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Local Area Citizens Attend TFB Covention



Pictured above from left to right are: Wes Sims, President of Texas Farmers Union, Lynn Hagan, Rosetta Hagan, Travis Turnbeaugh, Britton Hagan, Carole Clower, Dennis Clower, Christen Hagan, Delores Starr, Joetta Schuman, Eita Arnsperger, James Schuman, Lyman Arnsperger, Dennis Hagan, and Tom Buis, National Farmers Union President.

A Delegation of farmers and ranchers and their families who are Texas Farmers Union members in Eastland county recently attended the Texas Farmers Union Convention in Corpus Christi. The 3 day event was held in the Omni Marina Hotel next to the seashore of the Gulf of Mexico. The annual event is held for the purpose of farmers and ranchers and anyone involved in production agriculture to get together and formulate policy of the organization in an effort to make our voice be heard in the legislative branch of government. Only by a cooperative effort of many people united in the cause of keeping the family farmer and rancher on the land, can favorable legislation even hope to be passed by the Congress and administration.

Farmers Union, on the state and national level, is a grassroots organization with the members themselves setting the goals and policies of the organization by democratic voting. Each year the policy is reviewed, amended as needed to stay up-to-date with farm program changes and new circumstances. Serving on the State Policy Drafting Committee were Dennis Hagan and Lyman Arnsperger from Eastland County. The state police which included changes made by this committee was accepted by the state members on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26th.

Also state officers were elected during the meeting. Wes Sims of Sweetwater, a family farmer and cattle producer, was elected to his 7th 2 year term as President of the Texas Farmers Union. He was first elected in 1996 to lead the Texas family farm and ranch group.

"I pled to continue a total commitment and effort to do all I can to bring economic justice to our family farmers and ranchers" said Sims in his acceptance speech "Anything less than fairness and justice for rural America is totally unacceptable."

Mike Oldham, a peanut and cotton farmer from Clarendon was elected to another term as Vice-President. From Eastland County, Dennis Clower is currently serving as District IV Director, Lynn Hagan is the State Treasurer, and James Schuman is serving as Eastland County President.

Among several enjoyable activities afforded the members attending the convention was a barbeque and sponsored tour of the colossal King Ranch. Several candidates seeking a public office spoke at the meeting, as well as Mr. Tom Buis, the National Farmers Union President of Washington, D.C.

Established in 1902 in Point, Texas, the Texas Farmers Union is the states oldest general farm organization that represents family farmers, ranchers and rural interests working to improve the quality of life for rural people through education, cooperation, and legislation.

Proclaiming February 28, 2008

"OLD RIP" COMMEMORATIVE DAY

In Eastland County

WHEREAS, Eastland County's famous horned toad, "Old Rip", has been widely celebrated and acclaimed for an illustrious legend; and WHEREAS, this famous and legendary horned toad, sometimes referred to as horned lizard or reptile, was exhibited thru-out the United States, including a visit to President Coolidge in Washington; and WHEREAS, his remains have been embalmed and can be seen today in the display case at the entrance of the Eastland County Courthouse; NOW THEREFORE, I, Rex Fields, County Judge and the Commissioners' Court do hereby proclaim February 28, 2008 as "Old Rip" Commemorative Day.

In the official recognition whereof we hereby affix our signature this 25th day of February, 2008.

(s) Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge

BENEFIT FOR PAIGE SANDERS

Cooks Fish Barn will be holding a fish fry for Paige Sanders, who tragically lost her young life in a recent 4-wheeler accident. This benefit will be held on Sunday, March 2 from 11am to 2pm. Paige had no burial insurance, so all proceeds will go to Paige's family to help cover expenses. Cash donations will also be accepted and sincerely appreciated. Accounts also set up at F&M Bank in DeLeon and First National Bank in DeLeon.

NOTICE

THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY MARCH 4TH AND HALF A DAY ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH DUE TO THE ELECTION. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN FOR NORMAL BUSINESS AT NOON ON MARCH 5TH

Thank you for your consideration.

Cathy Jentho, County Clerk

Daylights Savings Time Switches Back On March 9th

Eastland County Democrats May Vote Twice

The idea that Texas Democrats may vote twice is TRUE. It has been true for decades. This Primary Election Cycle brings the rule of the Texas Democratic Party to the attention of the nation simply because the race for the presidential nominee is very, very close.

