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## Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride June 12

The sixth annual *Tour of the Peanut Country* Bike Ride will be Saturday June 12. The ride, sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club and Gorman Volunteer Fire Dept., will start from the City Park promptly at 8 AM with no starters any later than 9 AM. There are four distances to choose from: 9 mile, 29 mile, 45 mile or 100K. These courses will all have several rest stops with water,atorade, fruit, cookies and peanuts to replenish the riders. There will also be Sag Wagons available should anyone have any mechanical trouble or need medical assistance.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by phone at 254-734-3810. Registration will open on tour day at 6:30 am, at the Start/Finish at City Park. Entry fees are as follows: \$22 for individuals, tandems—\$20, Families of 4 or more—\$20, Clubs (4 or more members)—\$20. Each rider receives a *Tour of the Peanut Country* t-shirt and a goodie bag. For more information call 254-734-3810 or 734-3637. **All proceeds from this ride benefit the Gorman VFD and the Gorman Lions Club for local projects and scholarships.**

## Methodist Church Hero Quest Vacation Bible School

Please join the Methodist Church in our Hero Quest Powered by Faith Vacation Bible School June 14-18 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 303 W. Roberts in Gorman. All ages are welcome.

Dinner will be served at 5:15 until 6:00 p.m. We will have Bible School for all ages after the evening meal. Please come and refresh your body and soul.

If you have any questions, call Cindy Underwood at 734-3185 or the church office at 734-2547. We will see you there. We are looking for local heroes.

## Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association Meeting

The annual meeting for the Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 10 a.m. in the Gorman Housing Authority Hotel Apartment Building, Gorman, Texas. The meeting is open to anyone concerned about the cemetery.

A covered dish lunch will be served at noon and followed by a business meeting.

The concern and interest shown by each one is appreciated very much. Thank you for your caring support of the Association.

## Mississippi Gospel Group at Liberty Baptist Church

Mike Warren and his band, "Fishers of Men" from Pontotoc County, Mississippi, will perform at Liberty Baptist Church on June 13, 2004 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

All are welcome to come listen to great gospel music. For information call 254-893-4911.

## Thank You

I want to thank everyone who voted for me in the City Commissioner's election. I appreciate your vote and words of encouragement since the election.

I love Gorman and its citizens. I will strive to do my part in continuing to make Gorman a good place to live. No man is an island. It takes all of us, working together to create a city for us and our loved ones to live in harmony.

Please pray for the mayor, the other commissioners and myself as we endeavor to gain your respect by trying to do the best for all the citizens of our great town.

s/ Charlie Torrez, Jr.

## MISS GORMAN CONTESTANT

Hello! My name is Sandra Lara. I am the Gorman Fire Department candidate for Miss Gorman. I am sixteen years old and will be a junior at Gorman High School. My parents are Lorenzo and Hilda Lara. My grandparents are Carmen and the late Daniel Herrera of Gorman. I have one sister, Jessica Lara, and a beautiful seven month old niece, Natalie Jade. I also have a large extended family, The Herrera's!

My desired sport is powerlifting! I like to be in the company of my friends, spending time with my family, as well as spend some time with my boyfriend. Several of my hobbies include playing with my niece, going swimming, listening to music, talking on the telephone, and shopping. My favorite foods consist of ice cream and pizza! My preferred music is alternative. I am a very blunt and open-minded individual and loves to meet new people. I enjoy going out to the movies and out to eat.



Sandra Lara

I would deeply value all of the Gorman citizens for supporting me and I greatly thank and appreciate the Gorman Fire Department for sponsoring me in the Miss Gorman Contest.

## The Alarm Works!!!

The Mayor and Commission would like to apologize for the siren blowing numerous times during the night last Thursday. Although if in the course of bad weather the alarm system will be blown, it was not an intention last week. The high winds caused the wires to short and sparked the alarm to go off.

The City would like to remind the citizens that in the event of bad weather, warning will be given by sounding the alarm with a long continued blast. That will be a warning of possible tornado activity or other possible hazardous danger.

The first responders and volunteer fire department now have radios and pager capability to alert each of them in the event of an emergency calling for their aid.

The alarm system is scheduled for testing on the first Monday of each month at 12:00 noon. Mayor and Commission



On Sunday, June 6, The Peanut Shuffle Dancers performed "A Salute to Texas." Dancers include: Upper L to R: Kati Deel, Lisa Deel, Britany Rainey, Courtney Byrd, Alaina Swanner, Katey Thackerson, Makeisah Hampton, Gisella Martinez, Ali Mace, Lindy Thackerson, Tori Collins, Felicia Mace, Avery Tyson, Shiloe O'Banon, Kayce Dodd. Not pictures: Kimmy Seaton, Laci Lawrence, Jordan Carter, and Barbara Sherman.

