

Norris and Majors Pledge Vows On March 5th



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee Majors

Jodi Marie Norris and Donald Lee Majors were married on March 5th at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Norris of Desdemona are the brides parents. The Groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Majors of Gorman.

Leona Allen of Desdemona and Imogene Norris of Kokomo are the Bride's grandmother's. Reva Nipp of Mineral Wells and the now late Irene Majors of Desdemona are the Grooms grandmothers.

Nij Burselson of Brownwood officiated.

Jana Lynch of Denton was Matron of Honor. Lacy Pack of Lubbock was the Bridesmaid.

Ronald Majors of Gorman was the Bestman. Frank Finley of Gorman was the Groomsman.

Mathew Lee Majors of Gorman, son of the couple, was the ring bearer. Lenny Morrow of Abilene was the Candlelighter. Alan Lynch of Denton and Paul Jones of Van were the Ushers. Sarah Shane of Denton was the Registrar. Rachel Watson of Gorman played the piano.

A reception afterwards was enjoyed with family and friends. Catering was by Joyce Eaves of Kokomo. Sarah Shane, Barbie Pack of Weatherford, Barbara Finley and Donna Majors of Gorman were the Hostesses. Gene Foster of Gorman decorated the church. Bill Culverhouse of Express Photo's in Eastland was the Photographer.

After the honeymoon, the couple will live in Gorman.

4X4 Rally -- March 20th

On Saturday, March 20th the Community Fund Raising Committee will host another 4X4 Rally Benefit using the wonderful trails on the Bob Huddleston and Glen Gingham places just 9.5 miles west of De Leon, Texas. All proceeds raised from the event will go for the new De Leon Hospital's Cardiac Rehab/Physical Therapy/Wellness Center and will be matched dollar for dollar by a local anonymous donor. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a drivers' meeting and then hit the trails jeeping until dark with excellent trail leaders.

Cost per vehicle and driver is \$35.00 with an additional cost of \$10.00 per passenger (7 years and older). Passengers under 7 years are free. Pre-registration is encouraged. Rally will be limited to 75 vehicles.

Spectators are welcome for a cost of \$10.00 per day for adults and \$5.00 per day for children six years old and under. Some changes regarding spectators have had to be made for the Rally to be safe and enjoyable for everyone. Spectators will be restricted to certain safe viewing areas and will not be allowed to ride in the 4 x 4 vehicles unless registered as an official passenger.

Participants will be responsible for their food and beverages, however, the Cisneroz Family will have a concession stand on-site for those who would like to purchase their noon meal.

Registration forms are available from Janna Morris - 893-2011 or Gerald Fronk at 893-2000.

First Baptist Church of Carbon To Hold Spring Revival

The First Baptist Church of Carbon will have a Spring Revival, beginning Sunday, March 21, at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, and it will run through Wednesday, March 24. The Rev. Danny Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church, North Seaman St. in Eastland, will be the guest preacher.

This revival is planned with a host of area Christian performers.

On Sunday evening at 7 p.m., the Love Company, a theatrical group of Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene will perform.

Monday evening at 7 p.m., will feature Risings Star's Monty Jones as "The Whistler", who will whistle sweet melodies of beloved hymns.

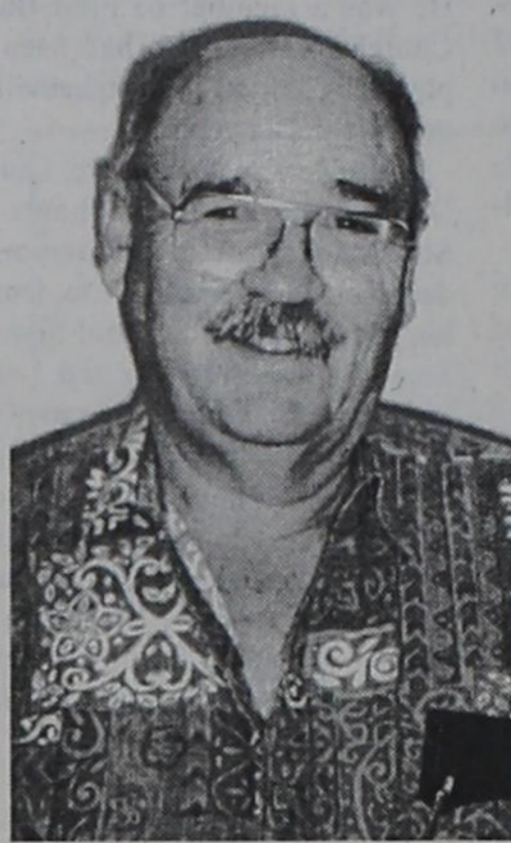
On Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., The Messengers, a Christian Quartet from Gorman will perform.

The revival will conclude on Wednesday, March 24.

The Historic First Baptist Church of Carbon is located behind the Carbon Agri-Center, just off of Main Street.

The Rev. Steven C. McCaslin, pastor of First Baptist Church of Carbon, and the church's parishioners, invite all area citizens to attend.

Three Candidates File For City Commission Posts



Bill Vaughn Seeks Place 3 On Council

L. P. (Bill) Vaughn, a retired gas plant operator from Mitchell Energies, is seeking election to Place 3 on the City Council.

Bill and his wife, Cliffa, have lived in Gorman for the past twenty-five years. Cliffa works in Abilene as supervisor of Clinical Pathology Associates.