In Eastland County the Democrats that have voted either early, before Friday, or on Election Day of March 4 should return back to the there Precinct or an announced place at 7:15 p.m. or after the Election Judge has determined that the last person has cast their ballots.

If a person was in line to cast a ballot before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, those people will be allowed in the election room and the door locked. When all have come out then the Temporary Chair of the Precinct Convention may call the meeting to order if at that room.

When attending the Precinct Convention to elect delegates to the County Convention, pass resolutions, and take care of other Texas Democratic Party business, a register Democrat must have in their possession a stamped current registration card, and have voted stamped on the current voter list that the temporary chair has in their possession.

Places to attend this convention are listed as follows:

Precinct # 1--Eastland County Court Room--Ann Murray and Judy James as Temporary Chairs; Commissioner Bill Underwood, elected official in charge of room.;

Precinct # 2--Olden Community Center--Cheri Garcia, Temp. Chair;

Precinct # 3--Ranger Community Center--Loretta Brister, Temp. Chair;

Precinct # 4--to be announced;

Precinct # 5--Gorman Senior Citizens Bldg., G. W. Maxfield to appoint Temp. Chair;

Precinct # 6--Carbon Community Center, Sandy Stevens, Temp. Chair;

Precinct # 7--Higginbotham Bldg. Rising Star with County Chair June Hicks to appoint a Temp. Chair;

Precinct # 8--American State Bank with Ron Graham as Temp. Chair; and

Precinct # 9--Eastland County Court Room.

Also if you have registered as a Democrat in the current process and are in the County Courthouse waiting on election results, you may attend the precinct # 1 convention as a guest. You need to sign in and your attendance may become official after the County Chair has verified that you voted in a Eastland County Precinct which is not # 1.

If anyone has a question or comment about this process which has been long time a rule of the Texas Democratic Party, may contact the Eastland County Chair, June Hicks at 254-639-2444 or jhicks@txol.net.

Ladies, We Need Your Formal Dresses!

Eastland, Texas (February 15, 2008) — Many of us ladies will purchase a formal dress and only wear it once. Perhaps it was for a wedding or a formal dance. Now all of a sudden, you've realized that your old formals are taking up a lot of space in your closet, and although they looked fabulous, you honestly don't know when you would ever wear it again. The good news is we now have a good cause to do some pre-spring cleaning.

Eastland County Crisis Center, Inc. (dba Crime Victim Assistance Center) is collecting lightly used formal dresses of all sizes and in excellent condition. We ask that you donate dresses that you no longer want which are in excellent condition (i.e. no tears or nacho cheese stains). In return, you will receive a receipt that can go towards your 2008 tax deduction as the Eastland County Crisis Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. However, the money will not go towards the Crisis Center, but toward establishing a Child Advocacy Center for Eastland County to help children who have been abused.

We will host a Prom Boutique in Eastland to sell these dresses. When you donate a dress, keep your receipt and bring it with you at the Prom Boutique. You will receive a one-time discount of \$5 with a purchase. We are tentatively looking at the end of March or beginning of April. Keep checking your local newspaper and radio station for more details in the near future.

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This article was written by Diana Bigham, MA. Mrs. Bigham is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate, working with Crime Victim Assistance Center (CVAC). Should you have any questions regarding the Prom Boutique, you may contact her at the CVAC office at 254-629-3223 during normal business hours.

Benefit Fund Started For Rachel Rainey

Rachel Rainey Benefit Fund has been set up at American State Bank after the family lost all their belongings in a recent fire. The Fund was set up to help the family replace a portion of their losses.

Two Positions To Open For School Board

TWO positions will come open for the May 10, 2008 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Jeff Seaton and Larry Thompson. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 11, 2008. Deadline for filing will be March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours.

DOS posiciones serán abiertas para la elección el 10 de mayo de 2008 para el fideicomisario de la mesa escolar directiva para ser decidido en libertad. Estas posiciones serán para términos de tres años y son sostenidas actualmente por Jeff Seaton y Larry Thompson. Las solicitudes para archivar para una posición en la votación comenzarán el 11 de febrero de 2008. La fecha límite para la clasificación será el 10 de marzo del 2008 a las 5:00 de la tarde. Las solicitudes pueden ser completadas en la oficina de Administración durante horas escolares.

