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Chamber Banquet March 29

The Annual Gorman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is approaching. The date is Monday, March 29, 2003 at 7 p.m. at Z. J.'s Steakhouse.

Featured entertainment will be "Glorify", a southern gospel music duet. Composing the duet is Daryl Hirst of Gorman and Brenda Thomas of Cisco.

The tables will be decorated by businesses and organizations for a decorating contest, so come see who is the most creative.

Community Service Award and Special Awards will be presented, along with the Academic Awards to the top individuals of Grades 9 through 12.

Tickets will be \$12.00 this year and may be purchased at the following business firms or from any director of the Chamber: Veronica Seaton, Seaton Mills; Jim Bureson, Birdsong Peanuts; George Simmons, Gorman Pharmacy; Daryl Hirst, G & H Feeds; Judy Warren; Bob Wilkerson, Bob's Grocery; Ray Daniels and Terry Treadway.

The Chamber invites you to make plans to attend the Banquet.

Three Panthers Named To District 10-A Teams

The boys district 10-A all-district teams were chosen recently.

The following Panthers were recognized by the district:

Second team picks: Clint Jones and Roberto Rodriguez.

Honorable Mention: Sawyer Wright.

Fighting Heart Award: Roberto Rodriguez.

Academic All-District: Clint Jones

Lady Panthers Compete at Regional: Two Qualify for State

Three Lady Panthers competed in the Region I powerlifting meet this past Saturday in Kermit. Amanda Naeseth finished 11th in her class and second among all class A lifters. She had a very fine season and we congratulate her for it. Kendra Swanner finished fifth overall in her weight class (A-5A) and she finished first among all class A lifters. Since Kendra was the highest among class A lifters in her weight class, she qualifies for the State Meet. Summer Olvera finished second overall (A-5A) in her weight class and first among all class A lifters. Since she was in the top 3 overall and top class A lifter, she qualifies for State as well.

Kendra Swanner and Summer Olvera will compete in the THSWPA State Meet in Killeen, Tx on March 20th. Summer is currently ranked second in the State for her class and Kendra is ranked 3rd in the State for her class. Good Luck Ladies!!!!

Three Positions Open For Gorman School Board

THREE positions will come open for the May 15, 2004 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Melinda Harrington, Beth Underwood, and Bobby Rich. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 14, 2004. Deadline for filing will be March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours. Board Trustees Melinda Harrington, Beth Underwood, and Bobby Rich have filed to run for re-election. Bob Powell, Eddie Murphy, Gene Smith, and Marceil Laminack have also filed for a place on the ballot.

Baseball Signups Set

T-Ball, Pee Wee Baseball, Little League Baseball, and all Softball players: SIGN UP WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH FROM 5:30 UNTIL 7:00 AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Sawyer Wright Takes Second At Iredell Invitational

Senior golfer Sawyer Wright took second place overall at the Iredell Invitational at Stephenville's Legends Golf Course. Sawyer shot a 49 on the front 9 and then shot a 43 on the back 9 for a 18 hole total of 92. There were over 50 golfers at the meet. Congratulations Sawyer!

The Gorman EDC cordially invites you to hear

Mr. Steve Collins and Mr. Robert Puls
Texas Workforce Systems

Monday March 15, 2004
At 6:00 PM

Gorman Community Center

As a business owner, you will want to come hear information that could possibly help your business in a variety of ways:

Topics to be presented:

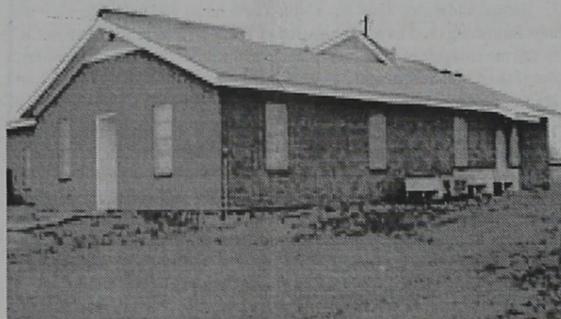
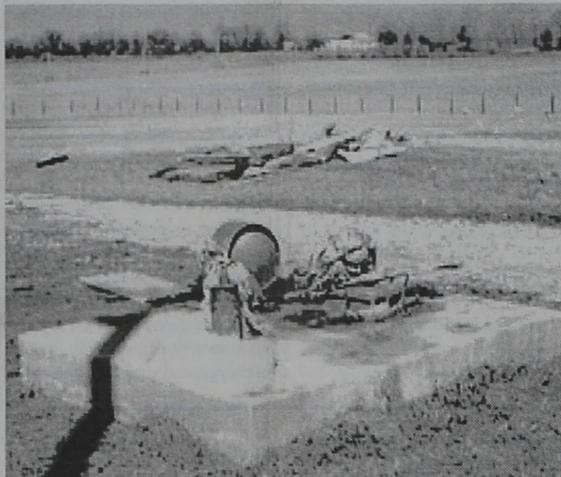
- Hiring and Firing Practices
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit
- Rapid Response
- Required Posters
- Workforce Investment Fund
- Labor Market Information
- Workforce Center Board Information

