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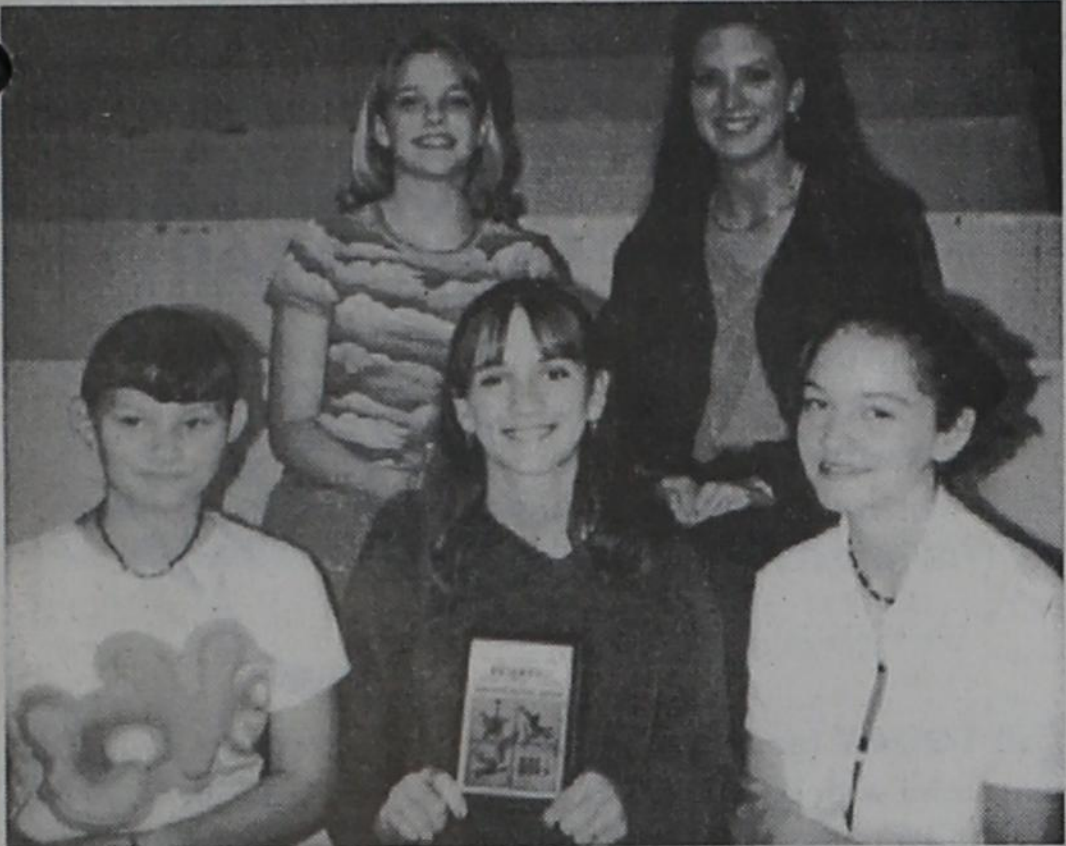
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Gorman Jr. High Sprint Team Places First In Jr. Tigers Relays



Last Monday, March 29th, the Gorman Junior High Track Teams attended the First Jr. Tiger Relays held in May, Texas.

The Girl's Spring Relay Team placed First in their heat with a time of 57:08, which won them First Place overall in the Spring Relay.

The Relay Team consists of Tana Goode, Andrea Files, Rheasa Rainey and Lydia Royster. The girls are coached by Dawna Davis.

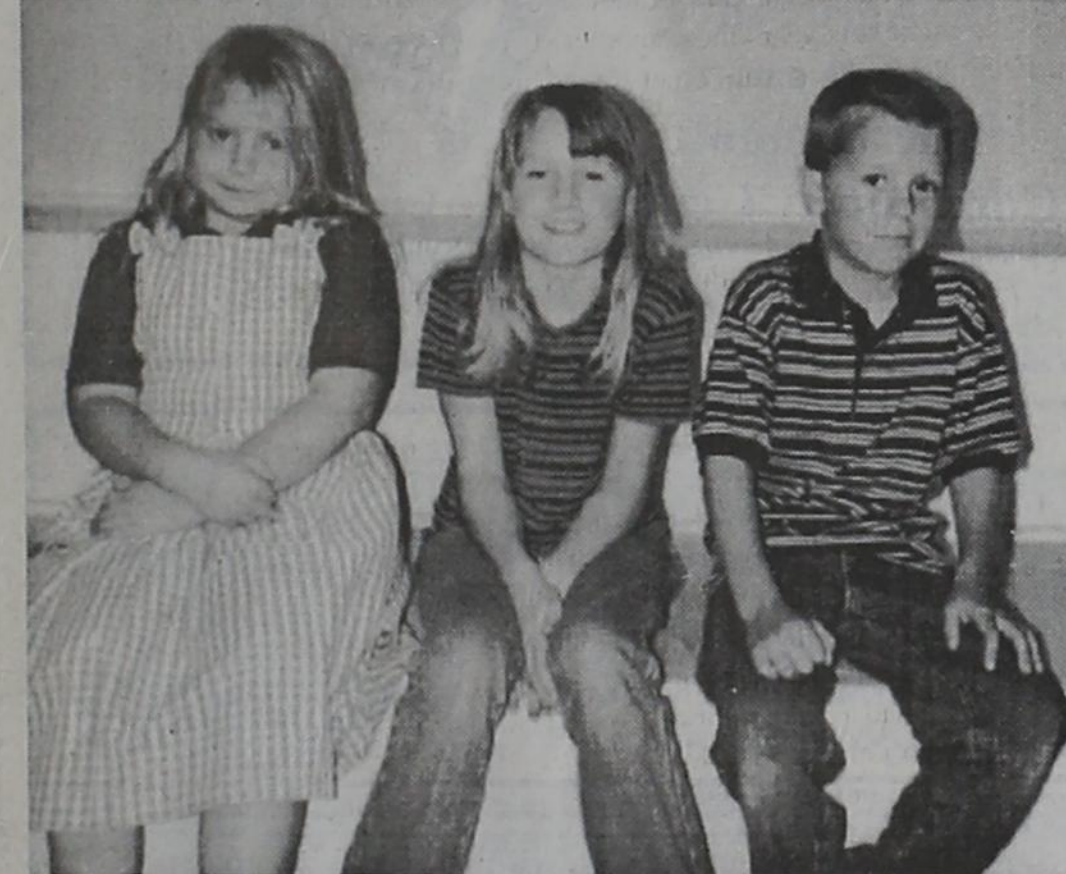
The next Junior High Track Meet is April 17th at Santo. This will be their District Track Meet.



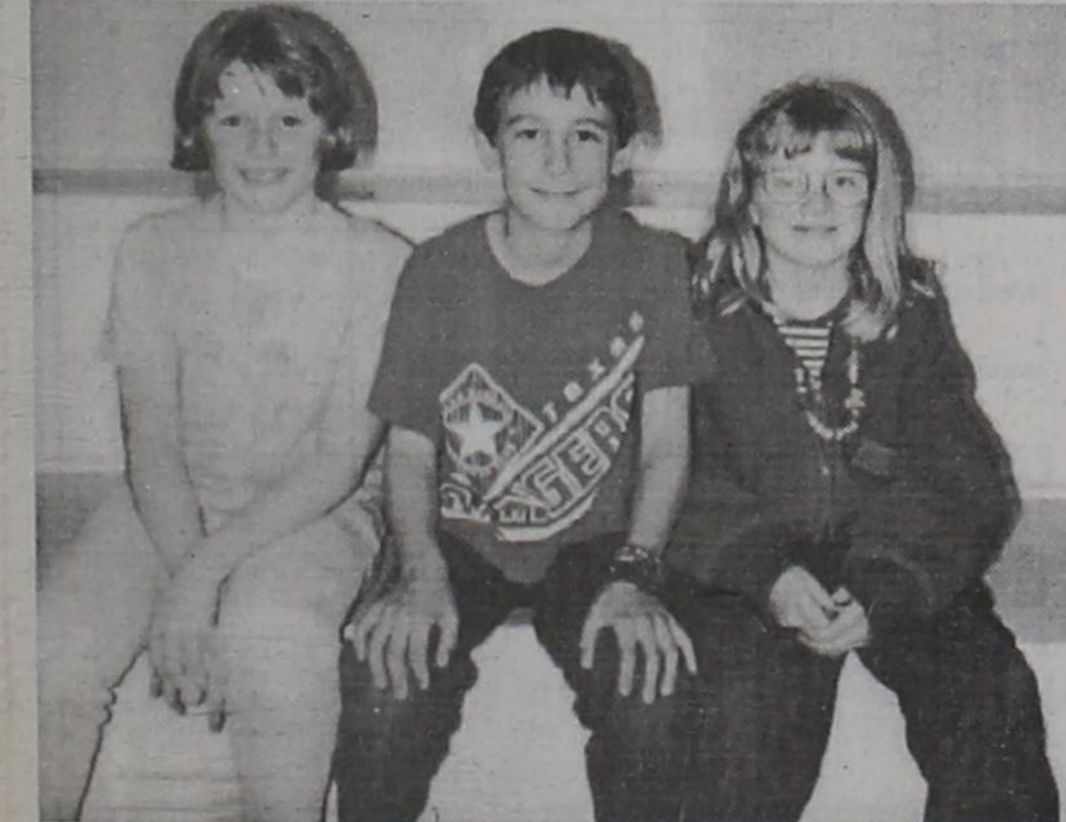
DONATION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT — Nancy Kendrick, Kokomo Community Club, is shown presenting George Simmons of Gorman Volunteer Fire Department a nice Donation from the Club. The Annual Benefit Stew Supper held each year to benefit the Carbon and Gorman Fire Departments and the West Texas Rehab.

