

Memorials made to Charlie Garrett Memorial Library

- Memorials made to Charlie Garrett Memorial Library in 1997: J.T. and Judy Garrett...in memory of Bonnie Zink...

Brinson Benefit Scheduled April 7th

A benefit for Anthony Brinson is scheduled for April 7th at 6 p.m. in De Leon's City Hall. Proceeds will go toward medical expenses for Anthony's recent open heart surgery.

Gorman ISD Menu

March 30 thru April 3 Breakfast MONDAY- Cereal, toast, jelly, juice,

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness during our time of sorrow. A special thanks to Richard Watson, The Messengers and Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Lola Graham Patrick, Joni and Nathan Mary Lee Gilliland Patty Paddock

Geezer From Gorman Set to Retire

Former Gorman resident, John Edward Kimble, who presently lives in Fort Worth will celebrate with friends and family in recognition of his upcoming retirement from the Tarrant Appraisal District.

A retirement celebration is planned for April 8, 1998 at the Tarrant Appraisal District, 2329 Gravel Dr. in Fort Worth from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Maxfield Elementary Receives Elementary Technology Integration Grant From GRC

Maxfield Elementary Gorman ISD has been awarded an Elementary Technology Integration Grant from Goldenrod Research Corporation. As a result, robotics and other high-tech equipment will help engage local students in the educational process through hands-on learning.

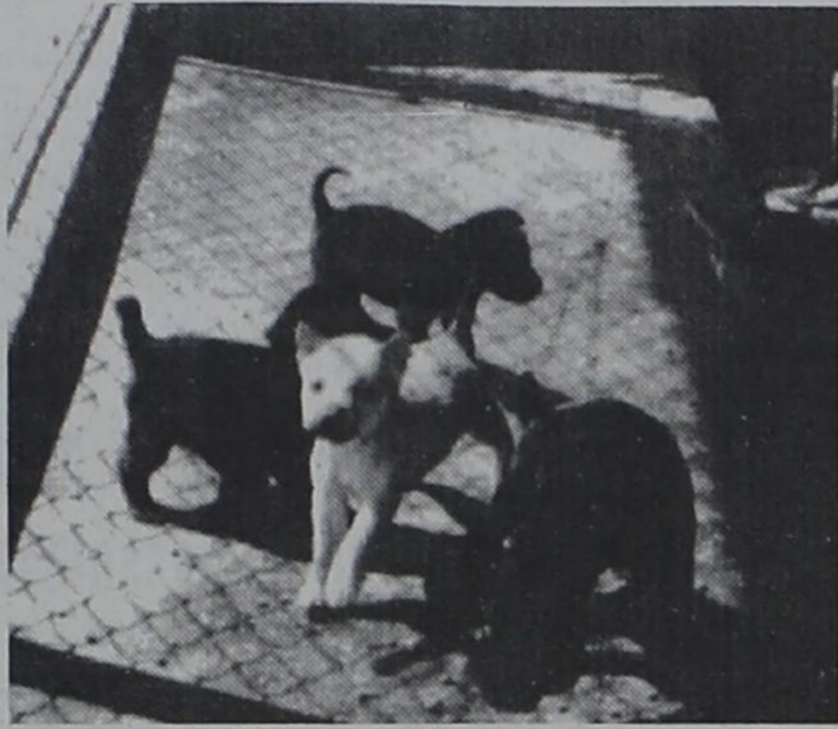
The YouthTouch Technology Integration Stations are designed to help children understand ratios, arcs, coordinates, graphing and over 100 other math, science, technology, language arts, and social studies concepts.

The grant provides a 1:1 funding resource for YouthTouch Technology Integration Station. Each station includes the following:

- * Elementary teacher lesson plans * Student activities (teacher-led and independent studies) * Reproducible student worksheets * Individual and group projects

"Goldenrod Research Cooperation is committed to assisting and encouraging the integration of technology into the elementary education process," states Goldenrod President Lea Melchior.

Goldenrod Research Corporation is an electronics engineering firm which designs, manufacturers, and markets embedded microprocessor-based electronic equipment for schools worldwide.