Gorman Panthers Bi-District Champions at Comanche

The Gorman Panthers Basketball Team played at Comanche on February 19th against Evant Elks to the Bi-District Championship. The Panthers won the game by a score of 62 to 53. High scoring for the Panthers were Tyson Swanner with 23 points, and Brandon Greer with 20 points. The season record for the Panthers was 18 and 6. The Panthers played for Area in Cisco against Albany on Friday the 22nd. The Panthers lost that game.

"A Big Thank You!!"

Wesley, the Black and White Border Collie has been found! All the way in Comanche. But to all the people in Gorman and surrounding areas. You're awesome people. You cared, took the time, called and even stopped to talk to me. I truly appreciate it. So, to all of you a great Big Thank You and nice to have met you all.

Debbie McTaggart

Youth In The Dark Egg Hunt Set For Saturday, March 22nd

The annual Easter Treasure Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the city park at 2:30 p.m. The Youth in the Dark Egg Hunt will be held on Wed. evening, March 19th. time to be announced at a later date.

We are still in need of donations for both groups as well as volunteers to help with each hunt. Suggestions for Youth in the Dark: Cold drinks, movie rentals, pizza, snacks, money. (Notice! Bob's Gro., City Gro, and Gorman Video will provide you with a coupon with your name on it as donations or coupons may be left at the place of business and I will pick them up.) Donations for Youth in the Dark are needed by Sunday, March 16.

Suggestions for Treasure Hunt, money, candy (no chocolate), snacks, prizes. Donations may be left at City Gro. Bob's Gro. and Smith's Service Station. If you are interested in helping with either one or both of these please call 734-2720 and leave a message.

See you soon.

Mrs. Bunny

City of Gorman May 10th General Election

The last day to file for a place on the May 10, 2008 ballot is March 10, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. The terms of Mayor and Commissioner Places 2 and 4 will be expiring.

Currently Robert Ervin serves as Mayor, Charlie Torrez Place 2 and Joe Casey Place 4. Application to file for a place on the ballot can be obtained at the Gorman City Office during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at 116 S Kent St. Gorman. If you have any questions please phone (254) 734-2317.

Win a Chance to Sit in the "Best Seat In The House" at Donkey Basketball!

Eastland, Texas (February 22, 2008) — You can now purchase a chance to sit in the "Best Seat in the House" during the Donkey Basketball game on March 1st. Tickets cost only \$1 and may be purchased in advance everywhere Donkey Basketball tickets are sold (Crime Victim Assistance Center, Eastland Telegram, and Eastland Police Department). Multiple entries will be allowed and the winner will be announced 10 minutes before the tip off. The winner and a friend will get to sit in a fashionable futon donated by Coats Furniture of Eastland. A drink and a slice of pizza from the concession will be given to both the lucky winner and his/her friend. Winner must be present at time of drawing to win.

Stop by Coats Furniture at 305 S. Seaman Street to see this futon on display and other beautiful home or office furnishings. All proceeds from the purchase of the "Best Seat in the House" tickets will benefit the establishment of a local Child Advocacy Center to assist children who have been abused.

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GISD School Menu

FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 3 THRU MARCH 7
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Biscuit, Eggs, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Sausage, biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Noodle Soup or Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, pickle spears, fresh carrots, orange smiles, crackers, chips, and Milk.
TUESDAY - Roast or Steak Fingers, baked potato, English peas, rolls, fruit and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita or Meat/Bean Chalupa, tossed salad, Spanish rice, fruit shape up and Milk.
THURSDAY - Tony's Pizza, or Ravioli, cheese sticks, salad, corn, fruit and Milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken and Rice or Pigs in a Blanket, carrot coins, tossed salad, crackers, fruit and Milk.

Retirement Party Slated

Retirement Luncheon for Carol Sue Hall Willis will be held on Sunday, March 2nd at 1 p.m. at Desdemona First Baptist Annex, honoring 30 years service at 7-11 Store, hosted by her children.

