele Clement, M.D. of Bedminster, New Jersey; sister, Lavena Sherrod of Eastland, Texas. He was preceded in death by parents, George and Millie Porter.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at the Graveside. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Family requests memorials to the charity of choice.

William E. "Dubb" Walton

William E. "Dubb" Walton, 87, of Mineral Wells, died on October 22, 2005 at this residence. He was born on July 15, 1918 in Eastland County, Texas to William Everett and Mattie Love Walton. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army serving during World War II. He fought in the Battle of Pelileu with the 81st Infantry earning 3 Bronze Stars.

He married Alma Fay Hughes on July 15, 1945 in Eastland. He lived in Mineral Wells since 1965 and was an avid professional football fan. He was a Baptist.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Woodland Park Cemetery.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Billie Joe and Weldon Bruton of Mineral Wells; grandchildren: Michelle Bruton, Haley and Cecil Blackmon; great-grandchild, Gavin Blackmon; sister, Minnie Walton of Mineral Wells. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Faye Hughes Walton on November 6, 2002; his sister, Josie Walton and his parents.

his wife, Frankie Juanita Guy; 2 brothers; 1 sister and 1 granddaughter, Madeline Guy.

Weight Watchers Starting In Gorman Wed. at 5:30 Gorman Elementary Library Call Crystal if you are interested / more info: 734-2027 / 734-5428 Crystal Snider - 309 Hwy 8 - Gorman, Tx 76454 mcsmider@tcox.net

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165A Comanche Co., with 3/2 brick home, 1,800 sf, corrals, creek and hunting. \$440,000
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Alma Ruth Brown

Alma Ruth Brown, age 62, of De Leon, Tx, died Saturday, October 22, 2005 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

She was born July 20, 1943 in Gorman, Texas to the late Henry C. and Norma Ruth Fuqua Floyd. She was a homemaker, resided in De Leon most all of her life. She was a Baptist. She was employed by Norton's in Stephenville for 22 years. She was married to Raymond Brown.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy Davis of De Leon; three daughters, Marie Glover and Lynn Pierson, both of De Leon and Tena Davis of Wichita Falls, TX.; five brothers, Marshal Floyd, Hurshel Floyd, Jerry Floyd, Red Floyd and Ronnie Floyd, all of De Leon; one sister, Bobbie McCoy of De Leon; 20 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and former husband Albert A. Davis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Brown in 1988; two sons, Charles Allen Davis in 2005 and an infant son, Albert Allen Davis, Jr.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 24, 2005 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating with Nicky Wilkerson, LaResse Wilkers and Vicki Robinett singing.

Local Math-A-Thon To Raise Funds For St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Maxfield Elementary will hold a Math-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event, scheduled to begin November 2nd, is being coordinated by Tracy Spivey. By supporting the participants of the event, you will help raise funds for the internationally recognized hospital. These funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood catastrophic diseases.

"Our goal in holding the Math-A-Thon is to help the children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and sickle cell disease. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a world leader in the fight against these diseases and they have made great progress, but only because of the help of people like the citizens of Gorman," said Tracy Spivey. "We are asking that all citizens and businesses of Gorman support our students as they participate in the program. Any person or business that would like to make a donation may call the school at 254-734-2617. We really need everyone's help."

The Math-A-Thon is sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks, who provides free passes to their parks to every student raising \$35 or more through the program.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organization. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

SCHOOL MENU

- October 31 thru November 4th BREAKFAST**
- MONDAY** - Cereal, juice and milk.
- TUESDAY** - Blueberry muffins, juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY** - Eggs, sausage, biscuits, juice and milk.
- THURSDAY** - Breakfast pizza, oranges, juice and milk.
- FRIDAY** - Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and milk.
- LUNCH**
- MONDAY** - Ham, turkey or bologna on haogie buns, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, mustard and mayo, Baked beans and Cinnamon Apples and milk.
- TUESDAY** - Chicken Nuggets or steak fingers, creamed potatoes, peas, hot rolls, gravy, ketchup and milk.
- WEDNESDAY** - Chicken pot pie or beef stew, salad, fruit, crackers, dressing and milk.
- THURSDAY** - Chili Cheese Burritos or Taco's, salad, spanish rice, crackers, dressing and milk.
- FRIDAY** - Bar-b-Que sandwiches or hamburgers, ranch style beans, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, chips, relish, mustard and mayo, ketchup and milk.