Bill decided to run for the council because "I am concerned with the loss of revenue that has occurred due to circumstances in the Peanut Program, NAFTA, Oil prices and loss of business to other surrounding towns. I would like to help bring new businesses to our town and would like to see beautification in our city. I would appreciate your vote."



Kenneth Good Seeks Re-Election on Council - Place 1

My name is Kenneth Good, and I am asking for your vote to reelect me to a second term on the Gorman City Council. My family moved to Gorman in 1972, and our four children are all graduates of Gorman High School. My wife and I are both school teachers. I have taught on the secondary level for thirty-six years, and my wife Shirley has taught in Gorman for 27 years. We are active members of the First Baptist Church where I serve as a Deacon. I am also a member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite.

The past two years I have been in charge of the Sewer System. When I took office, the sewer plant was out of compliance with the state. With the help of Joe Williams and Gaylord Battenfield, our sewer system is now in total compliance with the state requirements. My college major was chemistry, and I have always worked with waste disposal. We are currently planning to convert our waste disposal to an irrigation system. I would like to serve another term to complete this system. I would appreciate your vote in the May election.

from December 1997 to October 1998. I have worked with the present Commission during that time and I feel that I have the knowledge and experience to serve you with honesty and integrity. There are resources at the city's disposal that if utilized correctly can better the quality of life for all the people living in Gorman.

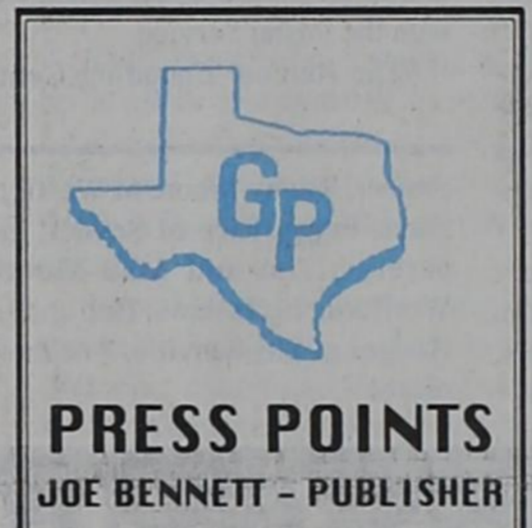
If elected I would like to see the Citizen's get more involved with their local government and my door would always be open, as it was when I was Police Chief. Thank you for your consideration and please come out and vote.

(s) Kenneth L. Wheeler



Ken Wheeler Seeks Council Place 1 Seat

Hello, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kenneth Wheeler and I would like to be your next Gorman City Commissioner. I am married and have lived in Gorman since November 1997. I worked as the Gorman Police Chief



Well I finally got permission to write the column this week. Jake and Elania just couldn't stand to see a grown man cry, so they gave in and told me to go ahead.

The good Lord has blessed us with some moisture the past couple of weeks. It sure has helped to brighten up the wheat and with some heat it should really come out. We didn't receive as much rain here as the folks around us did. Areas to the north and to the south received some good rain.

Let's all seek God's blessings for some good rains to fill the stock ponds and lakes, which are extremely low. Most of the lakes around are several feet low. It takes a lot of rain to flow enough to fill the lakes.

The start of the construction project to build Gorman's new post office started with a bang last week. The removal of the old Shell blacksmith building (which had been there for years and years) was dozed and all the cement slabs left from the old buildings where the big fire was been removed. Hershell Cordell really found out about "The Walls of Jerico" when the east wall of the building fell on his office building while being pushed down by the heavy machinery. The mobile home was destroyed under the weight of the brick wall. The new post office will be on the corner of Kent and Lubbock streets.

Also a new home will be constructed at 203 Briscoe on the east side of the City Park. Fill dirt is being hauled in where the old house has been removed. We will have more details on this as the work progresses. The renovation project on the Hotel apartments continues with the building getting a new face lift and major renovations inside. There are some more paint and renovations in Gorman. So folks are getting an early start on Spring Fix-ups.

The school children are enjoying Spring Break this week and we should all be aware of children on their bikes and walking on streets. I'm sure they are looking forward to getting back in school next week.

In addition, airmen who compete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Sandlin is the son of Billy D. and Cathy L. Sandlin of Rural Route 1, Carbon, Texas.

He is a 1998 graduate of Gorman High School, Texas.

Eastland County Under Burn Ban Effective March 15th at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 15, 1999, Eastland County Commissioners' Court declared that a State of Emergency exists in Eastland County due to the extreme potential for large and destructive wildfires.

Eastland County Commissioners' Court also issued an emergency order effective immediately, which prohibits any open burning in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County except the burning of combustible material in approved enclosures, such as trash barrels and charcoal grills which are designed to contain all flames and embers.

Due to dry conditions, and the lack of significant rainfall, all persons are advised that any open burning is extremely likely to cause very dangerous wildfire, posing risks to lives and property.

Local fire department officials, the National Weather Service and Texas Forest Service personnel advise that

doesn't think he can accept the God the Stillwells have shared with him...a Gold who would allow something like this to happen to an innocent child like Danny.

But Smokey still has some things to learn about life—when to hold one and push through...when to let go and trust...and most of all, that God is someone who really can be trusted, despite how things appear on the surface.