Maxfield Elementary School Participated In UIL Contests at Santo on March 4th and 8th

On March 4th and 8th, students at Maxfield Elementary School participated in UIL Academic contests at Santo, Texas. The results are as follows:



2ND GRADE - Creative Writing -- Brittany VanDusen - 2nd Place; Veronica Walton - 3rd Place and Matt Underwood - 5th Place; **Storytelling** - Brittany VanDusen - 3rd Place and Matt Underwood - 5th Place.



3RD GRADE - Spelling -- Nicole Cogburn - 4th Place, Travis Barnett - 6th Place; **Spelling Team** - 2nd Place - Nicole Cogburn, Travis Barnett and Ashley Bush; **Storytelling** - Travis Barnett - 1st Place; **Ready Writing** - Mary Powell - 3rd Place.

More Pictures on UIL competition inside this issue of the progress

Eastland County Commissioner's Court Lifts Burning Ban

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in regular session, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 22nd, after receiving information from Eastland Fire Department and other knowledgeable sources, voted to remove the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County, with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact their nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

Gorman and Baird Advance In One-Act Play Competition

Gorman and Baird of District 12-A West Zone One-Act Play Contest advanced to District Competition. The Competition held on Thursday, April 1st at Ranger.

Baird's "Anne of Green Gables" and Gorman's "Voice of the Prairie" took the honors on March 25th in Ranger.

Dustin Watson of Baird was named Best Actor. Erin Hughes of Baird took Best Actress honors.

Three Gorman students were named to the All-Star Cast. One the list were Madelyn Wilkins, John Paul Sheppard, Mark Glover and Terry Perez. Ashley Jenkins and Bobbie Jo Grissom, both of Gorman were named on the Honorable Mention list.

Congratulations to these outstanding students.

Range-Tour To Focus On Beef and Wildlife Production Set April 15

Do wildlife and beef enterprises compete with each other? Is weed and brush control good or bad for a wildlife enterprise? Should I bulldoze mesquite?

These and other questions will be topics included in the Pasture, Wildlife and Livestock Tour set for Thursday, April 15. Registration for the tour will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the tour will leave at 9:00 a.m. The tour will assemble at the Comanche County Community Center on Hwy. 377 in Comanche and then return at noon for a sponsored lunch.

The Pasture, Wildlife and Livestock Tour will include at least three stops at different locations to give producers a chance to see a variety of situations possible on their own ranches. One site will include cleared brush area with discussion about brush clearing and the impact on livestock and wildlife. A second site will feature a brush site with a discussion of brush control including the new brush sculpting technique. A third site will feature pasture with woods as a border. This is a common site especially with coastal pasture.

Sponsors include Acco Feeds - Cargill, Novartis Crop Protection, Comanche New Holland, Gore Bro's AgriService Center, Farley Farm Supply, First National Bank, Comanche National Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank and Comanche Electric Cooperative.

These are no charge to attend the tour and there will be a sponsored lunch. To preregister call 915-356-2539.

Sipe Springs Musical Cancelled

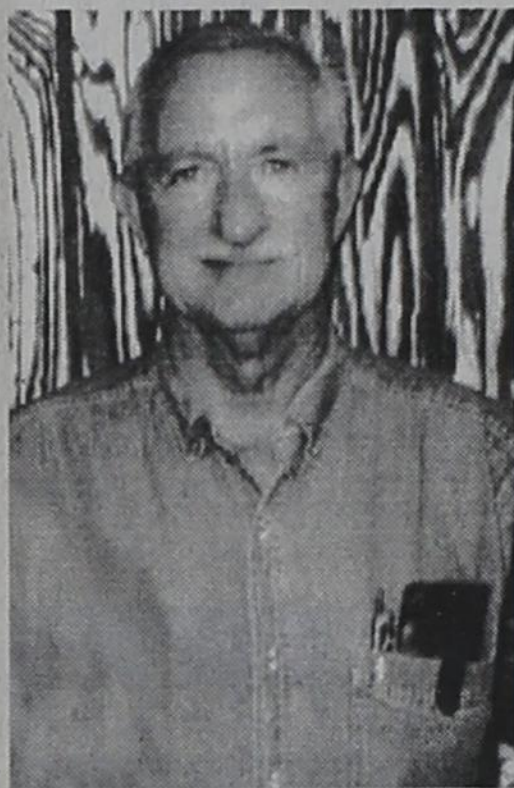
Notice! Notice!

The City of Gorman will be conducting a Test of the Emergency Warning Alarm on the First Monday of each month at 12:00 p.m. This is in keeping with the TNRCC Law on Emergency Management.

House Numbers!!!

The Gorman City Commission asks that if you do not have you House Numbers put up, that you do so. This is for you benefit in the vent of an emergency. 9-1-1 Call have been difficult to respond due to the lack of numbers being put up. There are some numbers available at the City Office. (However, No 0's or 1's). Please take the time to make some form of House numbering. Thank you for your prompt cooperation.

Robert Ervin Seeks Re-Election On Council Place 3



My name is Robert Ervin. I would like your vote to re-elect me on the Gorman City Council. I was born and raised in Gorman, graduated from Gorman High School, after graduation, I was drafted into the United States Air Force. When I returned to Gorman, I married by wife, Kathey and made our home and raised our one son. I was employed with the City of Gorman for 10 years, have served on the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department since 1968, served in the Army National Guard in Breckendridge, TX for 8 years, served on the Gorman School Board. I am currently serving on the Executive Board, Eastland County Dispatch. I am employed by Comanche County Telephone Company as Field Technician.

My wife, Kathey and I have been married almost 28 years, we are both members of First Baptist Church. My wife Kathey is a housewife, she enjoys spending time with our son and 5 year old granddaughter, and being 2 year old Madison Warren's babysitter.

I would appreciate your vote in the May Election.

Reminder and Thanks!

April 10th - PeeWee Basketball Tournament.

April 15th - Cinderella

April 22nd - Senior vs. Faculty
Guys - Basketball
Girls - Volleyball

The Senior Travel Club would like to Thank Jason Posey, Cody Foster, David Seaton, Robert Seaton, Marco Herrera, and Tim Swanner for being our refs and Mindy Laminack for keeping books during our Basketball Tournament. We would also like to thank Nadine Barnes (Ashley's Aunt) for donating our trophies.

We will draw for our Ruger Rifle on April 5th at the Cinderella Pageant.

The musical scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd has been cancelled for this month only.

Two Arrested In Drug Bust In Gorman On Monday



Gorman Police Department received information about people selling drugs out of this silver pickup, upon talking to the individuals, and after a search of the vehicle there was a container, containing a white powdered substance, both people were arrested, then carried to Eastland County Jail on Felony Charges. Substance was take to Abilene DPS Lab for analysis.

Gorman Annual Easter Treasure Hunt Slated Saturday, April 3rd

The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt will be held Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. the Gorman City Park - Downtown Gorman.

There will be five age groups again this year: 1 and under - (Your child must be able to sit alone) - A gift will be given to any child too small to hunt; 2 and 3 year olds; 4 thru K; and 1st and 2nd graders; and 3rd and 4th graders.

Guidelines: One adult per child may assist in the 1 and under and 2 and 3 year old groups only.

If your child is in an older group and needs assistance - please let the Easter Bunny know before the Hunt Starts.

For All Age Groups: One person per child taking pictures.

No crossing over into a different age group, when the treasures in your Section have been picked up.

Requirements: Large baskets or Sacks, to hold all the treasures!

NOTICE: The Easter Bunny will be available from 9:00 a.m. til 11:30 and from 12:45 til 1:30 for picture taking.

