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# Abbe-Johnson To Exchange Vows

NUMBER TWENTY-THREE



Chuck and Melinda Abbe of Gorman would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Holly Ranee to Justin Keith Johnson of Dublin.

Justin is the son of Mike and Jesslea Johnson and Patricia Johnson all

Holly is a 2004 graduate of Gorman High and will attend Cisco Jr. College this fall.

Justin has been employed at Gorman Milling for two years.

Holly and Justin's wedding will be on July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

Providing a quality education for the children who attend Gorman ISD is an enormous responsibility. Educating the children in our community requires a number of individuals. Teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians, and administrators are the individuals who work with the children at school. Parents are also a very important part of the educa- swing after the contests began on June 1st tional process. The support parents provide is imperative to the students' success. The education of the children also requires assistance from the community. Community members have a wealth of knowledge and Sandra Lara- Fire Department skills which can benefit the children.

Schools are accustomed to handing our report cards to students and annually the state of Texas issues a report card based on criteria established by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Education Agency, and the State Board of Education. Gorman ISD is also interested in your rating of the school district. Surveys have been presented the students, parents and faculty. In the near future community members will be given the opportunity to complete a survey. The information from the completed surveys will be used to make plans for the future education of the children who attend Gorman ISD. Prior to the beginning of the school year, a validation meeting will be held to present the results Visit, and Economic Development to bring in new businesses. of the survey.

### Gorman Junior High and **High School Registration**

Registration for the Jr. High and High School Students has been set for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will be registering individually on Monday, August 2nd. Since this is a very important time for these students to select classes, parents are encouraged to accompany seniors. Seniors should please call and schedule a time to register for classes. Juniors and Sophomores will register Tuesday, Freshmen and seventh and eighth will register on Wednesday. Please try to make registration if possible. We all look forward to an exciting new year.

Monday, August 2 Tuesday, August 3

(8:00-3:00)(8:00-12:00)Wednesday, August 4

(8:00-12:00) (1:00-3:00)

Seniors Juniors Freshmen 7th and 8th

### Forget The Carbs!!! BAKE AND BOOK SALE

June 18th and 19th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At the junction of Hwy. 16 and FM 8 **Blinking Light - Desdemona** Fresh Baked Goods Daily Benefits the new Desdemona Activity Center



Thank you to Johnny and Ina Smith for providing the American flags displayed along Hwy. 6 on Monday-Flag Day. Also, thanks to everyone helping with this project.

> Nikki Keith - Chamber of Commerce Candidate for Miss Gorman **BBQ** Lunch Friday, June 18th -- City Park

Car Wash Saturday, June 19th - American State Bank

### **BEEF FAJITA MEAL**

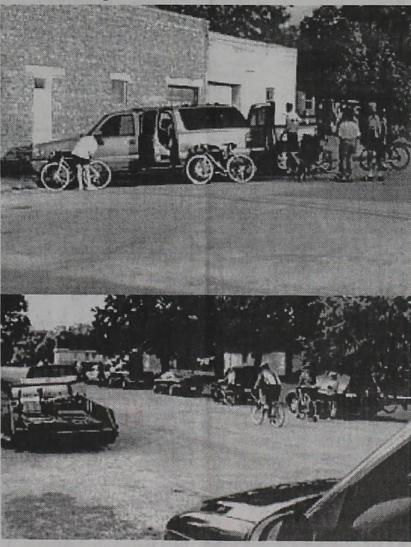
Friday, June 25th -- 12 Noon

Warren Watermelon Stand, Hwy. 6

\$5.00 each

**Miss Gorman Contestant** Sandra Lara

### Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride



Scene from Bike Ride held recently

# GISD Seeks Information Miss Gorman and Little Miss **Contest Set For June 26th**

The Miss and Little Miss Gorman contests are now in full

This years contestants are: **Miss Gorman Contestants:** Nikki Keith-Chamber of Commerce Kati Deel— Lion's Club

Miss/Little Miss Gorman Contestants: Katalina Landa— Chamber of Commerce

Kayce Dodd— Lion's Club Kendle Coan-Fire Department Carrissa Cole-Foster Floral

Fund raising projects are now underway and all the girls have their cans in businesses for donations. Please help support these girls. The contest will run through June 26. All proceeds will go toward community projects. The Chamber supports programs such as the County Stock Show, the Awards Banquet, the Baseball Association, the Peanut Festival, the Annual Santa

The pageant will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in the high school auditorium.

We appreciate the good job done by our reigning Miss Gorman, Rachel Granado, and Little Miss Gorman, Kourtney Seaton. They have represented us well at many area events and parades. Thanks girls!

# MISS GORMAN CONTESTANT



Kathryn Christine. I am 14 years old and a Freshman at G.H.S. I am 2005.

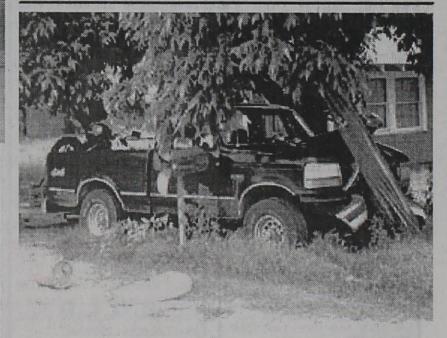
I am the daughter of Lisa Deel Texas. of Gorman and Kenny Deel of Van Alstyn, Texas. I am the grand-Price of Gorman and Kennith and

Gayle Deel of Leonard, Texas. I have two brothers Colton and Keaton and one sister Tori. I have a step-sister Lara and step-brother Jarred that I love just the same. I live in Gorman with my mother along with all our four-legged family member-including Mack the Raccoon!