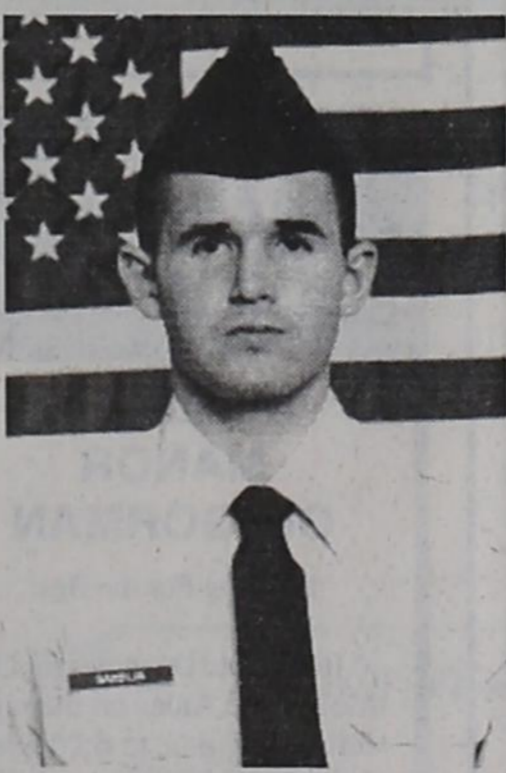
Pastor Craig Rhoton and the congregation of First Baptist Church would like you to attend their showing of this outstanding new film.

THE RIDE will show on March 21, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Gorman, Texas. For more information, please call the church office at (254) 734-2420.

there is no present forecast for improving conditions.

The order signed by members of Eastland County Commissioners' Court provides that repeated or flagrant violations of the order shall constitute a misdemeanor, and that any peace officer of the State of Texas may enforce the order in the venue of the Eastland County court.

Clay Sandlin Graduates From BMT



Air Force Airman Clay D. Sandlin has graduated from Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.



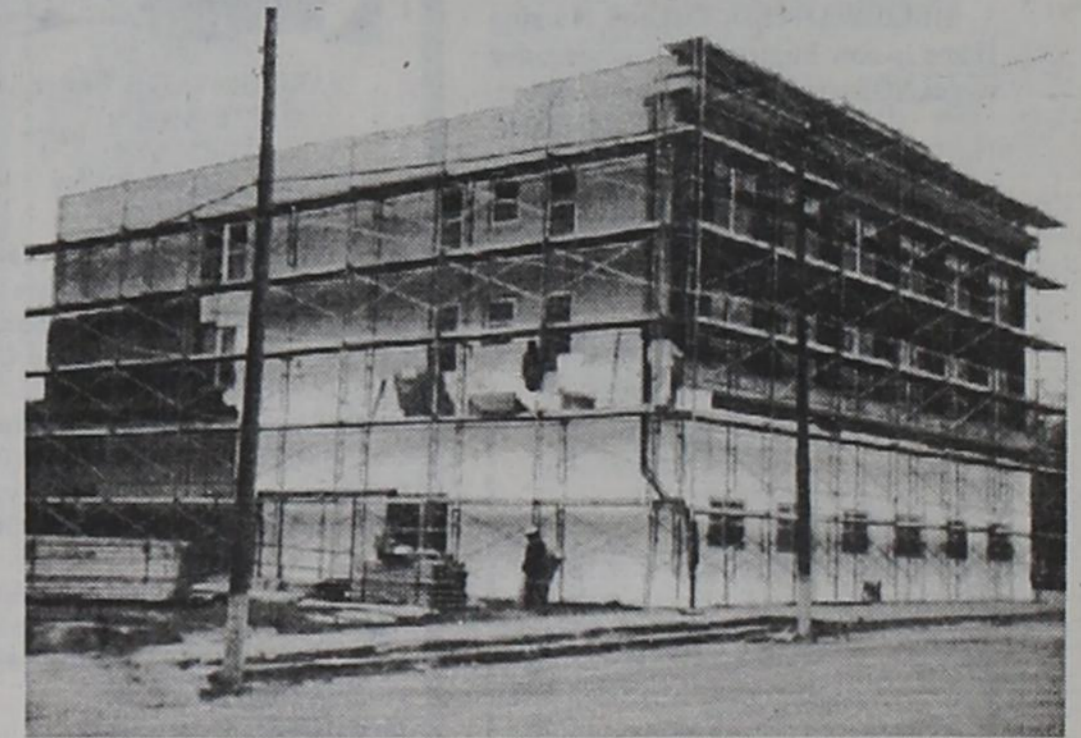
Area Showing of New Dramatic Film "The Ride"

THE RIDE is a new entertaining, yet deeply moving dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Smokey Banks (Michael Biehn) has just been sentenced to community service and released into the custody of Mike Stillwell (Clarence Felder) and his wife, Ellen (Jennifer O'Neill) at the Saguaro Boys' Ranch. The former world champion bull rider has reached bottom, and now his only task is to teach 14-year-old Danny O'Neil (Brock Pierce) how to ride a bull.

Smokey agrees to the conditions only because he doesn't want to stay in jail and face a long line of others waiting to get their hands on him. He doesn't anticipate being so affected by the young Danny's courage and determination to ride. Neither does he anticipate Linnette (Jennifer Blanc), Mike's attractive and spirited niece.

