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Gorman Lions Club To Hold Art Project Enjoyed By Second Grade Students **Blood Drive Tuesday, Apr. 27**

The Gorman Lions Club will host a blood drive on Tuesday, April 27. The Meek Bloodmobile will be at the Gorman City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. Those who gave blood in DeLeon on February 26 will be eligible to donate blood at this drive. Meek Blood Center provides blood to seventeen hospitals and medical facilities in the Texas Midwest.

According to Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center, the demand for blood and blood products is exceeding the supply. As medicine and technology continue to improve our health with sophistited procedures and surgeries and cancer treatment, the need for blood grows. A cancer patient may require nany as eight units of platelets a day while undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Platelets are the clotting factor in the blood. Open-heart surgery patients average using four pints of blood, and sometimes require fresh frozen plasma and platelets. An accident victim may require as many as thirty pints of blood upon arrival to the hospital. "Blood is life, and there is no substitute for blood at this time," said Baker. "There would be many lives lost needlessly if it weren't

for blood donors. They are truly the heroes in our communities, and have our heartfelt appreciation for doing something they don't have to do in order to save the life of someone they will probably never know."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weight at least 110 pounds, in good health and free of illness or infection. There is no upper age limit. Must prescription and over-the-counter medications are acceptable. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798. High school students are encouraged to participate in this blood drive. Most long-time donors gave their first pint of blood at a high school blood drive.

Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results can be obtained two days after the blood drive by calling 325-670-2799.

Spring Band Concert, Sunday Desdemona

The Gorman 6th Grade, Jr. High, and High School Bands will be performing their Spring Concert this Sunday, April 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

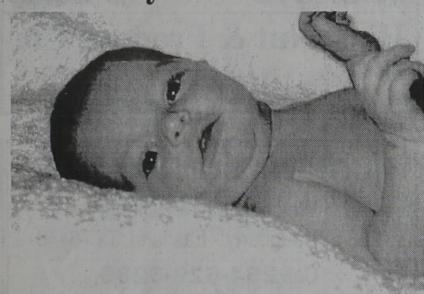
Each band will perform 4-5 songs, one of which will be a jazz piece to Musical celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month this month.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

District Clerk's Office Processing Passport Applications come early for supper.

Eastland County District Clerk Loretta Key announces her office is now processing passport application. New and renewal passport applications may be submitted in the District Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse. Applications will be accepted between 8:00 and 4:00 Monday through Friday. Anyone interested in obtaining a passport will need to bring picture identification, an original (or certified copy) birth certificate, and two identical passport photos. Mrs. Key and her staff have all attended training provided by the Houston Passport Agency and are looking forward to providing this service.





John and Tisha Stephens are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Landon Rodney Stephens. He was born March 31, 2004. He weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Ray and Lois Seckinger of DeLeon and Rodney and Linda Stephens of DeLeon. Great-grandparents are Anna Bell Gooden of DeLeon, Veda Stephens of DeLeon and Lora Faye Warren of Gorman. Great-great grandmother is Hazel Stephens of Brownwood.

Glorify Releases CD



Glorify, a popular local southern gospel duet has just released their first CD. It is titled, "He'd Still Been God." Copies are available at Hirst Nut and Produce, G&H Feeds, Inc. and City Grocery.

Brenda and Daryl welcome you to go by any of these businesses and purchase a copy.

Oakland Cemetery Annual Meeting

The Oakland Cemetery Annual meeting is at hand. We will meet on May 1st at the Cemetery beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We need everyone to be in attendance as we need to elect some officers and need all the people there to help with your input and ideas. It's all important to the organization.

Thank you for your support and presence.

Opal Burton, Secretary Oakland Cemetery of Comanche County

will be held on Saturday, April 24 at the Community Center (former school building). Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who

Texas Zephyr Bluegrass Band with their lead singer, Early Clark all of the Fort Worth area and several other musical groups will be on the program that starts at 6 p.m.

Desdemona Monthly Musical

Make plans to attend and bring your friends for some good food, good music and good fellowship. This musical is on the fourth Saturday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

art lesson, they also learned how to work with the younger generation. In return the younger children felt special from all the attention and enthusiasm they were getting from the high school students and learned some unique art skills.

students prepare costumes for a program they will be doing for the PTO.

The second grade students will once again be joining High School in may, this time with the agriculture students. Mr. Boles, the Gorman High School Agriculture teacher, will have his students work with the second grade to help them with a woodworking project. The second grade students are excited about working with the young adults and look forward to the learning experience.

