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Dr. Dan Brudnak To Open **Gorman Medical Clinic**

Dr Dan has been making his way to Gorman since fifth grade. That's when he decided to be a doctor in order to take care of a community. He graduated from University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston on a scholarship from the United States Air Force in 1991. Dr. Red Duke was the faculty member that presented him his doctoral cape. Upon graduation he was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base and was a Flight Surgeon in Space Command supporting the Space Shuttle missions, Combat Search and Rescue missions, and Atlas, Delta and Titan missile launch missions.



After he left the Air Force he opened a family practice in Corpus Christi, TX and was asked to be the team physician for a Professional ice hockey team, the Ice Rays which he did in addition to his practice. (...Ice hockey in Corpus Christi?) He stayed in the Air Force Reserve as the Chief of Aerospace Medicine for his Reserve Squadron in Florida for a year until he transferred to the 307th RED HORSE Squadron in San Antonio as their Surgeon General.

Dr Dan has two board certifications. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice (FAAFP), which is an advanced certification in Family Practice, and he is one of the first 70 doctors in the world to be board certified in Medical Acupuncture (DABMA). Dr Dan used his Acupuncture extensively in the Air Force on the Space operations crews and Combat Rescue pilots and crews, but he insists that acupuncture is only one of the many tools he uses to help his patients stay healthy. If you don't like needles he won't stick you.

Dr. Dan is also Advanced Trauma Life Support Certified

Annual New Years Eve Brian Hunt and Rolly Torres **Singing Set At NHBC** Named To All-State Football Team

The Annual New Years Eve singing will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 10 p.m. and the singing will continue until midnight with the traditional ringing of the church bell to "ring in the new year" at 12 o'clock.

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This is a community-wide event. Come join us at any time between 8 p.m. and midnight.

Thanks From City of Gorman

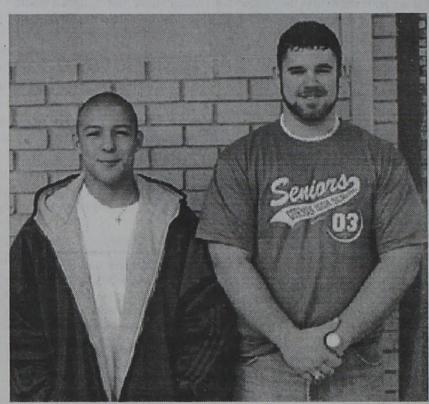
The City of Gorman Mayor and Commission would like to say thank you to Denver Rainey, Garland Fraley, David Lewis, Craig Rainey, and Verl Ervin for the time and effort spent replacing the Christmas lights on the downtown buildings. We appreciate you taking the time to help add to the holiday joy. Also thanks to all of the volunteers who worked hanging lights at the City Park. Our downtown looks so much nicer and has a shiny holiday glow. Thank you all so much for caring and giving City of Gorman of you time.

Stew Supper and Christmas Play Set

First Baptist Church Youth Groups of Desdemona and Gorman will hold a Stew Supper and Christmas Play on Saturday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m.at the Desdemona Community Center.

Cost is by donation.





Brian Hunt

Brian Hunt and Rolly Torres were named to the Associated Press Class A All-State Football Team

Rolly Torres

Brian made Honorable Mention at both Offensive Line and Defensive Line while Rolly made Honorable Mention as a Linebacker.

Rolly led the team this season with 127 tackles. He also recorded 6 sacks, 3 caused fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 blocked kick, 1 blocked punt, and 2 interceptions. Rolly was a big part of our defense that held opponents to 102 yds rushing per game. He helped highlight our season when our defense held the District 14-A Champion Tolar Rattlers to 50 yds total offense and -24 yds rushing.