There will also be a time after the presentation for questions & answers.

Hope to see YOU there!

Lori Dodd
Gorman EDC

Large Storm Brings In High Winds and Tornadoes To Area



Gorman Relays - Girls Results

The Lady Cubs made a good showing at their own Gorman Relays on Friday March 5th. Both 7th and 8th grade classes had good overall results.

The 7th grade participants in Friday's track meet are as follows: Perla Velasquez, Audrey Johnston, Valerie Longoria, Elizabeth Borrego, Emily Lewis, Lindsey Laminack, Barbara Sherman, Dezi Murphy, Olivia Jackson, Veronica Walton, and April Keaton.

The 8th grade was represented by Nancy Velasquez, Mary Powell, Ashleigh Bush, Megan Lewis, Brandy Carlton, Clarissa Glasson, Esther Cruz, Katie Deel, Nicole Cogburn, Shanna Hair, Reba Granado, Ashley Gonzales.

7th Grade Results: Perla Velasquez 2400m Run 1st place & 1600m Run 2nd place, Barbara Sherman 100m Dash 6th place, Dezi Murphy 100m Dash 3rd place & 400m Dash 6th place & Long Jump 6th place, Audrey Johnston triple jump 2nd place & Long Jump 1st place. Valerie Longoria triple jump 3rd place & Long Jump 3rd place. Emily Lewis High Jump 1st place & triple jump 4th place. Olivia Jackson 5th place shot put.

Relay results are as follows: 400m Relay: 1st place Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Elizabeth Borrego, & Valerie Longoria. 800m Relay: 2nd place Audrey Johnston, Valerie Longoria, Elizabeth Borrego, & Emily Lewis. 1600m Relay: 2nd Place Emily Lewis, Audrey Johnston, Valerie Longoria, and Elizabeth Borrego.

The 7th grade girls scored 125 points at this meet. Congratulations on a job well done.

8th grade results: Nancy Velasquez 2400m Run 5th place, Mary Powell 2400m run 1st place & 1600m Run 2nd place, Ashleigh Bush 2400m Run 6th place, Megan Lewis 100m Hurdles & 300m Hurdles 1st place, Esther Cruz 400m dash 6th place, Reba Granado shotput 6th place, Clarissa Glasson shotput 4th place & Discus 1st place, Shanna Hair discus 5th place, Brandi Carlton triplr jump 5th place, and Ashley Gonzales triple-jump 6th place.

Relay Results: 400m Relay: 2nd Place Megan Lewis, Clarissa Glasson, Brandy Carlton, and Ashley Gonzales 800m Relay: 3rd Place Clarissa Glasson, Ashley Gonzales, Nicole Cogburn, and Brandy Carlton. 1600m Relay: 2nd place Mary Powell, Ashley Gonzales, Nicole Cogburn, and Brandy Carlton.

The 8th grade girls scored 106 points in their division.

Congratulations also goes out to this group for a great job!
By Coach Sowell

Old Tire Clean Up Day

The City of Gorman has slated March 13, 2004 as 'Old Tire Clean Up Day.' Each household will be allowed to bring up to 10 vehicle tires. The location of the tire drive is the parking lot next to the Community Center. You can bring the tires starting that morning at 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

We need some volunteers to help on this day. If you are interested in helping, please contact the City office. If you are a member of a club or organization that is interested in helping, your contribution would be appreciated.

For those households who are not physically able to bring the tires or if you simply have no access to transporting the tires to this sight, you may call the City Office and we will try to arrange for pick-up.