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NEW - 15A north of Gorman: Sandy land, 2 water wells, county road on 2 sides, nice location for pond. \$3,000A.
NEW: 38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre
40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.
24.156 A near Gorman: 50 - 60 Pecan trees, excellent fences (some new), 2 working water wells, elec., sprigged coastal 3-07 \$3,000 per acre. Will Divide.
NEW: 80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7 - 8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre
49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec, available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950,00 A.
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Nancy Florene Hendricks
Nancy Florene Hendricks, age 88 of Gorman, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 25th at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Watson and Jimmy Nelson officiating. Burial was at Simpson Cemetery.
Nancy was born October 31, 1919 in El Centro, CA to Lee Peterson and Charlotte Freeman Peterson. She married Albert W. Hendricks on December 29, 1943 in Breckenridge, TX. He preceded her in death on November 6, 1984. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church. She was a AVON representative in this area for more than 40 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Sylvia Buchanan of Gorman; sister, Fannie Bell Hoy and husband, Paul of Conroe; brother, Don O'Neal and wife, Lani of Houston; grandson, Kelly Buchanan and wife, Tina of West Columbia; sister-in-law, Willie Mae Cozart of Eastland and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Joe and John O'Neal and two sisters, Lessie Stone and Winnie Young and one grandson, Yancy Buchanan.

Jimmy Loyd Stephens
Jimmy Loyd Stephens, age 71, of Dublin passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Abilene Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held Friday, February 22nd at 2 p.m. at Victor Cemetery, Erath County.
Jimmy was born December 22, 1936 to the late Floyd Austin Stephens and Vera Day Stephens. He was a carpenter, cabinet maker and a member of Church of Christ.

He is survived by two sons, Greg Stephens and Stewart Alexander; five daughters, Page Fuller, Angela Gay Stephens, Angelia Moss, Nanci Howell, and Martha Stephens; one brother, Floyd Stephens of Amarillo, one sister Fonda Gonzales of New Orleans; and 8 grandchildren, Colby Howell, Haley Howell, Anthony Alexander, Ashley Alexander, Alyssa Fuller, Hayes Fuller, Kelly Stephens and Kevin Stephens. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Don Stephens and Lonie Stephens and one sister Melba Day.

POLITICAL CALENDAR
PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:
U. S. Offices - - - - \$75.00
District Offices - - - - \$75.00
Eastland County Offices - - - - \$50.00
Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - \$50.00
Eastland County Constable - - - - \$50.00
All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must bear at least one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$4.00 per column inch.)
Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.
The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the Primary Election, March 4, 2008.
Eastland Co. Sheriff: Wayne Bradford (R) Incumbent Elton McCoy (R)

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254-893-3404
Comanche Office: 325-356-3739
Broker: Robert Gilder
Agents: Ronnie Golden, David Gilder, Wayne Parsons, Bobby Newman, Debbie Gilder, Neal Butler
FARMS, RANCHES & RECREATIONAL
• 613 A, 3-2 Brick Home, carport, barn, wells & tanks, creek & hunting, partial minerals & royalties \$2,025,000 (WW02)
• 455 A, wells & tanks, creek, tree covered hills, wildlife cover, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage \$1,912,000 (RS01)
• 380± A, wells & tanks, gentle rolling terrain, producing gas wells \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000 (CW01)
• 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, wells & tanks \$3,350 Per Acre (RR01)
• 250± A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake, tanks, cabin, hwy. frontage, rural water \$850,000 (LB01)
• 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre (AB01)
• 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre (DS02)
• 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 (DK01)
• 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, wells & tanks, irrigation pit, hunting, minerals \$442,500 (LO01)
• 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals negotiable \$397,500 (BE01)
• 81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells \$405,000 (REMO1)
• 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 (LP01)
• 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 (DB01)
• 25.6 A, 4-2 1/2 Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings, water well & tanks \$210,000 (JB03) - UNDER CONTRACT
• 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway \$98,000 (MP01) - UNDER CONTRACT
• 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting \$75,000 (WM01)
• 14±A, 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, garages & storage buildings, hwy. frontage \$180,000 (FW01)
• 11 A, 16'x70' Mobile Home, metal awning, well, rural water, oak trees \$70,000 (TC01)
• 8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 (KJ01)
• 8 1/2 A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, work shop, wells, underground sprinkler system \$265,000 (JT02)
• 7± A, Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well \$65,000 (FW02)
• 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, wells & tanks \$120,000 (WK01)
RESIDENCES & HOME SITES
• 3-2 1/2 Custom Brick Home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water, paved drive, storage building \$297,500 (DV01)
• 3-2 Double Wide, screened porch, workshop, wells, 2 large lots and older frame home \$135,000 (JA02)
• 3-3 Brick Home, approx. 1 acre, carport, well, underground sprinkler, C/H/A, storage bldgs. \$130,000 (BC02)
• 3-2 Frame Home, 2.5 Acres, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, well, shop \$137,500 REDUCED \$99,900 (CC03)
• 3-2 Brick Home, carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000 (WC01)
• 2-1 1/2 Frame Home, garage, storage building \$75,000 (ST01)
• 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, well \$55,000 (GB02)