Brian was a integral part of our offense that averaged 324 yds per game (300 rushing). Brian opened up holes on a regular basis for our backs and he recorded 39 pancake blocks on the year. Brian also play a part in our defense success. He recorded 87 tackles which included 9 for a loss and 6 sacks. He also had 3 caused fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, and 1 safety. He was able to do all of this while often being

(ATLS), an instructor in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), a CPR instructor for the Military, and has recently been approved by the Gorman Volunteer Fire Dept. to be their Medical Director. Dr. Dan Brudnak and his parents, Mike and Lil, live outside Gorman on their ranch with 4 dogs and 2 horses.

Gorman Medical Clinic will consist of Dr Dan and Nurse Judy, Judy Warren, and is scheduled to open about December 17 2002. The clinic will work out of Sharp imaging temporarily until the building next to the pharmacy is ready.

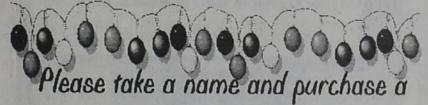
The phone number is 734-4254. No appointment necessary, open Monday- Friday 9-5.

Correction

In Maxfield Elementary UIL news these students were previously omitted, in 2nd grade Creative Writing, Rachel Tucker and in 6th grade Mathematics the team was Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Matthew Cogburn and Alt. Matt Underwood.

School Dismisses Early

School will be dismissed at 2:30 on December 18th and 19th; and at 1:00 on December 20th. Buses will run.



gift for a resident of Heritage Manor. Place gift in gift bag and return to the



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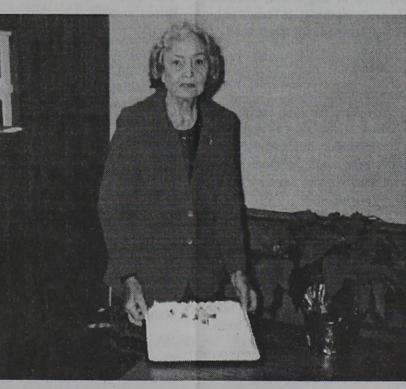
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Planned December 24

First United Methodist Church invites you to a Community Worship Service. Come celebrate with us the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior on December 24th at 6 p.m.

Opal Burton Honored On 80th Birthday



Honored on 80th birthday, Opal Burton was surprised with a "Happy, Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, December 5, 2002.

double teamed

Rolly and Brian served as great players and great leaders (as did all our seniors), they will be dearly missed come next football season. They definitely left some big shoes to fill. Congratulations on this prestigious honor.

Jennífer Overstreet and Ríchard Brown Pledge Vows



Jennifer Overstreet and Richard Brown were married in a private ceremony in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 9, 2002.

Jennifer is the daughter of Martha Overstreet of Gorman and Gary Overstreet of Kermit, Texas. She is also the granddaughter of Annie Fay and the late Buck Foster and Wilbur and the late Ruby Overstreet.

Richard is the son of Dorothy and Len Silva of Gorman and Darrell and Michelle Brown of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Both are graduates of Gorman High School and currently fork for Art Happy Birthday" song, a cake and many best wishes from a group at the Shows International out of Phoenix, AZ. The couple will reside in Gorman.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

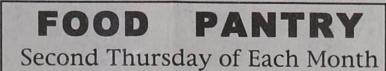
4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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.

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. Glenn Glasson, Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

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 Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.



Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

DANCE - There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by The Outcast Band featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

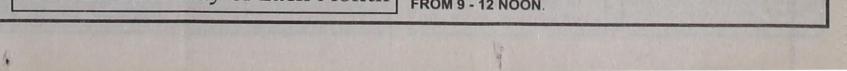
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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 Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNES-DAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - JANUARY 15TH

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GORMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 23, 2002 THRU JANUARY 3, 2003 ALL PAYMENTS POSTMARKED DECEMBER WILL **BE POSTED AS A 2002 PAYMENT**

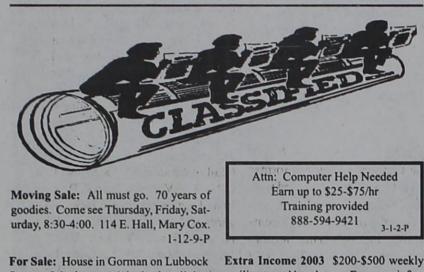
Fourth Graders Write Letters of Persuasion

Writing is a major focus in the fourth grade as well as other grades. During the course of the year, students learn to write a variety of compositions. Examples include narrative, classificatory, informational, research papers, book reports, and letter writing.