M & A Liquidation Grand Opening

Friday, Oct. 28 - 9:00 a.m. 410 West Lubbock Next To Carwash Phone 254-734-2742

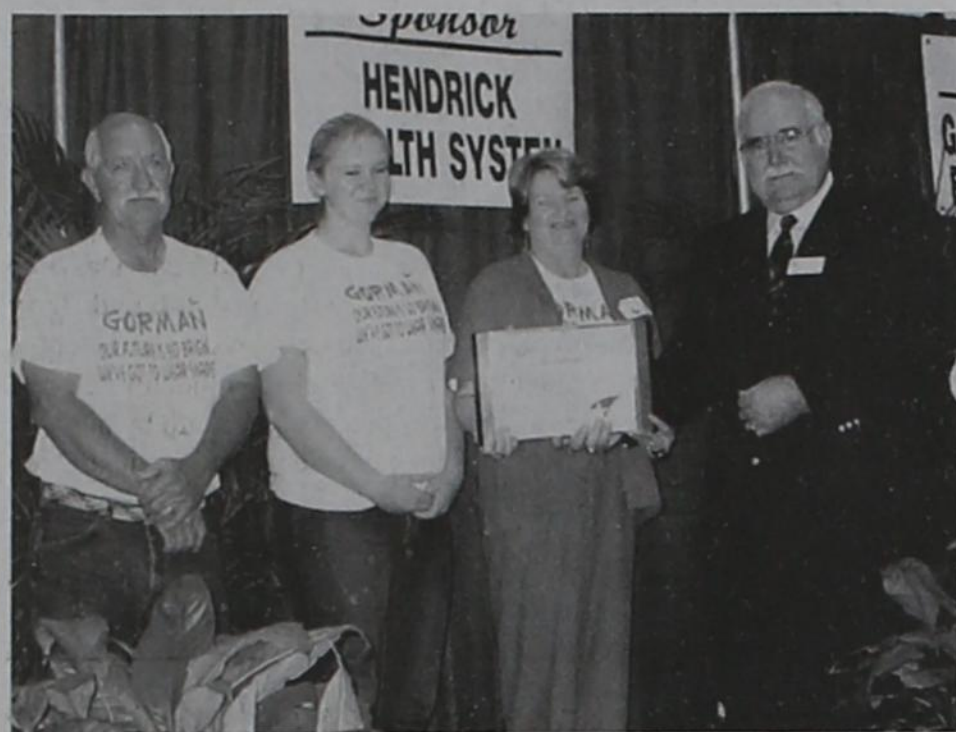
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The City of Gorman was honored with the Community Achievement Award at the 12th Annual Texas Midwest Conference in Abilene on Oct. 19th. Mayor Robert Ervin, EDC President Judy Warren and student representative Kaci Seaton received the award on behalf of the city.

The regional organization initiated the award program at the 2002 conference and this year marked the third year the award was presented. Only 3 out of the 44 member cities in the regional organization qualified for the distinction of "Community of Achievement". Joining Gorman for the award recognition were Clyde and Eastland.

TMCN President Don Henry said, "The leaders in each city receiving the Community Achievement Award are to be commended for their efforts in completing the requirements and submitting the information by deadline."

To qualify, cities completed requirements in the 5 categories of Vision, Pride, Assessment, Youth Involvement and Connectivity.

* Vision - a city had to conduct a community wide planning session to establish prioritized goals and to determine which group in the community was responsible for addressing the goal. (city, economic development, chamber of commerce or civic club)

* Pride - a city must have an active beautification program or city cleanup ordinances established and being enforced.

* Youth Involvement - at least six students must be involved in a community project working side-by-side with adults.

* Connectivity - a city must have an up-to-date web site that represents the entire community and is linked to the Texas Midwest site.