I love sports and participate in as many as possible. My favorite is basketball. I am a Varsity Cheerleader for Gorman H.S. this coming school year and look forward to yelling the Panthers to victory. I am a member of National Junior Honor Society and was on the A-B Honor Roll every six weeks this past school year.

My very best friend is Jesus Hi! My name is Kati Deel, aka Christ and it's an honor to be called a Jesus Freak. I hang around with everybody because I want to be a candidate for Miss Gorman. I am everybody's friend! My goal in life your Lions Club sweetheart 2004- is to always stay on this path. I hope also to attend the University of

My name is Kati Deel and I thank the Lions Club for sponsordaughter of Frances and George ing me and I appreciate your support. HOOK 'EM HORNS!



ACCIDENT -- John Moss was injured in a one vehicle accident involving his truck and a highline pole on Hwy. 8 in Gorman on Monday morning. John was taken to the hospital via ambulance. No reports on his condition was available at press time. Electricity was effected for at least two hours.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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.

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

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. Daryl Hirst, Master - Bob Wilkerson, Secretary.

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.

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

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

FOOD

New Hours - 10 to 11:00 a.m. Second Thursday

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.

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 WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - JUNE 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

# Obituaries

### Hope H. Joiner

Hope H. Joiner, age 95, of Gorman, passed away Monday, June son, Arizona, died on Thursday, Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Higginbotham Funeral Tuscon. Additional services will be home Chapel with Rev. Stephen at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 18, 2004 Joiner officiating, assisted by Rev. in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Hope was born on October 16, will be in DeLeon Cemetery. 1908 in Comanche County. She married Talmadge Joiner on December 5, 1927. She was a housewife and a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church.

She is survived by four sons, Ennis Joiner of Gorman, Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, David joiner of Lindale, and Howard Joiner of dock of Comanche and Hazel Rob-Arlington; three daughters, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Lucille 21 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-Joiner of Stephenville, and Joyce great grandchildren. Bramlett of Stephenville; two brothers, Herman Dukes of Comanche, Denman Dukes of Lindale; two sisters, Amber Crad

14, 2004 at Heritage Manor Care June 10, 2004. Funeral services Center. Funeral services will be on were held Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at Bring's Broadway Chapel in in the First Baptist Church in Gor-Clarence Wilson. Interment will be man under the direction of Higgin-

Gaynell was the daughter of Burford Thomas and Bertha Wolfenbarger Thomas. She was born and raised in Gorman and at-

She was preceded in death by

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son Chester Joiner and one brother and



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### **Gaynell Hicks**

Gaynell Hicks, age 68, of Tucbotham Funeral Home. Interment

tended Gorman High School.

erts of Alabama; 16 grandchildren,

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### Sarah Ann **Rainey Mize**

Sarah Ann Rainey Mize, 89, of DeLeon, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2004 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Sunday, June 13, 2004 at the Nowlin Funeral home Chapel with Kris Groda officiating. Burial was at the Desdemona Cemetery.

Sarah was born on February 21, 1915 in May, Texas, to the late Jess L. Hughes and Georgia Staley Hughes. She married Hubert Rainey on April 22, 1933 in East-She was a homeland County.

her husband, Kenneth. She was a Tuscon business woman and was retired from Qwest Telephone Co. from Desdemona. as a planner.

She is survived by her children, Johnny G. Hicks and wife Becky, Jimmy R. Hicks and wife (Dawn Daniels) and Jacque D. Plante; grandchildren, Ian, Dacia, Meliah, Brian, Nathan, Tim, Katie, Christy, and K.C.; great-grandchildren, Ashton and Sage; sisters, Fern Grisham and Mildred Roberts.

The family has requested that donations be made in Gaynell's name to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Southern Arizona, 655 N. Alveron Way, Tuscon, AZ 85711.

maker; member of the Desdemona Church of Christ; and resident of DeLeon area since 1979, coming

**Letter To** 

The Editor

My name is Sergeant First Class

Jose L. Flores. I am currently as-

signed to 1-124 CAV, a Texas Army

National Guard unit, serving in

Iraq. I have been in country since

March and expect to be here for a

full year. I have been in the Texas

Army National Guard for over 14

years, serving the last ten as an

Active Duty Guard soldier. When

at home, I work in Fort Worth,

with my wife and daughter.

Texas and live in Mansfield, Texas

I grew up in Gorman from 1981

until 1989, when I graduated from

Gorman High School. I have not

lived in Gorman since then; how

May 31, 2004

Dear Editor:

Survivors include five daughters, Ruth Coutarie of Whitney, Nelda Keith of Ft. Worth, Freddie Sadberry and Bessie Shupp both of DeLeon and Ann Hinkle of Whitney; daughter-in-law Carol Rainey of Weatherford; one sister Maxcine Rouch of Midland; 24 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, Hubert Rainey in 1972; two sons, Kenneth Rainey and Tom Rainey; two brothers Raymond Hughes and Doyle Hughes; grandson, Dale Hinkle and great-granddaughter, Shenna Chupp.