The particular type of paper the fourth graders at Maxfield Elementary have been working on for the past week or so is the one not mentioned above. It focuses on the art of persuasion.

The students were instructed to write a composition in which they convince their parents to buy them a certain toy for Christmas. Some of the students chose toys they knew they couldn't have, but thought it would be fun to write about anyway. Others picked toys they might actually want for Christmas.

I just included the introduction of each persuasive paper to give the



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The Eastland County Courthouse will close Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 1:00. We will also be closed Wednesday the 25th and Thursday the 26th for the Christmas Holidays. We will re-open Friday the 27th at 8:00 a.m.

The Eastland County Courthouse wishes everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

readers a little sample of what the fourth graders are up to. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. I also included a sample of my own that I modeled for the students to give them a better understanding of the concept.

Misty Bussell Fourth Grade Teacher Language Arts/Social Studies

(Sample)

Dear Husband,

Wouldn't it be great to have a brand new car that we could take on trips or just around town? I would be ecstatic if you surprised me with a 2003 Chevy Impala for Christmas this year. The thought of walking outside on Christmas morning to find a shiny, new car with a big, red bow on top parked in our driveway simply gives me chills. I would even let you pick out the color of your choice.

Your Wife, **Misty Bussell**

Dear Dad,

For Christmas I want a hamster for a gift. The cage and the hamster is only \$10.00 that would make me thrild! We would be friends and go out side and I would let him crawl up my arm. It will feel good when I scratch him behind his ears. Your Son,

Jacob Mathew Fritts

Dear Mom,

I would really like an animal for Christmas. That animal that I want is a parakeet. It will keep me company, and I wouldn't ask you if my friends could come over all the time. Also you wouldn't have to worry about me fighting with Elizabeth all of the time. Mom, please can I have this animal here by Christmas?

Love, Alex

Dear Mom and Dad,

I really want this toy so please don't freak out at how much it cost. Just buy me it ok. I want the Star Wars largest lego set with 3,691 pieces. It is safe so please get me it. Don't I deserve an expensive

Dear Mom and Dad, It would be nice to have a dirt bike for Christmas. I know you think it's dangerous, but it's not. I'll be careful. Could it be red, white and blue?

Love, Cameron

Dear Mom and Dad,

I really want a round, hard, yellow and black basketball for Christmas. I really want it to practice for games. Before you even know I will become a better basketball player. It will keep me busy all the time, too.

Sincerely **Evanjelina Sanchez**

Dear Mom and Dad,

Wouldn't it be great if you got me a baseball for Christmas? It's white with green string around it. It would be so great if I saw it under the tree and got to play with it on Christmas Day. I would be an excited girl. Plus, it only cost \$1.00. Love,

Cecilia Olivares Dear Mom and Dad,

I would like to get me a fourwheeler this Christmas. I beg you! Wouldn't you want to see a color fly by the house? I'm telling you I won't beg you for anything else this year. You can even pick out the color, Mother and Dad.

> Your Son, Troy

Dear Mom and Dad,

There's one toy I want for Christmas this year. I won't ask for another toy for two years. It is a basketball, and it is really cheap. What do you think?

Love, Stephanie Risueno

Swanner Receives Masters of Science in Nurse Anesthesia

John Mark Swanner, son of C.W. and Wilda Swanner, graduated with a Masters of Science in Nurse Anesthesia from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, with a grade point average of 4.0.

The graduation commencement was held at Will Rogers Auditorium on Friday, December 13, 2002.