Thank you,
The Code Enforcement Officer

Water Will Be Off On Thursday
Morning March 18th

Cliffa Vaughn Issues Statement For Mayor

My name is Cliffa Vaughn and I would appreciate your vote for mayor. I have lived in Gorman for 31 years and raised my family here. We moved from Houston, Texas so that our children would have the advantage of growing up in a small town. Contrary to some beliefs, I believe that growing up in a small town instills more self-confidence and self-reliance than growing up in a large city. We also wanted more freedom and safety for our children. It was one of the best decisions we ever made.

I am retired and will have time to pursue ways to better our economy by drawing on our natural resourcefulness and many assets. We have very good tax rates, location, climate and lots of space.

I think my years as a laboratory manager in various parts of the country qualify me as a leader who functions well under pressure. After training at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, I have a total of 34 years experience supervising or managing laboratories. I spent the last twelve years as manager of the lab, Clinical Pathology Associations - Abilene. During this period, many new and innovative procedures were implemented by me. It is essential to keep up with the times or go under. I have also supervised or managed labs in Houston, Ft. worth, El Paso, Albuquerque, NM, and Nashua, NH.

I worked in the Gorman schools, during the years I was raising my family. I was a general aide, taught ESA K-4 and 9th grade Fundamental Mathematics, and last but certainly not least, many hours spent in playground duty.

If elected mayor, I plan to offer equal representation so that every voice and concern is heard in a fair, honest and decisive manner, and to lead the journey for Gorman to become the "Best of the Best."

How do I plan to accomplish my goals?

1. Accountability—to all citizens.
2. Explore—untapped revenue sources.
3. Work—to improve, restore, and encourage new business opportunities within the community.
4. Maintain/Improve—the cities infrastructure by sharing personal knowledge and skills regarding improvement processes.

I would appreciate your vote.

s/Cliffa G. Vaughn

Blizzard Relay Results

On Saturday, March 6th the Lady Panthers travelled to Winters, home of the Blizzards for the 1st track meet of the season. The participants in Saturday's track meet are as follows: Tiffany Perez, Amber Lewis, Tessia Griffin, Kaci Seaton, Kristy Carlton, Christina Garcia, Crystal Thackerson, Amber Ervin, Kalyn Porter, and Amanda Hair. The girls made a good showing overall scoring 105 points in the JV division, and 21 points in the varsity division.

JV Division Results: Kristy Carlton 1st place discus 62'3" & shotput 3rd place 23'6 1/2"; Kaci Seaton 3rd place discus 51'10" & 1st place shotput 24'7"; Amber Ervin 2nd place discus 60' & 4th place shotput 23'5 1/2"; Tessia Griffin High Jump 3rd Place & Long Jump 5th place and 100m dash 6th place and 400m Dash 3rd place & 200m Dash 4th place; Tiffany Perez 4th place Long Jump & 2nd place triple jump & 100m Dash 3rd place, 400m Dash 5th place, and 200m Dash 6th place; Christina Garcia 3rd place high jump, and 2nd place 800m run; Crystal Thackerson 3200m Run 2nd place and 1600m Run 3rd place; Amber Lewis 6th place 400m dash.

Varsity Division: Amanda Hair 6th place discus 75'6" and 5th place shotput 28'4"; Kalyn Porter 1st place discus 116'1 and shotput 2nd place 33'1"

The next meet will be Thursday March 11th in DeLeon and then Bulldog relays in Hamilton on March 27th. Congratulations to the Lady Panthers!
By Coach Tooley & Coach Sowell

Obituary

Bill Whitlock

Bill Whitlock, 68, of Gorman, passed away Thursday, March 4, 2004 at the hospital in Eastland. Services were Sunday, March 7, 2004 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Roberts officiating. Burial was at the Oaklawn Cemetery.