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OBITUARIES

Nannie Laverne Kennedy
Nannie Laverne Kennedy, age 87 of De Leon passed away on February 21, 2008 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Monday, February 25th at 2 p.m. At De Leon Assembly of God Church with Bro. Michael Crenshaw, Bro. Greg Newton and Bro. Tim Stevens officiating. Music by Esther Otwell and Donna Otwell. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.
Nannie was born August 18, 1920 in Gorman to the Walter Carl and Ollie Mae Stokes Reynolds. She married Arby Benton Kennedy on May 7, 1939 in De Leon.
She was an LVN at De Leon Hospital for 33 years. She had lived in De Leon since 1939, and was a member of the De Leon Assembly of God Church.
She is survived by one brother, W. E. Reynolds and wife, Ina of Carbon; 4 nieces, Pat Caraway of Gorman, Karen Eastman of Fort Worth, Betty Brown of Warren, AR, and Shirley Richards of Odessa; 3 nephews, Lindian Reynolds of Fort Worth, Keith Reynolds of Eastland and Jim Hurst of Odessa. She was preceded by her husband, Arby Benton Kennedy; Parents, Walter Carl and Ollie Mae Reynolds; and a sister, Nava Dean Hurst.
Pallbearers were Joe Bennett, Joe Casey, Chas Bayer, Tim Matthews, Danny Dodd, Dennis Lee Otwell, Larry Simpson, Danny Owen and Bodie Weaver.

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TSU Lists "A" Honor Roll and Distinguished Students List

Tarleton State University has released its 'A' Honor Roll and Distinguished Students lists. Students listed on the 'A' Honor Roll have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 credit hours. Students listed on the Distinguished Students list include freshman and sophomore student who have a minimum 3.25 GPR and no grade lower than a C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a C. The Students from Gorman area are: Mason Smith with 'A' in Exercise and Sports Studies, Lacy Howard with an 'A' in English and Nikki Keith with an 'A' in Exercise and Sports Studies. Sarah Lewis with Distinguished in English; and Elizabeth Hipolito with Distinguished in Administrative Systems.

Troy Earl Holt

Troy Earl Holt, age 90 of De Leon passed away on Monday, February 25, 2008 at De Leon Nursing and Rehab. Services were Wednesday, February 27th at 2 p.m. At the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Marvin Andrews officiating. Music by Cathy Echols and Esther Otwell. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Troy was born September 28, 1917 in Lamesa to the late Wesley Holt and Esther Gilstamp Holt. He married Doris Underhill on August 8, 1937 in De Leon.

He was a retired mechanic, having worked at Mahan Chevrolet in De Leon for 35 years; he served in the U. S. Army during World War II; had resided in De Leon since 1935. He was a member of De Leon Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Opal Holt of Waco; 2 grandchildren, Troy Holt, Jr. and Renee Coker and 6 great-grandchildren, Michael, Casey, Russell, Katy, Hunter and Cody.

He was preceded by his wife, Doris Holt; 4 brothers, George, Wesley "Buddy", Toy and M. C. Holt; and three sisters, Mabel Hope, Ruth Robison and Lois Allen and his parents, Wesley and Esther Hope.

Pallbearers were Mike Coker, Michael Stanley, Casey Coker, Troy Holt, Sr., Russell Battles, Michael Echols. Honorary Pallbearers were Rob Davis and Jerry Cox.

Mary Campbell Nowlin

Mary Campbell Nowlin, age 74 of Clifton, Texas passed away on Friday, February 22, 2008 in Clifton. Services were held Sunday, February 24th at 2 p.m. At De Leon First Baptist Church with Bro. James Upshaw officiating. Music by Vickie Robinett and Patti Bacon. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mary was born January 14, 1934 in De Leon to Angus Baton and Willie Myrtle Cozby Campbell. She married Gale Nowlin in 1952 in Lovington, NM.