The girls participated in several events this past year including the Peanut Festival and the Relay for Life. They have worked really hard and their parents should be proud of them. I am very proud and thank their parents for allowing me to influence their children's lives.

I would like to give a HUGE thanks to Lori Dodd for pulling together my programs at the last minute and doing last minute costume details.

I'd also like to thank Becky, Mindy and Revise Laminack, Texas Creations for stage decorations. Thanks to Kim Sharp for doing the photographs.

If I have forgotten anybody, you are appreciated! Have a great summer and see you in September!  
Lisa Deel

## Cookout - "Ya'll Come"

American State Bank is having a cookout to celebrate the fun activities of summer. It is **FREE** and **EVERYONE** is invited. Please join us Friday, June 11 from 11:00-1:00 for hot dogs.

## Free Concert at City Park

There will be a free concert at the City Park on Friday, June 11th from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m. given by Nobody Famous, a local band. Nobody Famous is composed of Brenton Dowdy, Taylor and Robert Durhan, and Dion and Gary Fink. (More information on the band is available on their website: [www.mwamproductions.com](http://www.mwamproductions.com).)

Concessions will be available to help with Firstfruits Christian Fellowship's Youth Groups Summer Camp expenses.

## Journeyman to Visit New Hope Baptist Church

On Sunday morning, June 13, Riley Mac Byers, Journeyman to China, will be visiting New Hope Baptist Church. He has spent the last two years in China and is now coming to share his experiences. There will be a pot luck lunch following the service. Please make plans to attend this special event.

## It's a Boy

Jeremy and Madeline (Wilkins) Bryan are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Gary Alexander Bryan. Gary was born on May 31, 2004 at Ft. Mead Medical Hospital in Maryland, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Jeremy is currently serving in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Mead, Maryland.

Proud grandparents are Lory and the late Jimmie B. Bryan and great-grandparents Gaylord and Elaine Battenfield of Gorman.

## Heritage Manor of Gorman Staff Recognized

Pyramid HealthCare recently held our annual summit meetings on May 25th, 26th, and 27th in Whitney, Texas. Heritage Manor is proud to announce that two of our employees were recognized for outstanding performance this past year for our facility and our company as a whole.

Ina Smith received the Pyramid HealthCare Employee of the Year Award. This award is presented annually to one recipient company wide (Pyramid HealthCare has 13 nursing homes here in Texas). Our owner and company President and CEO Diane Ward, RN makes this decision concerning this special award each year.

Sherry Parrish, LVN and our Facility Nurse Assessor also was recognized as FNA of the Year for 2003 for Pyramid HealthCare. Sherry does a great job and is very deserving of this award.

Heritage Manor of Gorman wants to congratulate both Ina and Sherry on these awards and wants them both to know how proud we are to have them on our TEAM here in Gorman. Next time you see Sherry and Ina let them know how proud you are of them as well.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**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

**WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING** — The Weight Watchers Meeting will be held at Gorman Hotel on Wednesdays. Weight-in begins at 5:00 p.m. and meeting begins at 5:30 p.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 - JUNE 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.**



After lots of thought I am writing this letter in response to a Letter to the Editor in the May 13th edition of *The Gorman Progress* from Daryl Hirst.

I didn't give the letter a lot of thought until I received a call from a lady saying she had spoken with Daryl and he named me as "One of the Three." (Let me just say here—Daryl has or had never spoken to me about the issues he mentions in his letter.) She informed Daryl he did not know what he was talking about and he certainly did not know Marceil.

Daryl referred to me as "a group" and "three of Ten." None of those categories fit me. Please bear with me as I set the record straight. NO ONE asked me to run for trustee. I chose to be a candidate because I felt I had the time to devote to the job and because I wanted to. Again I stress—with a granddaughter in the 7th grade and

a great grandson in kindergarten we are very interested in the education and well-being of the youth of the Gorman ISD. We believe in GISD and that our children should excel mentally and physically to enable them to conquer any challenge they choose. I also stated that I believe in HONESTY, FAIRNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY of Your Tax Dollar and Children's Education. My desire is for Our School and its Leadership be the Best in Eastland County. Tell me—Is that a wrong Reason?