# Nikki Keith

**Chamber of Commerce Candidate for Miss Gorman BBQ** Lunch

Friday, June 18th -- City Park

Car Wash Saturday, June 19th --**American State Bank** 

## Sanctioned Barbecue Cook-Off Set For Aug 6-7 in Hamilton

There will be a Lone Star Barbecue Society sanctioned barbecue cook-off Aug. 6 and 7 in Hamilton at the Jayson Harris Pavilion. Teams from all around Texas are expected to attend.

The entry fee will be \$50 and a cooked meat item from the category entered. For more details about the cook-off, call Paul Gomez Jr. at 254-386-3365.

In conjunction with the cook-off, there will also be a softball tournament at Horton Park and a car show.

For more information about the softball tournament, contact Mark Nolen at 254-386-3199.

For information about the car show, call Ray Riley at 254-386-

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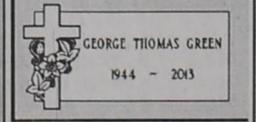
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tional pride, I have taken time to reflect on three key factors: God, community a chance to sense Family, and Country. This letter is pride that he is feeling. about all three. First, without God, we would not be here. Second, my father and myself have not had the best of relationships. I know he is proud of what I am doing, but I have never thanked him for making me the man that I am today. Third, I am proud to serve my country, but to me, Texas (Gorman in particular) represents my country. I have lived in several different cities and traveled all over the country, but I never forgot that I am from

I am respectfully requesting that your newspaper publish an article about my service in Iraq. I am only

ever, my father, Willie Flores Sr., asking that you mention that I am a still resides there. I don't visit my 1989 graduate of Gorman High father or Gorman, for that matter, School and the son of a current Goroften enough. However, I never man resident, Willie Flores Sr., and include the attached phot in the article. Without saying, the article In these times of war and na- would show him that I am thankful for what he has done and give

> If this request is approved, could you please send me several copies of the newspaper to the address in the letterhead? Also, if you have any questions or comments, you can email me at the e-mail address in the letterhead. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely, s/ SFC Jose L. Flores 336 MP Bn / 1-124 CAV (F Co) Camp Anaconda APO AE 09391 jose.luis.flores@us.army.mil

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### Gorman City Commissioner Minutes Approved June 3, 2004

met on the above date. Those commissioners Durward Webb, Joe present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Casey, and Charlie Torrez Jr. Oth-

### Forget The Carbs!!! BAKE AND BOOK SALE

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**BEEF FAJITA MEAL** 

Friday, June 25th -- 12 Noon

Warren Watermelon Stand, Hwy. 6

\$5.00 each

Miss Gorman Contestant

Sandra Lara

The Gorman City Commission Mayor Pro-Tem Nathan Files, ers present were two representatives from BFI, Cliffa Vaughn, Cary Campbell, Ron Skiles, Doug Caffey, Norma Dennis, Billy Joe Dennis, Lori and Kayce Dodd, Leonard Silva, and John Longoria.

> Nathan led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

> Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:36 p.m.

> Durward made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0.

> Durward made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Two Representatives were present from Browning - Ferris Inc. (BFI). They were requesting the opportunity to renew the contract with the City. The Commission will meet with other trash services before negotiating terms. From past experience BFI had offered the most profitable option for the City.

Ron Skiles and Billy Joe Dennis requested the minutes be put in the paper. Also Billy Joe stated he felt like there was too much traffic speeding on the City streets, especially through town. Billy Joe also mentioned that trucks were traveling on Winkler Street.

Cliffa Vaughn expressed concern now that school is out that the curfew might be taken advantage of. She wanted patrolling on behalf of this potential problem.

Reports were submitted by each department head. Cary told the Commission that there was a rust problem on the tank of the sewer machine. He also reported that the manhole will be installed on Roberts Street. Which this was the issue concerning Mr. Silva.

Chief Caffey reported that the officers needed to qualify and that they would have to purchase ammo. Doug also wanted to know what the Commission planned to do with the car which was acquired through a drug search and seizure. The Commission decided to insure the car and it will possibly be used by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Lori Dodd was present as EDC

Mayor Ervin passed around to each Commissioner the bids that were submitted for replacing the sidewalk on the north side of the hotel. Durward made the motion to accept the bid of Justin Underwood. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

On personnel: Nathan made the motion that Cary's ninety day probation period was very satisfactory and to allow the annual 3% raise for regular full time employees, and add an additional \$1.00 per hour. Durward made a second and the motion carried 4-0. Cary's wages are now \$11.87 per hour. Cary will also be added to the city's insurance coverage. Clay Scott was also given

At 7:01 p.m. Durward made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:38 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion Charlie made the motion to adjourn, Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 7:40

## O'Neal Endows Texas A&M University Petroleum Engineering Scholarship

B.D. (Don) O'Neal of Houston has demonstrated true maroon colors by endowing a fourth scholarship at his alma mater.

His \$60,000 gift creates the B.D. O'Neal '53 Scholarship for highachieving petroleum engineering students at Texas A&M University.