This past week the Gorman second grade students were treated to a High School art project with glue, pain,

The students, both second grade and high school, seemed to enjoy helping each other as they shared their talents and turned the second graders into the most adorable cows and ducks. The older kids not only taught an

scissors and more. Mrs. Rainey, the high school art teacher of Gorman High School, Mrs. Forbus and Mrs. Grissom, both second grade teachers of Maxfield Elementary teamed up together to help the second grade

Oliver Springs Cemetery Workday

Saturday, May 1

Bring basket lunch and stay for lunch

Thank You from The Pee Wee Basketball Association

The Pee Wee Basketball Association would like to express a special thanks to the following businesses and individuals for donations: Academy Sports, J. Leek Assoc., Sharp Imaging, Gorman Pharmacy, The Hair Shoppe, and Mark and Jeanette Simmons.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to Rudy Pack of Eastland, Jeff Seaton, Tim Swanner, and Steve Spivey for all their help with refereeing our games and tournament. It's such a thankless job, and we

We would like to thank Kim Sharp for taking photograms for us. Thank you to all the players, parents, coaches, and fans for making the 2004 season a great one!

Julie Clark Traci Keith Amy Johnston

One-Act Play Competes at Zone

The High School One-Act Play, The Yellow Boat competed at Zone in March. The Yellow Boat brought home the coveted Best Actress Award which went to Lacy Howard. Ryan Wright and J.T. Whitfill received Honorable Mention All Star Cast. Other members of the cast were: Clint Jones, Kendra Swanner, K'ann Howard and Chance Underwood. Crew members were: Kaci Seaton, Lupita Garcia, Nikki Keith and Rosa Herrera.

The Yellow Boat was the Alternate play behind Albany with Children of a Lesser God, which Advanced to Area and Ranger with Song of Berndette, which Advanced to District. (Photo In Next Issue)

Gorman Baseball Assocation "Fun Day"

a FUN DAY Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Peanut Park.

The Association will be selling hamburgers, sno cones, and other con-seems to be more of it.

Come out to the Peanut Park and enjoy a day of games and fun family face in the crowd.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast - Third Wednesday each month at 7:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Various community Men's Groups will be hosting the breakfast.

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING — The Weight Watchers Meeting will be held at Gorman Hotel on Wednesdays. Weighin begins at 5:00 p.m. and meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

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.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - MAY 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Revival at Kokomo Baptist Church April 25-28

Bro. Ron Bostic, pastor of the Olden Baptist Church will be the evangelist for the revival at the Kokomo Baptist Church beginning Sunday morning, April 25 and continuing through Wednesday night, April 28, 2004. The services will be at 11:00 A.M.and 6:00 P. M. on Sunday and 7:00 P.M. on Monday through Wednesday.

Bro. Bosltic is a graduate of Cisco High School, Howard Payne University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He served from 1972 - 1992 in missions in Africa, The Phillipines and as an Evangelist in Australia. In 1981 he received a Doctorate of Ministry in Missions from Luther Rice University.

Daryl Hirst of Gorman will direct the music. Ruby Lee Kinser will be pianist and Glynda Bond will be the organist.

The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson and members of the church cordially invite the public to come and worship with them during these services. A covered dish lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church following the Sunday morning

Good Things About Small Towns

by Joe & Diane Casey

In the past I've often heard Gorman referred to as a "one-horse town," but we have two grocery stores, two convenience stores, and at lunch and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, two restaurants, so doesn't that now make us a "two-horse town?" Over the past 30 years, I've seen many changes in Gorman, some good, some not so good. The additions to the school--good, the drop in school enrollment--not so good. I could go on, but you get the point. Gorman is a small town, but I for one feel that living in this small town has definite advantages.

1. When I give directions to my house I can end with the phrase "If

you have trouble finding it, stop at Bob's on Hwy. 6 and ask someone." 2. When someone sees my daughter in town, they are likely to know

where she belongs, and who she belongs with. 3. I've had patrolman follow me into my drive late at night because they didn't recognize the vehicle as one belonging to that house.

4. I know if I ever needed help, (car won't start, run out of gas, have

Gorman Baseball Association will start all summer league baseball with a flat tire), it would just be a call or two away.

5. In Gorman we breathe the same air as any other town, there just

6. People call you by name in Gorman, so you know you're not just a

7. Children are thrilled to find their picture on the bulletin board at

City Grocery (parents too). 8. In many cases children grow up knowing the same people their

parents grew up knowing.

9. There is the distinct possibility of your children having at least one teacher in school who also know you in younger days (that could be

10. Last but not least, in Gorman, you can still let your child play in the yard without living in constant fear.

I know what some of you are thinking, some of these are not always good things, but in life you have to take the bad with the good, and it helps to look for the good in the bad.

Gorman is like many other towns in the area, struggling to keep existing businesses, while striving to bring in new enterprises. We must make the most of available assets, and work on changing existing deficits into more assets. To do this citizens need to get involved and help in any way they can. Show your support for Gorman, the next time someone asks you what's going to happen when Birdsong shuts down, tell them to come check it out for themselves. If nothing else, maybe they'll stop for a soda and something to eat.