When Smokey learns that Danny is dying of cancer, he doesn't want to stick around to see it. He's become unexpectedly attached to his little sidekick and doesn't think he can face the reality of the boy's illness. He also



NEW FACE LIFT — The Gorman Hotel Apartments are getting a new face lift. The workers are installing an insulation covering on the outside of the building. This addition will add a new look to the biggest building in town.



Curb Side Clean-Up Day April 24

We all need to congratulate our school sports participants on their very successful football and basketball seasons. The baseball teams are looking toward successful seasons also. Lets all let them know we are proud of them. These athletes put out a lot of energy to get the job done.

Well this is all the space I got so I will end this with the usual phrase--- Remember to smile because God Loves You!

OBITUARIES

CARL DEAN STACY

Carl Dean Stacy, 66, of Gorman passed away Monday, March 15, 1999 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Higginbotham Funeral Home chapel with Durward Webb officiating. Interment in Oakland Cemetery.

Mr. Stacy was born in Eastland County on July 17, 1932 to Charlie and Maude Stacy. He was a member of the Church of Christ and owned and operated Stacy's Gulf Station for 18 years. He then owned Bertie's Diner for 12 years. He married Verlon Eakin on February 14, 1949 in De Leon. She died in 1973. He then married Bertie Martin on October 15, 1975 in Midland.

Survivors include: Wife, Birdie Stacy of Gorman; son, Scott Stacy of Gorman; daughter, Julia Wilder of Hot Springs, Ark.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

LILLIE EDITH MC CLOUD

Lillie Edith McCloud, 82, of De Leon, Tx., passed away Thursday, March 11, 1999. Graveside services were held Monday, March 15, at Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Mrs. McCloud was born Nov. 16, 1916 in Chelsea, Oklahoma to Caleb Chaplin Tilton and Annie Elizabeth Tolley Tilton, both now deceased.

She married Benjamin McCloud, who preceded her in death, and later married Orvan Keller, who also preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Myrtle Bagby and a sister, Alice Carey.

Survivors include: 1 brother, James Tilton, 1 sister, Rose Holden, granddaughter, Lou Ray Smith, and 1 niece, Shirley Brookshire.

JASON KIRK SERRATT

Jason Kirk Serratt, 30, of Desdemona were held Monday, March 15, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of Hico with Dr. Vernon Brinkley officiating. Burial was in Country Oaks Cemetery in Hico.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1968, in Dallas. He married Laura Hallmark on Aug. 27, 1989 in Cisco. He graduated from Hico High School in 1987 and was working on a degree in political science at Tarleton State University. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Hico. He had been employed by Norton's in Stephenville for the past eleven years.

Survivors include: Wife, Laura of Desdemona; 2 son, Chantz and Sheldon Serratt of Desdemona; 1 daughter, Jeri Serratt of Desdemona; his parents, Mel and Carol Serratt of Stephenville; 2 brothers and 1 sister-in-law, Jeff and Dainna Serratt of Hico and Mark Serratt of Catalina Island; his paternal grandmother, Louzell Serratt of Sudan; his maternal grandfather, George Wood of Woodward, Okla.; one niece and nephew, Elizabeth and Johnny Serratt of Hico, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and co-workers.

J.J. MOORE

J.J. Moore, 38, of Stephenville passed away Friday, March 12, 1999 from injuries he received in a automobile accident.

Services were held Monday, March 15 in the Stephenville Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Lewis and Keith Evans officiating. Burial was in the Gardens of Memory.

Mr. Moore was born Jan. 8, 1961 in Colorado City, Tx. He married Beverly Hodges on Oct. 29, 1982 in Gorman. He was a member of the Bread of Life Church in Stephenville and a veteran of the Army. He was employed with Norton's in Stephenville.

Survivors include: Wife, Beverly Moore of Stephenville; 1 son, Justin Moore of Stephenville; his parents, Frank and Jean Moore of Wolforth; 1

Sharing With Bro. Bob

By Bob Beeman

One of my friends at Heritage Manor was upset this week. She had been moved to a different room and was disoriented. That sounded like a good topic. I asked "What did you get upset at when you were kids?"

A.V. Seay said that she tried not to because it gave her indigestion. Jack bellows got upset at his dad always saying "no". Ollie Halcomb got a whippin' if she did. Velma Bennett's little brother was always taking her toys.

Most said they didn't get upset very often, they were too busy with chores. When I looked sceptical, they were quick to explain. When they were not in school, they usually were busy doing the following: Cleaning the yard (there was no grass to mow, just trash to sweep up); sawing/chopping/carrying stove wood; filling the wood box; milking the cow; hoeing the garden; sloping the hogs; drawing water from the well; sweeping the porch; scrubbing the floor and shaking the rugs; and washing dishes.

Hmmm, they were probably tired to get upset. Think this would work on kids today?

'Til next time,
Brother Bob

Postal Service Hold Open House

The Abilene Remote Encoding Center, a processing facility of the United States Postal Service, will be holding an open house for the public from 6 - 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24.

A tour of the processing facility will be available and participants will have the opportunity to register for the 710 Clerical Examination, the test required for employment consideration with the Postal Service.

The Remote Encoding Center is

located at 350 East Industrial Blvd., near Loop 322. Postal Service representatives will be available to answer questions about employment with the REC.

KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN - PHONE 254-639-2289

A light misty rain fell in the community on Saturday along with colder temperatures the past few days, with around freezing temperatures on Sunday and Monday mornings. I hope that fruit trees and early garden plants weren't damaged.