She was a retired buyer for The Associates. She was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister and friend. She had resided in Clifton since 2000. She loved gardening and she was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Angie Williams and husband, Miachel of Jacksonville; 2 brothers, Bill Campbell and wife, Betty of Clifton and Glen Campbell of Clifton; sisters-in-law, Betty Jean Campbell of Washington, D.C. and Maxine Nowlin of Gorman; brothers-in-law, Dean Nowlin and wife, Marie of De Leon and Dale Nowlin and wife, Jane of Comanche; step granddaughter, Courtney Williams; Special Great Niece, Katy Gruber; Special Friend, Leta Loudermilk of Burlington; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

She was preceded by her husband, Gale Nowlin; a son, Virgil Dale Nowlin; 2 brothers, George Campbell and Mutt Campbell; 2 sisters, Faye Luke and Gladys Pittman.

Pallbearers were Larry Nowlin, Scott Campbell, Tony Campbell, Mike Cottrell, Donald Williams and Dennis Nowlin.

Happenings at FBC

Win! Win! Win! The kid's participating in athletic programs and the UIL competitions exceeded expectations in achievement. God exceeds expectations and gives us far more than we deserve. What is the most significant win in our lives? Winning and Saving lives for Christ!

Mark your calendars:

March 8th - Brotherhood Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 8AM - Please come and enjoy sensational fellowship, food, and fun.

Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon demonstrated how high a bouncy ball bounces. She explained that a bowling ball would not bounce, and that a bouncy ball bounces because it is made of the right stuff. God made us with the right stuff so we can bounce back from hard and difficult times. Psalm 46, thanks to God that he is our refuge and strength.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Driving Under the Influence" - 2 Kings 9:20. What Makes You Run? Salvation is Free! Sin has a Cost!

I. What makes Jehu Run? - Jehu runs furiously, like a madman.

1. The pace of the times. - We have a one-time appointment with God - will you stop and follow Him?
2. We are afraid to slow down. - Are you afraid the crowd will pass you by? We don't want to miss anything. What happens when we run into ourselves?

II. What is our furious pace doing to us?

1. Negative effect on our spiritual lives. - Do you love Jesus for who He is? Or are you searching for a new and improved Jesus?
2. Keeps us from having peace. - Just as Jehu did, find peace in knowing you are driving under the influence of God and doing His will.

III. Can Jehu SLOW DOWN?

1. Yes, with Great Difficulty. - Are you addicted to the pace?
2. The problem is not a LACK OF TIME! - God will call time. You must have personal involvement and know what is priority in life.

PUT ON THE BRAKES!
- Stop, and tell your loved ones that you love them, as it may be your last chance. Don't run past

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Oink! Oink! What a great night we had at the DAC last Saturday night!! Lots of good fish - thank you to the cooks. I heard many folks say how good it tasted. And lots of wonderful music - thank you to Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids and to Lonesome Prairie. Weren't they fantastic? We didn't want the evening to end!

We have another great bluegrass band coming in this Saturday evening, March 1. You may have heard Ellis County Bluegrass on the radio. They are well known in this and surrounding areas. They were in Nashville last year at the Ernest Tubb Midnight Jamboree and have been invited back again this April. They play in Venus the second Saturday of every month. And, of course, our own Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids will be here also. We always enjoy having them entertain us! Admission is by donation and there will be a full concession stand available. The doors will open at 3:00 P.M. for anyone who wants to come and jam. We will have an open stage from 6:00-7:00 P.M. Then Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids will lead off the evening. Bring your instruments or just your ears for listening and your toes for tapping and join us!

To all of you jammers - our building is open every Tuesday evening beginning at 6:00 P.M. Some folks play dominos and we would like to invite everyone to come and jam for the evening. Or bring your board games and play. There is no admission charge - just a large building for picking and playing!

We are very excited to announce that the grand opening of Desdemona's first ever public library will be held on March 4th at the DAC. We will have refreshments beginning at 2:00 P.M. Since the building is open on Tuesday evenings for dominos, the grand opening will last into the evening. Please come and check out the library and 'check out' the library's books. March 4th is voting day so come visit us after you cast your ballots.

Anyone who is interested in helping in the library one or two days a month, please come to a meeting this Thursday, Feb. 28 at 1:00 at the library.