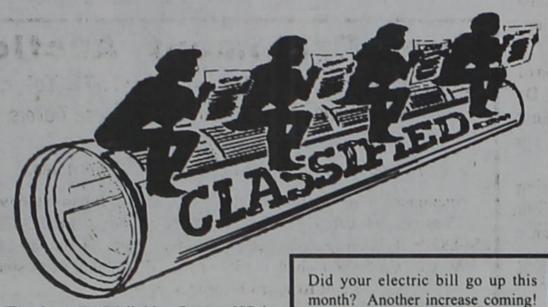
Alfred Elijah Thompson

Alfred Elijah Thompson, 87, passed away in a Temple Hospital on April 13, 2004. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 16, 2004 at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lawrence Mulloy officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton.

Mr. Thompson was born June 25, 1916 in Hamilton County, Texas to Sharrod William Thompson and Samantha Davis Thompson. On September 3, 1938, he was united in marriage to Lillian Arvilla Bowles in Gorman. A.E. and Lillian have shared 65 years of married life. They made their home in the Gorman area for a number of years prior to moving to Hamilton in 1964. A.E. was a kind, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather. Her served his country in the Army during World War II. Most of his life he was a farmer, also he worked for Miller Gunn and Wranglers. He was a member of the Providence Baptist Church.

His wife Lillian Arvilla Thompson of Hamilton, four children Alfred Ray Thompson and his wife Deeta of Hamilton, Wilma Fay Cook and her husband Donald of Gorman, Peggy Virginia Moore of Moody and Robert Max Thompson and his wife Sharon of Jonesboro survives. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 3 greatgreat grandchildren and one brother S.W. (Jud) Thompson of Gorman and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, step mother Nora Harvey, nine sisters and six brothers.



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land, app. 5A coastal, stock pond, 3

water wells, pavement access, great

47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman,

25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2

ponds, barn / pens, good dear area,

50 A. Gorman on FM 2921: 15A

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Patricia Kay Robinson-Theft>\$1500 w/two or more pior theft convictions. Ruben Campos Vela - Driving while intoxicated 3rd offense. Cynthia Lynn Boyd - Forgery

Kimberly Nicole Whitehill - Unauthorized use of motor vehicle. Carmen Elisha Jimenez - Tampering with governmental record. Jason Eugene Miller - Drug Free Zone.

Velma Kay (Ancell) Palomar - Tampering with physical evidence. James Dean Davis - Unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

Kenny Ray Osteen - Burglary (building). Mark Andrew Campbell - Assault causing bodily injury (family member) William Arthur Sobley - Burglary (building).

Christopher Lynn Vuicich - Habitual felony offender. James David Keyser - Bail jumping and failure to appear. Kevin Baker Sears - Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon;

Ronald Jordan - Murder.

Assault of a public servant.

Defendant Robert B. Thayer- Plaintiff Peoples State Bank of Clyde -Accounts, contract, notes.

Defendant Roy Powell-Plaintiff Sallie Ann Merrill-Name change. Defendant Walter Eugene Fearrin-Plaintiff Tammy Fearrin-Divorce. Defendant Darryl Ray Fullerton, Jr.-Plaintiff Angela Fullerton—Divorce. Defendant Gary Rae Wheat-Plaintiff Anita Louise Wheat —Divorce Defendant Stewart Keith Martin-Plaintiff Linda Faye Martin—Divorce. Defendant Earth Works Inc.-Plaintiff Eagle Const. & Environmental Services, L.P.—Accounts, contract, notes.

Defendant Jerry W. Gray-Plaintiff Citibank (South Dakota) NA-Accounts, contract, notes.

Defendant John Lee Monville-Plaintiff Ethel marie Monville-Divorce. Defendant Tracie Marie Ford-Plaintiff Rodney Wayne Ford-Divorce. Defendant Randy Lynn Johnston-Plaintiff Amy De An Johnston-Divorce. Defendant William (Bill) Scott (multi)-Plaintiff Eagle Const. &

Environmental Services, L.P.—Injury/damages; motor. Defendant Marvey Lipkin (multi)-Plaintiff Adele Knits Inc.— Accounts, contract, notes.

Defendant Joann Jackson-Plaintiff James Jackson-Divorce. Defendant State Farm Automobile Insurance-Plaintiff Rebecca Tibbels-Injury/damages; motor.

Defendant Guy Archer-Plaintiff Eastland National Bank— Accounts, contract, notes.

Defendant Donald W. Orr-Plaintiff Cisco Pump Inc.—Accounts, contract, notes. Defendant William Travis Starr-Plaintiff Matthew Brandon Starr (multi)—

Defendant Allegro Mobility Incorporated (multi)-Plaintiff First Federal Leasing—Acocunts, contract, notes.

Defendant Bonnie P. Lavender-Plaintiff Paul Lavendar—Divorce. Defendant Charles William Pendleton-Plaintiff Margaret Nell Pendleton-Divorce.

Tax Defendant Mary Et al. Mahaffey (multi)-Plaintiff County of Eastland-

Defendant Ricky Dale Bible (multi)-Plaintiff County of Eastland— Delinquent tax.