The award is part of the Nelson Scholars Program, established in 1987 to attract exceptional freshmen students to the petroleum engineering profession. The program provides four-year scholarships equivalent to the university's President's Endowed Scholarships.

"As the global demand for oil and gas continues to increase over the coming decades, we will need more petroleum engineers to develop the technology required to meet the demands. The Nelson Scholars Program really helps our department attract and retain the best students, so we can graduate the best petroleum engineers," said Dr. Stephen A. Holditch, petroleum engineering department head and holder of the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation Chair.

O'Neal previously established a college-wide engineering scholarship and two Corps of Cadets scholarships.

"It is important in this day of high cost education that we graduates of Texas A&M extend a helping hand to future Aggies who have the desire. motivation and ability to educate themselves to better serve our society and our country," O'Neal said.

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O'Neal, a native of Hamlin and graduate of Gorman (Texas) High School, earned his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M in 1953. He worked 33 years for Exxon U.S.A. in management and engineering positions related to production, natural gas, and coal and oil shale activities. He retired in 1986 as a senior engineering advisor and continued to serve as a private consultant in litigation matters.

He is a registered and licensed professional engineer and a certified mediator in Texas. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

His military service included duty with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Inactive Reserve (Ordnance Corps).

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Criminal

Defendant Cash, Cody Wayne; Plaintiff State of Texas-Burglary of a

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Defendant Hopkins, Joshua Warren; Plaintiff State of Texas-Forgery by Making

Defendant Hopkins, Joshua Warren; Plaintiff State of Texas-Forgery

by Making Defendant Hopkins, Joshua Warren; Plaintiff State of Texas-Forgery

by Making Defendant Woods, Randall Orlean; Plaintiff State of Texas-Driving

While Intoxicated 3rd Offense

Defendant Woods, Randall Orlean; Plaintiff State of Texas-Sexual Assault Child

Defendant Walton, Henry Martin (multi); Plaintiff County of East-

Defendant Ranger Meat Company, Inc.; Plaintiff County of Eastland-**Delinquent Tax** 

Divorce

Defendant; Plaintiff Cearley, Pemecia

Defendant Holdman, Virgil Franklin; Plaintiff Holdman, Tracy

Defendant Wiley, Donald Ray; Plaintiff Wiley, Cheryl Ann-Divorce of Lubbock, Jim Winn of Lubbock, Defendant Goodman, Charles Edward; Plaintiff Goodman, Carrie Zelda Jordan of Gorman, Glenda and Glynda Bond, Johnnie B. Lynn-Divorce

Defendant Vanscoy, Katja Maureen; Defendant Vanscoy, David P.-

Accounts, Contract, Notes Defendant Farm Bureau Bank; Plaintiff Duncan, James L.-Declara- Black to Lubbock and we visited

Defendant Barrientes, Apolonio; Plaintiff Barrientes, Stacie Renee-

Defendant Rothlis, Danny Dewayne (multi); Plaintiff State of Texas-

**Bond Forfeiture** Defendant Plocheck, Joseph; Plaintiff Plocheck, Cara L.-Divorce Defendant Edwards, Patricia Lou; Plaintiff Edwards, Kenny Wayne-

Defendant Francis, Jonathan L.; Plaintiff Citibank (South Dakota) NA-Accounts, Contract, Notes

Defendant Gassett, Kristi Leigh; Plaintiff Gassett, Jason-Divorce Defendant Tice, Roselane B.; Plaintiff Tice, Lloyd-Divorce

Defendant McCoy, John Wayne; Plaintiff McCoy, Crystal Trousdale-

Defendant Malik, TeAnna Beatrice; Plaintiff Malik, Daniel Jocob-

Defendant Janecek, Jeremy W.; Plaintiff Janecek, Lisa Rainey-Di-

Defendant Osteen, Jimmy Ray (multi); Plaintiff Wachovia Bank, NA-Accounts, Contract, Notes

### **KOKOMO NEWS**

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Kokomo News last week, but I was sang "I'm Happy And Free". out of town on news day. My sister- "Happy Birthday" was sung to in-law, Wanda Lewallen Russell of Glynda Bond and "Happy Anniver-Floydada, underwent heart by-pass sary" was wished to Joe and Glynda surgery at the Lubbock Heart Hospital on Tuesday morning, June 8 Springtown and Mike and Susie and I was in Lubbock to be with her Hampton, Chance, Mykesha and and other members of the family. She has been in CCU since the surgery as she developed pneumonia, but was doing much better today (Monday) and hoped to be moved Your Candle' Glenn is the grandto a room today or tomorrow. I send get well wishes to her.

Lewisville and daughter and sonin-law, Jayma and Phil Montoya of Winn of Muleshoe, Audree Tipton Bell and Arvel Lewallen of Denver rendered the special music.

Defendant United Helicopters Inc. (multi); Plaintiff Beaty, Mary E.- City with Cindy and Kayla Jordan during the weekend and Monday night. Leon was working at the Lubbock Heart Hospital on Saturday and Sunday. Others visiting with us at Cindy and Kayla's home on Sunday were Graduation Ceremony. There they Laverne Winn of Muleshoe, Wanda Russell of Floydada, Barbara and friends of Kael. After the Cer-Bo Bell and Arvel Lewallen of Den- emony, Jamie, Stephanie, Kael, ver City, and Clinton Fawver of Craig, Matthew, Anna, and Andrew Welch. Kayla came home with us Snider hosted a BBQ dinner. for a visit with Grandma Zelda, Glenda and Leon Black and Sheri, tended a birthday party for Daniella Wade, Ryan, Kody and Emily Snider. Daniell in Abilene.

