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3rd Annual Community Garage Sale — May 5

The third Community Garage Sale is set for Saturday May 5. Our first two had some excellent turnouts and we want to do it again. It will be like before, all you have to do is call in with your name and address and you will be put on the general map. These maps will be available ON THE DAY OF THE GARAGE SALE at several local merchants' stores. We will run ads in the following newspapers: Gorman, DeLeon, Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Rising Star, Baird, Stephenville, Dublin, and Abilene.

If you would like to participate just call Eula Micars at 734-2517 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637.

Lasater-Taylor to Wed



Ms. Lisa Rankin Taylor and Mr. Hal Dwayne Lasater are pleased to announce that they will be united in marriage on Saturday, May 19.

Lisa is the daughter of Joyce and Bill McNeely of Waxahachie, and Ralph F. Rankin of Dallas. She is the mother of Aaron, Sean, Joseph and Lauren Tamez of Read Oak. She is a 1981 graduate of Waxahachie High School and is a contract administrator for the Department of Defence, Contract Management Agency, where she has been employed for 19 years.

Hal is the son of Mayvis and the late Hulen Lasater of Gorman, Texas. He is the father of Anthony Edmiston and Jessika Brantley; has a son-in-law, Lance Brantley, and a granddaughter, Breka Tatum Brantley, all of Midlothian. He is a 1971 graduate of Gorman High School as has been employed by TXI Midlothian Cement Plant for 28 years, where he is currently a plant engineer.

The couple will reside in Waxahachie.

Gorman United Methodist Church Revival

The United Methodist Church would like to invite you to join us for a time of fellowship during our Revival. Our revival begins Sunday morning 11AM, and Sunday, Mon & Tues nite at 7PM.

Our speaker will be Rev. Stephen Schmidt, pastor at DeLeon First United Methodist.

Rev. Schmidt has been in the ministry for the past 20 years. He has been in DeLeon since October of 1999. Prior to moving to DeLeon, Stephen pastored the Methodist Church at Oak Park. He served as the associate pastor for the FUMC in Killeen; and has also served as the pastor of the Palo Pinto/Graford UMC; and the the Chatfield and Barry UMC. Stephen graduated from the Brite Divinity School in 1987 and was ordained as an elder of the Central Texas Conference in 1989. He was chosen to participate in the Perkins Mentor Program for Outstanding Young Pastors in 1991. He was the 1998 clergy recipient of the Morris Walker Award, in recognition of exemplary service in the Central Texas Conference.

Rev. Schmidt and his wife Karen have three daughters: Sarah, 16, Samantha, 14, and Stephanie, 13. Stephen and Karen have been involved in the 4-H program in Comanche County where they serve as Club Managers. Their daughters are also involved in raising livestock for stock shows, school music programs and girls athletics. The family also enjoys singing Christian music together, and they have performed at various revivals and events in the Central Texas area.

Stephen brings fresh message of revival and renewal in the church.

New Hope Baptist Church Presenting 12-Part Video Series

New Hope Baptist Church in connection with Answers Media will be presenting a 12 part video series called "Answers...with Ken Ham" beginning Sunday, May 6 at 7:00 P.M.

In this dynamic and challenging series, internationally known speaker and author, Ken Ham, presents solid answers to some of the most-asked questions about evolutionary dogma and the authority and accuracy of Scripture.

Are the opening chapters of the book of Genesis literal history? What is the connection between evolution and the social ills of our day such as racism and abortion? Why is Christianity losing its effectiveness in our culture? These are just some of the questions that are addressed in the *first segment* of the 12 part "Answers" series.

This timely series is open to the entire community and beyond. Admission is free. A nursery will be provided.

Oakland Cemetery Annual Meeting

The yearly meeting of the Oakland Cemetery Association will take place on Saturday, May 5th at 10 a.m. at the cemetery.

We need each and everyone of you who have loved ones resting at this cemetery to take part in the meeting and help in the financial support of the cemetery.

We have some voting on staff elections to be taken care of at this meeting. We need all to take a part in these concerns.

We need the younger people to become concerned and involved in this cause. For the health and well being of the cemetery in years to come, we need you to become an active part of it now.

We thank everyone for their support in the past and hoping to have your presence at the meeting this year.

s/ Opal Dennis Burton - Secretary

National Day of Prayer Slated For Thursday, May 3

A community-wide observance of the 50th Annual National Day of prayer will be held at the downtown City Park on Thursday, May 3, at 12 noon.

The Messengers will be singing, and citizens from throughout the community will be participating in the program. Limited seating will be provided. You may bring a blanket, lawn chair, etc. You are welcome to bring your lunch. The program will conclude before 1 p.m.

Come and be a part of this most important event.

5th Grade Graduation -- Together Against Drug Program

The graduation ceremony for all of the fifth grade students that has participated in the TOGETHER AGAINST DRUG PROGRAM will be on May 4th, in the high school auditorium at 2:45 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Please come and support the Gorman 5th grade.

Christopher Torres--Eagle Scout Project

Hi, my name is Christopher Torres. I am working on my Eagle Scout Project. I have decided to do an Organ Donor Drive. I'm hoping to sign up 10 donors. I will have a table set up at the Health Fair on May 22, 2001.

It is very important to get the word out because you can save a life. As everyone knows, we lost one of Gorman's you man last year, who knows he could have saved a life or two by donating his organs.

So please help me achieve my goal of getting 10 donors signed up.
Christopher Torres

KOKOMO-SIMPSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING MAY 5

The annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery, weather permitting. Otherwise it will be held at the Kokomo Community Center.

Anyone who has family or friends buried in the cemeteries at the Kokomo Cemeteries are encouraged to attend the meeting. Come and bring a lunch to be spread and shared at the Community Center following the meeting, and enjoy visiting with relatives, friends and neighbors.