Defendant Terry Fagan-Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent tax. Defendant Lewis Conrad Leham-Plaintiff Eastland ISD-Delinquent tax Defendant Jimmie Allen-Plaintiff County of Eastland-Delinquent tax.

Gorman EDC Talk

April has been Clean Up month for our community for as long as I have lived here. It has seen great effort by local residents to clean up their own little space of Earth. This is what makes such a difference in how clean our town has become.

I remember one of the things I was taught in Kindergarten was the need to clean up after myself. Not having sat in a kindergarten class in several years, I don't know if that practice is still stressed or not. As we get older we forget many of the lessons we might have learned in this young venue. Cleaning up one's own mess at times seems to be one of the lessons we forget first.

In the past and coming months, Gorman (as a Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate) will focus on making a success of the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off highway cleanups and TCEQ Clean It Like You Mean It Bass Lake cleanup. These events are successful because of volunteers, lots of hard work and people who love their state and community. These events are necessary-because many of us forget to clean up after ourselves.

While some of us are too old to learn new tricks, it's not too late to make sure our children understand the importance of this basic lesson. One of KTB's key missions is to reach out to the youth of our great state to make sure they remember what we were all thought in kindergarten. KTB does an excellent job and is on the cutting edge of teaching youth to more fully understand this simple, yet extremely important messageclean up after you and don't be wasteful. KTB accomplishes this through target curriculum that really reaches our youth. Since Gorman is a KTB affiliate member, anyone (church, school, civic group) interested in a youth project can contact the EDC office (734-3933) and get more information on types of activities available to different ages.

Let's hope next time you and your children are walking in your neighborhood they will notice that can or piece of paper that has fallen by the sidewalk and pick it up on their own. If they don't, let's take a moment to teach them the importance of not only picking up that litter but also insuring that it never gets there in the first place.

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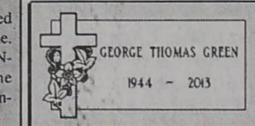
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Basketball Court For City Park

Several committees have been formed for several different projects in our community. These committees formed out of the Gorman Grow Organization.

One committee has presented to the City Commission a plan for a basketball court at the City Park. Plans and arrangements have been made for all of the labor to be donated. Funds are needed for the cost of the materials and supplies. Efforts are currently underway to collect donations and contributions for this effort. In fact, several businesses have already contributed gracious amounts towards this effort. If you are interested in donating money for this great improvement and needed addition, please contact the City Office, or you may contact Revise or Becky Laminack. Other committee members are Mark Simmons, Lori Dodd, Dr. Dan, Robert Ervin, or Cliffa Vaughn.

Our City Park over the last several years has been greatly utilized. This would not only make appearance improvements, it would provide a lot of benefit for the youth of our community. Any donation will be greatly appreciated and put to a good cause. Your time and labor would also make a great contribution.

Thank you.

Defendant Sylvia Aldridge (multi)-Plaintiff County of Eastland—Delinquent tax. Defendant W.L. Andrus et al-Plaintiff Gorman ISD & City of Gorman-

Defendant G.B. Adams-Plaintiff Gorman ISD & City of Gorman-Delinquent tax.

Criminal

James O'Neal Watkins—Injury to a child.

Maximum Sentence for Family Violence

This week an Eastland County jury convicted John Edward Srader of assaulting and causing bodily injury to a household member. After convicting Mr. Srader of assaulting his girlfriend, the jury assessed the maximum punishment available, one year confinement and a \$4,000.00 fine. Prosecutor Bill Dowell was gra that the jury chose to make a strong statement against family violence in community. District Attorney Russ Thomason advised that this is the second jury within the past year to assess the maximum confinement and maximum fine for a domestic violence offense and stated: "It should be clear that the citizens of this community have no tolerance for those who choose to abuse their family members." Thomason also expressed gratitude to the deputies from the Eastland County Sheriff's Office who handled the case and to the Eastland County Crisis Center for the assistance given to the victim. Eastland attorney Gary D. Peak represented Srader at trial.



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KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

A revival will be held at the Kokomo Baptist Church beginning on Sunday morning, April 25 and continuing through Wednesday night, April 28, 2004. Services will be at 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Sunday and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Wednesday nights

Bro. Ron Bostic, pastor of the Olden Baptist Church will be the evangelist and Daryl Hirst will direct the music. Ruby Lee Kinser will be the pianist and Glynda Bond will be the organist.

Bro. Bostic is a gradujate of Cisco High School, Howard Payne University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary and received a Doctorate of Ministry in Missions in 1981 from Luther Rice University. He was involved in missions in Africa, the Phillipines and Australia from 1972 -1992.

The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson, and the members invite you to come and worship with them in these services. There will be a covered dish lunch and fellowship following the Sunday morning service.