* Assessment - a minimum of two non-residents must visit the community and complete an assessment form about what they saw and how they were treated as visitors to the community.

"Citizens in the award winning communities have much to be proud of," according to TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle. "Many of our rural communities are working hard to prepare for challenges of the future. The 3 communities honored are leaders in the effort."

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization focused on economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, education and legislative awareness. For more information see the organization's web site texasmidwest.org.

CITY OF GORMAN COMMISSION MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Joe Casey and Charlie Torrez. Absent was Tony Carter. Also present was Ron Skiles. Note that Nathan arrived late.

Charlie 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.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 2-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment including the Ledbetter Ins. "end of the year audit" additions. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 2-0.

(Nathan arrived) The Commission did not include the bill which Sue Spivey submitted. This bill will be forwarded to the contractor working on the new sewer line(s).

Ron Skiles was present on Citizens In Put.

Nathan made the motion to purchase a 2005 Chevrolet Pick Up, if one can still be located, from Bayer Motor Company. Bayer presented the lowest price. If a 2005 cannot be located a 2006 will be purchased. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0. This vehicle will be used for Animal Control and Police duties. The existing Animal Control vehicle will be sold and one of the patrol cars.

The second reading of Ordinance #2005-03, Ad Valorem Taxes was read. Nathan made a motion to pass, approve and adopt said ordinance. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business for discussion Charlie made the motion to adjourn. Joe made a second, motion carried 3-0. Time was 6:35 p.m.

OCTOBER 6, 2005

The Gorman City Commission met in Regular session on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez and Tony Carter. Others present were Lori Dodd, Cliffa Vaughn, John Longoria, and Doug Caffey.

Tony led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:34 p.m.

Tony 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. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Cliffa Vaughn was present to ask permission to have a mini Ferris wheel downtown on October 15 during the Doodlebug Train Ride. Also to request the street (s) to be blocked off. The Commission OK'd these requests.

Robert reported that the new lift stations had been installed. Electric service will need to be set up next. We will have to hear from the engineer first.

Doug reported that the applicant was not going to take the position offered by the City.

John requested permission to sponsor a rabies clinic, and to have pet license renewed annually, not bi-annually. The Commission agreed to both requests.

Reports were submitted by each department head. The Commission looked over each one.

Charlie made the motion to take Thursday and Friday November 24th and 25th as Thanksgiving holidays and Friday December 23, for Christmas holiday. Nathan made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing and approving the creation of a nonprofit development corporation Pursuant to **Tex. Rev. Civ.Stat. Ann. Art.5190.6 4A**. Tony made a second. The motion carried 4-0. Resolution #2005-03R.

Tony made the motion to replace Charlie Torrez with Nathan Files on the EDC board. Joe made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

The EDC Board of Directors submitted written application requesting approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for the 4B Non-profit corporation of the Gorman EDC. The request asked for approval of no limit to terms served by any EDC board member. Original terms were no more than two 2 year consecutive terms. Charlie made the motion to grant the request with a second from Tony. Motion carried 4-0. The EDC Board of Directors are as follows: Judy Warren, Joe Casey, David Perry, Cliffa Vaughn, and Nathan Files.

Nathan made the motion to have Ricky Gooden place a 500 gallon tank for gasoline. Joe made a second and the motion carried 4-0. Log sheets will be kept by all departments and employees each time gas is pumped. The tank will be located at the city barn.

There being no further business for discussion Tony made the motion to adjourn. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Cross Country District Meet Held October 24th



On Monday, October 24th, the Gorman Cross Country Team competed at their district meet. The Panthers Varsity team included Crystal Thackerson, Brandy Carlton, Mary Powell, Coach Barry Tooley, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis, Marc Gillen, and Holly Wright. The Varsity girls ran well; with everyone improving their times from the previous week. Mary Powell placed 5th with a time of 13:40, and will advance to the Regional competition in Arlington on Nov 5th. Freshman Marc Gillen competed in the boys varsity division, and placed 16th overall. Each of these athletes improved greatly over the course of the season. They ran each meet with a great deal of heart and pride. Thanks to those who came and supported the team during competition. It meant a great deal to them to look up and see "Gorman Supporters" there rooting them on! A big thank you goes out to Coach Tooley who ran those 8 mile training runs with the team! We couldn't do it without you!