Jerry Martin of Stephenville was the guest speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Mrs. Martin and son Bobby were visitors. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Jimmy Little, Helen Browning and Hope Joiner.

Bill and Juanell McFall of Houston visited several days last week with Larry and Betty Strube.

Larry and Betty Strube attended the funeral of a friend, Bob Elliott in Rising Star on Sunday afternoon.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Zelda Jordan, Ruth Bryant and Hope Joiner.

Zelda Jordan and Nancy Hendricks attended the funeral of Zelda's aunt, Mrs. Gladys Garner, in Coleman on Sunday. They also visited with another aunt, Mrs. Emma Webb, and other relatives. Mrs. Webb is recuperating from recent hip surgery.

Cemetery Association Committee Meets

The Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Committee met at the Kokomo Community Center on Thursday, March 11, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The chairman of the committee, Delmon Eaves presided. Others present were Bryan Lee Johnson, Zelda Jordan, Norma Webb, Martha Wood, Larry Strube, pat Collins and Bill Eaves. Business matters were taken care of and plans for the annual cemetery meeting and homecoming were made. The an-

nual meeting will be on Saturday, May 1. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery. Circle your calendars as a reminder.

Glen and Carol Laminack of Springtown visited with Delmon and Joyce Eaves on Thursday. Barbra Gibbs of Ft. Worth visited with the Eaves' on Saturday.

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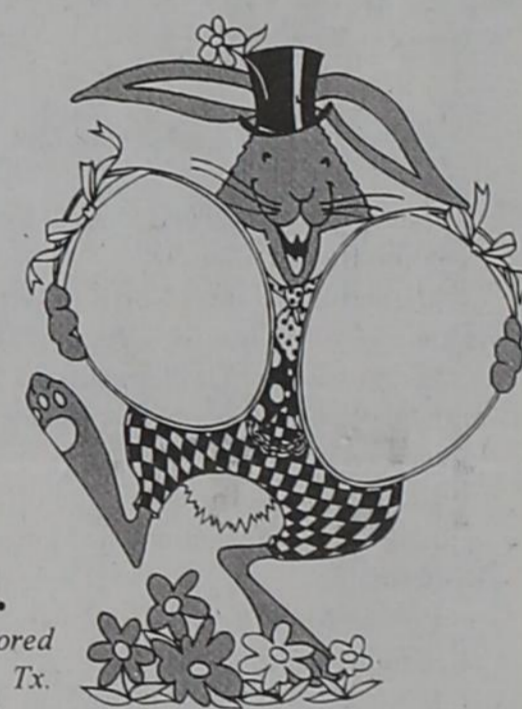
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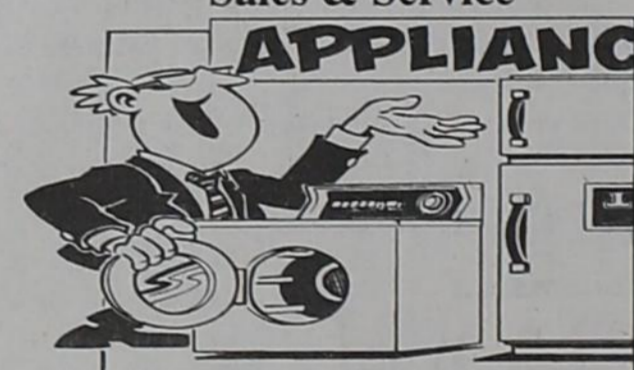
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On Saturday, March 13th, some 87 people gathered at the Gorman Senior Center for the celebration of Lloyd Glasson's 82nd birthday. There were lots of refreshments and cake and lots of music. Wayne Glasson, Lloyd's oldest son, seen to that. There were people of all ages even as young as 6 weeks old.

The kids played with one another, some of us just joked and acted silly, some just sat and listened and a lot of them danced. The kids and grandkids enjoyed dancing with their papa all the way down to the 3 year old great-granddaughter.

It warms our hearts greatly to know you all cared enough to brave the cold and help us make this such a special evening for our father.

For those of you who weren't able to attend, there's always next year. Thank you and God Bless each of you.

Lloyd Glasson
Glenn Glasson & family
Wayne Glasson & family
Gena Rone & family

School Menu

March 22 to March 26 Breakfast

MONDAY- Cereal, cinnamon roll, juice, milk
TUESDAY-Egg Muffin, hashbrown, juice, milk
WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, toast, juice, milk
THURSDAY-Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
FRIDAY-Sausage biscuits, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch

MONDAY-Bologna sandwiches, veg. soup, pickle spears, cupcake, milk
TUESDAY-Broiled pattie, potato, green beans, roll, cookie, milk
WEDNESDAY-Fajita salad, refried beans, spanish rice, cinnamon crisp, milk
THURSDAY-Beef stroganoff, green beans, salad, peach crisp, roll, milk
FRIDAY-Panther cheeseburgers fries, pear, milk

Now get this, I was sitting at my desk when I remembered a phone call I had to make. I found the number and dialed it. A man answered nicely saying "Hello."

I said, "This is Patrick Hanifan, could I please speak to Robin Carter?" Suddenly the phone was slammed down on me. I couldn't believe that anyone would be that rude. I tracked down Robin's correct number and called her. She said she had transposed the last two digits. After I hung up with Robin, I spotted the wrong number still lying there on my desk. I decided to call it again. When the same person once more answered, I yelled "You're a jerk!" and hung up.