"Love Is Why" was so beautifully rendered by the choir on Sunday morning at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Those in the choir, directed by Woodrow Browning were: Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Helen Browning, Daryl Hirst, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little and Joe Bond with Glynda Bond at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Marge Hudson and Bro. Clarence Wilson. Brian Bond of Houston was a visitor.

We appreciate the beautiful flowers that Daryl and Cecilia Hirst set out at the church.

The annual Homecoming and meeting of the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery, weather permitting. Other wise it will be held at the Kokomo Community Center. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. Anyone who has an interest in the Kokomo, Simpson and Mangum

Cemeteries are encouraged to attend. THE GORMAN PROGRESS Come, bring a favorite food to be shared at noon at the Kokomo Community Center while we enjoy visiting with one another.

Darrell and Ranae Carlton have resigned as caretakers of the cemeteries and the committee have hired Billy Jack Hallmark of Eastland as the new caretaker. We appreciate the Carltons and the good job they did, and we feel that Mr. Hallmark will do a good job too.

Those that attended the recent committee meeting were Delmon Eaves, Bryan Lee Johnson, Larry Strube, Zelda Jordan, Norma Webb, Martha Wood, Patsy and Pat Collins, and Billy Jack Hallmark.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Leann Wilson of Ranger who died in a car accident last Thursday night Her funeral was held on Monday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Ranger with burial in the Bullock Cemetery. She was the sister-in-law of Glynda and Joe Bond of our community. Several from Kokomo attended the funeral. Shannon Bond of Copperas Cove and Brian Bond of Houston here to be with their

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, and phone calls for me while I was in the hospital and since I haved been home. I appreciate each and every one of you. God bless you.

Joan Butler

parents, Joe and Glynda, and to attend the funeral of their aunt.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson and her sister and brother-in-law enjoyed a trip to San Angelo and Fort Concho on Friday as a birthday treat for Bro.Clarence.

LaVon Snider visited in Brownwood with friends last week and ate lunch with Carolyn Eaves. Those visiting LaVon were Ted Snider, Dan Snider, Justin Snider, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Belinda, Audri, Isaac and Ella Snider of Gorman.

Dave and Laneta Freeman, Charlie and Jonell Torrez, Ike Reid, Charlie Torez, Jr., Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hen-

Norma Webb, Myrna Henson of Tulsa, OK, Barbara Nowlin of De Leon, and Melba Aaron of Eastland met for lunch and visiting at ZJ's in Gorman on Sunday.

Woodrow and Helen Browning were in Graham on Saturday to visit with Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and to attend Garrett's T-ball game.

I had a telephone call from J. D. McNeely of Richardson, a former resident of Kokomo, to express his regrets that he would not be able to attend the Homecming and Cemetery meeting this year as his son, Ron McNeely of Utah would be visiting at that time. J.D. asked about all his friends and former neighbors and says hello to all.

"Happy Birthday" to my son-inlaw, Leon Black of Abilene who has a birthday on April 20, and to my grandson, Kyle Jordan of Lubbock who has a birthday on April 25, from

We appreciate the donations that the Kokomo 4-H Club House that was damaged in the early March

Thank You

I want to thank each and everyone of you who stood by Michelle and helped her do this Relay with out me.I wish it had been different so I could have been there but my daughter Jancey and new grandson Dallas James needed me more. He is doing fine. They closed his little chest up yesterday which was the 4th hurtle he had to cross. Now all we need is prayers that he doesn't get any infections. Thank you all so much for your prayers This little man will never know all who cared enough to pray for him but his nana does and I thank you again.I will keep everyone informed of his progress and through prayers he will be at the next Eastland County Relay. Thank you all again.

Valerie

storm. We don't yet have enough to pay for the repair so are asking for more donations if anyone desires to give to a good cause. Donations can be mailed to Delmon Eaves, Rt. 1 Box 142, Gorman, TX 76454.

Thank You

The family of Jack and Bea Smith would like to express our appreciation for all the food, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls during the passing of both our beloved parents. Thank you to the members of New Hope for feeding us for the entire week and Bethel Baptist Church for the two big meals on the days of the services. For the wonderful words of consolation and hope, thank you to Rev. Richard Watson, Rev. Jim Andrews, Rev. Jim Wright, and Rev. Rex Boggs. A special thank you to Dr. Dan for coming out to the house. For the compassionate care giver Vonda Streiff, for staying through some tough times. Also, Jessie Woolsey and Dee Smithey, we love you. Also, to Hospice of the Big Country & Richard and Relda for staying with us through the passing and beyond. May God richly bless you all.