Mary Powell with her 5th place medal. She will run in the Regional contest in Arlington on Nov. 5th.

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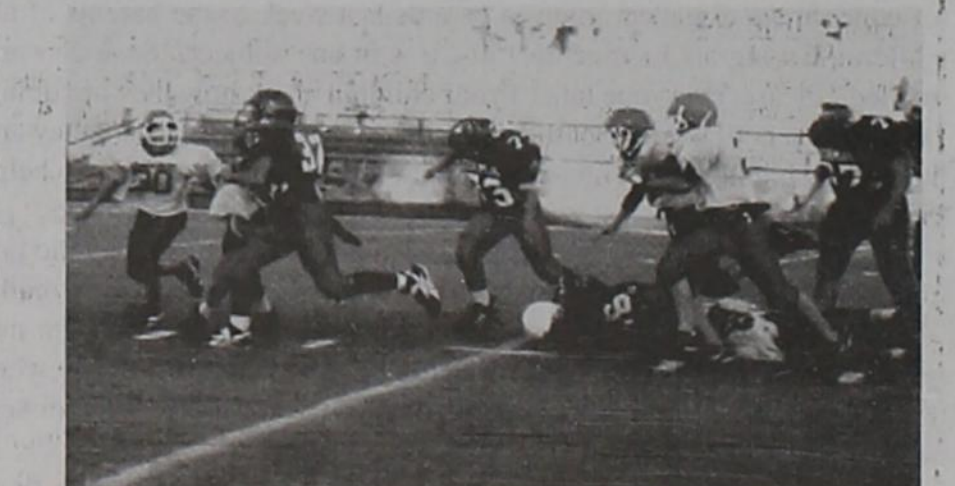
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Cubs Photos - Baird Game



#32 Cameron Clark runs over a couple of Bear Cubs in his race to the goal line as #73 Jose Valasquez and #26 Ernie Rodriguez run along.



#26 Ernie Rodriguez eludes the shoestring tackle for some extra yards. #8 David Velasquez and #77 James Brown look on.

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Fifth Sunday Singing At Kokomo

There will be a 5th Sunday Gospel singing at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, October 30th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Several churches in the area will come together to sing the wonderful gospel songs and there will be special music. The public is invited to attend and be blessed as we lift up our voices together in songs of praise to God. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the singing.

Due to the time change back to standard time on Sunday, October 30, the Sunday evening services at the Kokomo Baptist Church will begin at 5:00 p.m. until we change back to daylight time in April.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Glenda and Leon Black of Abilene, Clay, Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyanne Wheat of Ranger, Linda Slayton, and Michael and Susan Hampton and children, Chance, Mykesha and Larissa. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Susan Wheat. The special music was rendered by the choir: Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Glenda Black, Ruby Lee Kinser, Clay Wheat, Thomas Seay, Jimmy Little and Woodrow Browning with Hlene Browning at the piano.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during the weekend were Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett and Tino Torres of Austin, James and Chelsea Webb and Chelsea's friend, Caitlin of Granbury, Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson, and Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Comanche. They attended the Granbury - Burleson football game at Granbury on Friday night. Jentzen Webb, (James's son), is a member of the Granbury team and Jacob Webb (Stacy Webb's son), is a coach at Burleson. Granbury won the game.

Norma Webb underwent hip replacement on Monday in the Stephenville hospital, and came through the surgery fine and hopes to be home soon. Our prayers and get well wishes go out to Norma.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were in Tyler recently to attend the Rose Festival Parade as it came to the Football Stadium, and enjoyed seeing all the beautiful floats. They also visited the Rose Museum near the Stadium and especially enjoyed seeing all the beautiful gowns that had been worn by the many Rose Queens in years past. They were really impressed by the beautiful rose gardens.