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Table with 3 columns: DAY, PHYSICIAN, TIME. Rows for Monday through Friday with names like DESHMUKH, GI WHEAT, PINO OSWALT, DYEY, McCLESKEY CARDIOLOGY ASSOC., TENNELL/COVIN ANDERSON.

As I Remember...

By Elania Lingle

With the weather warming up into the 80's this week, I've encountered many folks who have stated "This is fishin' weather. Don't ya think?" Yeah...I think so. Takes me back to the "Good Old Days" when I was young and could just take off and go fishing whenever I wanted to.

As I remember it.....it was a warm sunny day, just like today, when me, my dad and my grandma Ruby all decided to go fishin'. We were all fishing buddies, if one of us said "Let's go fishing" the other two of us would already have our gear loaded and were waiting in the car before the first one got the sentence out. Most of the time, it was me and grandma in the car, waiting for our driver, dad.

On this one day, we decided to go to Fred Parker's tank and do a little fishing. We arrived about mid day, parked by the tank and proceeded to unload our gear. Me and grandma always fished side by side. While we were baiting our hooks and heading for the water, dad would stand there scouting out the "best" spot, then he would grab the tackle box and bait and head to "his" spot to catch the "big one."

Me and grandma watched him head for the other side of the tank, both of us just a smiling sitting there in our lawn chairs, cause we knew he had the tackle box, but we had the only stringer. We wised up through the years cause we knew dad would always head to the other side or some far off place and leave us stranded without a stringer. The thought of buying another stringer for our fish just never occurred to us.

Anyway, dad was clear over to the other side of the tank by now, he looked about 6 inches tall from our side of the water. He sat down and carefully baited his hook, cause everybody knows catching the "big one" was all in knowing where to fish and how you bait your hook. He made his cast and we sat there in silence for awhile when all of a sudden wham.....dad's pole bent and he was up on his feet reeling in with all the little man had! He was excited. We just laughed, cause we knew we had the stringer! He finally got the fish out of the water, but me and grandma weren't impressed, didn't look all that big to us, course, you have to remember that dad didn't either.

Dad was all excited and hollering "Hey, I can't find the stringer?! You have one?" Me and grandma were just a smiling, cause it is a well known fact that voices don't carry over water too well. Least that's what dad always said when we were hollering at him.

Finally he decided to come to our side of the tank and find that stringer. On his way over, me and grandma was watching him. The closer he got, the bigger that fish got too! By the time he got half way across to us, we had decided, we were going to move on over to "his" fishing spot! Wow, what a big fish! We passed him on the way over, he got our stringer, and we got his fishing spot.

Me and grandma got all settled in "dad's" spot. Got our lawn chairs all positioned just right and dug our feet in the dirt so when we hooked the big one, we wouldn't get pulled in. Grandma was always fun and acted as silly as I did. I told her "You catch the head and I'll catch the tail!" Our bobbers were floating only a few feet apart. We were talking and having a good old time when grandma said "Laina, my pole looks funny?" I looked up and the WHOLE end of grandma's pole was GONE, I mean GONE! I told her "Grandma, the hole top half of your

Sharing With Brother Bob

By Bob Beeman

3-4-98
I saw a donkey in with a large flock of sheep over by Sipe Springs. The donkey was in there to protect the sheep. I thought that would be a good starting topic for my next visit with my friends at Heritage Manor. So that's where we started, animals helping each other.

Jack Bellows couldn't remember any animals helping each other but he did remember a mink helping itself to some of his chickens. He did have some good quail dogs.

Cynthia Earles had a cow dog that was good at protecting the newborn

pole is GONE!" She looked at me, I looked at her and we both started reeling our lines in. I don't know why she was reeling, cause everything there was to reel was gone, but we both had decided whatever was in that water that could snap that pole off like that....we didn't want it!