Mark and his wife, Wendy, will be making their home in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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Box Tops For Education

Gorman ISD would like to thank all of you who have participated in the Box Tops for Education Fund. So far we have been very successful and would like to continue to collect all of your Box Tops from your food packages. Please remember to clip the Box Tops and send them to the elementary where there will be a box for collection. This is a very simple and easy way to help GISD make money for our school. Please continue to help out this program. For further information on the Box Tops for Education Program you can visit the website at boxtops4education.com or you can contact our Coordinator, Amanda Snider at 734-4149.





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Love,

Dear Dad. I really want Lilo and Stitch. It's the best item you would be capable to purchase! Plus it's a Disney movie. Don't vou like those?

Love, Heather

Dear Mom.

Christmas after Christmas I wait for my puppy to come. It could be any kind of dog Colie, German Shepard, anything! If I could only have at least one for Christmas! Love,

Shelby Dear Parents,

You know the thing I really desire for Christmas? A baby puppy, a cute, adorable, little, playful baby Dalmation. I will feel much better with a baby puppy because it can be my friend.

Love, Abby

Dear Parents.

I wish that on Christmas morning, I would go to the tree and see four Texas Motor Speedway tickets. Then I could take three friends. Please!!!! I want them so bad.

Love, Steven Jacob Singleton

Dear Mom and Dad,

It is a very great idea to have a new puppy, Mom and Dad, because they are very nice and they protect our lives and houses. I want the gold one with brown eyes and with a wiggly tail in the pet shop. I think he is cute. Think about the cute baby puppy.

Love, Karina

Dear Mom and Dad,

I've always wanted a new bike.

I would like to ride it around the block and show it off. I would like to wake up on Christmas Day and see a glistening new blue bike sitting in the living room by the Christmas tree. I'm begging you to get me one. I won't ask for another thing the next three months. Your Daughter,

Jaime

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Ija, Jovanna Perez

Dear Mom and Dad,

You know what I would like for Christmas, Mom and Dad. A Nintendo 64. It would brighten my day. I would be excited if you would get me one. Plus I would be nice to my sister. Your Son,

Brice Campbell

Dear Mom.

I need some really cool Pokemon and Dragon Ball Z cards so I am telling you to please buy me a candy cane full of cool cards from Wal-Mart this Christmas. I will act very nice.

Love, Scott M. Dear Mom and Dad,

Do you know that I a fourwheeler for Christmas? It will help us do chores very fast like taking out the trash. It is a Yamaha, and it's white and blue.

Love, Matt Keith

Dar Mom and Dad, First of all, I would like to introduce me, and what I am going to talk about in my story. I am going to give you a hint. It is a little, small animal. It's fur is soft, as soft as a blanket. Mom and Dad I hope you are paying attention because that little furry animal is what I want for Christmas.

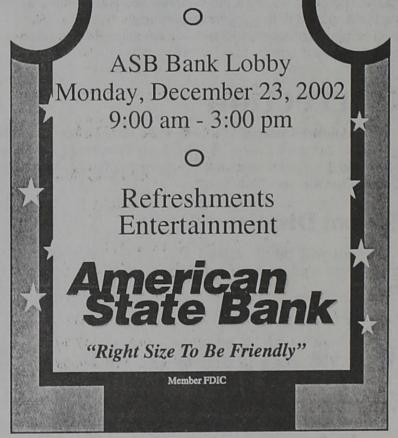
Sincerely, Karla Lara

Merry Christmas Mom and Dad, I really want some clothes for Christmas. If you can buy me some clothes, I want some shirts and sweaters or pants. If I get these, I will have a good Christmas. I will be very, very nice for a long time.

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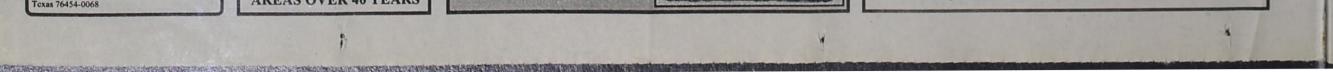
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Christmas and a wonderful New Year filled with many blessings each day. And as we celebrate Christmas with our families and friends let us be very much aware that Jesus is the Reason for the Season, and thank God for loving us so much that he prepared a way through his son, Jesus Christ, that we might have eternal life through her on Friday. our belief in Him.