> blessed us with the special music at Dwayne and Connie Snider of the Sunday morning service at the Stephenville.

I apologize that there was no Kokomo Baptist Church as they Bond. Trevor Clayton of Larissa were visitors.

Glenn Gilbert of Katy blessed our hearts with the special music at the evening service singing "Carry son of the late Odis and Berneice Rodgers and has visited at Kokomo Wanda's son, Carl "Bubba" many times. We enjoyed you being Lewallen and his daughter, Laura of here and singing for us, Glenn, and hope you will come again soon.

Those from the Kokomo Bap-Albuquerque, NM were in Lubbock tist Church going to Heritage to be with their mother. Other fam- Manor in Gorman for the church ily members there were Laverne service on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Leon Black of Abilene, Cindy Griffith, Nancy Hendricks and Jordan of Lubbock, Barbara and Bo Zelda Jordan. Helen and Woodrow

On Saturday, June 5, LaVon I accompanied Glenda and Leon Snider accompanied Ted and Charlotte Snider of Gorman, Toby, Angie, Karina, Karle and Klarissa Snider of Lake Brownwood, and Clay, Susan, Kinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger to Hollis, OK for Kael Snider's High School met other family members and

On Sunday afternoon, LaVon at-

Those visiting LaVon this week Woodrow and Helen Browning were Dan Snider of Gorman and

> Betty and Larry Strube attended the Crawley Family Reunion at the Kokomo Community Center on Saturday, June 5. They reported a good time with the large crowd attending.

> We are happy that Oren Webb is home now and doing better following his heart by-pass surgery recently in Abilene. James Webb of Glen Rose, Stacy Webb, Renee Fox, Jacob Webb, Randell, Kaci and Aaron Suniga of Comanche visited with Oren and Norma on Saturday.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham on Thursday with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin. Emily came home with her grandparents for a visit and Gary and Rebecca came for her on Saturday.

Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove visited with Joe and Glynda Bond.

### Volunteers Needed

The Gorman ISD Board of Trustees approved the purchase of new playground equipment for the Maxfield Elementary playground this past spring. The Elementary PTO has worked diligently raising funds for the new equipment and has donated the funds to pay for fifty per cent of the

Delivery for the equipment is scheduled for June 23, 2004. The District is seeking volunteers to assist with assembly of the new equipment. There will be a planning meeting Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the GISD Cafeteria. Refreshments will be provided.

### Wharton Family Reunion

The grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren of the late Clint and Susie Wharton met for their annual family reunion on Saturday, June 12, 2004 at the Kokomo Community Center.

They began arriving around 9:00 a.m. until about 11:00 a.m. There was lots of visiting and catching up on the family activities throughout the past year. There were lots of pictures to see and many pictures to be taken throughout the day.

A picnic lunch of sandwiches, dips and chips, fruit, assorted desserts, and cold drinks was enjoyed at the noon hour. Jimmy Nelson gave the prayer of thanks for the food and the opportunity to be together.

Those attending: from the late Jim and Clydie Wharton Jordan family were: Zelda Jordan of Kokomo, Glenda Black and Sheri and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Jimmy Nelson, and Travis, Glad Alexis, Tiffany and Ethan Nelson of Fort Worth; from the Dwight and & late Edrie Wharton Gothard family were Paul and Kay Gothard and Summerain Gothard of Blackwell; from the late E.W. and Lila Wharton Lovell family were Doris Neill of Midland, Sheron Graham of Early and Shanna, Nesim and Noah Halfon of Kissimmee, FL; from the late Jake and Faye Wharton Crawley family was Larry Strube; and from the Lucille and the late Garland Wharton family were Brenda Harrison of Mansfield and Vanessa Harrison of Venus. The family of Wordene Wharton Hawthorne of Dallas was unable to attend. Betty Strube of Kokomo was ill and unable to attend. All that could not attend were missed.

All too soon it was time for the good-byes, but all left saying, I hope to see you next year at the same place on the second Saturday in June.

Trevor Clayton of Springtown visited with his grandparents, James and Mary Donham.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Zelda Jordan, Jonell Torrez, Charlie Torrez, Jr. Reed Torrez, Ike Torrez of Gorman and Johnnie B. Griffith.

Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks visited in De Leon with Avie

Daisy Slaton of Gorman visited with Zelda and Kayla Jordan on Friday night and they enjoyed several games of "Skip Bo".

Glenda Black and Sheri and Emily Daniell of Abilene visited with Zelda and Kayla Jordan on Saturday and attended the Wharton Reunion at the Kokomo Community Center. Kayla returned to Abilene with Glenda, Sheri and Emily for a visit.

Zelda Jordan received a telephone visit from Rick Fuller of Pittsfield, ILL on Sunday night. He says hello to all his friends in this area. He reported that their area had received a lot of stormy weather recently with hail and high winds. His son, Wesley, is in the Navy and stationed in Monterrey, CA. It was good to talk to you Rick. Call again soon.