Dad arrived back at his favorite spot and we gladly let him have it back. We headed over to the other side of the tank, put our poles back in the truck, took a good look at the "catch of the day", and proceeded to eat crackers and drink our dr. pepper. We settled back in our chairs and watched dad fish all the while hoping he didn't get swallowed up by some creature from the deep.

The day went by and a few more fish were caught and finally time to go home. Of course we had to make a few stops on the way to show off dad's big catch. First stop, Aunt Margie's house, to do a little bragging and take a few pictures. A cousin of mine recently told me she still has that picture, the one of me and dad holding up our fish, mine looking like a minnow and his looking more like moby dick.

Dad decided somewhere along the way that he was going to have that fish mounted. Me and grandma were thinking more along the lines of how many people it would feed. Of course, dad won.

I remember going with him to the taxidermist. They told him it would be a few weeks until it was ready. He would call and check on it often, "Is it ready yet?" "Nope, not yet was the reply!"

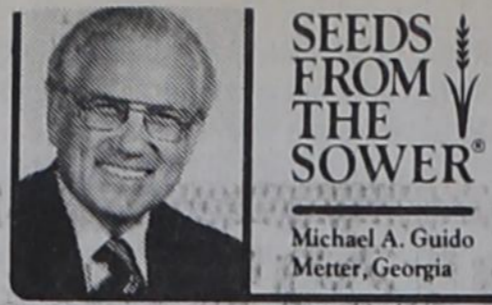
Meanwhile his fish stories were getting bigger and bigger every time he told it. Finally the day came, the fish was ready, but poor dad had other obligations that day, so he had to send mom to pick it up.

Mom arrived at the taxidermist, picked up the fish and headed to the car. Before closing the door, she should have checked to make sure the fish was all in, but....she didn't. Knocked the tail right off that there fish!

I don't recall the exact words dad used when she told him about the little accident, but to this day that tailless fish still hangs in mom and dad's house. This story is still one of his favorites when someone new comes over and asks about that broken fish hanging on the wall. Dad will take the brim of his hat and tilt it back on his head as he readies himself for the story, while mom just excuses herself from the room, not wanting to hear it again.

The story usually begins as dad stretches out his hands to the length of the fish....well, you know, that fish was really about *this big* until it's tail got broken off....

Grandma is gone now, God rest her soul, so its left to me to tell this story....As I remember it.



A voice was heard to say, "Pilot to tower. Didn't check gauge. I'm 300 miles from land, 600 feet high, and running out of gas. Please instruct."

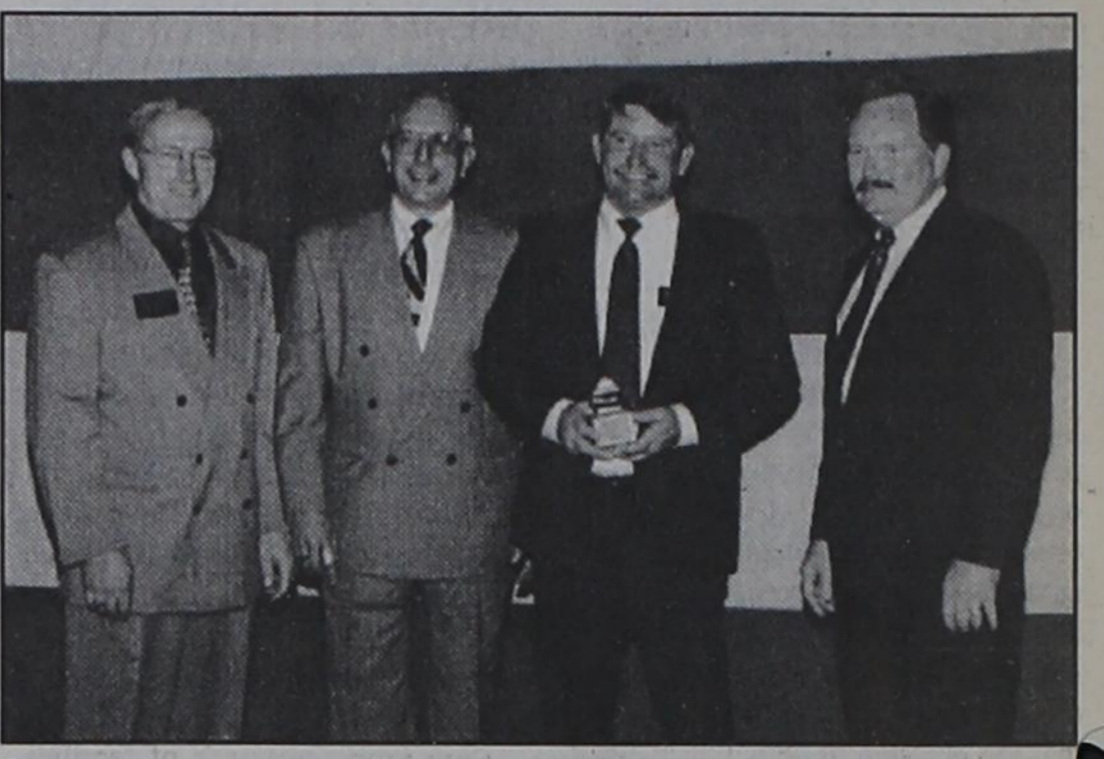
Back came the answer: "Repeat after me, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'"