The special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist church on December 15 was rendered by Kay Snider, Crystal Snider, Norma Webb, Helen Browning, Leona Wilson, Sylvia Buchanan, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst, Oren Webb, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda ond at the piano. Visitors were the Kokomo Baptist Church. Brian Bond of Dallas and Shannon, Stephanie and Raegan Bond of Copperas Cove. "Happy Anniversary" 49th wedding anniversary on De- Church. cember 19.

Church on Sunday night. The Congregation sang two Christmas church. Hymns, directed by Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at "A Christmas Guest" and then sang punch was served. Those attending "Silent Night". The congregation were Shannon, Stephanie and then sung several Christmas songs Raegan Bond of Copperas Cove, until they could hear Santa's Ho- Brian Bond of Dallas, Glynn, Debbie Ho-Ho and in he came greeting and Nathan Wilson and a friend of everyone and giving them bags of Stephenville, Jimmy Don, Leann and fruit and candy. One of the high- Chance Wilson of Ranger, J. D. Willights of the night, especially for the son of Brownwood, and Amy, children, was to sit on Santa's lap Cameron, Garrett and Mattison Crew and tell him what they wanted for of Stephenville. Christmas and to have lots of picgifts. the fellowship hall for BBQ sandwiches, chips, cold drinks and peach Josh and Joel Stogner of De Soto, and cherry cobblers. What a wonderful time of fellowship it was. We appreciate the visitors who came to enjoy a time of worship and fellowship with us. We invite you to come at anytime to worship with us. Woodrow and Helen Browning

I wish everyone a very Merry visited in Graham last Thursday with Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and attended the presentation of "The Living Christmas Tree" at the First Baptist Church on Thursday night. Lesley was in the program. Emily returned home with her grandparents for an overnight visit. Her mother, Rebecca, came for

> Scott, Chris, Travis and Trevor Clayton of Eastland visited with her parents, James and Mary Donham on Sunday evening and attended the Christmas program at the Kokomo by all. Baptist Church.

Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay visited with her parents Gene and Kay Snider and attended the Christmas program at

Jeff, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona visited with her parents, Durwood and Aletha was sung to Jimmy and Verna Lee Burgess and attended the Christmas Little who will be celebrating their Program at the Kokomo Baptist

Daisy Slaton and Sterling A Christmas Program was pre- McCaulley of Gorman visited with sented at the Kokomo Baptist friends and attended the Christmas Program at the Kokomo Baptist

Joe and Glynda Bond were hosts for a family Christmas celebration on the piano and Glynda Bond at the Sunday afternoon December 15 at organ. Daryl Hirst gave a recitation their home. Assorted deserts and fruit

JOY Sunday School Class

The JOY Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12th, at noon at the home of Anna Rush. She had her house decorated for Christmas. It looked beautiful.

The table had a white table cloth with Christmas trimming lace. She had a beautiful centerpiece on a glass two-decked cake plate for base and a miniature Christmas tree on the cake plate with small animals surrounding the base of a decorated tree, and red napkins.

She had turkey and dressing, green beans, sweet potato casserole, English pea salad, pumpkin cake and angel food cake with fresh strawberries and whipped topping, of nuts and other candy. Enjoyed

We exchanged gifts and all our class were present--Willo Rice, teacher; Anna Rush, hostess; Ann Warren, Gearldine Wright, Bonnie Croft, Frankie Jo Shipman and Estelle Erwin. We always enjoy Anna's parties.

returned to Lubbock with Cindy and spent Friday night with Cindy, Kyle and Kayla Jordan and caught an early flight on Saturday morning to return to Fresno, CA.