On Saturday afternoon Jimmy and Verna Lee Little joined Jerry and Lavell Hallmark, Levi Hallmark and his friend, Ashley of San Angelo, Becky Ethington and Shane of Sterling City, Shane, Amy, Taner and Rylee Shott of Eastland, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little at the Eastland Middle School football game at the Maverick Stadium in Eastland. Taner Shott is a member of the Eastland Middle School team. They won the game 30-6.

Betty Little and Karen Patterson visited in Henrietta, TX during the weekend and attended a friend's 90th birthday party. They also visited in Seymour with Clay and Will Patterson. Charles and Mary Jane Ellison of Hohenwald, TN, are visiting with Betty and Vernon Bennett of Crane and Elbert and Cora Lee Bennett of Gorman visited with them on Monday.

Jimmy and Verna Little took granddaughters, Ashley and Breckley Little to their volleyball practice on Monday night in Eastland, and then they enjoyed supper at Taco Bell.

Doris Bradshaw visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited on Friday and Saturday in Tyler with Arlene, and Terry Barfield and children, Andrew, Michael, Jonathan and Lauren and attended the Chapel Hill - Van High School football game on Friday night. Jonathan is the kicker for the Chapel Hill team and he kicked two field goals. Van won the game. Jonathan is a senior and this is his first year to play football, and Bobby and Mary Jane were happy to get to see him play.

LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Jimmy and Maggie of Fort Worth spent the weekend at their farm home near Carbon.

Glenda and Leon Black of Abilene spent the weekend with her mother, Zelda Jordan. They enjoyed lunch at Rico's Café in Eastland on Sunday after church.

Cassie Brasher of Carbon and Pat and Trisha Reneau of Ranger met Cassie's friend, Bea McKim of Phoenix, AZ at the Midland Airport on Saturday night. Bea is visiting this week with Cassie and David.

Cassie Brasher and Bea McKim accompanied Glenda Black and Zelda Jordan to Abilene on Monday for Zelda to get another injection in her back. They all enjoyed lunch before Zelda, Cassie and Bea returned to Kokomo.

LOOK WHO' NEW — IT'S A BOY

Shannon and Stephanie Bond of Copperas Cove are happy to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Evan Bond on Friday, October 21, 2005, at 7:43 a.m. in the Metroplex hospital in Killeen. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Raegan and Sydnie are very proud of their little brother 'Joey'.

Maternal grandparents are Gale and Don Lakin of Copperas Cove and Ron and Jenny DeBoone of Iowa. Caryl Anderson of Killeen is the great-grandmother.

Joe and Glynda Bond of Kokomo are the paternal grandparents.

Joe and Glynda Bond were in Copperas Cove to visit with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond and help care for their granddaughters, Raegan and Sydnie and welcome their grandson, Joey, at his birth.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Only two weeks left in this six week grading period! Can you believe it? Time sure flies when you are having fun and we really are having fun this year. Having great teachers and great kids certainly makes a difference and Mr. Panter and Mrs. Reeves are just icing on the cake! Notices of concern were mailed home to parents last week to the parents of all children having an average of 75 or less in any subject. Several were mailed. Please, everyone talk to your children about how they are doing with their school work. Get them to talk to you and share where they are having problems and then visit with their teachers and get them so help. Sometimes, your kids just won't ask for help on their own. Thanks!

The Panthers had a rough time Friday night in Baird, but they did put up a really good fight. They lost 21-40. Win or lose though, I am really proud of the way they played and their good sportsmanship. I'm not going to comment on the poor officiating by the referees. If you were there, you know what I'm talking about and if you weren't, you missed some really classic bad calls!

The Volleyball Team's record is now 5-4 in district. They beat Lingleville Saturday 3 games to 2. They play their last district game this Tuesday in Mullin and have an opportunity to advance into the playoffs. Thanks to all of the fans that have supported them this year. I also want to thank Coach Speer and her team for their hard work this year. I did not have volleyball at my last district and have really enjoyed watching them compete. I've also learned a lot. The rules have changed a little bit since the last time I played.