I've just learned tonight (Monday, June 14) of the death of Mrs. Hope Joiner. Mrs. Joiner was a long time member of the Kokomo Baptist Church and the oldest member of the church. She was very active in the church as long as her health permitted, and was a teacher for the Ladies Sunday School Class for many of those years. She will be missed. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

A "Happy Birthday" to my grandson, Joe Miles of Austin on June 18th from Grandma Jordan.

The community has received good rains over the past week or so. I've received over 4 inches at my house.

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Link Up lowers the amount eligible consumers pay for establishing home telephone service connections. Qualifying consumers may receive a discount amounting to one-half of the customary telephone connection charge, up to a maximum of \$30.

For additional information on LITE-UP and Link Up, call the Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA) at 1-866-454-8387 (4-LITE-UP). Once consumer qualifications are met for discounted service rates, LIDA will notify the applicable telephone/electric company of the eligible service rate reduction.

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Several people came to me last year suggesting that I attend a school board meeting because there were some serious issues that needed to be addressed. These individuals knew I had years of experience working in

**Letter to Editor** 

I guess I am one of "the group" that Daryl Hirst referred to in his letter to the editor of May 13, 2004. Some

of the candidates seemed to me to be more qualified with more years of experience in jobs that would give

them the skills to be school board members. I have no problem with Mr.. Hirst writing a letter tot he editor

supporting his choices for the school board. His campaigning for his candidates and my campaigning for my

candidates is the American way. However, I was greatly offended by his attacks on three of the candidates and

"their group" with charges that are vague and just not true. He charges that they "do not have the best interest

of the school in mind," they "have a vendetta against the superintendent and school board," and they "are

always against any agenda item." Therefore, I would like to reply to Mr. Hirst's comments in his letter to the

First of all, let me emphasize that I love the Gorman School System. I attended the system for 12 years and

received an excellent education from the many teachers I had over the years. I have often thought how

fortunate I was to have had such an education that prepared me for adult life. Last year, I served as President

of the Ex-Student Association and worked very hard to make the homecoming of ex-students a special event.

I worked with the superintendent to have a tour of the school for ex-students. Was this "never being in support

of any agenda item?" Therefore, when Mr. Hirst accuses me of not having "the best interest of the school in

mind," I am appalled. It is because I want the best for Gorman Schools and want our tax money to go for the

education of the current students in the schools that I interacted with the superintendent and school board last

educational systems and knew about school policies and procedures. At the first meeting I attended, someone (a taxpayer whom I had never met) made a plea for the school board to look into the issue of the use of credit cards for personal use by school administrators. It is illegal for school employees to use credit cards for their personal use. Later I was shown documentation where school credit cards had been used for items and events that would seem to be personal. I also learned that this taxpayer had been meeting and pleading with the superintendent and school board for several months, trying to get them to stop the practice. At the first meeting of the school board which I attended, his comments were met with silence.

I never support any idea by anyone unless I look at the facts. Little is accomplished by saying "someone doesn't have the best interest of the school in mind" without supporting such statements with specific facts. When we tried to get Mr. Hirst to look at the facts and documentation on the issue of credit cards, he said he didn't want to know the facts.

In subsequent weeks and months, I met with school administrators and the chairman of the school board. met with the superintendent several times. There was and still is (contrary to Mr. Hirst's statement) an ongoing investigation by the District Attorney and Texas Ranger. I met with the Texas Ranger to check out facts. He said there were some illegal charges on credit cards and that although the investigation would continue, going through credit cards receipts was extremely time consuming and he also had murder, robbery, and drug problems to address. Rightly so, credit cards receipts were things the school board should look into to verify problems. I discovered that the school board never looked at credit card receipts. And the administration who may look at such receipts was the entity being addressed as using credit cards for personal use.

There were also many missing credit card receipts or illegible receipts which always seems suspicious. It took the board several months to act on the situation. Again, I thought I had the best interest of the school in mind when I wanted the school money to go for the educational needs of students in the school, not for personal expenses such as university tuition, contribution to the Republican Party, pay-for-view movies, and expensive meals.

Only after several months, when the school lawyer, ranger, and auditor told the school board that credit cards should not be used for personal expenses did they pass a motion that credit cards could no longer be used for personal expenses and that they would look at the credit card receipts every three months. A lot of time devoted to this issue and a lot of frustration could have been prevented if the board had promptly looked into the issue, checked out the facts with an entity like the Texas Education Agency, and corrected their policies.

We need to have individuals on the board who are open to public comments and suggestions and who let the public know the details of what is going on relevant to a certain issue. They need to act promptly when an issue is raised.

On Monday night at the school board meeting, another such issue developed. A board member is moving this week and some action needed to be taken. The item was listed on the board agenda. One common practice is to appoint someone to fill out the term of the departing board member. It is also common to appoint the person who received the next highest votes in the most recent election. This would be Marceil Laminack who lost the election by only 2 or 3 votes. Evidently, in spite of Mr. Hirst's negative comments in his letter to the editor, many people thought marceil would make a good school board member. However, once again, the board delayed action on a controversial issue and did not appoint anyone Monday night. Also on Monday night, "the group" was criticized in a long speech by a board member for causing problems.