Congratulations to my grandson, Kyle Jordan of Lubbock who earned a position in the All Region Band recently in Lubbock and will be going to the Area band try-outs in Odessa on January 11. Kyle, a Junior, plays a trumpet in the Lubbock Coronado High School Band, and is the son of Cindy Jordan of Lubbock Gorman. and the late Teddy Jordan. Jimmy and Verna Little visited in Arlington on Friday with Nelda, Cody, and Jarad Fails and friend Courtney and Tim Breedon and attended the Arlington High School Choir Christmas program Friday night. Jarad is a member of the choir.

Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

DECEMBER 19, 2002

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

In Memory of Mildred Bellows

Mildred Bellows, 91, of Ector, passed away December 5, 2002 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman, Texas, where she had resided for the past six and 1/2 years. She was born in Helsell, Texas, a small town southwest of Henrietta, now covered by Lake Arrow Head. She was born on August 29, 1911, to Perry and Ersie (Whitmire) Whitehead. The doctor who delivered her was her maternal grandfather.



Gene Grimshaw is recovering from recent heart bypass surgery. David Ervin is recovering from recent back surgery. Get well wishes apple pie, and several other bowls goes out to these and others in our area who is on the sick list.

> Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Johnnie Ruth (Dixon) Sparkman, 71, of Stephenville who passed away following a car accident. Funeral service was held on Monday, December 16 at the first Baptist Church in Desdemona. Burial in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Homer Joe Sparkman of Stephenville; son, Ricky Sparkman of Stephenville; three daughters, Joanna, Vicki and Penny and their husbands all of Stephenville; several grandchildren, mother-inlaw, Evah Sparkman of Desdemona. Preceded in death by her parents, sister, Joan Dixon; daughter, Paula Carter; grandson, Butch Carter. The Dixon and Sparkman families are former residents of Desdemona where their children attended school. Johnnie Ruth graduated in the Class of 1946 with her husband, Homer Joe.

> "Happy Holidays" to our friends, Tom and Lois (Moore) Ervin in Nashville, Tennessee from Pug and Vonnie Guthery. They are former residents of Desdemona where they attended school. Tom graduated with the Class of 1941 and Lois with the Class of 1942.

> "Birthday Card Shower" for Mary Lou Landers on Tuesday, December 24. She recently moved from her home in Springtown to the Gorman Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman, Texas 76454. She would love to hear from her friends and neighbors in this area. Her husband, the late Bro. L.C. Landers, served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona in the early '70's and later on at the Family Bible Church in

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after her birth, they moved to Fannin County. She was married to Ivy Glen (Jack) Bellows on July 13, 1929. She has been a member of First Baptist Church Ector since 1930. She was very active in teaching and leadership positions throughout her life. Her family was the center of her life and her main enjoyment was family gatherings. Mildred is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Darrell Graham of Gorman, Texas; Soon two sons, Danny Bellows and wife Sally of Dallas, Texas; and Ronnie Bellows of Denton, Texas; also five grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of seventy-one years, Jack Bellows and a sister Delilah Murphy.

> Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 8, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. at the first Baptist Church of Ector with Darrell Graham officiating and assisted by Cody Earley. Burial was in the Carson Cemetery under the direction of Mullican Little Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Bret, Chase, and Grant Tidmore, Jamison Armstrong, Jake Earley and **Rick Simms. Honorary Pallbearers** were Bruce Tidmore, Tim Earley, Eddie Smith, Greg Teske and Terry Webb.

On Sunday morning, Bobby Rich and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Evelyn Rippetoe, Gladys Snider, Stella Files, Bea O'Neal, A.V. Seay, Darrell Dossey, Irene Heathington, Veno Hale, Margaret Helms, Lavona Sharp, Olin Helms, Ethel Weaver, Lucille Johnson, Mary Lou Landers, Inez Rogers, Gladys Chambless, Hope Joiner, Margie Lane Mildred Roberts, Ollie Halcomb, Mary Tobin, Buddy Winn.