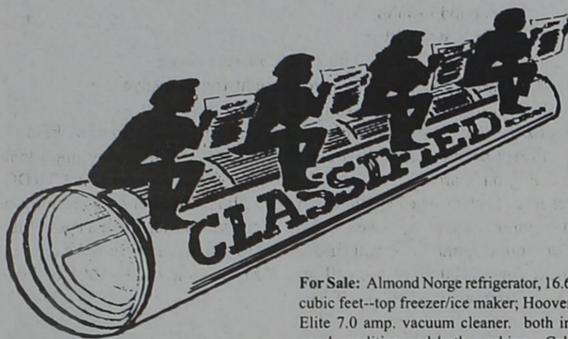
Mr. Whitlock was born March 29, 1935 in Gorman to Herbert Curtis Whitlock and E.J. (Huff) Whitlock. He married Yvonne Welch on March 20, 1954 in Gorman. He was a graduate of Gorman High School and served in the National Guard. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by wife, Yvonne Whitlock of Gorman; son, Curtis Whitlock and wife Donna of Flatwood; sister, Linda Sherrod and husband Don of Gorman; and two grandchildren, Brittany and Eric Whitlock both of Flatwood. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother James Whitlock and a nephew Tony Whitlock.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards and telephone calls while I was in the Eastland Hospital. A special thanks to the Kokomo Baptist Church for the beautiful flowers. My thanks to the Doctors, nurses and hospital staff for the good care they gave me. May the Lord Bless each of you is my prayer.

Joyce Eaves



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Tarleton Names Honor Roll, Distinguished Students

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2003 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll for the fall semester maintained a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Those designated as Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

Area students listed were:

Gorman: Edith May Murphy-A,D; Coy Lee Barker-D; Carolyn Beth Escue-D; Jackie Lee Gutierrez-D; Jamie Maupin-D; Rebecca Suzann White-D.

Desdemona: Amanda Renee Lentz-A,D; Samantha G. Duke-D; Sarah Ann Lewis-D; Joshua Alan Reames-D.

Dump Old Tires with No Cost, Penalty; Health Hazard, Litter Targeted

On Saturday March 13, 2004 Gorman area residents who have accumulated unwanted tires can legally dispose of them at 118 S. Kent (next to the City Park) without charge or penalty.

The free tire disposal is a joint effort between the West Central Texas Council of Governments, the City of Gorman, and Synergy Tire Disposal. The program is aimed at reducing the number of waste tires in the local area that often litter the landscape and pose a health hazard.

"The 'Tire Amnesty Day' program will be good for those folks who have two to four tires in or behind their garage and don't want to pay to dispose of them," said, Wendy Stovall Natural Resources Manager for the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG). We want to get those tires collected because they're a fire hazard and a major health hazard. Mosquitoes tend to breed in tires faster than in a normal landscape setting.

The idea of the "Tire Amnesty Day" program originated with Synergy as a way of educating the public about the need for proper disposal of waste tires. Tires collected during the event will be recycled into a variety of products, including playground surfacing and horse

arena footing. Synergy has agreed to accept any tires delivered to the Gorman City Park and to quote a reasonable price for picking up larger quantities at a later date.

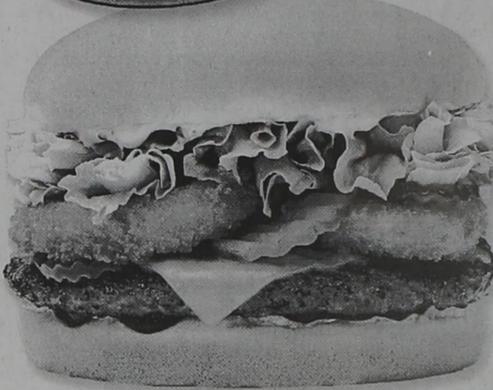
The "Tire Amnesty Day" program will run from 8:00 am to 3:00pm Saturday March 13, 2004 at the Gorman City Park. Limitations to the program include:

- * No more than 10 tires per vehicle will be accepted for free at the collection site.
- * Residents should bring identification to the site to confirm residency within the city limits.

- * Tires will not be accepted from commercial or not-for-profit businesses.
- * Tires on rims or foam filled tires will not be accepted for free.
- * Fees for tires above the 10 free tire limit will be charged as follows: \$0.75/passenger, \$2.50/truck, \$10.00/agricultural or OTR. Tires on rims or foam filled tires will be accepted for triple the above rates.

Contact Abel Saldana at the Gorman PD at 734-2317 for more information.