Daryl writes: A "Group" of people that are never in support of any organization or agenda item. HOLD IT!

1. In 1999 I was President of the Gorman Lions Club. That year we held the first Christmas in the Park and Lighted Christmas Parade. Then we had the first Gorman Peanut Bike Tour. Hum—is this not support of our town? What

## Gorman High School Honor Roll - 6th Six Weeks

**7th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Marsela Gonzales, Sonia Hipolito, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Lindsey Laminack, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Isabel Munoz, Jordan Perry, Tyson Swanner, Matt Underwood, Miles Vann, Veronica Walton; **Honor Roll**--Dezirae Murphy, April Voyles

**8th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Ashley Burkeen, Ashleigh Bush, Brandy Carlton, Corey Clark, Seth Cochran, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Kati Deel, Jessica Esquivel, Clarissa Glasson, Reba Granado, Brandon Greer, Shanna Hair, Trey Holdman, Kennon Hornback, Aaron Keith, Kendra Lewis, Megan Lewis, Mary Powell, Jimmie Murphy, Tony Perez; **Honor Roll**--Jerry Earles, Carlos Gutierrez, Jose Guzman, Seth Johnson, Kellie Moss, John Torres, Trey Underwood

**9th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Kristy Carlton, K' Ann Howard, Maria Oronia, Tiffany Perez, Leland Rainey, Pedro Ramirez, Amanda Regian, Rejinaldo Sanchez, Kaci Seaton, Brittany Shirley; **Honor Roll**--Amanda Brown, Christina Garcia, Michael Marin, Natasha Sherman, Matthew Smith, Crystal Thackerson, Chance Underwood, Mindy Voyles

**10th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Zachary Bryan, Amber Ervin, Patricia Gutierrez, Brandon Hale, Nikki Keith, Sandra Lara, Kent Long, Cindy Lopez, Sharla Perez, Kendra Swanner; **Honor Roll**--Cindy Garces, Armando Giles, Joey Jones, Summer Olvera, Tim Patel, Justin Willey

## The Purpose Driven Life:

Discussion Groups Now Forming

You can get more than a tan this summer! You can get plugged-in to your purpose in life!

You've no doubt heard about it. Everyone is reading it. Rick Warren's best-selling book, *The Purpose Driven Life* is dramatically changing the way many Americans view their lives and their priorities. Listen to what nationally recognized leaders are saying:

*Make sure you're not missing the point of your life – read this book!* (Billy Graham)

*If you only read one book on what life is all about – make it this one! This book is life-changing...Give this book to everyone you care about. Believe me, you'll never be the same after reading this! What a gift!* (Lee Strobel, author)

*Disoriented about your direction in life? Are decisions tough to make and steps hard to take? If so, Rick Warren has written a masterpiece of wise counsel for you.* (Max Lucado, author)

Rick Warren strongly suggest that readers get involved in a small discussion group while reading the book. This serves to maximize the learning experience and helps to insure long-term benefits of the study. Listed below is contact info regarding groups that are currently forming in your community.

**Eastland / Ranger:** Call Clay and Sue Wheat (629-8514 or 647-1064)  
**Cisco:** Call Sue Mullinax (442-4705) or Stephanie Clinton (442-4136)  
**Carbon:** Call David and Nicola Files (639-2149)  
**Gorman:** Call Debra Clark (734-2086) or Dane Gressett (734-3587 or 3203)

Or log on to [www.purposegroups.org](http://www.purposegroups.org) for more information.

am I against?

2. Then there was the Gorman Jr. Rodeo. Once a year, three nights from 8 p.m. to 3 or 4 a.m. next day, playdays were once a month.

The trail ride from Gorman to DeLeon (Peach and Melon Parade) me, 32 kids and Jerry Brown.

3. I was 4-H Adult Leader. A grandmother called me, her granddaughter, whom she was raising was interested in the 4-H sewing project would I teach her to sew? Sure. The night we began, I had 27 little girls.

4. When I was President of the Women's Study Club, we added the "Little Miss Gorman" to the Miss Gorman contest.

Now I ask you—Does this sound like I am NEVER in support of any organization or agenda item? or that I am always against it? I THINK NOT.

Let me say I never attended a Gorman School Board meeting. I have attended School Board Workshop in Abilene.

Again I thank every one for their support.

s/ Marceil Laminack  
6/8/04

## RAIN

by Stormy Hurd

Rain!

Rain is fame.