Next to this phone number I wrote the word "jerk" and put it in my desk drawer. Every couple of weeks when I was paying bills, or had a really bad day, I'd call him up. He'd answer, and then I'd yell "You're a jerk!" It would always cheer me up.

Later in the year the phone company introduced Caller ID. This was a real disappointment for me, I would have to stop calling the jerk.

Then one day I had an idea. I dialed his number, then heard his voice "Hello", I made up a name. "Hi, this is Herman with the familiar telephone company, and I'm just calling to see if you are familiar with our Caller ID program?" He said "No!" and slammed the phone down. I quickly called him back and said "That's because you're

a jerk!" And the reason I took the time to tell you this story is to show you how if there's ever anything really bothering you, you can do something about it. Just dial 722-4822.

Not long after, I was going to the mall. The old lady at the mall was really taking her time pulling out of her parking space. I didn't think she was ever going to leave! Finally her car began to move and she started very slowly backing out of the stall. I backed up a little more to give her plenty of room to pull out. Great, I thought, she's finally leaving! All of a sudden, this black Camaro came flying up the parking aisle in the wrong direction and pulls into her space. I started honking my horn and yelling, "You can't just do that, Buddy! I was here first!" The guy climbed out of his Camaro completely ignoring me. He walked into the mall as if he didn't even hear me.

I thought to myself, this guy is a jerk, there's sure a lot of jerks in the world. I noticed he had a For Sale sign in the back window of his car. I wrote down the number and hunted for another place to park.

A couple of days later, I'm at home sitting at my desk. I had just gotten off the phone after calling 722-4822 and yelling, "You're a jerk!" (It's really easy to call him now, I have his number on speed dial.) I noticed the phone number of the guy with the black

Camaro lying on my desk and thought I'd better call this guy too!

After a couple of rings someone answered the phone and said, "Hello". I said "Is this the man with the black Camaro for sale?" "Yes, it is." "Can you tell me where I can see it?" "Yes, I live at 1802 West 34th St. It's a yellow house and the car is parked right out front." I said "What's your name?" "My name is Don Hansen." When's a good time to catch you, Don?" "I'm home evenings." "Listen Don, can I tell you something?" "Yes." "Don, you're a jerk!" and I slammed the phone down. After I hung up, I added Don's number to my speed dialer.

For awhile things seemed to be going better for me. Now when I had a problem, I had two jerks to call. Then after several months of calling the jerks and hanging up on them, the whole thing started to seem like an obligation. It just wasn't as enjoyable as it used to be.

I gave the problem some serious thought and came up with a solution. First, I had my phone dial jerk #1. A man answered nicely saying "Hello". I yelled "You're a jerk!" but I didn't hang up. The jerk said, "Are you still there?" I said "Yeah". He said "Stop calling me!" I said "No". He said "What's your name pal?" I said "Don Hansen." "Where do you live?" I said, "1802 West 34th St. It's a yellow house and my black Camaro's parked out front." "I'm coming over right now, Don. You'd better start saying your prayers!" "Yeah, like I'm really scared, Jerk!" and hung up.

Then I called jerk #2, he answered "Hello." I said, "Hello Jerk!" He said, "If I ever find out who you are..." "You'll what?" "I'll kick your butt." "Well here's your chance. I'm coming right over right now...jerk!" and I hung up.

Then I picked up the phone and called the police. I told them a big gang fight was going down at 1802 West 34th St. After that I climbed into my car and headed over to 34th St. to watch the whole thing.

I turned onto 34th St. and parked my car under the shade tree a half block from jerk #2's house. There were two guys fighting out front. Suddenly there were about twelve police cars and a helicopter. The police wrestled the two men to the ground and took them away.

A couple of months go by and I get a call for jury duty. I was picked to be on a trial of two guys charged with dis-

DESDEMONA NEWS By Vonnice Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had average attendance last Sunday for the morning service. Melody Johnson of Strawn rendered the "Special Music". Bro. Jim Haggard, pastor will be leaving on March 30 to join a Missionary Team in the Hindu-Indian territory of South Africa. He will be gone for six weeks.

Dwight and Patty Dold spent several days this past week in Logansport, Indiana visiting their friend who is seriously ill.

Church of Christ members would like to say "Thank You" to the First Baptist Church members for picking up all the trash on Hwy. 16. Looks Great!

Sharon Hanks of Idalou attended church services last Sunday night at the Church of Christ. She visited Clydell and Vada Lewis and Grant Lewis, also spent the night with James and Dixie Ryon.

Bernard and Ann Keith returned home last Friday after spending six weeks in Mission, Tx. camping and sight-seeing. They reported a good trip but was glad to be back "home".

Mack and Nelda Keith of Gorman celebrated their 46th anniversary on Sunday, March 14. Their children hosted a reception for them in the home of Michael Keith in Stephenville. Those attending were Michael Keith and daughter, Sommer and Melinda Herb of Stephenville, Steve and Kay Keith and sons, Rustin and Quaid of Comanche; Larry and Traci Keith and Nikki, Aaron and Matt of Gorman; Jimmy and Terri Lewis and children, Brent and Regina of White Settlement; Ruth Courtoire of Gorman; Genie Tyler and daughters, Sara and Callie of Ft. Worth; Bernard and Ann Keith, Pug and Vonnice Guthery all of Desdemona.