Coach Tooley took and the Cross Country Team competed in the District Meet on Monday. Congratulations to Mary Powell (5th place) who advanced to the Regional contest. The others that competed were Marc Gillen (16th place), Megan Lewis (29th place), Hollyann Wright (50th place), Tecia Jones (51st place), and Crystal Thackerson (24th place). Way to go Cross Country! Every one of you should be extremely proud to have completed a season in Cross Country. It is not as rewarding as most other sports with regard to fans and recognition and it is a lot of hard work. You all have my utmost respect for your tenacity!

This week has been "Red Ribbon" week, the purpose of which is to discourage the use of drugs and alcohol. There have been several activities, all designed to help your children to say no when it really counts.

We would like to thank all of the participants in this year's Career Week. We had such a great turn out and our students and teachers seemed very pleased with the results.

Tuesday was "Guest Speaker Day" and we had many wonderful speakers. The guest speakers included Shorty Hatley, Julia Hunter, Nancy Pleasant and Jennifer Gregory from Comanche County Electric Company, Howard Hagood, Mike Norris from Victor Cornelius, Nyka Wyatt from KSTV radio, Cloyd Teague from Teague Welding, Billy Bob Browning D.V.M. from Lazy 3 Animal Care, Kevin McAllister from US Marshall's Service, Aaron Ashford from Big City Allied Health, Laurie Chastain from the ARK Center in Brownwood, Lori Dodd, Officers David Foster and Michael Orsini from the Department of Public Safety, Larry Simpson from State Farm Insurance Agency, Todd Barnes, Karen Eaton, Carol Davis, and Dana McKelvain from Eastland Memorial Hospital, Doyle Rone from Doyle's Machine Performance, Julie Clark from The Hair Shoppe, Jerilyn Wilkerson from Bob's Grocery, Rodney Sharp from US

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Although this letter is long overdue, its importance has not waned. I am writing on behalf of my family - my grandmother in particular - to express our gratitude to Pyramid Health Care and Heritage Manor in Gorman, Texas.

My grandmother was one of the several dozen residents of the Friendship Haven facility in Friendswood, Texas, who was evacuated last month as Hurricane Rita approached the Gulf Coast. She was initially taken to Canterbury Villa in Hillsboro and then subsequently to Heritage Manor where she (and I) spent four nights.

Just the fact that these facilities took in these frail and elderly evacuees during their time of need was plenty enough, but the warmth and kindness demonstrated by so many was a blessing.

Diane Ward, President and CEO of Pyramid HealthCare, was there in Hillsboro when the Friendship Haven residents arrived, ensuring that everyone was cared for. Sherry, Shawnah, and Kathy were among the Heritage Manor staff members who freely offered any assistance they could provide and showed genuine concern, as did the pastor of First Baptist Church. Rachel and her mother sweetly invited me to participate in the Sunday school gathering their church brought to Heritage Manor.

Finally, I wanted to give a special recognition to wonderful Ina and Johnny Smith, who opened their home to the Friendship Haven nurse and aide, Candace and Earlene, respectively, who were caring for the evacuees. Candace and Earlene were under a lot of stress, so to have the Smiths take care of them as they did was a tremendous gift.

I am kicking myself now for not writing this letter immediately upon returning home, as I know I have forgotten to name a few other angels in this letter. I can see their faces in my head!

Again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped us. Their generosity will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Lynn Delavictoria
Houston, Texas

A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett

THE REAL PRESENCE OF EVIL

Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an evil spirit; and he cried out, saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know you are - the Holy One of God!" And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. (Mark 1:23-26)

There is an innate curiosity regarding the supernatural in each of us. The popularity of Halloween in our country is one proof of this. Recent statistics reveal that Americans are searching for spiritual experiences in greater numbers than in former decades. But they are seeking these experiences outside the traditional Christian faith.

Why is this? I suppose there are many reasons, good and bad. One reason is because many people see Christianity as a powerless set of rules for those who lead boring lives. Others have tried going to church, found little help there, and left feeling guiltier than when they arrived.

The occult, on the other hand, seems to be filled with mystery and with supernatural encounters. This at least partially explains why on Halloween night ghosts and witches can often be seen on front lawns and front porches. Is this simply innocent fun or dangerous dabbling in the dark side? I think for the most part people are just wanting some excitement. But we must not be ignorant about the reality of Satan and of evil spirits in our world. It often amazes me that people who call themselves Christians do not believe in a real devil and evil spirits. One cannot read much of the Bible without being confronted with the reality of evil spirits.