Treasure Hunt will start at 1:00 p.m. Bunny Time. Please come early so you can find your age group.

Coaches Corner By Coach Curlee

The weather held out just long enough for us to get our Cub and Panther Relays ran off last weekend. The weather was pretty good for the Cub Relays last Friday, but on Saturday morning the weather took a turn for the worst and I though we weren't going to be able to finish the Panther Relays. We had off and on drizzle most of the day but were able to finish the meet before the heavier rains hit later in the afternoon. We had a great turn out for both meets with 8 schools here for the Cub Relays and 7 schools for the Panthe Relays. It takes a lot of people to run off a meet, and I would like to thank everyone that braved the weather to help make this years meet another success. We have always gotten compliments by the coaches from other towns on how well our meets are run. This is a direct reflection on the people that help up keep these meets running smoothly.

This is a short week for us as we will be out of this Friday, April 2nd. This was bad weather day that we had figured into our schedule. Luckily we didn't have to use any bad weather days this year, so that gives us an extra holiday for the Easter Break.

The high school boys and girls track teams will be in action this Thursday, April 1st when they go to May for the first annual Tiger Invitational. This meet will start at 2:30 in the afternoon so make the short drive over to May to watch these kids.

The boys and girls Golf teams will play their first round of District on Monday, April 5th at the San Saba Country Club. They will play 2 rounds of golf to decide the District Championship, and who will advance to Regionals. The second round will be played the following Monday in Mineral Wells. Tee times for the San Saba Tournament will be at 8:00 a.m.

The Softball team had a disappointing loss to Hamilton on Monday by an 8 to 7 score. This shouldn't effect our playoff chances as long as the girls get after their final games. The next time the team will play is on Monday, April 5th, when we will go to Early for a very important district game. Also, on Tuesday, April 6th, we will play a make-up game with Ranger. This game will also be played away. Both games will start at 4:30. Come on out and cheer these girls on to the playoffs.

The Baseball Team lost a close one last Friday to an, always tough, Ranger team by the score of 10 to 8. Their next game will be against Lingleville on April 1st starting at 4:30. This game will be played at Lingleville. On April 6th we will travel to Strawn for another district game beginning at 5:00. These games sites with Strawn have been switched with us playing there the first time, and here the second time. So make a note of it on your schedule. There were some very generous patrons in town that donated trophies for our Baseball Tournament. They were Farley-Seaton Feed, Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, Gorman Pharmacy, and Birdsong Peanuts. We really appreciate these businesses for all of their support to the Gorman Baseball Program.

Congratulations are in order for Richard Svarovsky. Richard was recently named to the Abilene Reporter-News All-Area Team, and also the All-State Team. I am pleased anytime our kids can make any post season honors. Richard did a great job of leading our basketball team to the District and Bi-District Championships this year.

Remember all of the activities our athletic teams are taking part in for this next week, and I hope to see you in the stands the next time the Panthers or Lady Panthers are playing.

Daylight Savings Time will change on Sunday, April 4th - Remember to Set your Clocks Forward One Hour On Saturday night before Bedtime.

OBITUARIES

Donnell Davis Laid To Rest Friday

Donnell Davis, 69, of De Leon, Texas passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at De Leon Hospital.

Services were held Friday, March 26th at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in De Leon with Rev. Tom Satterwhite officiating with assistance of Ronnie Robinson. Musicians were Vicki Robnett and Fannie Chambers. Interment was in Garden of Memory in Comanche County under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was born to Opal Smith Davis and the late James A. Davis on November 8, 1929 in De Leon, Texas. He married Lajoyce Blankenship in Midland on January 23, 1950.

Mr. Davis was a farmer/rancher; had served in the U. S. Air Force as Corporal; had resided in De Leon all of his life and was a member of the Comyn Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lajoyce Davis of De Leon; two daughters, Debbie Robinson and her husband, Ronnie Robinson of Comanche and Cynthia Garner and husband Johnny Garner of Carrollton; his mother, Opal Davis of De Leon; one brother, Buddy Davis of De Leon; one sister, LaNell Whitehead of Dublin; four grandchildren, Deana Kirtley, Brad Robinson, Kandy Garner, Kelly Scannell and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by one sister, Ima Gene Davis.

Pallbearers were Jack Barnes, Bob

Raymond C. Powell Laid To Rest Sunday

Raymond C. Powell, 76, of Eastland passed away on Friday, March 26, 1999

Lois Irene Majors Laid to Rest March 13th

Lois Irene Majors, 76, of Gorman, Texas passed away Thursday, March 11, 1999 in her home.

Services were held Saturday, March 13th at Crosier-Pearson-Mayfield at 2:00 p.m. in Cleburne. Burial was in Covington Cemetery in Covington.

Mrs. Majors was a born in Blanton Community, Hill County, Texas on March 11, 1923. She was a retired seamstress.

Memorial contributions should be sent to Med Shares Hospice in Brownwood, Texas.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lois Curlee of Cleburne; three sons, Johnny Majors of Gorman, Larry Majors of Desdemona and Charley Majors of Stephenville; three sisters, Ruby Ellis of Fort Worth, Mildred Morrow of Cleburne, and Lola Green of Dublin; ten grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Grandsons: Bryan Majors, Steven Majors, Ronald Majors, Donald Majors, Frank Finley and Roy Ryons.

Hodges, Robert Hodges, Snooks Kinnard, Mack Gilder, Red Ross,, Lane Jones and Sam Sparger.

CORRECTION

Ryan Keller was listed in last week's paper on the 8th Grade Honor Roll. Ryan should have been noted to the 8th Grade DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL.

We apologize for this error.

in Hendrick Medical Center.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 28th in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Milton Underwood officiating. Burial was in Murray Cemetery.

Mr. Powell was born to Nathan and Zonic (Love) Powell on January 7, 1923 in Comanche County. He married Lavelle McCullough on March 5, 1945 in Carbon. He was a barber, saddlemaker, and worked for Tex-Tan Western Leather Co. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was in the U. S. Navy serving in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Lavelle Powell of Eastland; two sons, Royce Powell of Needville and Monty Powell of Bastrop; one brother, Kenneth Powell of Gorman; four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and 1 sister.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Irene Majors would like to thank our extended families and friends in our time of great loss.

We would also like to thank you for the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and visits. We would also like to thank everyone who sent food to us during this time. Our family greatly appreciates your sympathy and kindness.

Thanks to everyone in our time of loss.

Johnny and Vickie Majors
Larry and Jerry Majors
Charley and Vicky Majors
The grandchildren and their Families

Look Who's New It's A Boy!!!

Glenn and Jerrilyn Gilbert of Katy, Texas are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Jack Michael Gilbert on March 14, 1999. Jack weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces. His maternal grandparents are Mrs. Texanna Allen of Katy and Mr. Carl Allen of San Diego, California. Paternal grandparents are Neal and Joyce Gilbert of Katy. Floyd Gilbert of Gorman is Great grandfather to the new arrival.

Social Security To Be In Eastland April 27 - May 18 - June 15

The Social Security Administration will be in Eastland at the Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. on April 27, May 18 and June 15.

You can call Social Security toll-free any weekday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

Ranger College Drama Program Preparing Two One-Act Plays

The Ranger College Drama Program is preparing for two one-act plays that will be performed April 7, 8, and 9. The first play, "The Other Player" is a drama and will be directed by student, Christopher Rector. The second show is titled "Lone Star" is a comedy. There are three student actors that will be in both productions. They are Jeremy Bryan of Gorman, Sydney Breed of Houston and Paul Sherrod of Dripping Springs.

Performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. with a 15 minute intermission for a set change. For more information about these shows or the Ranger College Drama Program, please call Kathy Watson Jumper at 254-647-3234.

Cross Plains Roping Club Upcoming Events

The Cross Plains Roping Club upcoming events are: BULLRIDING SHOWDOWN on April 17th at 6:00 p.m.; BARRELL RACING on April 17th at 2:00 p.m. PeeWee's, Jr.s., Srs., and Open. Call 254-725-7458 for info on Bullriding and Barrell Racing; TURKEY CREEK COOK-OFF CLASSIC on April 16th and 17th. Call 254-725-6545 or 7777 for info; and Dance on April 17th at 9:00 p.m. with Borderline.

School Menu

For April 5 thru 9th
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, toast, jelly, milk, juice.

TUESDAY - Oatmeal, toast, juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Egg and Sausage, toast, jelly, juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Rice, toast, juice, and milk.

FRIDAY - Sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Ham sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickle spears, pork-n-beans, mixed fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Rib's with BBQ sauce, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, chocolate cake with icing and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, apple crisp and milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti, salad, hot rolls, cinnamon crisp bars and milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, peaches and milk.