Kelly Boyd, who is staying in the home of her grandparents, James and La Rue Campbell while attending Tarleton College visited on Spring Break in Eunice, New Mexico with her parents.

Irene Majors of Desdemona was buried last Saturday in Covington near Cleburne. Survivors include 3 sons, Johnny Majors of Gorman; Larry Majors of Desdemona; Charlie Majors of Stephenville; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, Wes Majors.

Jason Scott Serratt, 30, of Desdemona was buried on Monday in the Country Oaks Cemetery in Hico. He suffered fatal injuries in a car wreck on Hwy 8 east of Desdemona. His wife was seriously injured.

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

Desdemona Volunteer Firemen will have their annual "Fish Fry" on Saturday, March 20 at the Community Center. Serving begins at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds go for much needed

equipment, radios, etc... Tickets are \$6.50 ea. "Congratulations" to Scotty and Pat Koonce and family of Desdemona. They were presented the Farmer and Rancher Conservation Award Plaque last Monday night, March 8 in Comanche. Their children are Amy, Ashley, Austin and Aaron.

Desdemona Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 3rd at the Community Center, beginning at 2 p.m. Bring your children for a fun filled event. Donations appreciated. This is sponsored by the Families in Action of Desdemona.

Accident Leaves Desdemona Family Devastated

Friday morning, March 12, 1999, husband and wife, Jason and Laura Serratt, left their Desdemona home just as they did every morning, to travel to Stephenville where they both worked at Norton's.

As they crested a hill about three miles west of Lingleville, the 1992 Dodge Ram pickup they were riding in, began to hydroplane, crossing into the eastbound lane, striking a culvert. The pickup rolled onto its top, pinning Jason Serratt between the roof and the seat. His injuries were substantial and he perished before he could be transported.

Laura was ejected from the vehicle and sustained serious injuries. She was transported to Harris Methodist Erath County where she is listed in serious condition. Doctors state that when she is strong enough, they will schedule spinal surgery in hopes of reversing some upper body paralysis.

The Serratt's have three young children, Chantz, Sheldon and Jeri.

Donations Needed

The schedule is out for the annual Easter Egg Hunt/ Treasure Hunt for Desdemona and Gorman. Because of such large turn outs every year, donations of candy, plastic eggs, or monetary donations are needed. If you would like to donate items for either of the hunts, contact Ina Smith at 734-2202; or Shirley Shirley at 758-2318.

Gorman Treasure Hunt--April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Desdemona Easter Egg Hunt--April 3rd at 2:00 p.m.



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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note From the Administrator

Saturday, Carolyn and I headed out to Kokomo to the Stew Supper. On our way through Flatwood, Carolyn asked where Kokomo was. I told her it was just a stone's throw from the Eaves' where we have purchased many

Theft Prevention & Management of Horses Workshop

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is coordinating a Horse Workshop with emphasis on theft prevention and nutrition. The workshop will be held on March 22, 1999 at the Cisco Junior College Arena between Eastland and Cisco. Extension Committees in Shackelford, Stephens, Callahan and Eastland counties are coordinating this event with the help of the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Cisco Junior College Ag Department.

Dr. Robert Harle, DVM, in Callahan County will discuss micro chipping and freeze branding for positive identification. Participants are encouraged to bring their horses and branding irons as this service will be offered to the public for a very reasonable price.

Dr. Pete Gibbs, Horse Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will present information on nutrition of mare's and performance horses. Dr. Gibbs is one of the top horse management specialists in the nation and will be a big asset to this program.

A sponsored supper will be served by the Eastland County Horse Program. Sponsors for this program to date are Eastland Farm and Ranch, Thornton's Feed Mill and Eastland Ag Center.

Adult and youth horse enthusiasts are urged to attend.

Persons requiring special assistance at any Extension Program need to contact the Extension Office two weeks prior to the scheduled program.

When did it get there? Your Post Office Knows.

Gorman, TX--If you want to know when it got there, the Gorman Post Office has a new service to provide you with the delivery status of domestic expedited and package products. For as little as 35 cents, the new Delivery Confirmation provides the date, time, and Zip code delivery status of Priority Mail and Parcel Post. The service will be available nationwide on March 14th.

Delivery Confirmation is an outstanding value added service. The service is affordable, easy to use, and gives peace of mind to customers who need to know when their shipment arrived.

Delivering employees scan barcoded labels when delivery is made. Date and time data is stored in the scanner's memory to be later downloaded on postal host systems where it can be accessed by customers.

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cakes. Being from Stephenville, she did not see a community. So I asked her about Rocky Point, Johnsonville, Iredale and others. Now she understood.

At the community center we met some new folks and some we already knew. Others stared and asked Nancy and D.F. who we were.

The stew and cornbread were great. Fellowship was even better. Many people from the Kokomo community volunteer and have relatives at the Nursing Home. We appreciate everyone.

Have a great week.--Jeff

Heritage Manor welcomes two new residents, Bertha Meahaffey Gregory and Mae Eison.

Bertha came to live with us on March 10th. She is a retired school teacher and a member of the Gorman Church of Christ. She has two daughters, Eula Lee and her husband, James Miears of Gorman; Wanda and her husband, David Goodwin of Lubbock. She has many grandchildren and lots of friends. We welcome Miss Bertha!