We are pleased to announce that we have another new business in Desdemona. Tim Miller has opened Trimmin Tim's Hair Salon at the corner of Hwy. 16 & 8. Welcome, Tim. Come give him a try.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

God's plan for your life - make every minute count!

Welcome new members: Family of Peyton and Nana Vaughn joined our fellowship.

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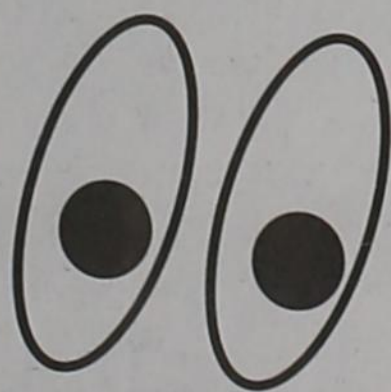
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Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Well, our basketball season officially ended last Friday night in Cisco. Our boys lost a tough one to Albany in the Area Championship. Congratulate the players and the coaches when you see them because they did an excellent job this year. Nobody expected them to do much in basketball since they did not even begin practice until after the season started because of the football playoffs and they won Bi-District in the playoffs. That's great!

Now that same group of boys will join others that are now playing baseball and working out for track. I expect we will be just as competitive in these two sports. Our guys are just winners at heart and seem to do well in everything they do. This week they played baseball Tuesday afternoon and have a track meet here Thursday afternoon at 4pm. It's all about conditioning and a winning attitude. Come and enjoy the ride.

Our girl's softball team killed Cooper High School's JV team Monday afternoon so bad the game was called at the end of the third inning due to the run rule. I don't remember the score, but it was close to or over thirty something to six. Our girl's are looking good and I expect them to be competitive too. They play Cross Plains on Friday.

The junior high track team is hosting a track meet here Friday afternoon beginning at 4pm. These young people have been working very hard. Please come out and support them.

Our sporting events for any given week are usually on the front page of the Gorman Progress. We also have everything posted on our website: www.gorman.esc14.net. Our website has lots of valuable information posted. You will even find this Super Notes article posted in English and Spanish. We have the school calendar and the menus from the cafeteria, the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct, and we even have links to state websites you might want to visit. Give us a look!

I think the Flu has just about run its course or at least I hope so. I know our absences are down to about a third of what they have been. We have really gone through the medical supplies, especially the thermometer covers.

March 3, 2007 is the day bid packages will be available for our building project (new high school/gymnasium). They are available through our construction management company, DSA in Cleburne, Texas. Their phone number is 1-817-645-8864. The request for bids will be posted under "future projects" at our architect's website: www.CAD-COAE.COM Their phone number is 1-325-695-6281. Information will also be posted on several professional services websites where contractors look for such information. We are excited about getting started. Mr. Panter and I went to Dallas last week to finalize our selection of flooring for the gym. It is going to be extremely nice! I can't wait for you all to see it finished.

You know there is a lot to be said for having a positive mental attitude and it is in each person's control whether or not to have one. It is a choice! Even though I know this is important and that I'm in control, I sometimes forget it or sometimes lose control. This happens to be a lot at basketball games when the officiating does not appear to be fair and consistent. There are probably other sporting events where it happens as well. One thing I've noticed (and sometimes my wife reminds me) is that my getting upset never improves the situation so I've decided to try and do better and to just yell encouragement to our athletes instead. I have a feeling the athletes and I will both feel better. I invite you to join me too.

I know I'm forgetting something, but I'm out of time. There's always next week. See you at the ball game or the track meet!

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Homestead Nursing & Rehab News

Sorry I haven't put the Homestead News in lately, time just seems to get away from me.

I will never be able to do the job that Nancy Hendricks did so faithfully for so many years.

We lost another great news writer from Kokomo with the passing of Nancy on Saturday. We will all miss her, but I feel Nancy and Zeldia are having fun together again. The Staff and Residents of Homestead Nursing and Rehab extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Sylvia and Nancy family and friends.

Visiting with Jelma Smith were Donald and Pam Smith of Granbury, Lorraine and Kiley Smith of Weatherford, Sherry, Kayla and Colby Kherns, David and Connie Smith, Bill and Norma Smith of Joshua, Jeff Smith of Eastland and Johnny Smith.

Visiting Lottie Morris were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Pam Hulse of Hobbs New Mexico, Virginia Skaggs, Kay Browning and Helen and Woodrow Browning.