Delmon and Joyce Eaves visited tures taken by their parents and in Cleburne on Saturday, December grandparents. Then it was time for 15 with Bill, Paulette, D'Ann, Jamie the children to help Santa pass out and Magan Black and attended the the many gifts from under the beau- wedding of D'Ann Black and tifully decorated tree. Everyone had Michael Haffner at the First Baptist a wonderful time opening their Church in Cleburne on Saturday afternoon. Deliah, Randy, Chris and Following the program and other Jon Lewis of Ennis also attended the activities it was time to adjourned to wedding and reception. Deliah made the cakes for the reception. Sylvia Buchanan, Darlene Hampton, Doris Bradshaw and Zelda Jordan

> visited with Nancy Hendricks. Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene on Friday with Glenda Black and Sheri and Emily Daniell and Sheri, Emily and Zelda went with Glenda to Snyder to meet Cindy Jordan of Lubbock for a lunch visit. Glenda

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Visiting Buster and Louise Brown were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel

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Grace, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Kenneth Good, Glenn Glasson, Ima Brown, Pat and Howard Hagood, Nancy Hendricks Mayvis Lasater, Irene West, Eunice Love.

Visiting Stella Files and Veno Hale were Jimmy Little, Nell Files of Carbon, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Eunice Love.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Johnnie B. Griffith, Joe and Glynda bond, Zelda Jordan, Jimmy Little, and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Helen Griffin, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Ethel Weaver, Inez Rogers, R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Lovena Sherrod, Gladys Chambless, Hope Joiner, Mary Lou Landers.

Visiting Lovena Sherrod and Mary Tobin were Linda Ogle and Kennie Welch of Granbury, Kalep and Courtney Hansen of Eastland, Mayvis Lasater, Anna Rush, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson.

Visiting R.L. and Lavona Sharp were Larry and Jerry Majors and Kelli Williams of Desdemona, Frankie Jo Shipman, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Eunice Love.

Happy to report Modess Self has returned after a few days in the DeLeon Hospital. Clara Mae Frossard guests were

Elaine Houston of Vernon, Mary Todd of Austin, Carolyn Gilbert, Floydene Gilbert, Maude Mikerson of San Angelo, Maria Jamison of Lubbock, Eunice Love. Katie Campbell of Brownwood, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks, Eunice Love, James and Vicki Campbell of Brownwood.

Guests visiting Bea O'Neal and Gladys Chambless were Glenn Glasson, Eunice Love, Irene West, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Mayvis Mayvis Lasater. Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Hallie Modene Clark **Passes** Away

Heritage Manor is sorry to report the passing of Hallie Clark, age 90, on Thursday, December 5, 2002. Graveside services were Sat., December 7, 2002 in Gorman Cemetery. Rev. Bill Campbell officiated.

Mrs. Clark was a retired housekeeper for Eastland Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Gorman First Baptist Church.

Survivors are two daughters, Hope Joiner. Martha Sue Switzer of Cleburne and JoAnn Fraley of Gorman, one brother Kenneth Fern Smith of Atlanta and one sister Lorene Grisham of Panhandle; five grandchildren and seven great Hagood, Kenneth Good, Eunice Mary Tobin, Sara Rodgers, Lavona grandchildren.

Whitlock were Kennie Welch

and Linda Ogle of Granbury, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Diana Snider, bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Ima Brown,

Guests visiting Inez Rogers and Ethel Weaver were Kenneth and Mary Nell Rogers of Eastland, Kenneth and Salada Brown and Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie

On Monday morning, The Ty Kelly Band of New Hope Ranch of Mullins came and gave a concert. other songs. Residents were Inez Rogers, Margie Lane, Darrell Dossey, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Lavona Sharp, Lovena Sherrod, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Margaret Helms, Dorothy Beaty, Evelyn Rippetoe, Buster and Louise Brown, Irene Heathington, Ethel Weaver, Lucille Johnson, Olin Helms and Wilson.