School News

We are still collecting aluminum cans. Bring any kind of can to the can outside JR's office.

We now have a Portable Cement Mixer available for Rental. The Mixer can hold 1 1/4 yards of concrete. From the time of batching the mix, you have around 45 minutes to get the mixer to your site. Come by a see the mixer and discuss with us your needs. We also have other concrete tools, bull float, trowls, and etc.

Grandpaw's Tool Shed Rental

1304 E. Main
Eastland
254-629-3363

Class Awareness Maxfield Elementary's Students Raise Funds to Help Preserve Rainforest in Columbia

The students at Maxfield Elementary have something extraordinary to celebrate this year - they have actively participated in a conservation project in order to better their world! The 5th and 6th grades took part in a special Rainforest Adopt an Acre project being conducted simultaneously in over 10,000 schools across the country via

a special network of educators called Earth Foundation. By selling environmental T-Shirts, Maxfield Elementary students raised funds that will help protect countless species of plant and animals in Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Columbia, South America. So far Maxfield Elementary has protected 14.7 acres of endangered land.

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- 12 weeks
- 36 visits
- treadmill
- stationary bike
- arm exerciser

Call TODAY for an appointment if you are:
diagnosed with stable angina, being treated medically,
received intervention (angioplasty or open heart surgery)

DE LEON HOSPITAL

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Curb Side Clean-Up Day

April 24th

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

We've got some Eggsellent Ideas for Easter Fun!

Desdemona Easter Egg Hunt

April 3rd

2:00 p.m.

Desdemona Community Center.

Donations appreciated. Hunt sponsored by Families in Action, Desdemona, Tx. 758-2318--Shirley Shirley--President.

Riley Gardner Memorial Represented By JONELL TORREZ - 734-2535

Our Memorial Display Is Now Located Behind Higginbotham's Funeral Home. We Guarantee You Can Buy The Finest Quality Memorial At The Lowest Price. All Work Guaranteed.

DAY	PHYSICIAN	TIME
Monday	DESHMUKH	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	GI WHEAT	8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	PINO OSWALT OVER (every other week) AUDIO	8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 9 a.m.
Thursday	MCCLESKY CARDIOLOGY ASSOC. CATARACT SURG. (1 hr, 2 hr)	8 a.m. - 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday	TENNELL/COVIN ANDERSON (week 2 & 4)	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

GREAT PLACE TO BUY...SELL TRADE OR RENT

the Classifieds!

Now accepting applications for life-guard for the City Pool. Application can be picked up in the City Office during regular business hours.

2-4-1C

FOR SALE: Let Us Build You A New Brick Home. New Government Program for Low to Moderate Income. For Details Call Tommy Clark at Clark Construction, 254-734-2755.

HOUSE FOR SALE: House on large corner lot; carport, storage building, three bedrooms, 2 full baths, built-in oven and cooktop, laundry room with washer and dryer connections, ceiling fans. 503 North Fisher - Phone 254-734-2461 or 734-2984.

2-4-8 P.

Now accepting applications for life-guard for the City Pool. You can pick up an application at the City office during regular business hours.

3-325C

General Dirt Work, Dump Truck, Sand, rock, top soil. Call Jerry Solomon 254-893-2448.

2-8-FNC

Want to lease land for cattle grazing. I will take care of your place and won't over graze. References (254) 629-1923.

12-17FNC

ELDERLY HOUSING Available at Hotel Apartments. Contact Brenda at Housing Authority or Call 817-734-2400. 4-6-FNC.

CUSTOM DRAPERIES MADE: No Labor Charge when fabrics, etc., are bought from our store. Free Estimates. W. H. Smith Department Store, Phone 254-893-2135.

5-26-FNC.

HELP WANTED: DeLeon Nursing Home is now hiring CNA's, competitive wages, EOE, apply at 205 E. Ayers DeLeon.

9-17FNC

SAVE ON CARPET: Buy at Wholesale plus 10% and Freight. CASH — NO STAMPS. W. H. Smith Department Store - De Leon, Tx.

5-26-FNC.

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121.6 ACRES m/l just outside city limits of Gorman. Cultivated land, 6 water wells, large reservoir and underground irrigation line, hydraulic wheel move. Some mineral & leasing rights. A6

GORMAN - FANTASTIC LOCATION ON HWY 6. (next to Dairy Queen)! 3 acres m/l with lots of pecan trees. Older frame home - needs repairs. Fix up for your family, or great development opportunity! 04

172 ACRES - 2 miles No. of Gorman, with 2 BR, 1 bath, Rock home. Nestled among majestic pecan trees. Irrigation wells, equipment & pit. Coastal and cultivation. Won't last long. Call today! HA8

DOWNTOWN GORMAN - GREAT LOCATION! Commercial property with an efficiency apartment. Easily adapted to any type business. Call today! C9

PUPPIES FOR SALE: Lab Puppies. Call David Boswell between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for info at (254) 879-3585.

1-4-1 C.

GARAGE SALE: Friday, April 2nd at 810 N. Winkler Street from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ITC

Child Care WANTED, Monday thru Thursday in the De Leon/Gorman area. Call 734-3470 after 6 p.m.

1-3-25P

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218 ACRES, M/L - Highway frontage; 8 ponds, estimated 100 A. coastal; corrals, good fences! \$800 per A. Great Hunting!

PROCTOR LAKE - 2 Lots for Price of 1! \$3,000. Walk to Lake!

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NEW LISTING: 3000' brick office bldg. reception area, numerous offices, several restrooms, CH/A, fully carpeted, 3 lots, \$47,500.

NEW LISTING: 9 1/2 acres near Desdemona, 3-1 frame home, central A/H, some new carpet, paved hwy., large live oaks, nice place. \$59,000.00

NEW LISTING: 10 acres, lots of timber, seasonal creek, pavement frontage native grasses. \$11,000.00 terms possible.

NEW LISTING: 56 acres near Gorman, 2 ponds, 15 acre cult., 10 acre coastal, good border and cross fences, nice all steel corral. \$650.00 acre.

80 ACRES: 3-2-2 brick w/1940' LA, CH/A, 30x80 metal bldg. w/enclosed shop, 65 A coastal, corral. \$140,000.00

NEW LISTING: Carbon area, 145A m/l, app 45 A coastal, stock tanks, spring, lots CR frontage, two 2-2 frame homes, 1940's, 30x40 shop, barns, corrals, 2 water wells + water meter. \$150,000 OFFERS WELCOME.

NEW LISTING: 158 A. app 50A cultivation, 80 acres coastal, 1 well, 2 stock tanks, steel corrals, lots of CR frontage. \$700 A.

NEW LISTING: 160A, Eastland Co., app 35A coastal, app 100 A klien, 1/2 mile seasonal creek, some timber, windmill, lots of CR frontage. \$500 A.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona presented their Easter Cantata last Sunday morning, with the Adult Choir singing "Spread the News". Program cast membersd were Mike Riggs as Andrew; Robert Cummings as Nathanel; Helen Grimshaw as Woman from Jerusalem; Jay Grimshaw as Ro-

man Soldier; Karen Eaves as Mary Magdalene; Readers were Ashton Cummings, Lane Shirley, Michelle King, Camron Cummings and Brittany Shirley. Bro. Jim Haggard, pastor, will be serving as a Missionary in the Hindu-Indian Territory in South Africa for the next 6 weeks.

Marsha Johnson and son, Chris of Lovington, New Mexico spent the past week visiting her parents, Bob and Merlene Wisdom.

James Buckley of Graham visited the past weekend with his brother, Jerry and Pat Buckley.

Larry and Gay Moore and her father, Shorty Fox visited this past week in Las Vega, Nevada with Shorty's sister.

Larry and Melinda Walker and children, Selina and Scott, and Pat Buckley was in Stephenville last Sunday evening to attend the funeral of Larry's grandmother, Eula Walker. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Church of Christ of Desdemona has several on their prayer list, names given were Omata Clark, who recently had eye surgery, but is reported doing much better; John Holland, who is not feeling well; Bethel Clark's daughter, Jimmie Schluter, who has many health

AISE Accepting Host Family Applications

American Intercultural Student Exchange is currently accepting applicationsf rom families across the U.S. who are interested in hosting a foreign exchange studnet for the upcoming school year. Families may

problems; and grandson, Donald Stutsman has improved a lot since his recent car wreck.

James Riggs was able to attend Church last Sunday night at First Baptist. He is feeling much better since recent surgery.

Remember the sick, shut-ins, and those in the rest homes from our area with your cards and prayers.

Bill and Tami Sanders, Robyn Griffith visited over the past weekend with her parents Bernard and Ann Keith.