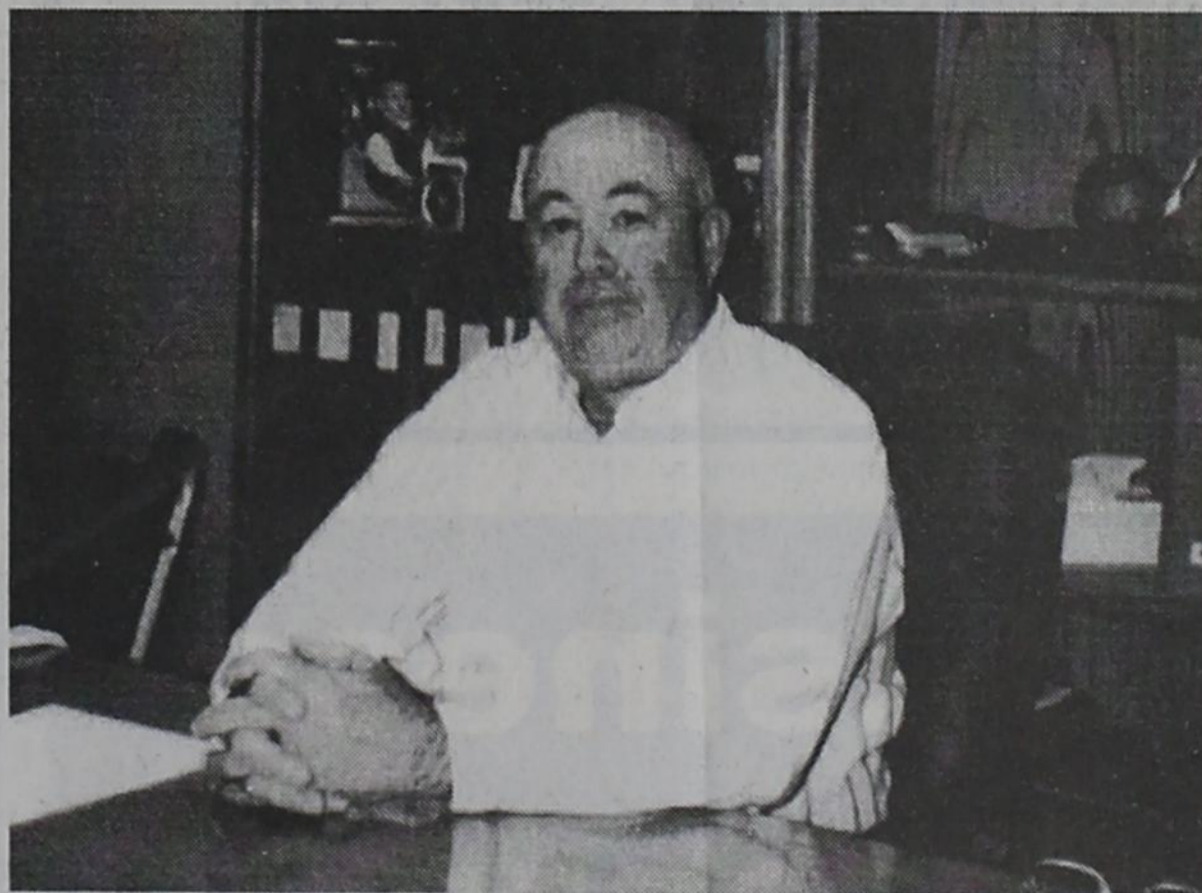
We look forward to seeing you there.

The Cemetery Association Committee

Member of the Bi-Centennial Committee?

It has been brought to my attention that there is unclaimed money with the state of Texas in the name of the Bi-Centennial Committee back when it was Citizens National Bank. If you were a member of this committee or remember anything about it, would you please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3637 or 734-3933. It must be at least \$50 for it to be listed, it would be good to claim this money and put it to good use in the community, since we will be celebrating our 100th birthday next May. Thanks to any interest.

Gene Shackelford To Retire After 30 Years



Band Concert

A band concert will be held on Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Gorman High School auditorium. 4th grade band, 5th and 6th grade band, Jr. High band, and High School band will perform.

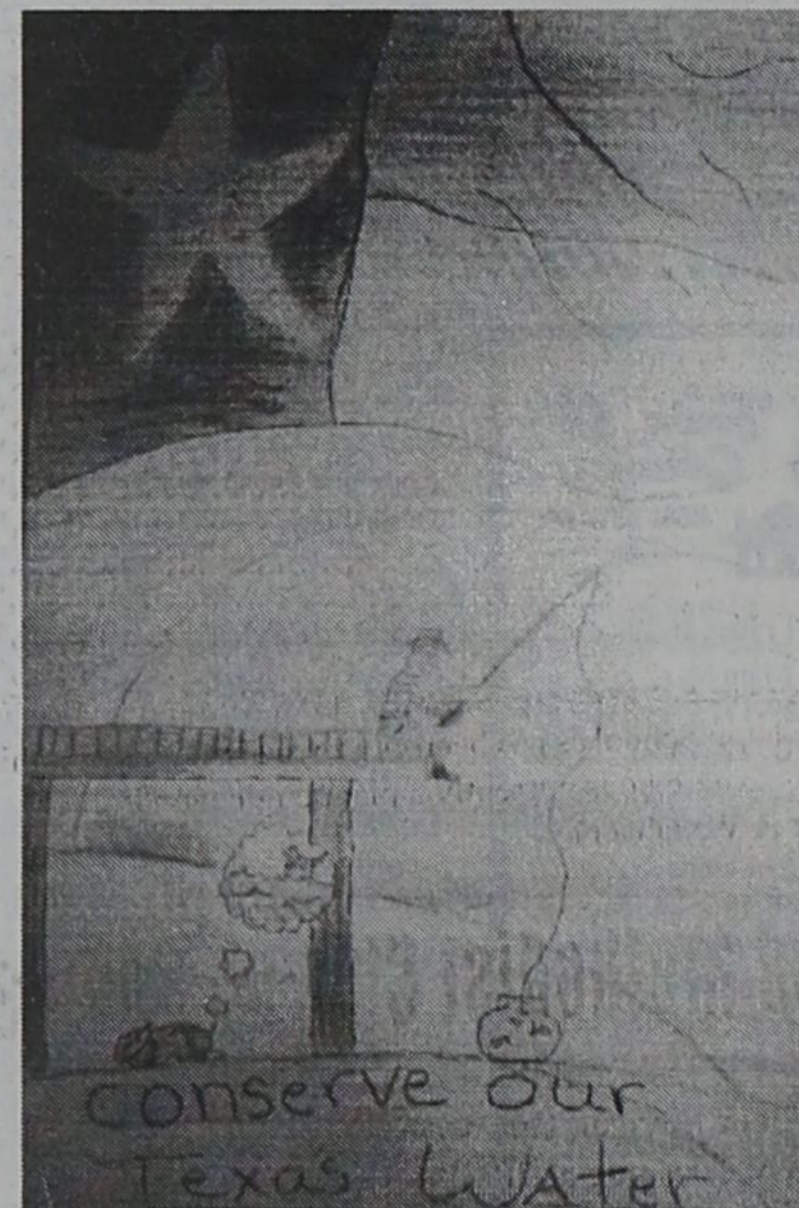
Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Kaci Seaton Wins in Poster and Essay Contest



Kaci Seaton, a 6th grade student at Maxfield Elementary School, won Third Place in the Poster Competition in the Texas Water Utilities Association's 2001 Poster/Essay Contest. This year's theme was "Water Conservation Measure." The Association Public Education Committee (each year) invites 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students from approximately 180 schools in Texas to participate in Poster/Essay contest.

The Association's Public education Committee completed the judging, and the winning entries were displayed at the 83rd T.W.U.A. Annual School in March 2001 at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. In addition to our congratulations, Kaci Seaton will receive a \$75.00 U.S. Savings Bond for her Third Place Poster Entry from the Texas Water Utilities Association.



The Texas Water Utilities Association is a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Austin, Texas. It exists to provide education and training opportunities for water and wastewater operators, managers, laboratory personnel, customer service technicians and others in the water utilities profession in Texas, and to educate the public about this important industry.

Gorman Independent School District Superintendent, Gene Shackelford, is retiring after 30 years in the profession. He has been Superintendent of the Gorman School District the last 8 years.

The board of Trustees has hired Mr. Leslie Vann as the new Superintendent. Mr. Vann is currently the Superintendent at Lometa, he has been the Superintendent in Lometa for 2 years. He was a principal at Wellman-Union Independent School District for 4 years, a principal in Lometa for 1 year, he was an agriculture teacher at Sands consolidated Independent School District for 4 years, an Ag teacher at Klondike Independent School District for 4 years, and an Ag teacher at Holiday Independent School District for 1 year.

Mr. Vann is married and has one son, Melody and Miles. Mr. Vann will start his duties in Gorman on July 1.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

Peanut Festival Committee Meeting 5:15 p.m., May 9.