A wise pilot never starts up an engine without running through a complete check to be certain that the plane is ready and safe for flight.

And you should make yourself a daily check list. Read your Bible, submit to God and pray, so you'll be ready for every day.

Then you'll soar, not sink; overcome, not be overcome.

De Leon Irrigation Supply, Inc. Named Best of the Best



Pictured above are Award Winner - Mike Stewart and Jim Grewe, Cliff Loeske, and Jack Bloomer.

Lindsay Manufacturing Company recently recognized De Leon Irrigation Supply, Inc., of De Leon, Texas, as son of the top Zimmatic dealers in the world at the company's annual convention in Orlando, Florida. De Leon Irrigation Supply, Inc. was one of only 40 dealerships to receive the Top-Forty Dealer award. There are about 210 Zimmatic dealerships in more than 90 countries worldwide.

"Only Zimmatic dealers who have achieved a controlling market share receive this award," said Bob Snoozy, Vice President of Sales. "This award represents years of dedicated work and consistent performance improvements in a very highly competitive business. De Leon Irrigation Supply, Inc. should be very proud of this accomplishment."

Zimmatic not only has some of the industry's best dealerships, it also offers the best drivetrain warranty, according to Snoozy. Simmatic's new drivetrain warranty offers protection for eight years or 8,000 hours for new irrigation systems.

"Since Zimmatic offers the best drivetrain, it makes good sense that we'd also offer the best warranty," said Snoozy. "Our warranty is important to irrigators because it provides added reliability, peace of mind and reduced maintenance costs. This offer is just another strong selling point for deciding to buy Zimmatic irrigation equipment."

Zimmatic is a world leading manufacturer of irrigation equipment including center pivots, towable pivots, lateral moves and corner systems. The company, based in Lindsay, Neb., also offers a full line of automated irrigation control devices including AIMS Basic and Advanced panels, AIMS Telemetry Network and Remote Monitor Alarm and Control (R-MAC). Its products are used in more than 70 countries.

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97-98 Gorman Panthers Varsity Baseball Schedule
3/24 Eula Here 4:00
3/26-3/28 Ranger Tournament There TBA
3/31 Baird There 4:30
4/03 *Strawn There 4:30
4/07 *Huckabay Here 5:00
4/09 *Gordon Here 5:00
4/14 *Lipan There 5:00
4/21 *Lingleville There 5:00
4/24 *Strawn Here 5:00
4/28 *Lipan Here 5:00
5/05 *Gordon There 5:00
5/08 *Huckabay There 5:00
5/12 *Lingleville Here 5:00
* Denotes district game
Head Coach--Shaun Barnett
Athletic Director--Jim Curlee
Principal--Doug Bowden
Superintendent--Gene Shackelford