Benefit for the Serratt Family will be on Saturday, April 10 at the Desdemona Community Center. Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. - Bar-b-que Supper at 6:00 p.m. Price by Donation Only. This family needs your love and support to help them at this time.

Arvilla (Ash) Christian of Stephenville called this reported on Friday just to "chat" awhile. A former resident of Desdemona where she graduated with the Class of 1948. She would like to say "Hello" to all her friends in this area.

Desdemona Monthly Musical had good attendance last Saturday night. We appreciate all the area musicians who attend each month and all the visitors too. Also appreciate those who donate food (monthly) for the concession stand.

Please contact this reporter with your local news. It is written on Sunday night and delivered by noon on Monday. Your help will be appreciated.

"Have a Nice Day" - Coon Guthery

Texas Department Of Human Services 1998 Annual Report

The state spent a total of \$6,932,490 last year for major welfare programs in Eastland County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$1,363,315 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$264,592. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needed children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$4,126,568 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$970,333 for Medicaid related services and \$207,682 for non-Medicaid related services," Ms. Evans said.

choose to host a student for a full year or a semester. These high school students, all proficient in English, 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.

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Desdemona helping family in need

Families in Action will host a benefit auction and barbecue for the Serratt family on April 10 at the Desdemona Community Center.

The auction begins at 4 p.m. and the barbecue at 6 p.m.

Jason Serratt, 31, was killed in a one-vehicle accident on March 12, and his wife, Laura, still is hospitalized in Stephenville in serious condition. The couple has three young children.

Donations for the auction are welcome. Benefit fund are set up at First National Bank of De Leon, Stephenville Bank & Trust and Norton Credit Union in Stephenville.

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further information on hosting a AISE student in your home, please call 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE web site at www.aise.com.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CARBON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

April 10, 1999 is the date for the annual Business Meeting of the Carbon Cemetery Association. The meeting will be held in the Carbon Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Officers will be elected at this time along with other business, discussion or plans. Please make an attempt to be there.

Ronnie Pack, President; Ruth Guy, Treasurer; Wanda Bryant, Secretary; George Gilbert, Trustee; Bernard Campbell, Trustee, J. E. Jackson, Trustee.

3 Times until April 8

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the Registered Voters of Gorman, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Gorman Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 01, 1999, for voting in a General election, to elect two Commissioners.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el de de 19 para votar en la Elección para).

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Gorman Community Center

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Gorman City Office

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1999 (date)

(entre las de la mañana y las de la tarde empezando el de de 19 para votar en la Elección para).

and ending on April 27, 1999 (date)

(y terminando el de de 19 para votar en la Elección para).

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)

Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

(Address) (Dirección)

Gorman (City) (Ciudad)

76454 (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 30th day of March, 1999.

(Emilada este día de de 19 para votar en la Elección para).

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

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KOKOMO NEWS

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Happy Easter to everyone, I wish you all a wonderful day with your family get-togethers and celebrations. I hope that we will all start our Easter Sunday with thanks to God for sending His son into the world to die on the cross for our sins and be resurrected so that we through Him might have eternal life, and then attend church to worship our Savior.

The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson and the membership of Kokomo Baptist Church invite you to come and worship with them on Easter and at anytime.

There will be an EGG HUNT for the children immediately following the morning services at the Kokomo Baptist Church. This is a happy time for the little children and gives the adults a time to visit with one another.

REMEMBER THE TIME CHANGE. Sunday, starts Daylight Savings Time, so run your clocks forward one hour, so you won't be late to church and Sunday School.

Zelda Jordan spend the weekend in Abilene with Glenda Priest and Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell and attended the Easter Musical, "I AM" a Resurrection Celebration presented by the Choirs of the Lytle South Baptist Church on Saturday night at the Lytle South Baptist Church. It was a wonderful presentation of the life of Christ from his birth to his crucifixion and resurrection. Wade Daniell was a member of the cast, and Sheri Daniell served as an usher.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Ben Wilcoxson of Gorman, Marvin and Betty Moon, Nena and Hayden

Gilbreath, and Shayne, Eric and Laura Proctor all of Lingleville. The special music was rendered by Norma Webb, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Leona Wilson, Kay Snider, Woodrow Browning, Jimmy Little and Daryl Hirst with Glynda Bond at the piano. A mission emphasis on "Texas 2000" was given by Norma Webb, and a video Missions was shown by Bro. Wilson.

Paul and Fannie Bell Hoy of Greenville, Joyce and Delmon Eaves, Ruth Bryant and Hope Joiner and Doris Bradshaw of Gorman were visitors with Nancy Hendricks.

Larry and Betty Strube visited with Orbie and Violet Burcham of Rising Star on Monday.

Leona Wilson visited with Johnnie

B. Griffith.

Zelda Jordan, Glenda Priest and Shelby Bolts of Abilene were in Dallas on Sunday and Monday, for Glenda to see a doctor concerning a problem with her right hand. They also did some shopping, and visited with Michael and Whitney Rowland and their new baby daughter, Kaitlyn. A family friend, Bro. Randy McDonald of Rowlett, came by the Dr.'s office for a short visit with them.

Clifford Nelson was in Temple on Monday for a medical check-up at the VA Hospital. He visited with Terry Weatherford while in Temple.

Cassie Brasher and her mother-in-law, Pat Reneau of Ranger were shopping in Abilene on Monday.



Gorman Panthers

1999 Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
4/01	* Lingleville	There	4:30
4/06	* Strawn	Here	5:00
4/13	* Gordon	There	5:00
4/20	* Ranger	Here	5:00
4/29	* Huckabay	There	5:00
5/04	* Lingleville	Here	5:00
5/07	* Strawn	There	5:00
5/11	* Gordon	Here	5:00
5/18	District Certification		

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Business Personal Property Renditions Due by April 15

The deadline for the filing of 1999 business personal property renditions is April 15, 1999. Section 22.01 of the State Property Tax Code requires that all business personal property be rendered each year.

Rendition forms were mailed out to all local business owners in early January, 1999 by the Eastland County Appraisal District. If you own a business in Eastland County and did not receive a rendition form or would like assistance in completing it, please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District at 629-8597 in Eastland. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse.

Homestead Exemptions Available

Eastland County property owners wishing to sign up for 1999 property tax exemptions and/or special use valuations may obtain the necessary applications at the office of the Eastland County Appraisal District. The Appraisal District office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse in Eastland, Texas. The necessary application may also be requested by telephone by calling the Appraisal District at 629-8597.

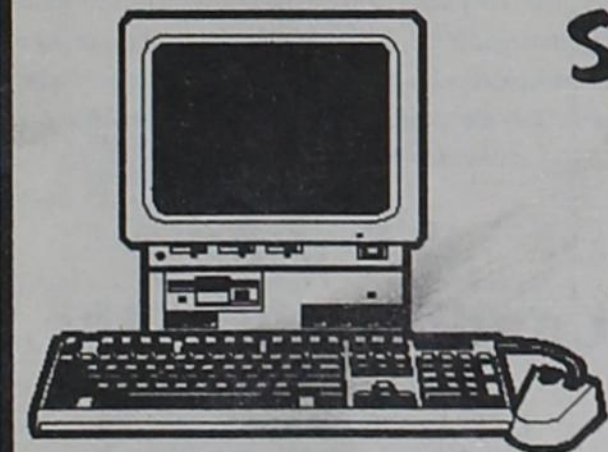
There are several tax exemptions and/or special use valuations available for property owners. A partial list of some of those available is given at the end of this article. If a property owner has a question as to his or her eligibility, they should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District for assistance.

Home owners may take advantage of the partial homestead exemptions available. As much as \$ 15,000 in appraised value can be deducted from your school tax value if you qualify for the residential homestead exemption. The completed residential homestead exemption form for this year must be filed no later than May 1, 1999. This type of exemption does not have to be re-applied for each year. If the residential homeowner still resides in the same house for 1999 that he or she lived in for 1998; and they received a residential homestead exemption for 1998, they do not need to re-apply again for 1999.

An exception to this would be the person who received the regular residential homestead exemption for 1998 but has since turned sixty-five (65) years of age. This person would need to re-apply as he or she would now be eligible for an additional or increased exemption in an amount available to those over sixty-five (65) years of age. Due to recent changes in the Property Tax Code, you should contact the Appraisal District for information and assistance if you turn sixty-five (65) during the current year. You may be eligible for an increased exemption amount for the current year.

If you have a question as to whether you are already receiving a homestead exemption or as to your eligibility for one of the available exemptions or special valuations; please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District.

Among the partial exemptions and/or special use valuations available are: Residential Homestead, Over-65 Residential Homestead, Residential Homestead Disability, Disabled Veteran and Special Use Valuation of Open Space Land (Ag Use).