The Rock Bluff Baptist Church All-Day Singing will be on Sunday, May 6, from 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. Covered dish luncheon will be served. County Rd. 461 or 476. Everyone is invited!

The Sipe Springs Musical will be held on Saturday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Sipe Springs Community Center. All musicians and public is invited.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Peyton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Every Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

FOOD PANTRY
Second Thursday of Each Month

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Roy Lipson, Worshipful Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE MAY 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

"WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!"

"HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!"

That's the reaction I have gotten about being a candidate for the Gorman School Board.

My reply is, "I'm not sure" -- "maybe, but I love our school."

I was born and raised in Gorman and graduated from Gorman Schools. In fact, my whole family, going back to my grandfather, have been a part of this school. My father, Arnold Butler, and my grandfather, Bedford Butler, served on the Gorman School Board. My son graduated here in 2000 and my daughter will graduate in May, 2001.

What are my qualifications? I care about our school and our children. I want our kids to get a good education in all academics, band and sports. I want our kids to develop good self-esteem in order to excel in everything they do. After all, they are our future. I want everyone to be proud of the fact that they attended and graduated from Gorman High School.

Oh, by the way, I am Anna Lee (Butler) Roberts. I would appreciate your vote on Saturday, May 5 2001.

John Howard

School Board Candidate

My name is John Howard, Jr. I am a 1980 graduate of Gorman High School. I am currently Pastor of the Endant Life Church, as well as Band Director/Music Teacher for the Rising Star ISD. My wife, later our family, have been involved in the ministry every since we were married in July of 1980. We traveled for 6 1/2 years. We then served in an Assistant Pastor position in Wichita Falls, Texas. Then we pastored in Snyder, Texas. At this time, I took a position as Youth Secretary, and then Youth President of the Texico District. In this capacity we organized activities for the youth of 93 churches. I also served as chairman on a National committee that did a study and initiated Bible Club America. This Club allows youth to organize and run Bible Clubs in Public schools. I am interested in the School board for two reasons. 1. To give something back to a great district which did so much for me during my Soph.-Senior years of High School. 2. I am interested in helping make the decisions which effect our youth for the rest of their lives. I think that the members of former boards have done a great job. I am sure that with the collage of candidates running for office this term, that the election will be a success, due to the number of good candidates who have submitted their names. If you de-

Beth Underwood - School Board

My name is Beth Underwood. I am a candidate for the Gorman School Board. I graduated from Gorman High School and have lived here most of my life. I am married to Ted Underwood and we have a son, Trey, enrolled at Maxfield Elementary. I have been a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for the past five years. I am running for a position on the school board because I am interested and concerned about our children and school. I believe I would be an asset to the school board because I have a child attending school in Gorman and, as an employee at Southwestern Peanut Growers' Assn. for 21 years, I have experience in accounting and auditing. I want our children to have the most opportunities possible, both in academics and athletics. If elected, I will work to make our school the best it can be for our children and for our community. I would appreciate your vote.

School Board Candidate

My name is William Hair, some people know me as Bill Hair. I would like to tell you about myself, my family, and my reasons for seeking election into the school board.

I was raised in Merkel, Texas, where I attended school and graduated in 1988. I met and married Sherri Boyd, who lived in Abilene, Texas, with her parents Butch and Brenda Boyd, who were born and raised in Gorman. We moved to Gorman in 1998, we reside at 207 Rogan Street.

I was a truck driver for 9 years to support my family. Then due to an injury to my back resulting in surgeries, I am returning to school at Cisco Junior College to become a computer networking engineer. I am excited about learning a new trade so that I can be home with my family more, and be more involved with my children and their interests.

I have three daughters, Amanda, Shanna, and Ashley. They all are active in sports and other activities. They all attend Gorman schools. We are members at New Hope Baptist Church.

My reasons for seeking election is I am concerned with the education of not only my children but your children also. I know that I could help make a difference in our children by taking part in their interests. Serving as a school

board member, I could also help to take part in their education. I ask for your vote on election day. If elected I will do the best job I can do to make a difference in our young people's lives. Thank you, s/William Hair-[Bill]

Dear Friends:
I am writing this letter to tell you something about myself and why I have decided to run for election to the Gorman ISD School Board.

I am a 1979 graduate of Gorman High School. After obtaining a quality education in the Gorman school system, I was able to go on and earn my bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and eventually my master's degree from The University of Texas. For seventeen years, I have been working in different types of jobs in the education system. My experience includes employment as a classroom teacher on the elementary and secondary levels, a special education teacher, and an education program coordinator in private institution. For the last six years, I have worked as an educational diagnostician handling assessment and programming issues for special education students at all grade levels. As a bilingual educator in the Spanish language, I have experience dealing with the unique needs of the students learning the English language. I am currently employed by the Comanche Special Services Cooperative where I serve as an educational diagnostician in seven nearby school districts.

Almost two years ago, I returned to live in the Gorman community. During the years that I was away from Gorman, I realized the importance of what the Gorman school system had done for me. At this time, I would like to be able to return a portion of that gift by serving on the Gorman School Board. I have a wide range of experience in the education system and knowledge of the current issues being faced by school districts across the state of Texas. As the job of providing our young people with a quality education becomes increasingly more complicated, particularly in small schools, I believe that I could make an important contribution in our local school system by serving as a school board member.

I respectfully ask for your vote on election day, and if elected, I will do my best to represent the entire Gorman community as a board member.

Sincerely,
s/ Melinda Harrington

board member, I could also help to take part in their education.

I ask for your vote on election day. If elected I will do the best job I can do to make a difference in our young people's lives.

Thank you,
s/William Hair-[Bill]

Lady Panthers To Play In Bi-District Game

The Lady Panthers prove the adage of Yogi Berra, "it is not over, till it's over." The Lady Panthers fell behind 6 to 0 after the 1st inning, but come back to tie the game at 6 apiece in the 2nd inning. The Lady Panthers received 5 straight free passes to Lydia Royster, Jamie Maupin, Emma Marin, Mandy Warren and Eva Rodriguez for two runs, then Emerald Guthery knocks in 2 runs with a single and score on a passed ball. Marin, meanwhile, had scored on a passed ball.

Mandy Warren holds the Lady Bulldogs in check until the 5th, where they pick up one run. Rachel Rainey comes on in relief in the 6th inning to put down a rally. The Lady Bulldogs get another run to make the score 8 to 6. The Lady Panthers score one in the 6th on a two-bagger by Rachel Rainey and two passed balls. The Lady Bulldogs get 3 more in the 7th for a 11 to 7 lead. Once again, the Lady Panthers come back to tie the game in the bottom of the 7th. Maupin grounds out to start the inning, Marin walks, Warren gets on via an error, Rodriguez gets hit by a pitch, and Guthery clears the bases with a triple and then scores on an error by the 3rd baseman.

International Tie Breaker rules take over in the 8th, which allows the Lady Bulldogs to begin the inning with a runner on 2nd base. With some good base running, the Hamilton squad scores 4 runs on a base on balls, 2 stolen bases, and two hits.

The Lady Panthers were not through yet. With Melinda Leal as the Lady Panthers runner on 2nd, she steals 3rd; Christina Mauney walks, goes to second on a passed ball; moves to 3rd as Royster grounds out and Leal scores. Mauney scores on an error on Maupin's fly ball making the final score 15 to 13 in favor of Hamilton.