Visiting Lavona Sharp were Jerry Majors of DeLeon and Ronni Rhyne of Desdemona.

Visiting with Irene West were Johnnie Barnett of Stephenville, Peggy and Archie Brooks of Merkle, Sam Krause of Carbon, Pam Gilder, Billy Earl Simpson, and Sandra Osborne.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were Paula Morrow of Plains and Jeanna Pack of Carbon.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were Lousie Tinkler of Abilene, Tommy and LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Johnny and Suzanne Magin of Lingleville, and Johnny Scitern.

Visiting with Ima Boles were Bill and Lois Boles of Granbury, and Betty Little.

Visiting with Faye Johnson were Sam Krause of Carbon and Dale Johnson.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly lunch on Wednesday the 20th at 11:30 a.m. There were 23 present to fellowship and enjoy the good food prepared by all the ladies. Jud Maxfield gave the blessing of our food for us all.

Sandra Cagle our Tax Assessor was here to eat with us. She is kin to Wilburn Overstreet. We do like to visit with her, a very friendly lady.

We sang Happy Birthday to Jud Maxfield. He was our only February Birthday here. One of our Medway Home Health Nurses is also in February, but she was not with us.

We all signed a card for Opal Burton and sent to Valley View Nursing Home in Eastland. She is not doing well and has now been placed in Hospice. Hope to visit her again soon.

So many have been ill with this awful flu. Betty Regian said she hadn't been this sick in years. I heard Ruthie Porter had also been ill. There seems to be an awful cough that lingers for awhile.

Nancy Hendricks passed away last Saturday the 23rd. She had been so ill for a long time, that it is a blessing. We miss her at our dinner, she was a regular, always brought her fruit salad. Now no one does, too much to cut up.

Betty Regian and I went to Abilene on the 21st for my Dr. appt. Also had to get my meds at Dyess Air Base. I hadn't been out to the BX in awhile, what an improvement. Tear down old buildings, a nice new parking lot in their place. There are also many new buildings besides the new much larger BX. Its also fun to shop.

My family and I travelled to Cisco for the playoff basketball game against Albany on the 22nd. They beat us terribly, we weren't playing our best. Then the next day, Baseball started here in Gorman with a week long tournament. We won our games against Hico 6-1. It was about 83 that day so I became terribly sunburned.

Local Students

Attend CEC

John Ben Shepperd Leadership Forum

On February 20th approximately one hundred High School Juniors and their school sponsors attended the John Ben Shepperd Leadership Forum at the 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. The Forum was coordinated by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute, a program of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and was sponsored by Comanche Electric Cooperative.

The Forum offered the students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, such as goal setting and communication, which heightens their awareness of responsible citizenship. Forum attendees discussed public affair issues that impact their local communities and state while learning how to implement their new skills for affecting positive change.

After a series of leadership training exercises led by community citizens, and a leadership speech from Brownwood Mayor Bert Massey, each school formulated a community service idea and a plan to implement that idea in their community. Schools attending were: Baird, Breckenridge, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Gorman, Hamilton, Mullin and Zephyr.

Keep your eyes open in these communities. You just might see some young people out changing their world!

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Thanks" to all the musicians, Singers and Visitors that attended the Monthly Musical last Saturday night at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. "Thanks" to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community strong. "Thanks" again.

Mildred Million spent several days in the hospital recovering from pneumonia. She is doing much better and was able to attend the Musical last Saturday night.

Newest Business in Desdemona is called "Trimmin's By Tim" located on corner of Highway 8 and Hiway 16 (in the late Floyd Moore home). Owner is Tim Miller. Stop by and visit - maybe get a haircut, new hairstyle, perm, etc.

This reporter enjoyed a visit last Saturday eve with a friend, Bonnie (Moore) Singleton in De Leon. Her father, the late O. H. Moore taught school in Jakehamon from 1926 to 1933. Bonnie has her home for sale and moving to a smaller home. We wish her much happiness in her new "Home" in De Leon.

REMEMBER TO "VOTE" on Tuesday, March 4th. Desdemona Voting Box is held at the Community Center School Building, 7 a.m. To 7 p.m.

Have a great day, Coon.

I must wear a hat next time. I don't do well in the sun.

There were 10 present to play games on the 21st at 4 p.m. Betty and I were too tired, as we had spent a long day in Abilene.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.



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