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Joint research may mean 'SMART'R' weather forecasts

COLLEGE STATION - Rivals on the football field, Texas A&M University and the University of Oklahoma are taking a different approach in the field of meteorology: cooperation.

The universities, along with the National Severe Storms Laboratory, have joined forces to get a closer and more accurate view of weather activity using a mobile Doppler Radar system, noted Texas A&M meteorology professor Mike Biggerstaff.

Mounted on the trailer of a large truck, an 8-foot radar dish is a key component of the SMART-R (Shared Mobile Atmospheric Radar for Teaching and Research) project

that will allow students and scientists to travel with weather systems as they move throughout the region.

"We'll be able to get right up next to the storms and get very high-resolution images," Biggerstaff said. "We can move with a storm and stay really close to them."

He expects SMART-R to be operational by year's end and noted that its computers "will be Y2K compatible."

The universities and the NSSL each will have use of the system for three months at a time, but the three entities also will conduct cooperative research projects periodically.

By setting up a three-month rotation, he said, "We can study winter storms one year, spring storms the next and summer storms the

year after that."

In addition to increased proximity, Biggerstaff said the radar system will offer a more detailed view of weather activity.

The German prince, Albert, after his marriage to Queen Victoria, brought the custom of decorating a Christmas tree to England and German immigrants brought it to America.



Casey & Alisha Phillips, Jeremy Ty, Tanner & Tucker Ripley are excited & proud to announce the arrival of their new sister & brother - Twins!

Born February 18, 1999

at University Medical Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Alissa Taylor Ripley

Time: 3:58 a.m.

Length: 17¼ inches

Weight: 4 lbs., 15 oz.

Anthony Thomas Ripley

Time: 8:16 a.m.

Length: 18¼ inches

Weight: 5 lbs., 1 oz.

Parents: **Vickie & Tony Ripley**, Artesia, New Mexico

Grandparents: Jerry Lloyd & Elva Lenora Light Slaughter, Midland, Texas; Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Ripley, Gorman, Texas; the late Sue Pittman Ripley

Great-Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Pittman, DeLeon, Texas; the late R. B. & Altha Jewel Bessent Slaughter, San Saba, Texas; the late Edgar Riley & Wilma Juanita Smith Light, Cherokee, Texas

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Welcome Spring with this easy-to-prepare brunch bursting with the flavors and colors of the season. With the fiber and nutrition of a whole grain crust, Springtime Brunch Pie is a delicious and easy main course that can be made ahead and reheated in the microwave oven. Moist and flavorful, Strawberry Banana Bread combines the goodness of fruit and oatmeal - a whole grain ingredient that can be a low fat source of soluble and insoluble fiber while adding great flavor, texture and nutrition.



Springtime Brunch Pie is a delicious entree that combines a flavorful filling with the wholesome goodness of an oatmeal crust.

Wonderfully tangy and sweet Festive Fruit Salad blends the convenience of canned fruit with readily available fruits of the season. Complete your brunch menu with your favorite fresh or frozen steamed vegetables seasoned with fresh herbs and a squeeze of lemon.

Serve a variety of refreshing drinks such as flavored coffee and iced teas along with chilled orange and lemon juices. Serve the cool drinks in tall glasses and garnish them with mint sprigs, fruit slices or long-stemmed maraschino cherries for a festive look.

Decorate your table with an arrangement of flowers from the garden - colorful tulips, daffodils, lilies and greens. No matter what the occasion, this wonderful make-ahead brunch, complete with nutritious whole grain oats, fruits and vegetables, creates an instant celebration.

Springtime Brunch Pie

This incredibly beautiful and delicious main course will take center stage!

Crust
1 cup 3 Minute Brand® Old Fashioned or Quick Oats
¾ cup all-purpose flour
¾ teaspoon salt
3 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons olive oil

Filling
4 oz. bulk Italian sausage
1 tablespoon chopped onion
¾ cup diced tomatoes
¾ teaspoon Italian seasoning
¾ teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon ground pepper
1 cup half-and-half
2 eggs
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
Green pepper rings for garnish, optional

Crust
Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine oats, flour, salt, cream cheese and oil until blended. Press mixture evenly onto sides and bottom of a 9-inch glass pie plate.

Filling
Cook sausage and onions in skillet until browned, drain. Add tomatoes, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Combine half-and-half, eggs and cheese in small bowl; pour over meat mixture. Stir to combine, pour into prepared crust. If desired, garnish with rings of green pepper. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Note: Pie may be prepared and baked ahead of time and reheated in the microwave oven on "HIGH" for

6 to 8 minutes or until heated through, rotating plate every 2 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Strawberry-Banana Bread

This fragrant and delicious bread freezes well. Just thaw at room temperature several hours before slicing and serving.

1½ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup 3 Minute Brand® Old Fashioned Oats or ¾ cup 3 Minute Brand® Quick Oats
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¾ teaspoon baking soda
¾ teaspoon salt
¾ cup chopped walnuts, optional
1 cup mashed strawberries*
¾ cup mashed banana
¾ cup vegetable oil
2 eggs

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease two 8x4x3-inch pans or one 9x5x3-inch pan. Combine flour, oats, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda, salt and walnuts, if desired, in bowl. In separate bowl, combine strawberries, banana, oil and eggs; add to flour mixture and stir just until moistened. Spoon batter into prepared pan(s). Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 50 to 55 minutes for smaller loaves, 60 to 65 minutes for large loaf. Cool 15 minutes in pan; remove to wire rack to cool completely. Serve with strawberry butter, if desired.

*Fresh or frozen whole, unsweetened strawberries, thawed, may be used. Makes 2 small loaves or 1 large loaf.

Strawberry Butter

The crowning touch when served with Strawberry Banana Bread, bagels or English Muffins.

¾ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
2 tablespoons strawberry preserves

Beat butter and preserves until well blended and smooth. Spoon into serving dish or mold into a heart shape, place on a plate and chill until ready to serve.

Festive Fruit Salad

This quick and easy fruit salad makes any meal a celebration.

1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks in natural juice, drained (reserve juice)
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
1 cup sliced bananas
1 cup sliced peaches
1 cup sliced kiwifruit
1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
¾ cup fresh blueberries
¾ cup sliced or slivered almonds
¾ cup plain non-fat yogurt
¾ cup powdered sugar
2 teaspoons orange juice
¾ teaspoon almond extract

Combine pineapple, oranges, bananas, peaches, kiwifruit, strawberries, blueberries and almonds in large bowl. Combine ¾ cup reserved pineapple juice, yogurt, powdered sugar, orange juice and almond extract in small bowl; stir until well mixed and powdered sugar is dissolved. Pour over fruit and stir gently. Chill 1 to 2 hours, stirring twice. Makes about 8 cups.



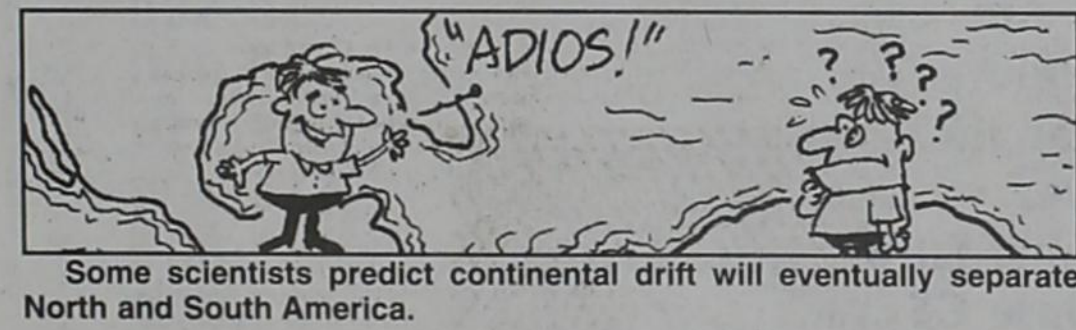
4TH GRADE - Oral Reading -- Matthew Smith - 1st Place, Kaci Seaton - 2nd Place, Brittany Shirley, 4th Place; Spelling - Kristy Carlton - 4th Place; Spelling Team - 3rd Place - Kristy Carlton, Leland Rainey and Matthew Smith.



5TH GRADE - Listening - Seth Harley - tied for 1st place; Oral Reading - David Wilkins - 6th Place; Ready Writing - Amber Lewis - 6th Place; Music Memory - Nikki Keith, Sterling McCauley, Jessica Sheppard - 1st Place; Art - 4th Place - Zack Bryan, Cindy Lopez and Krista Brown.