The Lady Panthers record is 7 wins and 4 losses for the season, but a perfect 6 and 0 in District.

The Lady Panthers will play Tolar for Bi-District Tuesday, May 1st in Stephenville at Tarleton State University at 5:00 p.m.

School Menu

Week of May 7

Breakfast

- Monday**--Cereal, Graham crackers, milk, juice
- Tuesday**--Cheese toast, milk, juice
- Wednesday**--Danish, milk, juice
- Thursday**--Cereal, Graham crackers, milk, juice
- Friday**--Sausage biscuits, milk, juice

Lunch

- Monday**--Tuna or pimento cheese, pork-n-beans, fruit
- Tuesday**--Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tater tots
- Wednesday**--Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans
- Thursday**--Nacho with meat and cheese sauce, salad, chocolate chip bars
- Friday**--Hamburgers, fries, fruit

Thank You

We want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the ball park Saturday and supported our ball teams.

A special 'Thanks' goes out to ZJ's Steakhouse for donating the hamburger meat, City Grocery for preparing our vegetables and to Lucio Pacheco for cooking our hamburgers.

We also want to thank the parents for their help in the concession stand and for preparing the field.

Everything was a big success.

Thank You, Gorman Baseball

Rebecca and Gary Browning Honored with Baby Shower

Rebecca and Gary Browning was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, April 29, 2001 at the Kokomo Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The serving table was covered with a white cloth and had a large Rabbit Doll as the centerpiece. Frosted punch, assorted cookies, mints and nuts were served.

Hostesses for the shower were: Mary Jane Little, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Jean Lasater, Betty Little, Jill Little, Glynda Bond, Shirley Good, Aletha Burgess, Verna Little, Carolyn Little, and Dianne Snider.

Special guests were the honorees mothers, Joan Robertson of Graham and Helen Browning of Kokomo.

The many pretty and useful gifts were attractively arranged on tables and were passed around so each guest could enjoy viewing each gift.

Gorman City Minutes of April 29, 2001

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, and Commissioners; Judy Warren, Bill Vaughn, Alex Granado, and Donnie Rodgers. Others present were Peyton Vaughn, Lori Dodd, Vicki Seay, Sue Spivey, Barbara Smith, Joy Rogers, Rosecoe Reeves, Wesley Warren, Hershell Cordell, and Noah Landa.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Judy made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Donnie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Judy made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Alex made a second to the motion and motion carried 4-0.

There was no citizen present to comment on "Citizens In-Put".

No action on New and Old Business.

At this time Mayor Ervin read the Resolution Amendment for the grant to the Police Department through the Dept. of Criminal Justice. This was Resolution #105 - A amending Resolution #105. Alex made a motion to accept this amendment to Resolution #105, and Donnie made the second and the motion carried 4-0.

Lori and Peyton were present to give an update on the repairs and clean-up at the City Pool. It will take close to 20 gallons of paint to repaint the building itself, and there is a need for a new electric box, and the city will purchase the new grass for the area around the pool. The grassburrs have been so bad the last several years. All other methods of control have failed. So a work day has been planned to remove the existing grass and plant new.

At this time Judy made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Alex made the second and the motion carried 4-0. The time was 5:22 p.m.

At 7:15 p.m. Judy made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Alex made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Alex made a motion to hire Vicki Seay as the new City Municipal Judge. Judy made the second. The motion carried 4-0. Vicki will start as soon as possible. Upon hiring Vicki will be given the usual ninety (90) day probation period as an employee. If at the end of the probation period all is satisfactory with the Commission as well as Vicki the salary would most likely be increased.

There being no further business for discussion. Judy made the motion to adjourn. Donnie made a second and the motion carried.

**Kalyn Porter, Freshman
2001 Discus State Qualifier**

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4-H & FFA Pasture to Packer Awards Presented

The Eastland County 4-H and FFA Pasture To Packer program was completed April 17th at the Eastland County Beef Field Day with awards.



Daniel Nicks - Reserve Grand Champion; Ben Nicks - Grand Champion and Dustin Dove.

Terry Jones, Chairman of the Pasture To Packer Program, presented awards to the five top participants.

Grand Champion went to Ben Nicks. Reserve Grand Champion honors went to Daniel Nicks. Harrison Land & Cattle was the producer of Ben's calf while Durwood Burgess produced the Reserve calf.

In the On Hoof Judging was Austin Harrison 1st, Daniel Nicks 2nd, Ben Nicks 3rd, Collin Ethridge 4th, and Dustin Dove 5th.

In the Carcass Competition, Daniel Nicks was 1st, Collin Ethridge 2nd, Ben Nicks 3rd, Austin Harrison 4th, Dustin Dove 5th.

In Interviews was Ben Nicks 1st, Austin Harrison 2nd, Daniel Nicks 3rd, Collin Ethridge 4th and Dustin Dove 5th. In the Records & Performance was Ben Nicks 1st, Daniel Nicks 2nd, Austin Harrison 3rd, Collin Ethridge 4th and Dustin Dove 5th.

Judges for this year's competition were Dr. Steve Hammack, TAEX on Hoof and Interviews; Dr. Randy Hinds, Meat Professor Tarleton State, on Carcass; and Records were judged by Jerry Conring Vocational Ag Teacher, Eastland High School. Other Eastland County producers furnishing cattle were Gregg Goode, Jeff Buckley and Birdsong/Everton. The producers did a good job with the cattle.

A special thanks to our sponsors this year...Ranger Auction Company, Gorman Milling Company, Eastland County Farm Bureau, American State Bank-Gorman, Eastland National Bank, Higginbotham-Bartlett-Eastland, AgTexas Credit Services-Eastland, First American Bank-Eastland, Cisco Livestock Raisers Association-Cisco.

Also a special thanks goes to the Pasture to Packer Committee for their hard work. Committee members are: Kris Brown, Clint Ferguson, Dr. Steve Hammack, Bill Harrison, Dave Humiston, Terry Jones, Raymond Lane, Thomas Seay, and Windell Treadway.

Manuelita Madera Receives Award at CJC

Cisco Junior College conducted its Thirty-third Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 23. Each spring semester CJC recognizes and honors those members of the student body who have proven themselves to be outstanding students and persons. Students were recognized in several categories which include scholastic and extracurricular achievement. The student in this area receiving awards was Manuelita Madera, President's List.