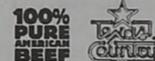
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ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, March 13th — 10 A.M.
1018 S. Crescent - Gorman, TX

Nathan and Sandy Files have built a new home and have filled it with new furnishings and have commissioned Yaddow Enterprises Auction Co. to sell the contents of their former home to the highest bidder on Saturday, the 13th of March beginning at 10:00 A.M. Some of the items to be sold are as follows:

Hide-a-Bed Coach; Love seat recliners; Computer work Station; Bookshelves (all sizes); Small China Hutch; Mini Cycle (new); Wall Shelves; Comforter w/ matching curtains; Baby Bed (Jenny Lind); Queen 4 piece bedroom suite no mattress; 6 Drawer dresser; Dishes; Fabric - double knit; 775 Exercise Bike; Table Saw Craftsman - 10"; Foyer Stand; Water Troughs - Rubbermaid; Fishing Poles; Coins; Glider w/ottoman; Lamps; 2 Small Wood Desks; Water Dispenser w/jug; Vases - pottery (Hull); Drop Leaf Table w/2 chairs; Collector Baseballs; Entertainment Center; Corner Gun Cabinet - Carved Glass front - 8 gun; Basset 4 piece Bedroom suite - Queen - hard rock maple; Oil Lamp; Lenses; Rubbermaid Containers; AB-Door II (Exerciser); Troy Built Self Propelled Lawn Mower Mulcher - 5 HP; Wardrobe Closet; Tent w/floor; Air Compressor Craftsman 12 gal. 1 HP; Deabour Heater; Tables (end and 3 legged); Sharp Microwave w/stand; Pictures; Duncan-Phyfe table w/5 chairs; Tea Cups; Mixer (Kitchen Aid); Nightstand; Chair (rocker); Books/Videos; Troy Bilt Tiller - 5 HP; Semen Tank (stainless steel); Airless Sprayer - Campbell Hausfield; 8' 2 Wheel Stock Trailer (Shop Built); Snapper Riding Lawnmower - 42" cut - 18 HP Kohler Hydrostatic; Washer and Dryer - Almond Color - Maytag - Heavy Duty Extra Capacity; 2 Bicycles (His and Hers - Land Rider - 14 Speed auto); Collector Barbie Doll - 1960 Fashion - "Solo In The Spotlight".

There will be many more interesting items that are not listed. I hope you plan to attend this sale on the 13th. Any announcements sale day supercedes all others.

DIRECTIONS TO SALE: From Interstate 20, Take Hwy. 6 to Gorman. In Gorman, turn west on FM Road 8 toward Duster. Watch for school on left and Take FM 679 the Auction will be about 4th house on your left. Watch For Signs.

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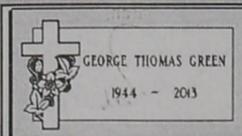
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KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

The biggest news in this community this past week was the storm that came through on Thursday about 1:00 P.M. There was strong twisting winds, rain and a little hail. The winds blew every piece of the steel roofing off the south side of the kitchen, fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms of the Kokomo Baptist Church and the south half of the roofing off the 4-H building. The roofing was scattered in fields to the north and northeast of the church. Many trees in the community were uprooted and TV antennas were damaged. Some of us were out of electricity for about one and a half hours.

Larry and Martha Bryant's home was severely damaged and moved off the foundation.

As bad as the storm was we are glad that it wasn't any worse and that no one was injured. I don't know if it was officially called a tornado, but I think you would have a hard time convincing people in the community that it wasn't a tornadoic winds.

As soon as the storm had passed through, neighbors and friends were out checking on the damage and seeing if anyone needed help. I certainly appreciate those who stopped by my house to see if I was OK and if I needed help. They were Daryl Hirst, Oren Webb, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and Cassie Brasher. I appreciate all the telephone calls that I received too. Joe came on his tractor on Friday morning and moved the big tree that was uprooted in the northwest corner of my front yard. My TV tower and antenna were damaged and fell in the pecan tree in my back yard. While I'm waiting for the insurance adjuster to come I'm learning that you can live without seeing the news and programs from the Abilene TV stations.

March 7 - 14 is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. At the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church Norma Webb gave an inspirational talk urging us to pray for the missionaries here in the United States and Canada, and to give as generously as possible to the mission offering so the needs of the missionaries may be met as they proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the unsaved people of our state, country and Canada.

The special music was rendered by Helen and Woodrow Browning, with Glynda Bond at the piano. They sang "He Paid A Debt That He Did Not Owe". Jesus paid the debt that we owed, a debt that we could not pay. Do we thank and praise him as we should?

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church services on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider this week were Dan Snider, Ted Snider, Gene and Kay Snider, Belinda, Audri, Isaac, and Ella Segura; Clifford and Doris Graham of Eastland and Billy Max and Uvonne Graham of McAlester, OK.