6TH GRADE - Calculator - Rachel Granada - 5th Place; Calculator Team - 3rd Place - Rachel Granada, D. J. Brown, and Kim Ibarra; Music Memory - Laura Raygoza, Kim Ibarra, Hector de la Torre - 3rd Place; Maps, Graphs, and Charts - D. J. Brown - 4th Place; Ready Writing - Jennifer Blaylock - 3rd Place; Spelling - Jennifer Blaylock - 2nd Place; Spelling Team - 2nd Place - Jennifer Blaylock, Clint Jones, and Ashlee Hornback.



Some scientists predict continental drift will eventually separate North and South America.

IRS Offers Free Help

The Internal Revenue Service offers free tax help and year-round customer service to taxpayers. Get free Publication 910, *Guide to Free Tax Services*, to read all about the tax help, publications and services for individuals and businesses. Call 1-800-829-3676 to order. Here are some highlights.

Advocates for Taxpayers

People who have not found help with their tax problem through traditional IRS contacts can ask their taxpayer advocate for help. The advocate has the authority to cut through red tape and intercede for people who are experiencing a hardship because of a tax problem. Call toll-free 1-877-777-4778.

Volunteer Tax Help

Get help with basic tax returns through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Both provide specially trained volunteers to prepare basic tax returns. VITA and TCE volunteers help older individuals, those with disabilities, and non-English speaking taxpayers with their taxes in places convenient to them. Call the IRS for the nearest location.

Braille and Large-Print Materials
Federal tax materials in Braille are available at Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in conjunction with the Library of Congress. These materials include Publication 17, *Your Federal Income Tax*; Publication 334, *Tax Guide For Small Business*, and Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ, and Schedules A and B, with instructions. Large-print copies of Form 1040, its schedules and instructions are in Publication 1614. Large-print copies of Form 1040A, Schedules 1, 3 and EIC, and instructions are in Publication 1615. The copies can be used as worksheets to figure tax, but can't be filed as tax returns.



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Dairy Queen Manager Dana McGough Receives Turnaround Manager Award



Dairy Queen Manager, Dana McGough (right) accepts Richeson Companies' Turnaround Manager Award from Doris Richeson, Richeson Companies' President (left).

During the Richeson Companies' Spring Leadership Conference held recently in Graham, Texas, Dana McGough, a Dairy Queen manager, was awarded the Turnaround Manager Award. Richeson Companies commended Dana McGough for turnaround management of Dairy Queen of Gorman, where she posted record sales gains, pleasing her customers and introducing new customers to Dairy Queen. The award was given at the Richeson Companies' Leadership Conference, which is a meeting of the company's 45 stores, held for the purpose of developing customer service, following new trends, food keeping and cooking updates, and co-worker retention. The focus of this year's Leadership Conference was customer service in various areas; customers, recruiting, retaining, and motivation.

Floy Morrison Celebrates 90th Birthday In Alba



Henry Ford had not yet formed his auto company and sold his first automobile when Floy Morrison, long time resident of the area, was born March 30, 1909. Motion pictures were not yet being shown in theaters; McKinley was President (when re-elected that year, Theodore Roosevelt would be his vice-president); Pasadena turned out for the 11th annual Tournament of Roses (and if folks wanted to celebrate with the hard stuff, Plantation Whiskey was 75¢ a bottle); Hawaii became a territory; and U. S. population reached 76 million. There were 23,000 automobile owners in American, allowed to drive a head 8 miles an hour (for racing only, mind you). 1900 saw the first postage stamp booklet issued; the Davis Cup of Tennis was given for the first time; the World Games, or the Olympics opened in Paris; Helen Keller entered Radcliffe; Clamity Jane was still alive; and William Buffalo Bill Cody performed with his Rough Riders in New York's Madison Square Garden; and Floy F. Ford was born to Beatta Laura and Pickney F. Ford in Anson, where Mr. Ford was a druggist. Floy's mother was the fourth of nine children born to Harry C. and Cynthia Ann Hamlin, who settled in the Duster area in 1876.

Floy was a year old when the Oklahoma Territory was opened to settlers; Spindletop was brought in; Eastman Kodak began to make cameras and equipment; and the first Nobel Prize was awarded. She was three when the first World Series was held and the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk. That year a German, Richard Steiff, produced the first "teddy" bear named for Theodore Roosevelt who had refused to kill a bear cub on a hunting trip. When she was four, work was begun on the Panama Canal; at six she probably heard talk of the San Francisco earthquake. This woman's life is a history lesson.

Floy married Leslie Felix Crenshaw in 1918. The couple farmed in the Duster area until they moved to Ranger where Crenshaw worked in the oil fields. Later the family moved to East Texas where Crenshaw worked in a sawmill until he moved the family to Livingston where he began farming. The couple and their three children, Evelyn JoCiele, Herbert L., and James Eugene, lived there until Mr. Crenshaw's death in 1926.

Mrs. Crenshaw, now 26 with three young children, returned to this area where her mother, widowed and now remarried to James Walter Woody, lived in the Elm/New Hope community. She began work at the Gorman Telephone Company for \$1 a day but soon began work at Blackwell Hospital, again for \$1 a day. She married Horace Morrison, himself a widower, of Dublin in 1933 but was again widowed in May, 1936, leaving a daughter, Norma Lois, by Morrison's first marriage, her three Crenshaw children, and an eleven month old baby girl, Patricia Ann. Mrs. Morrison returned to nursing and continued to nurse there and later in private homes until she retired at the age of 75.

Known as an avid fisherman, she would often work 12-hour shifts, grab her fishing equipment, and spend the next 12 hours catching fish that made her the envy of many a fisherman. Some of her favorite fishing trips were those made to the Rio Grande with Gene and Reta Crenshaw, where she spent as much time roaming the hills in search of cacti as she did in camp or in the boat. Her love of fishing explains her relocating to Lake Fork in East Texas, where she continues to live on her own, fish, quilt, crochet, read voraciously, work crossword puzzles, play a "mean" game of Canasta, make day trips around the area, and occasionally return "home" to visit with friends and attend the Gorman Church of Christ, where she was a member for more than 60 years.

Some special people in 1900: Margaret Mitchell, writer; Louis Armstrong, musician; Aaron Copeland, composer; Thomas Wolfe, novelist; Spenser Tracy, actor; and Floy Ford Crenshaw Morrison. Family and local friends gathered in Alba on March 30th to celebrate her birthday and her life. Those friends wishing to send cards or notes should send them to Rt. 2, Box 293X, Alba, Texas 75410.

The Sacred Cod hangs over the rear of the chamber of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in Boston. The five-foot carved fish symbolizes the importance of the fishing industry in the state's early growth and development.

SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL VALUATION AVAILABLE

The following information is provided to property owners within Eastland County in compliance with publication requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

If you are the owner of land that is being currently used for some type of agricultural use or activity; you may qualify your land for a special use valuation for ad valorem tax purposes.

Landowners who have not already filed must file for special use valuation with the Eastland County Appraisal District by April 30, 1999. The Texas Constitution provides for two (2) types of agricultural productivity appraisal. Article 8, Section 1-d-1 allows what is known as Open Space Land appraisal; while Article 8, Section 1-d allows agricultural use appraisal. The requirements for applying and qualifying both the land and the owner are different for each of the two types.

Most property owners apply for the 1-d-1 or Open Space appraisal. This special appraisal requires that the land's use in a qualifying agricultural endeavor meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. The owner must show that the land's use is devoted principally to agricultural use and that it has been for at least five (5) of the preceding seven (7) years.

Landowners should be aware that the law does require a rollback to be incurred when the qualified land is taken out of agricultural use. The rollback tax includes the difference between the taxes paid under agricultural appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been on the tax roll at market value. The law also requires that the rollback tax include interest charges of seven (7) percent per year.

The application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptrollers office. The application must contain the information necessary to determine the validity of the application.

To apply for the Open Space Land valuation or the Agricultural Appraisal use valuation on your land; you should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District.

The filing deadline for this and other available special valuation is April 30, 1999. For additional information or to request an application; call or come by the Eastland County Appraisal District office. The telephone number is 629-8597 and the office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas.

Texas A&M geographer studies TB to develop treatment strategy

COLLEGE STATION - With tuberculosis making a comeback in North America, a Texas A&M University geography professor says knowing where infected people are and how to deliver treatment to them is as important as developing medications to treat the deadly lung infection.

So Bakama BakamaNum and several students spent the past summer in Mexico, reviewing medical records to identify areas where the disease is most widespread. Their research is funded by a National Institutes of Health grant. BakamaNum said health officials in the United States are especially concerned about the tuberculosis traveling to and throughout this country, borne by immigrants with the highly contagious disease.