NOTICE OF MEETING

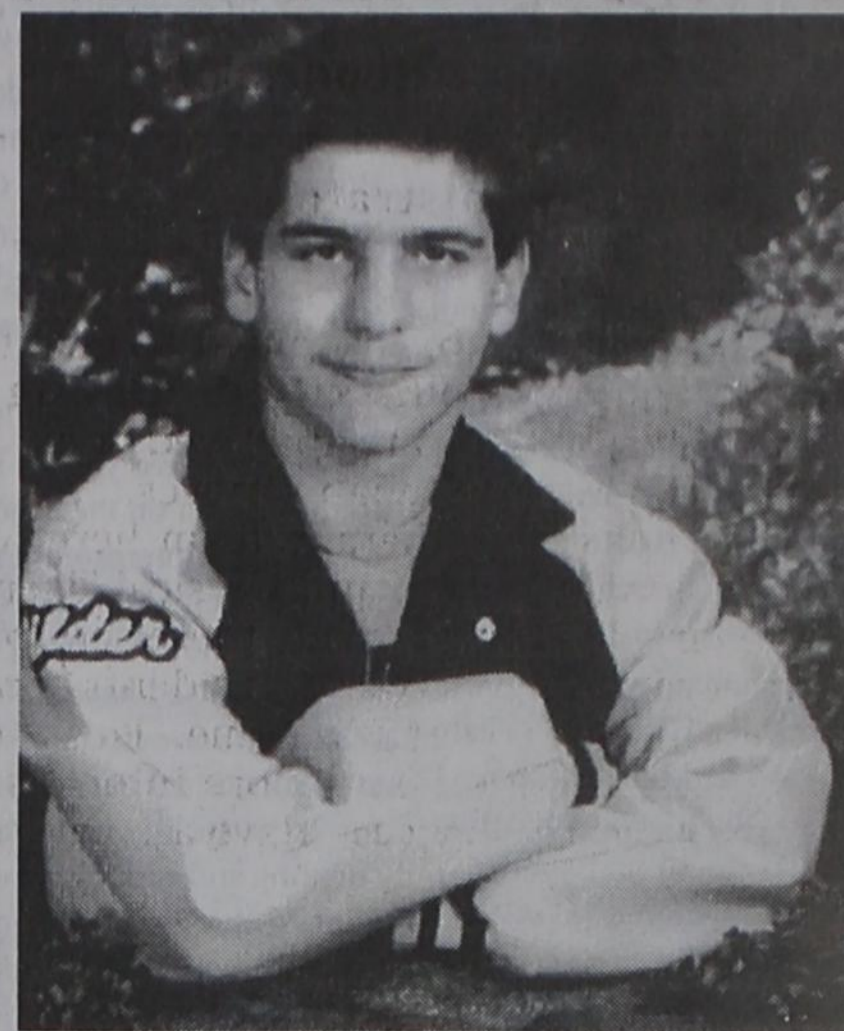
Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Historical Commission will meet in a regular full commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at the Eastland Bed and Breakfast, 112 North Lamar, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Call to Order
2. General Discussion
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Adjourn

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioners' Court and Eastland County Historical Commission.

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Eastland County Historical Commission.

Matt Wilder Placed 3rd in Pole Vaulting Russellville, Arkansas



Matt Wilder, 14 year old son of Monty and Julia (Stacy) Wilder of Hot Springs, Arkansas, won 3rd place at the 5A Jr. High Conference Track Meet in Russellville, Arkansas, by Pole Vaulting 11'8". He is also ranked 3rd in the State Jr. High Division.

Matt has raised his personal record each meet this season, he started at 9'6" and finished the season with 11'8".

He attends Lake Hamilton Jr. High. Matt is the nephew of Scott and Nan Stacy and grandson of Bertie Stacy.

TXOL Internet Class

TXOL Internet will be presenting a class on Thursday evening, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. The classes are for anyone who wants to attend and learn about the Internet and more on how to use it.

Examples using the Microsoft Internet Explorer and Outlook Express programs will be shown.

Reservations are not required and everyone is welcome to attend.

The class will be held at Bryan's Auto and Computers TXOL Internet, South-west Side Seminar Room Entry, 925 East Main Street, Eastland.

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Our community has been totally shocked since receiving the news about the tragic deaths of Vernon, Deon and Lindell Fields in a car accident on Sunday morning while they were enroute to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Richard Nachtigall of Morgan Mill. Their funerals will be Wednesday, May 2nd at 2:00 P. M. at the Bakker Funeral Home Chapel at Eastland with burial in the Murray Cemetery at Carbon. Their son, Joe and his family live at Carbon. We extend sincere sympathy to Joe and Teresa and their families and the other relatives.

Vernon, Deon and Lindell were very dear friends and good neighbors to me. They will be missed so very much. When tragedies like this happen we know we can go to our Savior, Jesus Christ, and ask and receive the comfort and strength that we need to get us through the sorrowful times we have to go through. We don't understand why things like this happen, but we know God knows and cares about our broken hearts.

We had wonderful services during the revival at Kokomo Baptist Church last week with good messages from God's word preached by Bro. Rex Boggs. The special music on Monday night was rendered by Asia Holt of Eastland and also by Daryl Hirst and Ruby Lee Kinser. The special music on Tuesday night was rendered by Helen and Woodrow Browning and Ruby Lee Kinser and Daryl Hirst with Glynda Bond at the piano. The Continental 2, Daryl Hirst and Glenda Black rendered the special music on Wednesday night. There were many visitors each night, and we trust that each one received a blessing.

We had a wonderful time of fellowship as we enjoyed homemade bread and cookies in the fellowship hall following the Wednesday evening service.

Gary and Rebecca Browning of Graham and Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gattin of Mineral Wells spent the weekend with Woodrow and Helen Browning. Johnny and Joan Robertson, Rebecca's parents of Graham had lunch with them on Sunday and the ladies all attended the baby shower for Rebecca and Gary at the Kokomo Baptist Church fellowship hall in the afternoon.

Those visiting with Hazel Snider and La Von Snider on Monday last week were Ted Snider, Gene and Kay Snider and Danny Snider. On Thursday night, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville brought supper and enjoyed it with Hazel and La Von. On Friday, Jamie, Stephanie, Kael, Craig, Matthew, Anna and Andrew Snider of Hollis, Ok came by for a visit. Sunday visitors were Clay, Susan, Kinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger, Gene Snider, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay. Dwayne came on Saturday for a visit and to do some chores for his mother.

Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington visited during the weekend with Jimmy and Verna Little and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little. On Saturday morning, Verna Little, Cody and Jarad Fails attended the Student Concert sponsored by the Eastland Music Club at the Women's Clubhouse in Eastland. Emily Little played the flute and piano selections during the concert.

REMEMBER! The annual Kokomo Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Meeting is this Saturday, May 5. We will meet at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery at 11:00 A.M. for the business meeting. Following the meeting we will gather at the Kokomo Community Center for lunch and more visiting. This is the time that we take care of the cemetery business and each one that attends will have a part in it. This is the final resting place of your family and friends and we want you to be involved in how the cemetery business is taken care of.

Several from the Kokomo Baptist Church attended the fifth Sunday singing at the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening and really enjoyed the Messengers, the special music from the other churches, the congregational singing and the brief message by the evangelist for their revival that is in progress this week. What wonderful time of fellowship we enjoyed together as we had refreshments in the fellowship hall following the service. The Lord truly blessed us all.

STENHOLM ANNOUNCES E-RATE FUNDING FOR GORMAN I.S.D.

Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced today that Gorman I.S.D. has received \$28,640.05 in E-rate funding from the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This money will be used to help the school district develop telecommunications services and internal connections.

"I support programs like the E-rate that result in direct services to rural areas," Congressman Stenholm commented. "By helping rural and under-funded school districts provide current technology for their students, the E-rate is helping to ensure that equal educational opportunities are available to students across the nation, regardless of location or income."

The E-rate program was created as a part of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries in the United States have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Application is open to all public and private K-12 schools and public libraries. Discount funding is calculated according to a school's level of economic disadvantage (based on percentage of students eligible for the national school lunch program) and their location, rural or urban.

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from dead works." I encourage you to accept this challenge. More next week. Address comments or questions to: John Howard, Jr. jthjr77@txol.net PO Box 399 Gorman, Texas 76454

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Pause To Think

This week we are discussing the first principle of the doctrine of Christ as listed in Hebrews chapter six verses one and two. The first principle is repentance from dead works. There are two things about this principle that we need to consider repentance and dead works.