Ann and Roger Boone & family Joyce and Lewis Hutchens & family Sonja Smith & family

Maxfield Elementary and High School Honor Roll - 5th Six Weeks

1st grade, Mrs. Lewis--A Honor Roll-- Adriana Blair, Holly Rainey, Lacey Wilson, Mariela Sanchez, Blake Self, Lauren Spivey; A-B Honor Roll--Austin Encinias, Flavio Herrera, Marines Villalobos 1st grade, Mrs. Smith--A Honor Roll--Madison Warren, Jacquelynn Rainey, Chloe Cole, Daniel Herrera,

Mathew Majors; A-B Honor Roll--Keaton Collins, Austin Carter, Ethan May, Lindley Thackerson, Hayley Bullock, Brittany Burns

2nd grade, Mrs. Forbus--A Honor Roll--Zachary Carlton, Syann Rainey, Melissa Ramirez; A-B Honor Roll--Bailey Cockburn, Connie Gonzalez, Jessica Williams, Andrew Keith, Tony Ramirez, Skye Lewis 2nd grade, Mrs. Grissom--A Honor Roll--Fabian Garcia, Mykisha Hampton, Kinsey Johnston, Andy Madera; A-B Honor Roll-Courtney Byrd, Alaina Swanner, Yari Montelongo, Travis Naeseth, Christina Zolfaghar, Dakota Pacheco, Tyler Patel, Rebecca Rainey

3rd grade, Mrs. Caraway--A Honor Roll-- A Honor Roll--Jenna Bullock, Aimee LawrenceA-B Honor Roll--Tyson Underwood, Megan Jackson, Margarita Oronia, Angelena Perez, B.J. Ramirez

3rd grade, Mrs. Spivey--A Honor Roll--Austin Marlow, Megan Stewart, Rachel Tucker; A-B Honor Roll--

4th grade, Mrs. Bussell--A Honor Roll--A.J. Vaughn, Marissa Roath, Katey Thackerson, Ally Little; A-B Honor Roll--Cade Cole, Jonathan Fenley, Chelsea Griffin, Carlie Jackson, Rebekah Powell

4th grade, Mrs. Matteson--A Honor Roll--McKenzie Osborne, Cody Self; A-B Honor Roll--Mallory May, Erica Ortiz, Cortney Shirley, Stetson Thompson, J.C. Whitten

5th grade, Mrs. Barker--A Honor Roll--Stephanie Risueno; A-B Honor Roll--Jordan Carter, Cameron Clark, Grandma Zelda. Dylan Keith, Jaime Johnston, Cecilia Olivares, Jacob Singleton

5th grade, Mrs. Jones--A Honor Roll-- A-B Honor Roll-Brice Campbell, Matt Keith, Morgan Jackson, Luis have been received for the rapair of Martinez

6th grade, Mrs. Keith--A Honor Roll--Chance Bryant; A-B Honor Roll--Laura Herrera

6th grade, Mrs. Johnson--A Honor Roll--Taylor Chew, Jonathan Flores, Eric Ryon, Chance Williams; A-B Honor Roll--Jarrett Blankenship, Edna Gonzales, Brittany Henderson, Laci Lawrence Kimmy Seaton

7th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Sonia Hipolito, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Jordan Perry, Matt Underwood, Miles Vann, Veronica Walton; Honor Roll--Marsela Gonzalez, C.J. Grumbles, Lindsey Laminack, Isabel Munoz, Tyson Swanner

8th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Brandy Carlton, Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Clarissa Glasson, Reba Granado, Kennon Hornback, Aaron Keith, Kendra Lewis, Megan Lewis, Mary Powell, Trey Underwood; Honor Roll--Ashley Burkeen, Seth Cochrane, Kati Deel, Jessica Esquivel, Carlos Gutierrez, Shanna Hair, Trey Holdman, Jimmie Murphy, Tony Perez, John Torres, Beau Williams

9th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Kristy Carlton, K'Ann Howard, Maria Oronia, Pete Ramirez, Reggie Sanchez, Matthew Smith; Honor Roll--Amanda Brown, Christina Garcia, David Ibarra, Michael Marin, Tiffany Perez, Leland Rainey, Amanda Regian, Kaci Seaton, Natasha Sherman, Brittany Shirley, Crystal Thackerson, Chance Underwood, Mindy Voyles

10th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Zach Bryan, Amber Ervin, Patricia Gutierrez, Nikki Keith, Sandra Lara, Kent Long, Cindy Lopez, Summer Olvera, Sharla perez, Kendra Swanner; Honor Roll--Cindy Garces, Armando Giles, Brandon Hale, Joey Jones, Esteban Leal, Kevin Lewis, Tim Patel, Justin Willey

11th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Kendra Bailey, Martha Cruz, Christian Esquivel, Rachel Granado, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback, Clint Jones, Frances Lewis, Amanda Naeseth, Doneil Strawbridge, Ryan Wright; Honor Roll--Amanda Boyd, Michael Grissom, Scott Lewis, Ivan madera, Luis Ramirez, Adam Spivey, Joseph Whitfill