Buddy Winn were Harvey Winn of Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson. Carbon, June Dossey, Becky Simpson, Tracey Spivey, Pat and Howard Torres had bingo for Inez Rogers, Visiting Jewel Snider and Roy Lee and Leona Wilson of Stephenville. Guests visiting Sara Rodgers and

Evelyn Rippetoe were Durward Webb, Campbell and Eunice Love.

Kinser and Nancy Hendricks came for singing. Residents were Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Margie Lane, Mary Tobin, Margaret Helms, Mary Lou Landers, Gladys Chambless, Hope Joiner, Lavona Sharp and Roy Lee Whitlock.

Visiting Euna Porter were Stanley Porter, Ima Brown, E.G. Henderson, Eunice Love, Tootie Campbell, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Mayvis Mary tobin. Lasater, Diana Snider.

Visiting T.D. and Patti Whitehorn Nell Treadway, Eunice Love, were James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Eunice Love and Mayvis Lasater.

They sang Christmas songs and of Carbon came and played the electric organ for A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Evelyn Rippetoe, Lucille Johnson, Veno Hale, Lovena Sherrod, Darrell Dossey, Margaret Helms, Myrtle Mae Marie Allen of the Bride of Christ Davidson, and Margie Lane.

Tucker, Elnora Lindley, Virgil Miller, Peggy Golden, Clarence and Leona

Guests visiting Olin and Margaret Visiting Darrell Dossey and Helms were Howard and Pat Hagood,

Davidson.

Visiting Irene Heathington and George Rodgers, Diana Snider, Tootie Modess Self were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Free-On Monday afternoon Ruby Lee man, Dee Smithey, Christine Self of aggs is a patient in the Eastland Me-Carbon, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville and Mayvis Lasater.

> Campbell of First Baptist Church brought chapel for Veno Hale, Gladys Chambless, Buddy Winn, Bro. Darrell Dossey, A.V. Seay, Ethel Weaver, Margie Lane, Birdie Hogan, Margaret Helms, Hope Joiner and

Howard and Pat Hagood and Mayvis Lasater.

Guests visiting A.V. Seay and Vera Henderson were Fay and Denzel Ables, E.G. Henderson and Nancy On Tuesday morning Betty Duke Henderson of Lake Leon, Chester and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

On Wednesday afternoon Rose Church came and had Bible study for Visiting Birdie Hogan were Faye A.V. Seay, Hope Joiner, Margie Lane, Lavona Sharp, and Mary Tobin.

Guests visiting Mary williams were Mayvis Lasater, Irene West, Ima Brown, Howard and Pat Hagood, Peggy Brooks of Merkel, Diana Snider, Inez Rogers, Nancy On Tuesday afternoon Kathy Hendricks, Christine Self of Carbon, Eunice Love.

Visiting Hope Joiner were May-Live, Mayvis Lasater, Rev. Clarence Sharp, A.V. Seay, Ethel Weaver, vis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Darrell Dossey, Margie Lane, Myrtle Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Eunice Love, Lucille Joiner of

Stephenville, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson.

Sorry to report Georgie Fae Skmorial Hospital.

Those visiting Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty were Joe Beaty of Wednesday morning Rev. Bill Dallas, David and Denna Halcomb, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Diana Snider, Eunice Love.

Muriel Prewitt guests were Mayvis Lasater, Durward Webb, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Friday, Ina Smith had bingo Visiting Mary Lou Landers were for Margie Lane, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Lavona Sharp, Ethel Weaver, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Margaret Helms, Lovena Sherrod.

Zadie Terry guests were Leta Loudermilk, Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Mary Nowlin of Plains, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Tootie Campbell and Mayvis Lasater.

Visiting Myrtle Mae Davidson and Gladys Dennis were Elmer Lee and Rebecca Morgan of Denton, Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Diana Snider, Edith Grumbles, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Deadline for X-Mas and New Year's Paper is Monday Noon, 12/23 and 12/30