Repentance is the act of repenting. The word repentance is derived from the Greek word metanoia. The definition of metanoia is to feel compunction or guilt to the extent of reformation. Metanoia also includes the reversal of a person's thinking and decision making.

Metanoia is derived from the Greek word metanoeo. This word is translated repent in our Bibles. According to the definition of metanoeo, when one repents he or she thinks differently afterwards, i.e. they reconsider their lifestyle.

Repentance is produced when we as an individual visualize ourselves according to what the scriptures have to say about what is right or wrong. When the knowledge of right and wrong is combined with the knowledge we have of the wrong in our lives, it produces conviction.

People respond to conviction in various ways. Some attempt to ignore it. Others attempt to justify their actions. Conviction causes some people to become very irritable and cantankerous. The proper response to conviction is repentance.

Repentance is more than tears. It is more than just 'feeling sorry' about something that you have done. True repentance causes a person to think differently about the things that they do. It also produces a drastic change. Therefore, when a person truly repents, there will be a marked difference in their life.

Many people find themselves having to 'repent' repeatedly. Paul was encouraging us to move beyond this in Hebrews 6:1-2, "Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note from the Administrator

4/30/01
Hi folks,

Hello from Heritage Manor. I wanted to take this time this week to tell you about our **skilled nursing** services that we offer. We are a Medicare approved home and provide skilled care as well as rehab services. We are very fortunate to have a strong therapy team here which includes: Occupational, Speech, and Physical Therapy services. We are very proud to provide these services in our home. It's very rewarding to watch residents come in for rehab and then be able to **return** home. Please come by or call and I will be glad to share more information with you about our Medicare services. Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Brent

On Sunday morning, James Mears and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School Class for Ola Walker, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Buddy Winn, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Ava Rodgers, Robin Taylor, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore, Frankie Jarrett and Stella Files.

Heritage Manor is happy to announce Bruce Hirst was able to return to his home. Bruce and Lavoyce will sure be missed. Good luck! Come back and visit soon.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers were Mr. and Mrs. Fannin, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wilson of Granbury, George Rodgers, Zena Simpson, Nancy Hendricks, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Some of Aubrey and Louise Griffin guests were Daisy Slaton, James Griffin of Mississippi, Jamie Griffin of Fort Worth, Mike Griffin of Dallas, Eunice Love, Pat and Howard Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for Ava Rodgers, Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, and S.D. Gilmore.

Happy to report Modess Self has returned from the DeLeon Hospital after a few days.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were David and Denna Halcomb, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love.

Residents appreciated the good magazines Bill and Wynelle Brown of Carbon donated.

Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Dub and Lovelle Crowley of Comfort, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Rodney and Ruth Elaine Spencer of San Antonio, Mayvis Lasater.

On Monday afternoon those coming for singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Ethel Weaver, Ruth Bryant, Ima Brown and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Cynthia Earles, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn, Mildred bellows, Robin Taylor, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Hallie Clark, and Dorothy Beaty.

Visiting Hallie Clark were Jo Ann Fraley, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke and Leo Williams of Desdemona came played the electric organ and guitar and led singing for Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Mildred Bellows, Irene Heathington, Ava Rodgers, Frankie Jarrett, and Patti Whitehorn.

Some of Clifton and Frankie Jarrett visitors were Rita Hall and Jarrett Robertson of Kerrville, Patsy Clark, Dub and Lovell Crowley of Comfort, Alvis Knox of Baytown, Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Kay Watson, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Trevor, Melissa and Jarrett of Kerrville, Mayvis Lasater.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith had Alphabet Bingo for S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Robin Taylor, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, and Cynthia Earles.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Connie Smith of Rising Star, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Mayvis Lasater, Durwood Webb, Ima Brown, Howard and Pat Hagood, Patty Wade of Dublin, Richard Kinser, Kastan Pierce, Ashley Rich, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love.

Sorry to report Jo Ann Butler is a patient in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Visiting Cynthia Earles and Modess Self were Bobby and Jean Burns of Fort Worth, Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Mayvis Lasater, Durwood Webb, V.O. Huff, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Zena Simpson, Pat and Howard Hagood.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Wesley Warren, Harvey Winn of Carbon, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Durwood Webb, Fay and Denzel Ables, Mayvis Lasater.

Guests visiting Jolene Gilliland were Jack and Mary Eison of Bridgeport, Jo Carrolle Looney of Arlington, Kay Henry, Melissa and McKinsey Osborn, Robby, Lori and Kacey Dodd, Durwood Webb, Ima Brown, Joy Rogers, Nancy Hendricks, Mayvis Lasater, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love.

Visiting Olan and Margaret Helms were S.D. Gilmore, Harvey Winn, Howard and Pat Hagood and Eunice Love.

On Wednesday morning Ennis and Nina Beth Joiner of First Baptist Church brought chapel for Dorothy Beaty, Ava Rodgers, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Ola Walker, A.V. Seay and Aubrey Griffin.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Fay and Denzel Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Wednesday afternoon the Art Class was painting and coloring posters. They were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb.

Some of Muriel Prewitt guests were Durwood Webb, Amy Fraley, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater.

Thursday morning Ina Smith had "Word Game" for Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Zena Simpson, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Thursday afternoon residents enjoyed "Treasure Hunt" on the patio with Ina Smith. They were Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Patti Whitehorn, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Margaret Helms, Aubrey Griffin and guest David Halcomb.

Visiting Buddy Winn and Ed Johnson were Harvey Winn of Carbon, Howard Hagood, Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson.

On Friday morning, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had Bingo for Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting Veno Hale and Stella Files were Bobby Little, Ima Boles of Clyde, Ruth Bryant, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Friday afternoon, "Whatever" turned out to be residents painting posters for decorations. They were A.V. Seay, Cynthia Earles, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, and Dorothy Beaty.

Visiting Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison were Howard and Georgie Iley of Desdemona, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Chessley Atchison, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Fred Rogers, Ethel Weaver, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Mayvis Lasater.

Some of Patti Whitehorn guests were Marie Cook, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn of Carbon, Zena Simpson, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Key and Betty Sue Heathington, Laneta and Dave Freeman, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

E.W. Baker of Pampa spent several days this past week with his son, bobby and Joan Baker.

W.T. and Evelyn Yardley of Stephenville hosted a birthday party for their sister-in-law Sara Williams of Granbury. Others attending were Sara's husband, Charles, Ruth Daffron, Dorothy Roberts, Leo and Eloise Williams all of Desdemona, Debert and Fay Williams of Stephenville.

Larry and Gay Moore enjoyed a fast trip last weekend down south through Fredricksburg to view the lovely bluebonnets and wild flowers. They reported a good trip.