Folks, I believe something is wrong when we cannot point out illegal and unethical issues to a school board without being chastised to doing so. Contrary to Mr. Hirst's comments, I have absolutely no vendetta against the board or superintendent. I simply believe that we need to be legal and ethical in our school activities.

s/Betty Heathington



### **Rodgers Reunion**

On Saturday, May 29, and Sunday, May 30, the descendents of Alice and bob Rodgers had a reunion at the home of Betty and Ken Heathington on their ranch outside of Gorman. Attending the reunion were 115 relatives from Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Colorado. Eighteen years had passed since the last reunion which was held in Eastland.

Bob and Alice Rodgers were married in 1887 and moved to the Gorman area in the late 1800s and resided on a farm outside of Gorman until their deaths. They build a residence which still stands today. Eight children grew to adulthood at this residence: Will, Lois, Edd, George, Fred, Cullen, Ellie, and Ollie. Ellie died in early adulthood. Four of the children (Will, Fred, Cullen, and Ollie) remained in Gorman until their deaths. Edd and George moved to West Texas and Lois moved to South Texas where they resided until their deaths.

Bob and Alice had 28 grandchildren-17 are still living. There were 14 of these grandchildren in attendance at the reunion. In one period of time in the 1950s, there were Rodgers children in almost every grade in Gorman schools.

In addition to the grandchildren, there were several generations of descendents. The family of Ray (deceased grandchild) and Lavelle Rodgers had five generations in attendance.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were enjoyed on Saturday; breakfast and lunch on Sunday. A church service was held on Sunday with many family members in attendance.

Old photos were examined as well as current photos of those unable to attend. Family trees were compiled and oral histories exchanged. The most frequent phrase used was: "Do you remember when...?" One of the most cherished photos was the one shown, taken in 1948 which shows six of the children of Bob and Alice at a reunion (left to right: Edd, Fred, Lois, Ollie, Cullen, and George).

What wonderful memories we all shared. On the registration table was a poem which read:

Families are like quilts-Lives pieced And stitched together, Colored by happiness and tears, Bound by memories And love, Cherished throughout The years.

### Wrangler Belle Auditions

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Monday, June 21, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group will be recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per year. During the upcoming year the Wrangler Belles and Band will travel to California and perform at Disneyland.

The CJC dance group is a close-knit organization with an emphasis placed on positive attitude and individual growth. The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self-esteem.

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### **Craddock Reunion**

Saturday, June 12, was a special, joyous day for the descendents of the late Alford and Virgie Hargrove Craddock when they met at the Community Center for the annual family reunion.

After many hugs and kisses, the group gathers around the tables lined with scrap books and photo albums to reminiscence, and view the family phots of the past and present.

The noon meal was a catered Bar-B-Que dinner. Chef, Eddie Auvenshine did a super job in preparing the biscuits and sausage. The delicious desserts, salads and snacks were furnished by family members.

In mid-afternoon, Mayor Robert Ervin, brought packages of roasted peanuts, compliments of Texas Pro-

Before the day ended, Joe Craddock, who was unable to make the trip to Gorman due to health problems, made a telephone call and talked with each one. He was with us in spirit and voice, a very nice surprise.

Amber Craddock, 94, wife of the late Bishop Craddock was the oldest member present and Caroline, age 1, was the youngest, she is the daughter of Greg and Liz Ragland of Amarillo.

Around 8:30 p.m. everyone left the Center for their hotel rooms, some met in the home of Johnny and Ina Smith for visiting.

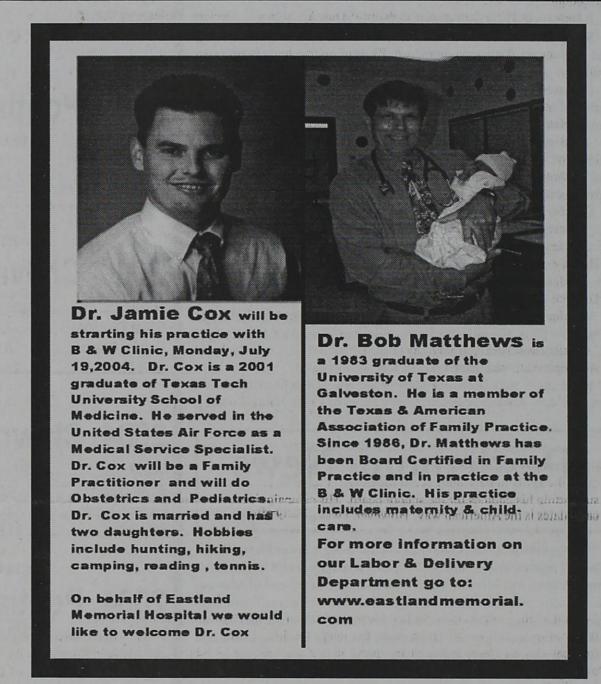
Mr. and Mrs. 'Bubba' McDaniel and Billie Craddock of Sundown was guests in the Smith home. The families of the McDaniels, Billie Craddock, Trish Hudson of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson, Ina and Johnny Smith, Kay Ann and Estelle Craddock met at Hwy. 6 Cafe for breakfast on Sunday.