Though I have not sought it out, I have had a number of experiences in dealing with the dark side. I remember one evening in South India when we were baptizing several new Christians in a remote village. A lady was following us at a distance. Her hair was a filthy tangled mess and her clothes were torn. A guttural male voice was coming out of her mouth, saying, "Have you come here to disturb us? These people are ours. Go away and leave us alone." It would have been a spooky moment except for the fact that I had previously encountered similar things. This woman was terribly demon-possessed. Her life was reduced to the apparent hopelessness of cruel demonically-induced bondage.

Some people have scoffed at me regarding stories like this one. But trust me, it is real. This was not just in the days of Jesus. If you ever encounter it you will know it's not just a mental state. It's the very real presence of wicked spirits who have taken up residence in the body of a person.

But there's a happy ending to this story. But you'll have to wait until next week for it! (Questions or comments? Email: dane@txol.net)

We will never know whose life was saved by the activities provided this week, but I know that regardless of who was saved, it was worth doing. The loss of a child is always tragic, but when it is preventable that makes it even worse. Thanks to everyone involved for your support! And, for all of the students that read this column, remember to say no when it really counts and that you are loved!

The varsity football team will play Ranger this week at home at 7:30pm. Please come out and support the Panthers Friday night. Remember, a good positive crowd can make all the difference, especially in a close game. This week is also "Senior" night and all of the Senior players will be recognized.

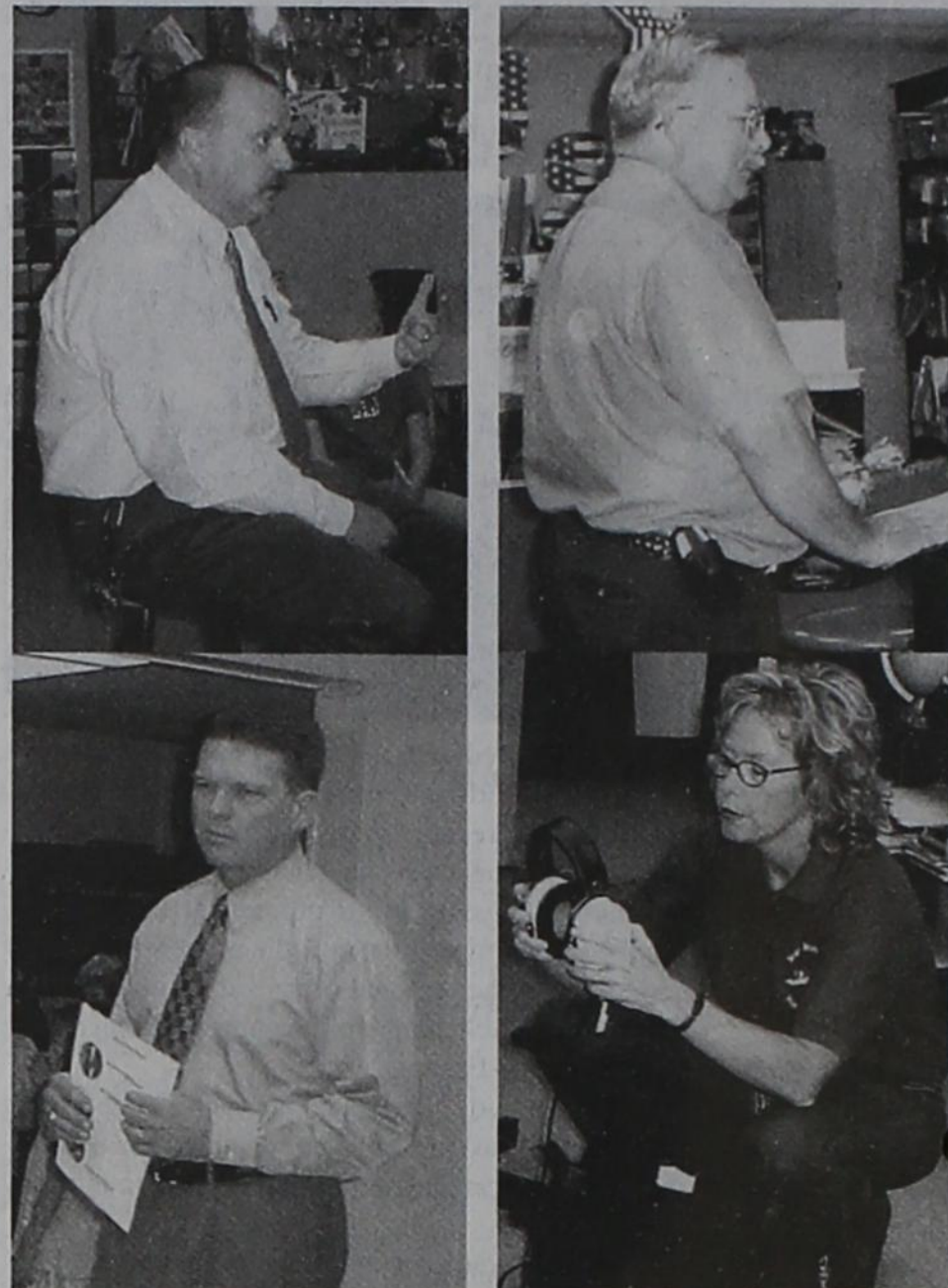
The Band competed in marching contest in Burleson, Texas Saturday. They received an overall rating of 3. That is not bad for such a small young band. I have great expectations for them next year. We are improving our inventory of school owned instruments and many students are purchasing their own. So please encourage your child to participate in band next year. We need as many as we can get! Also, Kay'an Howard competed in solo vocal contest Saturday. She did not advance. Thank you Mr. Howard for doing a great job and making it fun for all of the kids!