Larry and Betty Strube attended the 90th birthday celebration for Opal Boyd at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Rising Star on Saturday March 6th.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan, Bertie Stacy of Gorman and Zelda Jordan.

Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Shorty Treadway of Ranger and Zelda Jordan enjoyed playing games of "Train" with Kenneth and Mary Rogers at their home in Eastland on Saturday night.

HELP IS NEEDED! A few of us in the community have discussed the repairs needed on the 4-H building at Kokomo that was damaged by the storm. The problem is that the 4-H building funds were depleted when we did the restoration project a few years ago. It has been stated that if we could get enough donations to buy the roofing material there would be enough volunteer help to do the roofing.

So if those in the community and perhaps others who might be interested in the building would be kind enough to give a donation, the material could be bought and the repair job done. Donations can be given to D. F. Eaves or sent to him at Rt. 1 Box 142, Gorman, TX 76454, or to Norma Webb, 501 Hwy 2689, Gorman, TX 76454. Any donation, no matter what the amount, would be appreciated. The building was completed in 1938 and the 4-H Club at Kokomo at that time helped with the building of it.

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Gorman EDC Talk

On March 22, at 6:30 the strategic planning process for Gorman will continue at the community center. All of you are not only invited, but welcome and necessary to the success of this process. The more input we have, the better for our whole community.

As mentioned last week, we have lots of information from the assessment and report done by the Texas Rural Development Council in April 2000. In the final report presented to 65 citizens of Gorman on April 27, 2000 the team told us what they heard from the 125 interviews that were conducted. Here is what they said:

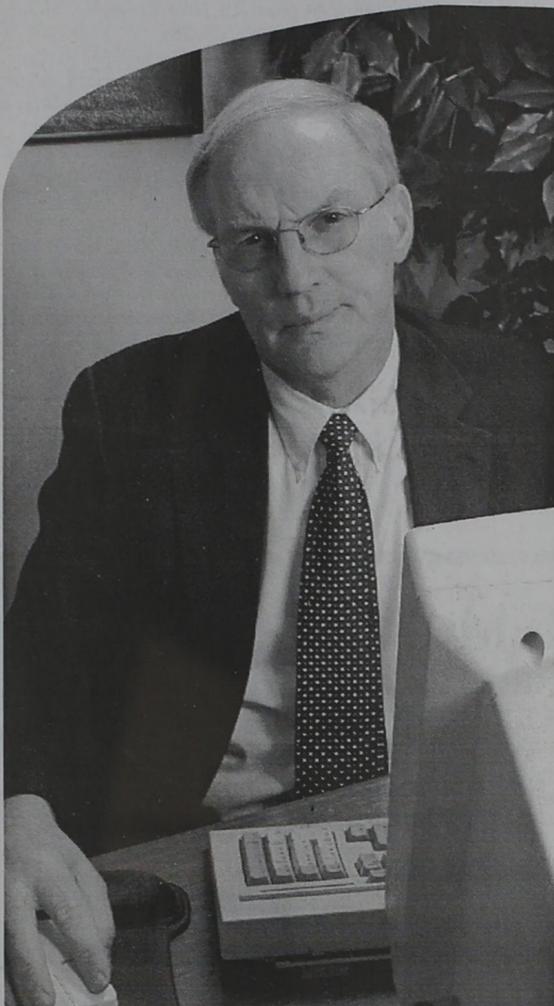
WHAT WE NEED:

1. A focused master plan with a vision, goals, and time lines
2. To clean up our community and keep it clean
3. An ongoing beautification program
4. A community center
5. To develop a "can do" attitude
6. To learn more about outside resources that can help us
7. More and better housing
8. A health care facility in our community
9. To learn how to reach out to people in our community and get them involved
10. To learn how to value all of our citizens and their contributions
11. To learn how to make the transition from an ag based economy to the economy that will secure our future

WHAT WE HAVE:

1. A safe community
2. Good churches
3. Good schools
4. Good people
5. A good location
6. Good work ethic
7. A good fire department and first responders
8. We are fortunate to have the industries we have
9. Lots of opportunity in hunting and recreation
10. New people who are bringing new resources and new skills

Please be sure to mark your calendars now for this very important meeting on March 22. Ronnie Boston, who was a part of that TRDC resource team will be here that night to facilitate this planning session; so it is important that we have as many interested parties there as possible. For more information on this meeting or to see material from the assessment done in 2000, please call me, Suzan Lipson at 734-4305 or Lori Dodd, Gorman EDC at 734-3933.