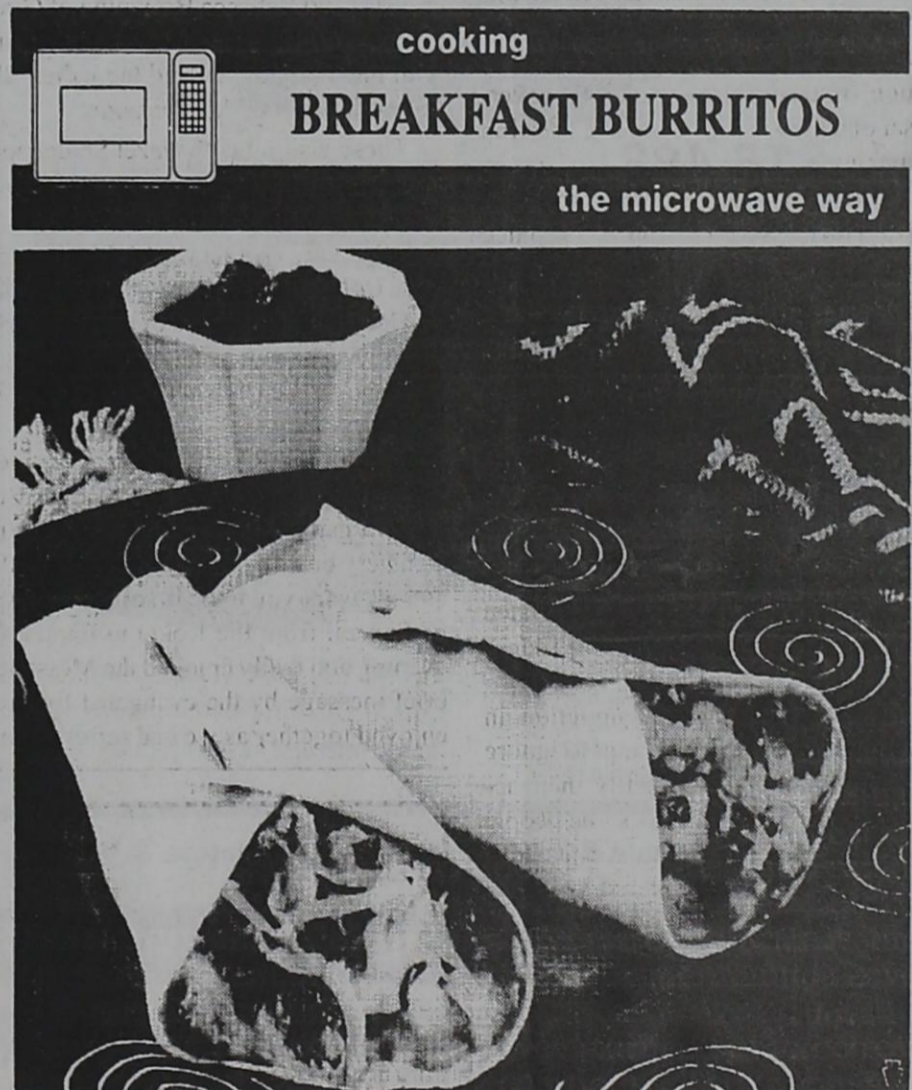
Jeff Lindley and sons, Joey, Jeremy and Justin were in Stillwater, Oklahoma last weekend to attend the Oklahoma Beef Expo. "Congratulations" to Joey and Jeremy as each won 3rd place with their show animals. The reported a good trip.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of G.L. Whitley who was buried on Friday, April 27 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Doris (Craig) Whitley of Bedford and their children. Doris is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school with her brothers and sisters, J.T., Bill Jr. Geraldine, Maxine, Jack, Helen, Jim, Mary Sue, Vera and Doug.

"Happy Birthday" to our sister, A.V. (Guthery) Seay in Gorman from Pug and Vonnie Guthery in Desdemona.

The remodeling work is nearing completion at the Desdemona First Baptist Church. The work was hindered due to many unseen areas of it. The members and pastor are very anxious to get it all completed and moved back into regular routine. A dedication day will be announced soon.

Several members of First Baptist Church attended evening services last Sunday night at the First Southern Baptist Church in Mineral Wells to hear their pastor, Bro. Dewayne Brawner preach at this revival.



(DM)—Thanks to easy-to-fix microwave recipes like Jalapeno Sausage and Egg Burritos, there is no need to skip breakfast due to lack of time. Because the microwave oven is a significant time saver during the morning rush, this recipe can be ready in less than 10 minutes. That is about as long as it takes to brew a pot of drip coffee. Whirlpool Corporation home economists recommend serving the burritos with salsa and sour cream for added pizzazz.

JALAPENO SAUSAGE AND EGG BURRITOS (4 servings)

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| 4 eggs | ¼ cup bottled salsa con queso |
| 2 tablespoons milk | (jalapeno pepper flavored cheese sauce) |
| 4 fully cooked sausage links, thinly sliced | 4 soft flour tortillas (7-inch) |
| 1 green onion, thinly sliced (about 2 tablespoons) | ¼ cup grated Monterey jack cheese |
| 2 teaspoons margarine or butter | |

- In 1 ½-quart microwave-safe bowl, beat eggs and milk slightly. Add sausage, onion and margarine.
- Microwave at MEDIUM-HIGH (70%) for 5 minutes or until thickened and cooked, stirring twice.
- Spread cheese sauce on each tortilla. Top with egg mixture. Sprinkle with Monterey jack cheese. Roll up and secure with wooden toothpick. Place on large microwave-safe plate.
- Microwave at MEDIUM (50%) for 3 minutes or until heated through. Serve with salsa and sour cream.

Whirlpool TimeSmart Tip

QUANTITY AFFECTS COOKING TIME: When the amount of food varies, the microwave cooking time varies also. Heating one serving of a food item may take just 30 seconds, while 4 servings may require several minutes to reach a proper serving temperature.

Editor's Note: Color photos are available upon request, call 630-960-4690.

Three Car Accident Kills 4, Hurts 2

Taken From Abilene Reporter-News

A three car accident near Stephenville left four people dead and two injured Sunday when a vehicle ran a stop sign and started a fatal chain of events.

James Fields, 74, of Gorman, was driving East on FM 3025, about 5 miles North of Stephenville, about 11:15 a.m. when he ran a stop sign at the road's intersection with Texas Highway 108, said officials from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A 1998 Peterbilt tractor trailer southbound on Highway 108, driven by 41 year old Alfredo Medras of Stephenville, struck Field's Chrysler, authorities said.

The collision propelled Field's car into the northbound lane of the highway, where the vehicle struck a 1988 Ford, driven by Robert Johnston, 65, of Stephenville.

Johnston and Fields, who were wearing their seat belts, were pronounced dead at the scene, DPS troopers said.

Fields' passengers, 42 year old Lindell Fields and 69 year old Elizabeth Fields, both of Gorman, also died in the accident. Neither were wearing a seat belt.

Johnston's passenger, 60 year old Peggy Sue Johnston of Stephenville, was taken to Erath County Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. Officials said she is listed in stable condition with internal injuries. She was wearing her seat belt.

Medras was taken to the hospital as well. He is listed in stable condition with minor injuries.

AG TALK

By Charlie Stenholm
April 27, 2001

Foot and Mouth Disease Update

Let me begin with an update on foot and mouth disease. The British ministry of agriculture reported that a total of 2.21 million cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats had been slaughtered or selected for slaughter because of the outbreak.

In the US, our own USDA has been conducting exercises with other federal agencies to contain foot and mouth disease in case it occurs here.

In the unlikely event that there would be an outbreak in the US, the USDA estimates that 50,000 personnel, including military, would be needed to contain it.

British authorities have reported that there are three suspected human cases in Britain. The symptoms displayed by people with foot and mouth disease are similar to those for a mild flu.

While the disease is not life threatening, it could be devastating to our nation's herds of livestock. The USDA continues to remain vigilant in its efforts to keep the US free of foot and mouth disease.

Agriculture and Energy: A Partnership

The agriculture and energy industries, so essential to our national security, have been hammered by problems in recent years.