"That can be alarmist in a way, but if you look at some counties in a short time, so it appears that the infected individuals have migrated. Texas, you may see that there were cases last year - but not this year," he said. "This can be due to two factors: either they are being cured or they are moving to other counties. But it is not likely that they are being cured in such a short time, so it appears that the infected individuals have migrated."

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

On Tuesday, the 6th Grade Classes accompanied by their teachers came spreading Easter joys and giving Easter Place Cards. They were: *Mrs. Hampton - 6A* with Jennifer Blaylock, Kyle Broom, Gil Cochrane, Hector delaTorre, Rachel Granado, Casondra Grumbles, Kim Ibarra, Clint Jones, Ivan Madera, Divinity Sanders, Adam Spivey, Blake Turner, Ryan Wright, Juan Martinez, Cecilia Raygoza, April Perez and Dana Longoria. *Mrs. Forbus - 6A* with Lance Battenfield, D. J. Brown, Martha Cruz, Ariana Giles, Mike Grissom, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashelee Hornback, Frances Lewis, Scott Lewis, Johnathan O'Connor, Hank Rainey, Luis Ramirez, Adriana Ramirez, Amanda Davis, Amanda Hair, Carlos Herrera and Brandy Noble.

Vadis Phelps and Mary Williams were honored at the March Birthday Party on Thursday, March 25th at 2:30 p.m. "Alford" Mystry was guest entertainer.

The First United Methodist Church gave the honors beautiful corsages also gifts from Heritage Manor, First Baptist Church and Church of Christ.

Vadis Phelps family hosted the party serving a beautiful birthday cake with pink punch. They used birthday plates, cups and napkins. Hostesses were Fay Tucker, Birdie Hogan, Kelley Carruth, and Elnora Lindley.

Residents were Vadis Phelps, Velma Bennett, Veno Hale, Ann Mize, Frankie Jarrett, Ava Rodgers, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Ora Mae Atchison, Myrtle Hale, Irene Heathington, A. V. Seay, S. D. Gilmore, Stella Files, Ed Johnson, Iola Johnson, Jack and Mildred Bellos and Buddy Winn. Guests were the hostesses, Roxanna Scitern, Ina Smith, Ivan Frailey, Cathy Torrez, Bob Bailey, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

Edwin Harrison Passes Away

Edwin Harrison, 90, passed away Sunday, March 24, 1999 in the De Leon Hospital. Services were Wednesday, March 24th at 10:00 p.m. in Palestine in the Walston Springs Baptist Church. Burial was in the Chambers Cemetery in Palestine.

The widow of Clarence Harrison, a retired housewife and member of the Walston Baptist Church. Where she had been a member over 60 years.

Survivors are one son and wife, Tommy and Betty Harrison and one grandson Rhett Harrison of Stephenville.

Mr. Harrison stated his mother lived a very long active life and appreciated the loving services she received the short time she was sick at Heritage Manor.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie

Halcomb were Joe Beaty of Dalls, Juanita Spence of Little Elm and David and Denna Halcomb.

Those coming on Sunday from the Abundant Life Church were Rev. John Howard, Jr., Tara Howard, Lacy Howard. Guests were Joe Beaty, Juanita Spence, Clifton Jarrett, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett, Venita Hannon, Doris Fowler, Myrtle Hale, A. V. Seay, Pattie Whitehorn, S. D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Mae Eison, Ollie Halcomb, Bertha Gregory and Velma Bennett.

Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Jim Rodgers of Midlothian, Betty Sue Heathington of Knoxville, Tennessee, Ina Brown, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Faye Tucker, Maxine Morgan of Rising Star.

On Sunday morning Edna Joyce Brinegar taught the Sunday School lesson for Vena Hale, Inez Rogers, A. V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ollie Halcomb, Velma Bennett and guest Pat Graham.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Irene West, Vicki, Seth and Tyler Johnson, Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Ima Brown and Maxine Fraiser of De Leon.

On Sunday afternoon Bro. Bob Beeman of First United Methodist Church came and led the devotional and Mureal Gomez played the piano. Residents were Inez Rogers, A. V. Seay, Veno Hale, Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett, Iola Johnson, Ollie Halcomb, Pattie Whitehorn, Doris Fowler, S. D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows and guest Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers were Dixie Pack and Violet Watkins of Desdemona, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Fred Rogers, Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols, Barbara and Rachel Tucker.

Visiting Jack and Mildred Bellows were Pat and Darrell Howard, Mayvis Lasater and Eunice Love.

On Friday morning Ina Smith had Bingo for Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, A. V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Iola Johnson, S. D. Gilmore, Venita Hannon, Velma Bennett and Bertha Gregory.

Some of Rubye Jones and Vadis Phelps guests were Vicki, Seth and Tyler Johnson, Birdie Hogan, Faye Tucker, Elnora Lindley, and Kelley Carruth.

On Friday afternoon Mary Ficklen of Desdemona came and read "Let Evening Come", Reflections on aging by Mary C. Morrison. Residents were Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae

Atchison, A. V. Seay, Jack Bellows, S. D. Gilmore, Dorothy Beaty and guest Nancy Hendricks. She served a choice of delicious peack cobbler or apple cobbler.

Visiting A. V. Seay and Myrtle Hale were Emma Lou Isibell and Milly Frasier of Irving, Thurman Hale and Argie and Marjie Hale of De Leon, Enis and Nina Joiner, Mayvis Lasater and Eunice Love.

On Monday Ina Smith had Bingo for Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Bud Winn, Pattie Whitehorn, Bertha Gregory, A. V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Jack and Mildred Bellows, S. D. Gilmore, Myrtle Hale and Iola Johnson.

Some of Ann Mize and Velma Bennett's guests were Maxine Rouch of Midland, Doyle Hughes of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Debra Caraway, Roxanne Scitern, Bro. Bob Beeman, Mayvis Lasater and Ruth Bryant.

Visiting Hazel Wisdom and Hazel Wisdom were Kirk, Merdith and Peyton Siler of Elgin, Pat Kincannon of Hico, Eloise Williams and Bob Wisdom.

Visiting Venita Hannon were Chris Shupp, Jamie Hannon, Sam and Emily Torrez, Eunice Love and Pat Hagood.

Those coming for the Monday "Sing-a-Long" were Alpha Mae Andry, Zeld Jordan, Rev. T. D. Whitehorn, Ethel Weaver, Ervnestine Campbell, Nancy Hendricks, Ann Warren, Daisy Slaton, Ruby Lee Dennis and Nina Joiner. Residents were Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Jack and Mildred Bellows, A. V. Seay, Venita Hannon, Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, Mae Eison, Iola Johnson, S. D. Gilmore, Doris, Fowler and Dorothy Beaty.

Visiting Ed Johnson and Bill Hannah were Irene West, Fay Johnson, Johnathan VanDusen and Howard Hagood.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came an played the Keyboard and led singing for Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, A. V. Seay, Inez Rogers, S. D. Gilmore, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Velma Bennett, Patti Whitehorn, Frankie Jarrett, Hazel Wisdom, Ava Rodgers, Ann Mize, Myrtle Hale, and Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Bea O'Neal and Doris Fowler were Mayvis Lasater, Pat Hagood, June Salik and Eunice Love.

Those enjoying "Questions and Answers" with Ina Smith on Tuesday afternoon were Iola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ollie Halcomb, A. V. Seay, Myrtle Hale, S. D. Gilmore, Frankie Jarrett, Pattie Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty and Ora Mae Atchison.

Some of Bertha Gregory's guests were John and Mark Miears of Bowie, Louise Hollywood, Joe and Kari Hollywood of Eastland, Benton Echols and Agatha Nance of Desdemona, James and Eula Lee Miears, Barbara Tucker and Nancy Hendricks.

On Wednesday morning Ina Smith had Chapel for Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, A. V. Seay, Iola Johnson, Frankie Jarrett, Ora Mae Atchison, Pattie Whitehorn, Jack Bellows, Veno Hale, S. D. Gilmore and Mae Eison.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington of Knoxville, Tennessee, Pat Hagood and Mayvis Lasater.

Ina Smith had "Residents Rights" on Wednesday afternoon for Veno Hale, Ava Rodgers, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn, Mildred Bellows, S. D. Gilmore, A. V. Seay, Velma Bennett and Iola Johnson.

Some of Iola Johnson and Veno Hale's guests were Ina Reynolds, Pat Hagood and Sammie Krause of Carbon.

Residents appreciated the Readers Digest given by Mrs. Ann Jay.

Ina Smith had Council Meeting on Thursday morning for A. V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, S. D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Frankie Jarrett, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, and Myrtle Hale.

Linda Warren, Pat Hagood, Betty Harrison and Durwood Webb visited S. D. Gilmore.

Visiting Voleta Richardson were Jo Etheredge.



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