1998 Gorman Panther Track Schedule
March 28th Panther Relays at Gorman
April 4th Bearcat Relays at DeLeon
April 9th Buffalo Relays at Cross Plains
April 16th District Trackmeet at Bangs
May 1st & 2nd Regional Trackmeet at Abilene
May 14th, 15th, & 16th State Trackmeet at Austin

1998 Gorman Cub Track Schedule
March 27th Cub Relays at Gorman
April 3rd Bearcat Relays at DeLeon
April 9th Buffalo Relays at Cross Plains
April 18th District Trackmeet at Gorman



1998 Lady Panthers Softball Schedule
Date Opponent Site Junior Varsity Varsity
Mar. 30 Ranger There Var.
Apr. 3 May There Var.
Apr. 6 Hamilton There J.V. Var.
Apr. 9 Early Here J.V. Var.
Apr. 13 DeLeon Here Var.

ALL VARSITY GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 4:30.
ALL JUNIOR VARSITY GAMES WILL TENTATIVELY BEGIN AT 3:30.

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is currently accepting applications from families across the U.S. who are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for the upcoming school year. Families may choose to host a student for a full year, or a semester.

These high school students, all proficient in the English language, will arrive in the United States this fall, and attend local high schools, while living as members of their American host families. All AISE students have completed a lengthy screening and interview process with representatives in their home countries, and come highly recommended by school principals, counselors, and teachers.

Host families provide students with a bed, meals, and a living family atmosphere. AISE provides students and their host families with counseling and support throughout the exchange experience, and all students have medical insurance and spending money for the duration of their stay.

Each year, thousands of families across the United States host AISE exchange students. AISE currently works with high school students from over 45 countries world wide. AISE is a nation wide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the belief that foreign student exchange is a vital step toward peace among all nations. For further information on hosting an AISE student in your home, please call 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE web site at <http://www.sibling.org>.

Gorman Native Receives Injuries in Auto Accident

Thursday, March 5, 1998 Rita (Bennett) Salas was injured in a two vehicle auto accident. Mrs. Salas was hit by a Chevrolet pickup which failed to yield at an intersection. The driver of the truck received minor injuries while Mrs. Salas' car was totaled and she received multiple broken bones including 3 breaks in the right leg, 2 broken ribs, and a broken neck. Mrs. Salas was transported to St. Mary's Hospital where she is reported in stable condition. Anyone who wishes to send cards: Rita D. Salas c/o St. Mary's Hospital, P.O. Box 1628 Room 245, Grand Junction Colorado, 81502-1628.

Rita Salas is the daughter of Herman Bennett and the late Mildred Bennett of Gorman. Her grandmother is Velma Bennett of Heritage Manor in Gorman.

Rita stated when calling in this report that if anyone would like further details, they should contact her father, Herman at (254) 734-2868.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

CORRECTION

First Baptist Church of Desdemona started a week long revival Sunday, March 15th with over 100 attending Sunday School for "High Attendance Day."

Higginbotham Brothers becomes sponsor of Tarleton's Instructional Leadership awards

Future recipients of the Instructional Leadership Awards at Tarleton State University will have added incentive as Higginbotham Bros. will donate \$1000 in prize money to each of the winners.

The Higginbotham Bros. "Do-It-Best" Instructional Leadership awards will recognize the significant professional contributions instructional leaders make to improve education in Texas.

Presented each spring during the Instructional Leadership Conference hosted by Tarleton's Effective Schools Project (ESP) and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, the awards go to an exemplary classroom teacher and an outstanding administrator.

"We had wanted to offer a monetary reward as part of the Instructional Leadership award for many years but were unable to find a sponsor," said Dr. Ann Calahan, chairman of Tarleton's Department of Curriculum and Instruction. "Dr. Joe Cummings, our Associate Dean, contacted Higginbotham's and they were very receptive to the idea. We appreciate their interest in Tarleton and their support of recognizing outstanding educators in this area."

Higginbotham Bros. was established in 1881 and operates stores in Stephenville, Dublin, De Leon, Gorman and Comanche. Headquartered in Comanche, Higginbotham's owns 18 hardware stores and five funeral homes across Texas.