12th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll-- Holly Abbe, Casondra Cooper, Marcie Davis, Andrea Files, Lacy Howard, Thomas Hurd, Lance Jones, Melinda Leal, Kalyn Porter, Roberto Rodriguez, Lydia Royster, Chris Smith, Emily Thornton, Crystal Williams, Sawyer Wright; Honor Roll--William Duske, Britt Hagood, Trenton Withers

PEE WEE BASKETBALL

(Will Have Photos In Several Issues Of The Progress)



3rd Grade Girls Team

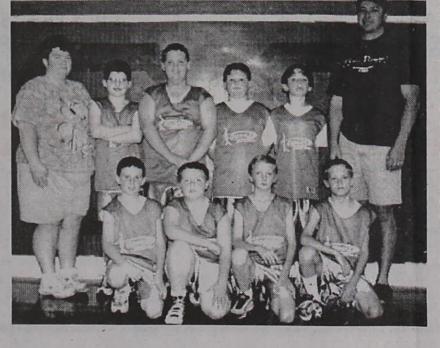
The 3rd Grade girls team was coached by Benji Nabors. Players were Katie Nabors, Amy Larwence, Jena Bullock, Rachel Tucker and not shown was Delilah

These players played in three tournaments receiving 2nd in all tournaments.

4th Grade Boys Team

The Fourth Grade boys Pee Wee Basketball team played in six tournaments this season. The first tournament was the Gorman pee Wee Basketball Association Tournament, where they finished third. They also finished third in the two consecutive DeLeon Tournaments. The next three tournaments were May, Gorman, and Lingleville, where they finished first in all three. They finished the year with a 13-4 record.

Pictured from top left: Barbara Fenley, James Thomas, Jonathan Fenley, Daniel Sherman, A.J. Vaughn, Lance Sharp. Bottom left: Josh Ryon, Jeffery Rainey, J.C. Whitten, and Colby Cockburn. Not pictures is Sergio Hipolito



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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Birthday Party

residents will be honored for having April birthdays. There will be entertainment. Guests and relatives are welcome.

Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood and Marjorie Treadway were recent guests.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Jim Burleson, Vicki Seay, and Bobby Rich. There were 25 residents. Each were given a chance to take the Lord's Supper. The lesson was "Risen Lord," Bible passage Matthew 28:1-10 and Ephesians 2:4-9. The key Bible verse Ephesians 2:4-5.

some guests were Vonceia Snider of Rose Bud, Arkansas, Hazel Campbell of Carbon, J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Bill Moll and Maudie Husband, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona.

It sure was nice to see Joey Beaty of Dallas visiting.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming for church from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe Bond, and Nancy Hendricks. Bro. Wilson's message was "He Has Risen" and everyone sang gospel songs. Guests were Bobby and Joan Baker, Stormy Hurd, Dezie Murphy and Thomas Hurd. Thirteen residents were present.

Some guests were Daryl and Kathy Belyue and Jeannie Taylor of Fort Worth, Christi Claud, Bessie Shupp, Freddie Sadberry and Carla Matthews of DeLeon, Denver Rainey, Brice Shupp, Kayla Burns.

Monday afternoon, those coming for the Monday Gospel Singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen and Woodrow Browning, Ann Warren, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Billy Joe Dennis and Marjorie Treadway. Ten residents were present.

Recent visitors were James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, and Nancy

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop for residents.

Some guests were Paulette Nabors, Geneva Nabors, Autry and Peggy of DeLeon, Stanton and Ann Anders, Cindy, Jayde and Balor Nabors of Comanche, Bruce and Sandy Gould of DeLeon.

Monday morning, Pat Graham, Ina Smith and Judy Kilbrew had bingo for eleven residents.

Recent visitors were Bonny Croft, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Kenneth Good, Wilbur Overstreet, Irene West, Ann Warren.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing. There were 15 residents present.

Some visitors were Judge Scott Bailey of Cisco, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Vicki Seay, Bill and Tootie Campbell.

Residents sends "Get Well Wishes" to Estell Erwin who had surgery

Recent guests were Fred McMullen of Rose Bud, NM, Dan and Jo

Desdemona News By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, April 24 at the Community Center (former school building). Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who come early for supper. Sandwiches, homemade pie, and drinks will be served. Texas Zephyr Bluegrass Band with their lead singer, Early Clark all of the Fort Worth area and several other musical groups will be on the program that starts at 6 p.m. Dorothy Roberts is chairman of the concession stand with co-workers Bobbie McKillip, Vonnie Guthery, and Gay Moore. Pug Guthery will serve as the MC. Make plans to attend and bring your friends for some good food, good music and good fellowship. This musical is on the fourth Saturday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

Bernard and Ann Keith were in Ranger last Saturday to attend the wedding of Barbara Jones and C.D. "Art" Crudgington both of the Ranger area. "Congratulations" to this fine couple as they start a new life together. Both are retired and they have plans to travel, visit relatives, go sightseeing, even maybe a nice cruise. They will live in Ranger. Barbara is a cousin to Bernard Keith and Vonnie Guthery.