Don't forget the Book Fair all next week. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the school. We need all the help we can get.

Last, but not least, the junior high football team. They have been very exciting to watch! They beat Baird last week 44-12, I think. If not, it's close enough. They took care of business and they are still undefeated with just two games left. Way to go Pups! They play in Ranger this week at 6:00pm.

If I missed any event that you would like to have seen covered, please let me know. It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the future.

David K. Perry
Superintendent
Gorman ISD



Postal Services, Bobin Carouth and David Cherry from the Department of Probation, George Simmons from Gorman Pharmacy, Bill and Monda Oldham, Doug Caffey from Gorman Police Department, Carol Lewis-Arbonne representative, Texas Ranger David Hullum and Attorney Gary Peck from Eastland.



Dr. Daniel Brudnack, Angela Underwood and Rosa were guest speakers on Wednesday. They spoke to the entire elementary and educated them on the basics of CPR and defibrillation. Wednesday was also Dress As Your Career Day.

Thursday was "Truck Day" and all of our presenters were enthusiastic. Our presenters were Blake Guthery, Charlie Torres, and Gene Foster from the Gorman Fire Department, Glen Wells and Dwight Dold from DeLeon Ambulance Service, Jeff, and Pretty Peggy Pepper from Dublin Dr. Pepper, Chuck from Allied Waste Service, Guy Poen from Acme Locksmith, Jimmy and Becca Woodall from Big L Collision and Robert Ervin and Jackson Jobe from Comanche County Telephone Company. The elementary students really love to see all of trucks and enjoy listening to the presenters. They especially appreciated the Dr. Pepper and the water from the fire truck.

This was a great week that allowed our students access to so many different careers and to gain a greater perspective into the working world. This is an investment in the future of our children and we appreciate all of the participants for giving their time. It was wonderful to see the school as a community working so well together. The Gorman Parent Teacher Organization hosted the sign-in table with refreshments. The student council members were actively involved in greeting and escorting the guest speakers. The guest speakers were also treated to a wonderful meal. The brisket and ham were provided by the school and prepared by Ron Childers. The faculty prepared the remainder of the meal. Thanks to a community contribution, Career Week was tremendously successful.

Photo of Lady Panther Volleyball