Mae Eison came to live with us on March 5th. She is a retired seamstress and a member of the Gorman Church of Christ. She is a member of the Jolene Gilliland family. We welcome Mae to Heritage. She has many, many, friends here.

Vadis Phelps and Mary Williams will be honored at the next birthday party which will be held on Thursday, March 25th at 2 p.m.

Some of Ava Rodgers' guests were Alyssa Armstrong, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Faye Tucker, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, and Betty Sue Heathington.

On Saturday those coming from the Abundant Life Church were Rev. John and Charlotte Howard, Jr., Lacy, Tara, Lana, K'Ann and Trey Howard. Residents were Lola Johnson, Ollie Halcomb, Venno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Venita Hammon, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Dorothy Beaty, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Jack and Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, and Alyssa Armstrong.

On Sunday morning Bro. Harold

and Beth Welch came and taught the Sunday School class for Ora Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett, Venno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Velma Bennett, Venita Hammon, S.D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Voleta Richardson and Ola Walker were Jo Etheredge and Mayvis Lasater.

On Sunday at 2:30 those coming from the First Baptist Church were Bro. Craig Rhoton, Juanita Fuller, Louise Hall, Nina Joiner, Frankie Jo Shipman and Clifton Jarrett. Residents were Venno Hale, Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Jack and Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Myrtle Hale, Ollie Halcomb. Guests were T.D. Whitehorn and Pat Graham.

Some of Irene Heathington's guests were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Jimmy Seal of Brownwood, Gayle and La Rea Graham of Comanche, Alyssa Armstrong and Nancy Hendricks.

Some of A.V. Seay and Myrtle Hale's guests have been Vicki Seay, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Argie and Margie Hale, Thurman Hale, Irene West, Mayvis Lasater, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reeves of Irving, and Alyssa Armstrong.

On Friday morning Ina Smith had bingo for Venno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ora Mae Atchison, Stella Files, Lola Johnson, Patti Whitehorn, B.T. Hannah, Velma Bennett, Venita Hammon, S.D. Gilmore and A.V. Seay.

Some of Mary Williams' guests were Layoyce Hirst, Irene West, Ina Reynolds, Lola Johnson, Icy Munn, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Mayvis Lasater and Eunice Love.

On Friday afternoon Ina Smith had "Word Games" using the letter M. Those present were Venno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Velma Bennett, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Hale and Lola Johnson.

Some of Patti Whitehorn and Frankie Jarrett's guests were Kay Watson, Bill Johnson, Marck Watson, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Marie Cook and Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Sylvia Estes, Mary Estes and Eunice Love.

Sorry to report Edwina Harrison is in the Eastland Hospital.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers were Chesley and Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Fred Rogers, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Violet Watson and Dixie Ryon, Kenneth and Salada Brown of Ranger and Alyssa Armstrong.

On Tuesday afternoon, those doing arts and crafts were A.V. Seay, Myrtle

Hale, Inez Rogers, Venno Hale, Frankie Jarrett and Ora Mae Atchison.

Visiting Bea O'Neal and Doris Fowler were Pat and Howard Hagood, Jane Salik, Mayvis Lasater, and Alyssa Armstrong.

On Monday Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ollie Halcomb, Venno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Patti Whitehorn, A.V. Seay, Lola Johnson, B.T. Hannah, Myrtle Hale and Inez Rogers.

Visiting Buddy Winn were Ruby Norris and Harvey Winn of Carbon, Vernon and Deon Fields.

On Monday those coming for the sing-a-long were Ruby Lee Kinser, Alpha Mae Andry, Ann Warren, Daisy Slaton, Nina Joiner, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Ethel Weaver, and Ernestine Campbell. Residents were Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Venita Hammon, Venno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Myrtle Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Rubye Jones and Vadis Phelps were Jerry Brown, Corey and Cameron Clark, Seth and Tyler Johnson, Faye Tucker, Birdie Hogan and Elnora Lindley.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for Mildred Bellows, Ola Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Venita Hammon, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore, Venno Hale, Lola Johnson, Myrtle Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Vadis Phelps, and Buddy Winn.

Visiting Ed Johnson and B.T. Hannah were Jonathan Van Dusen, Fay Johnson, Ron Skiles, Alene Garrett, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Venno Hale were Alyssa Armstrong, Pat Hagood and Mayvis Lasater.

On Wednesday morning Bro. Bob Beeman of the Methodist Church came and brought chapel for Venno Hale, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Venita Hammon, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Ann Mize and Velma

Bennett's guests were Ruth Coutourie, Debra Caraway, Mayvis Lasater, Icy Munn, Nancy Hendricks, Alyssa Armstrong, Eunice Love and Roxanna Scitem.

Visiting Bertha Gregory were Alyssa Armstrong, Eula Miears, Wanda Goodwin of Lubbock.

Wednesday afternoon Bro. Bob Beeman talked with residents about when they were kids. They were Jack and Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie

Halcomb, Venno Hale and Velma Bennett.

Some of Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb's visitors were Alyssa Armstrong, Juanita Spence of Little Elm, David and Denna Halcomb.

On Thursday afternoon Alyssa Armstrong, a beautiful little eight year old, helped the ladies color Easter Eggs for the tree decorations to be used when the tree is decorated for Easter.

Sorry to report Cynthia Earles is a patient in a Ft. Worth hospital.

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