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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at **Gorman ISD Superintendents Office** between the hours of **8:00 a.m.** and **3:30 p.m.** during regular school hours beginning on **April 28, 2004** and ending on **May 11, 2004**
 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Early Voting Clerk
 Terry Treadway
 P.O. Box 8
 Gorman, Texas 76454

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on **May 7, 2004.**

Issued this the 2nd day of March, 2004.

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18338 - '01 Mazda 626LX	Auto, loaded, cd, 27K	\$ 9,995

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20587 - '02 Chevy Avalanche	Auto, loaded, cd, 33K	\$22,500
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19703 - 1997 Olds 88 Sedan	\$6,995 ^{+titl}	\$210 Mo. *
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Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

A HOUSE is built of logs and stones, of tiles and posts and tiers; A HOME is built of loving deeds that stand a thousand years.

George Rodgers and Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood were recent guests.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for 18 residents. The lesson was "Disciplined Service." Background Passage was Matthew 20:20-28. The Biblical Truth, "Christ Calls His Followers to be Servants." Focal passage—Romans 12:9-13. The key Bible verse Romans 12:11. A resident gave the opening prayer. A resident brought the special, "I Just Heard from Heaven," and another resident voiced the closing prayer.

Some guests were Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Kenneth Welch, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon.

Attention: The March birthday party will be at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26th. Two residents will be honored for having March birthdays. Ruth Campbell will entertain. There will be refreshments. Relatives and friends are always welcome.

Some visitors were S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland, Clyde and DeSha Johnson and Winnie Rainey of Stephenville, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the New Hope Baptist Church were James Hunter, Rachel Watson, Jordan Watson, and Grace Ann Watson. James brought the message, "On Encouragement," background passage, Hebrews 10:19-25. Rachel played the piano for nine residents to sing.

Some guests were James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes, and Marie Cook of Carbon and Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday morning, Judy Kilgore and Pat Graham had bingo for eleven residents. Residents enjoyed the prizes and breakfast treats.

Visiting were Joyce Bramlett, Cliff Bramlett, and Lucy Joiner of Stephenville, Donald Lee Joiner, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Billie Jean Grisham, Shaylor, Allyssa, and Taylor Hope Mahan, Robert and Becky Moore, Randy and Leslie Green, and Emily Green of DeLeon, Ennis and Nina Beth Joiner, Tootie Campbell.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop to style residents hair.

Visiting were Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Winston Brown, Bimbo and Anna Lee Roberts, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shawna Roberts.

Monday afternoon those coming for the Gospel Singing were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Johnnie B. Griffith, Ann Warren, Ruby Lee Kinser, Zeldia Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Marjorie Treadway, Gearldine Wright, Nancy Hendricks. Woodrow and Helen Browning and Ruby Lee Kinser brought the special music, "Invincible Hands." There were ten residents present.

Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Pam Childers, Annie Fay Foster, Tootie and Bill Campbell.

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

Guests visiting were C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon.

Tuesday afternoon, Judy Kilgore of DeLeon came and helped eight residents play bingo.

Visiting were Ricky and Shanna Morrison, James Kinser, Barbara Morrison, Chuck and Cherry Troutman, Wilbur Overstreet, and Rex

Kinser.

At the February Valentine Party, a King and Queen were crowned. Also crowned were Prince and Princess. The Queen and Princess each received a single red rose. The King and Prince each were given a single white rose.

On Thursday morning, Rose Marie Allen came and had Bible Study. Her subject was the "Promises of God." Background passage John 14:12-27. A resident brought the special music. Ten residents attended.

Some guests were Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Bonita Richards of Fort Worth, Irene West, Glenn Glasson.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of the First Baptist Church came for Bible Study. He started a series—"The Committed Life" and gave part one. Background passage was Psalms 34:1-8. A resident voiced the closing prayer.

Visiting were Don and Jo Carey of Midlothian, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Gearldene Wright, Durward Webb.

Wednesday afternoon, Judy Kilgore came and help residents play 'crazy bingo.' They liked the prizes.

Visiting were Mr. & Mrs. McGill Gomaz of Houston, Jerry, Sherry, and Mason Parrish of Comanche, Don Landers of Springtown and Marjorie Treadway.