I have said on many occasions that food and fiber cannot be produced without energy, and energy cannot be produced without food and fiber.

As this Congress works on the next farm bill, it is important that we also develop a national energy policy that considers the role agriculture can play in contributing to the nation's energy supply.

For years, the oil and gas industry was periodically devastated by low prices and uncertainty.

Even with the current boom in oil and gas prices, the industry has not recovered from the capital and personnel losses it experienced within the past few years.

While increased energy costs have given a boost to domestic energy producers, the price hikes have hurt the agriculture economy that has been hit hard in recent years by weather-related disasters and low prices.

Congress has had to pump billions of dollars into the farm economy to prevent a complete disaster.

As a nation, we must provide incentives to explore and produce the nation's remaining oil and gas reserves.

We must also promote other sources of energy such as ethanol and bio-diesel, a fuel made from surplus vegetable oils, recycled oils and animal fats.

Fuels such as ethanol and bio-diesel can and should be part of a national energy policy.

I am encouraged that groups like the American Petroleum Institute and agriculture organizations are calling on Congress and the administration to develop a national energy policy.

The nation's energy policy should be designed to encourage the development and use of many forms of energy.

National Corn Growers Offer Farm Bill Testimony

The National Corn Growers appeared before the House Agriculture Committee this week to offer their recommendations for the next farm bill.

The corn producers recommended replacing the marketing loan program and loan deficiency payment with a recourse loan.

They proposed a system based on annual target incomes for corn and other loan-eligible commodities.

A production base for this program would be based on data provided by agriculture producers. Acreage and yield data for the years 1996-2000 would make up the base period.

Income support payments would be triggered by an income shortfall on a commodity-wide basis.

In addition to these recommendations, the National Corn Growers expressed support for the promotion of ethanol and bio-diesel as part of a comprehensive national energy policy.

They also called for an increase in funding for agricultural research.

Energy Organizations Testify About Energy Policy

The American Petroleum Institute, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and other energy related organizations testified before a House Agriculture Subcommittee this week on the subject of energy policy.

They spoke on several issues of importance to the oil and gas industry, including problems facing the energy industry's infrastructure.

Due to burdensome regulations and a "not in my backyard" mentality, no new refineries have opened in the US since the early 1980's.

Where are we today? Ten years ago, the US imported 47 percent of our oil; that figure is now 52 percent and rising.

Ten years ago, the US was able to meet 94 percent of its domestic demand for petroleum; today, we can only meet 85 percent of our current needs.

The American Petroleum Institute expressed support for the increased use of ethanol as a blendstock and stated that ethanol use is likely to

Four Ways to Save on Your Electric Bill

Skyrocketing electric bills. Blackouts. Brownouts. As electricity becomes more scarce and more expensive, you can help yourself, the environment and the economy by taking some simple steps to conserve power.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), lighting accounts for 20 to 25 percent of all electricity used in the United States. That's why the Leviton Institute recommends that you install energy-efficient lighting devices. They can have a big impact by significantly reducing electric consumption.

Here are four tips from the Leviton Institute that can take the effort out of saving dollars on your electric bill.

1. Install dimmer switches. By dimming the lights in a room, you use less electricity. For example, a light bulb at 50 percent brightness uses approximately 40 percent less electricity. A dimmer switch also extends the life of your bulbs. A bulb at 50 percent brightness will last approximately 20 times longer.

2. Install occupancy sensors. An occupancy sensor automatically turns lights on when someone enters a room, and then turns them off after the person leaves the area. They're ideal for closets, hallways, the laundry room and garages—all the places where lights may needlessly be left on for hours, or even days. Occupancy sensors are designed to replace standard wall switches, so they're easy to install.

3. Install motion detectors outside. Many homeowners know that outdoor lighting makes their home less appealing to a burglar. But keeping outdoor floodlights on all night can be expensive. Instead, install a motion detector to control your outdoor security lights. Motion detectors are designed to react to body heat. When they detect the presence of a person, they automatically turn on the outside lights. When they no longer detect the presence of body heat, they turn the lights off.

4. Install digital timers. If anyone in your family has left a bathroom exhaust fan on all day, you'll appreciate the convenience of timers—and the fact that they can reduce energy consumption. The latest digital timers are installed right in the wall, wherever you would put a standard wall switch. Some models come from the factory with preset time intervals; others offer programmable time settings. To use a timer with a preset interval, simply push the button for the length of time you want the fan or lamp to be on. The timer will turn it off automatically. You can use digital timers with longer time intervals to control landscape lighting.

So, instead of constantly reminding your family to turn off the lights when they leave a room, consider installing one or more of these new electrical devices. They take the effort out of saving electricity and they'll pay for themselves quickly with the amount of electricity they save.

Advanced Geexchange Technology

One Answer to High Heating/Cooling Costs

Washington, DC—Near-record-high natural gas and heating oil prices have blanketed the country this winter, California's energy crisis threatens to spread northward and eastward, and both President Bush and Secretary of Energy Abraham have cautioned that, as a country, we are not generating enough electricity to meet demand.

In this heightened state of energy consciousness, many—in both government and the private sector—are exploring ways to reduce energy consumption. One advanced technology with real promise for helping to alleviate commercial and residential energy concerns is geexchange, which can cut energy consumption by as much as one half.

Of all of the alternative energy technologies, including wind, solar, biomass, and fuel cells, geexchange is the only one in current widespread use. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, geexchange represents a practical, proven technology—one that is gathering a reputation for saving school districts, commercial building owners, and homeowners a substantial amount in energy costs each year.

Geexchange systems, which use the renewable energy available from the earth to provide heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer, use 25% to 50% less energy than conventional heating and cooling systems do, and they consume no fossil fuels. Instead, they transfer heat to and from the ground, which, a few feet below the surface, remains at a relatively constant, moderate temperature year-round.

In winter, geexchange systems

absorb heat from the ground, and transfer it to a home's or commercial building's interior. In the summer, California's energy crisis threatens to spread northward and eastward, and both President Bush and Secretary of Energy Abraham have cautioned that, as a country, we are not generating enough electricity to meet demand.

While natural gas and heating oil prices have risen sharply over the last eighteen months, and experts hold little hope for relief this summer, the high efficiency and low operating costs of geexchange systems are making the technology a common sense choice for consumers.

Moreover, in California and other areas experiencing electrical supply shortages, widespread adoption of super-efficient geexchange systems could help cut peak electrical demand and reduce the need for rolling blackouts.

Building owners who install geexchange systems also make a contribution to the environment. Since geexchange systems burn no fossil fuels, they generate virtually no carbon dioxide emissions. In fact, they slash emissions of this greenhouse gas—compared to natural gas, propane or oil furnaces—by about one pound of CO₂ for every hour of operation, in a typical residential system.

This high overall performance has led the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to name geexchange as one of the most energy-efficient, environmentally responsible heating and cooling technologies currently available. More information is available from the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium, Inc., a non-profit organization, by calling 1-888-255-4436 or visiting their web site at www.geexchange.org.

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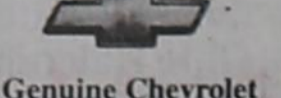
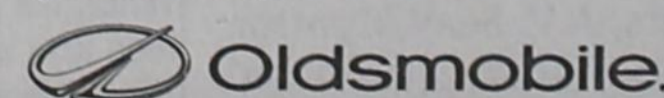
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