Robert and Ima Brown were in New Braunfels the first part of the week to attend a S.C.S.A. Retirees Reunion. They attend each year if possible and really enjoy visiting with their friends.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday, April 12, at the Community Center. The tables and room were decorated with Easter baskets, etc. Hostesses were Ima Brown, Nell Moore and Evelyn Yardley. Others attending were Marie Patty, Helen Depwe, Mildred Million, Dora Holland, Anna Brazell, Louise Maltby, Jo Holdman, Dorothy Roberts, and Dorothy Greenhaw all of Desdemona. Jan Wilson of Lingleville, Lil Brudnak, Linda Gibbs and Ruth Rodgers of Gorman attended. Agatha Nance and Marie Ficklen of Stephenville were present. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Ima Brown (April 13th birthday.) No age was even mentioned, but I'm sure they are still that famous age of "39". Everyone enjoyed the good food and good fellowship. This social meets second Monday of each month. Visitors are welcome. Thanks to Ima for this news item. This reporter would like to ask others in this area to send their weekly news and it would be appreciated.

Justin and Summer Harvey of Rhome, Texas, Stan and Rhonda Harvey of Ranger were supper guests last Saturday night with Dixie Pack and James in Desdemona.

Dixie Pack hosted an evening of card and domino games for her friends, Edith, her sister Pauline and their mother Velda, all of Abilene. This group visits often.

The Fox Family Reunion was held last Saturday, April 17 at the Desdemona Community Center. Several visitors attended from out of town. They reported a good visit with everyone and made plans for next year's reunion at the same time and same place.

Richard Roberts and Nathan Roberts, both of Fort Worth, visited on Saturday with their Aunt Dorothy Roberts. They visited with Aunt Mildred Roberts, who is in the DeLeon Hospital at this time recovering from recent surgery.

Bernard and Ann Keith visited last Friday in DeLeon with their daughter, De and Vicki Robinett. Other visitors in the home were their great grandchildren, Christopher and Allison Febinger of Stephenville. PaPa and Nana got plenty of loving from those great grands.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Evelyn Fisher Hammond, 83, of Lake Brownwood. Burial was on Thursday, April 15, 2004 in the Howard Cemetery, north of Desdemona. Survivors included a son, Gerald Hammond and wife Clara of Lake Brownwood. Three granddaughters Angela Sanders of Phoenix, AZ, Tamara Ballmann of near Waco, and Julie O'Bannon of Desdemona, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her husband, L.P. Hammond, a son Dean Hammond, her parents, brothers and sisters. The Hammond family are former residents of Desdemona where L.P. and their two sons attended school.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Leann Pate Wilson, 41, of Ranger. She received fatal injuries in a car wreck. Leann was a "Special" lady and much loved by all who knew her. We will miss her. Burial was in the Bullock Cemetery north of Ranger on Monday, April 19, 2004.

Danny Holland of Euless, Wayne Tucker of Arlington, and Dora Holland of Desdemona drove to Fresno, California to visit Ona Broughton who is a sister to Dora and Wayne. They enjoyed the trip and had a good visit.

Have a nice day, Vonnie.

your local news anywhere else? муй дег

Carey of Midlothian, Durward Webb, Anna Rush, Estell Erwin.

inside for Heritage Manor to have the "Shake and Make" home made ice cream for a very large number of residents.

Fay Foster, and Pam Childers.

Residents were happy to get the good magazines that were donated. Recent visitors were Lendon and Frankie Jo Shipman, Karen Guthery, and Dorenda Menten of Buchanan Dam, Don Landers of Springtown.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell from First Baptist Church came and had Bible study. The topic was "Two Masters." Bible passage Luke 16:10-26. A resident led the opening prayer and another voiced the closing prayer. There were 12 residents present.

Some guests were Joyce Bramlett, Lucy Joiner, Cliff Bramlett, Billie Jean Grisham, Alyssa Mahan, Taylor Hope Mahan of DeLeon, Adam,

Lisa Wesley, Kate Wesley, John Wesley, Wayne Grisham, Beverly Grisham, Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Randy On Tuesday afternoon was a real cool day (outside) but nice and warm and Leslie Green, Emily Green, Robert and Beck Moore of DeLeon.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith had "Crazy Bingo" for residents. Visiting were Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Winston Brown, Levi Rob-Some guests were Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Jewel Dean Morris, erts, Kendra Roberts, Shannon Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Dorothy Rob-On Friday, April 30th will be the Residents Birthday Party. Three Larry and Shelly Morgan of Garland, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Annie erts of Desdemona, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville.

Thursday morning, Ina Smith had 'Concentration' for residents.

Some guests were Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Paul Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kim Ryon, Kelli Williams of Desdemona, Steve and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland.

> Residents said it was fun matching words in the "Word Game" in the activities on Thursday afternoon.

Some visitors were Stanley Porter, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Billy Joe Dennis and Ruby Lee Kinser.

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