Brent Stone, Higginbotham's Vice President of Finance and Information Systems, says the company is always anxious to promote recognition of outstanding educators and quality educational programs.

"In our effort to support our hometown community markets, we want to recognize and support excellence in our teachers and our educational system," said Stone. "Education is a vital part of our communities and we are hon-

ored to have the opportunity to partner with Tarleton in sponsoring this prestigious award. We wish the best to all of those involved and want to thank them for the dedication and hard work."

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had a week long revival which ended on Sunday, March 22 with very good attendance each night. The special music presented each night was enjoyed by all. Visitors were too many to name each one. We appreciate each and everyone who attended thru the week.

Judy Brazell is visiting with her mother, Annie Dunston in Anniston, Alabama. She left her husband, Ray at home to hold the "Fort" down.

Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena, Shelly Horan of Fort Worth, Jeff Roberts of Dallas, Ken and Sissy Horan of Cross Plains, Debert and Fay Williams of Stephenville visited over the weekend with Dorothy Roberts.

"Baby Dedication Day" at the First Baptist was last Sunday. Those who came forward to dedicate their babies were Mark and Emily (Horan) Williams and daughter, Kena of Fort Worth, Joe and Trish (Dold) Grimshaw and son, Justin of Desdemona, Charisse (Ranne) Lewis and daughter, Skye of Desdemona, Robert and Annette (Pridy) Cummings and daughter, Ragan of Desdemona, Jeff and Angela (Burgess) Buckley and daughters, Chelsea and Haley of Desdemona, Wayne and Karen (Guthery) Eaves and daughter, Lorin of Desdemona, Angela Creed and son, Colin of Desdemona. The dedication of these babies were a special part of the Sunday morning service.

Albert and Pat Holdman visited on Sunday in May, Texas with their friends, Bill and Garie Campbell.

Robert and Jennifer Ragland of Plainview, Carol Ragland of Fort Worth, Jana Pittman and sons, Paul and Scott of Eastland visited over the weekend with their parents, Elwood and Nell Ragland.

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday, March 28 at the Community Center. All area country and western musicians and visitors are invited to attend. Come early and enjoy good food at the concession stand.

Hazel Koonce is a patient at the present time in the Abilene Hospital recovering from a heart attack. We all send our "Get Well Wishes" out to Hazel.

W.T. and Evelyn (Williams) Yardley sold their home in Desdemona and recently moved to Stephenville. We wish them much happiness in their new "Home."

Remember the sick and shut-in with your cars and prayers. Have a nice day.

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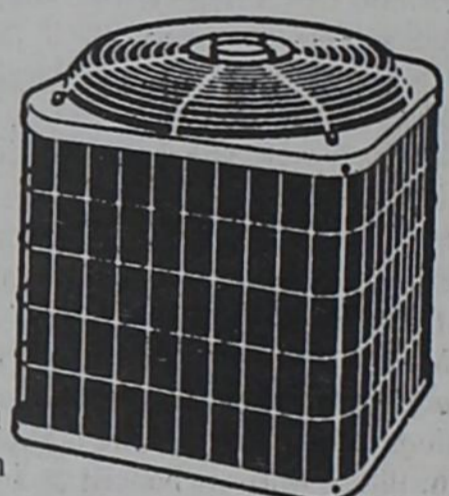


Lindsay, NEB.--Lindsay Manufacturing Company recently honored De Leon Irrigation Supply, Inc., of De Leon, Tex., with its Distinguished Performance Award at the company's annual convention in Orlando, Fla. This honor is given to Zimmatic irrigation dealerships which provide growers with top-notch customer service and have implemented high-performing marketing programs.

"During 1997, De Leon Irrigation Supply, Inc. was very successful at helping local growers save time, labor and money through Zimmatic's industry-leading line of automated irrigation equipment and control products," said Bob Snoozy, Vice President of Sales. "Their partnership approach to customer service was a big reason for their success as well as the recent improvements we've made in the Zimmatic product line."

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