On Friday morning, Pat Graham and Judy Kilgore came and had bingo for residents. They enjoyed breakfast treats. There were 9 residents present.

Recent guests were Wesley and Sue Spivey, Oleta Blair of Eastland, Billy Joe and Evelyn Hair of DeLeon, G.W. and Emily Gilmore of Ranger.

On Friday afternoon residents enjoyed an end of the week party. They were served ice cream floats.

Visiting were Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Leta Loudermilk, Daisy Slaton, Stanley Porter.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Jody Walston and her friend returned home last Wednesday after spending the past week in London, England. They reported a wonderful trip.

Jack and Wynon (Alread) Gibson of Deer Park (near Houston) passed away two days apart. They were buried in the Deer Park area. Wynon is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1946. Preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Estelle Alread and brother Bobby Alread, who are buried in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Rosellen Davis, 81, of Stephenville passed away March 5. Burial was in the Garden of Memories in Stephenville. She taught school in Desdemona.

Rudolph Wells, 78, of Stephenville was buried on Sunday, March 7 in the East End Cemetery in Lingleville. He attended school in Desdemona.

Bill Whitlock, 68, of Gorman, was buried last Sunday in the Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery. He attended school in Desdemona. Preceded in death by his parents Herb and E.J. (Huff) Whitlock. E.J. attended school in Desdemona.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to these families who have lost their loved ones. Remember them with your cards and prayers.

Ladies monthly social was held last Monday morning at the Community Center. These ladies enjoy the fellowship with each other. Visitors are always welcome.

Thought for today—"Success is a journey, not a destination." Have a nice day, Coon.

Taken from Abilene Reporter News—Saturday, February 28, 2004

Eastland County Junior Livestock Show Results

Continued From Last Week

Champion Hamp Gilt — Nathan Ettinger

Reserve Champion Hamp Gilt — Megan Ledbetter

Mediumweight Poland Gilts — 1. Kaci Seaton

Heavyweight Poland Gilts — 1. McKenzie Osborne

Champion Poland Gilt — Kaci Seaton

Reserve Champion Poland Gilt — McKenzie Osborne

Middleweight Spot Gilts — 1. Clinton Carson; 2. Rowdy Bond; 3. Ariel Rabb

Heavyweight Spot Gilts — 1. Courtney Carlton; 2. Ally Little; 3. Kimmy Seaton

Spot Sows — 1. Rowdy Bond.

Champion Spot Gilt — Courtney Carlton

Reserve Champion Spot Gilt — Ally Little

White OPB Gilts — 1. Candice Ratliff.

White OPB Sow of any Age — 1. Rowdy Bond.

Champion White OPB Gilt — Rowdy Bond

Reserve Champion White OPB Gilt — Candice Ratliff

Lightweight York Gilts — 1. Zoey Tucker; 2. Raime Preston; 3. Justin Little

Middleweight York Gilts — 1. Chelsea Long

Heavyweight York Gilts — 1. Miles Yann

Champion York Gilt — Miles Yann

Reserve Champion York Gilt — Zoey Tucker

Lightweight Cross Gilts — 1. Lindsey Kendall.

Mediumweight Cross Gilts — 1. Madison Warren; 2. Raime Preston; 3. Debra Johnston

Heavyweight Cross Gilts — 1. Nathan Ettinger; 2. Megan Ledbetter; 3. Brady McCormick

Cross Sow of any Age — 1. Brady McCormick

Champion Cross Gilt — Madison Warren

Reserve Champion Cross Gilt — Nathan Ettinger

Grand Champion Gilt — Madison Warren

Reserve Grand Champion Gilt — Courtney Carlton

Junior Showmanship — Miles Yann

Senior Showmanship — Justin Sellers

Breeding Heifers

Angus Heifers — 1 and 2. Emory Geye

Champion Angus Heifer — Emory Geye

Chianina Heifers — 1 and 2. Rhett Taylor

Champion Chianina Heifer — Rhett Taylor

Maine Heifers — 1. Rhett Taylor

Champion Maine Heifer — Rhett Taylor

Grand Champion Heifer — Rhett Taylor

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer — Emory Geye

Junior Showmanship — Emory Geye

Senior Showmanship — Lindsey Herring

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→ OR →

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2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer

MSRP \$29,010
Bayer Discount 2,015
Factory Rebate 3,000
Sale Price \$23,995

→ OR →

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\$335 Mo. GM Smart Buy

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