I can just smell rain when it is time to rain.

It makes me feel soothed,  
It makes me feel refreshed,  
And it makes me feel love,  
But yet it makes me feel sad.  
All of those feelings  
at the same time.

Rain!

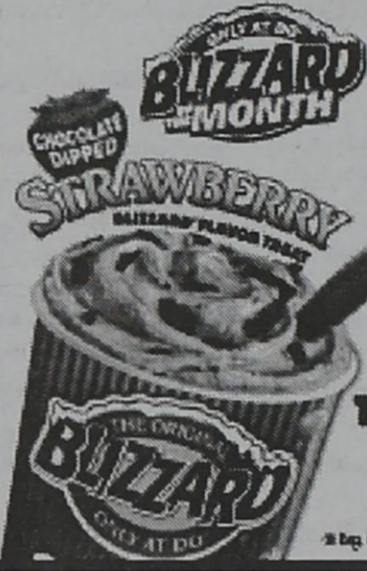
Rain is fame.

I love RAIN!

**11th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Kendra Bailey, Martha Cruz, Christian Esquivel, Rachel Granado, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback, Clinton Jones, Frances Lewis, Amanda Naeseth, Doncil Strawbridge; **Honor Roll**--Amanda Boyd, Patrick Cochran, Michael Grissom, Dana Longoria, Adam Spivey, Joseph Whitfill, Ryan Wright  
**12th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**-- Holly Abbe, Casandra Cooper, Marcie Davis, Andrea Files, Lacy Howard, Lance Jones, Melinda Leal, Kalyn Porter, Roberto Rodriguez, Lydia Royster, Emily Thornton, Crystal Williams, Trenton Withers, Sawyer Wright; **Honor Roll**--Brian Duske, William Duske, Britt Hagood, Thomas Hurd, Sascha May, Christopher Smith

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## CJC Softball Tryouts

Cisco Junior College will be holding tryouts for the Lady Wranglers softball team on Sunday, June 13 at 12:00 noon. The tryouts will be held at the Cisco City Park on East 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Cisco and are for students entering college this fall.

For more information, contact Coach Susan Moore at (254) 442-5004, email to [smoore@cisco.cc.tx.us](mailto:smoore@cisco.cc.tx.us) or fax (254) 442-2546. Please leave name, school, phone number, and position.

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18632 - '01 Chevy Impala	Auto, loaded, cass, 35K	\$11,990
20691 - '00 Nissan Maxima	Auto, loaded, cass, V6	\$10,990
18571 - '98 Plymouth Neon	Auto, tilt, cruise, cass, 64K	\$ 4,800
21029 - '00 Buick LaSabre	Auto, loaded, cd, 58K	\$10,500
18338 - '01 Mazda 626LX	Auto, loaded, cd, 27K	\$ 9,995

### • SUV's - TRUCKS •

20483 - '98 Ford Explorer XLT	loaded, cd, 81K	\$ 7,500
18950 - '01 Chevy Tahoe LS	Auto, loaded, cd, 42K	\$21,500
29121 - '01 Chevy Tracker	Auto, 4X4, loaded, cd, 14K	\$ 9,995
18647 - '01 Ford Escape 4WD	Auto, leather, loaded, 20K	\$16,500
20291 - '98 Ford F150XL RC SWB	5 Spd., T / C, 34K	\$ 7,995
20524 - '96 Chevy S10 Blazer	Auto, loaded, cass, 78K	\$ 6,995
20149 - '01 Chevy S10 RC SWB	5 Spd., AC, alum whls, 37K	\$ 7,995
20587 - '02 Chevy Avalanche	Auto, loaded, cd, 33K	\$22,500
19488 - '01 Chevy 1500 EC SWB LS	Auto, loaded, cd, 54K	\$15,990
16317 - '00 Ford F250 XLT-SD	Powerstroke, auto, loaded, 64K	\$19,990
19499 - '01 Chevy 3500CD LWB	Dually, 5 spd., t/c, cass, 27K	\$19,990

## Payment Special Examples

19703 - 1997 Olds 88 Sedan	\$6,995 <sup>titl</sup>	\$210 Mo. *
20149 - 2001 Chev. S-10 PK	\$7,995 <sup>titl</sup>	\$199 Mo. **
19204 - 1999 Chev. Camaro	\$9,995 <sup>titl</sup>	\$240 Mo. **
18353 - 2002 Olds Alero Coupe	\$11,990 <sup>titl</sup>	\$235 Mo. ***

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