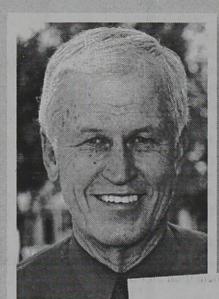
Those present for the reunion were: Emmett and Kay Lynn Lasater, Earl and Mary Ragland of Eastland; Kay and Everett McDaniel and Billie Craddock of Sundown; Trish Hudson of Dallas; David and Jane Brush, Daviddie, Chad, Cord and Molly Lester of Gustine; Amber Craddock of Comanche; Greg, Liz, and Caroline Ragland of Amarillo; Larry Gay Ragland; Gary, Terri, Bethany and Faith Ragland of Andrews; Amy, Audrey, Jaimie and Kinsey Johnston, Estelle Craddock, Ralph and Margie Hudson, Johnny and Ina Smith of Gorman; Brenda Tucker and Nathan of Desdemona; Nita Auvenshine and Emily and Ashley of DeLeon; Kevin, Amber and Jordon Scitern of Gorman; Kay Ann Craddock of Plano. Visitors were Cole Conner of Andrews and Veronica Seaton, Kimmy and Kourtney of Gorman.

Estelle and Kay Ann Craddock were hostesses for the reunion. Billie Craddock and Kay Frances McDaniel will host next year's reunion.

### Thank You

I would like to say Thank You to the person(or persons) who took the time to display our flags on Hwy 6.It was awesome and my granddaughters thought it was Cool! It look so good! I'm proud to know that we live in a town that isn't afraid to let people know we're proud to be Americans. Thank you for your time and efforts Valerie Hampton





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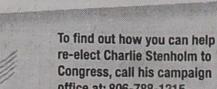
Too often I hear from constituents, especially seniors, who are forced to choose between buying groceries and paying for medicines their doctors prescribe.

That's just plain wrong.

While the new Medicare discount cards are a first step towards making prescription drugs more affordable for seniors, much more needs to be done to bring down the cost of drugs.

As a Congressman from West Texas, I'll continue to work hard to lower prescription drug costs and make medical care more affordable and available for everyone.

And as a founding member of the Rural Health Care Coalition, I'll continue fighting to provide vital assistance to rural hospitals and health care providers.





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ATTENTION: The June Birthday Party will be on Monday, June 28th after the Monday Gospel Singing beginning at 2:30 p.m. Three residents will be honored for having June birthdays. There will be refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Betty Little of Eastland, Nell Files of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, Vickie Seay and Winston Brown. The title was "Baptism," and "What Makes Baptism So Important?" Bible passage Acts 2:36-41 and Romans 6:1-10, key verse Acts 2:38. Tootie Taught the lesson for twenty five residents.

Some visitors were Debra Vincent of Houston, Kenneth and Voncia Snider of Rosebud, AK, Bill Moll and Maudie Husband, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Bobby and Diana Friday of Midland, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider.

Residents send "Happy Birthday Wishes" to Joe Craddock of Sundown who's birthday is June 22nd.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming for church from First Baptist were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell, June Dossey, Kathy Ervin, Louise Hall, James Tucker, Virginia Skaggs, Frankie Jo Shipman, Ann Maxfield, and Ruthie Rodgers. Bro. Campbell led singing and June played the piano. Bro. Campbell's message, "Three Facts About Life." Bible passage John 4:10. There were fourteen residents present.

Recent visitors were Kennard and Dovlena Roberts of Gustine, Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Levi Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Shannon Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts of Gorman and Dawn Roberts of Frisno.

On Monday morning, Karen open the beauty shop for hair styling. Guests were Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Joyce Bramlett, Cliff Bramlett of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham, Taylor Hope, Shanna and Alyssa Mahon of DeLeon, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Ennis and Nina Beth Joiner, and Nancy Hendricks.

Residents send get well wishes to Ruthie Porter.

Some visitors were Jaron Majors, Kim Ryon, Josh Ryon, Eric Ryon and Zac Ryon of Desdemona, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Frankie Jo Shipman, Dorenda Menten.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham, Jason Kimbrew, Judy Kimbrew and Ina Smith had bingo. There were ten residents enjoying the game and the treats.

Some visitors were Pam Hulse of Hobbs, NM, James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Holly Brown of Brownfield, Kay Snider, Woodrow and Helen Browning, W.C. and Winelle Browning, James Gee, and Ollie Brown of Brownfield.

On Monday afternoon, those coming for the Gospel Singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Johnnie B. Griffith, Daisy Slaton, Ann Warren, Billy Joe Dennis, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, and Nancy Hendricks. Billy Joe, Woodrow, Helen and Ruby Lee rendered several beautiful specials. There were eleven residents present. Woodrow voiced the closing prayer.

Visiting were Don and Odessa Landers of Springtown, Margaret Wright of Wichita Falls, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Stanley Porter, Daisy Slaton, and Ann Warren.

Residents enjoyed the magazines that were donated.

Some guests were Bonnie D. Stewart and Jewel Dean Morris DeLeon, Pam Childers, Annie Fay Foster, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Lonnie

### **Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

"Congratulations" to Wes and Jackie Strasburger in Rochester, Washington. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 21, 2004. Their children had planned to have a celebration at the end of May but due to Jackie's health problems, they made plans for a small family reunion at the home of their son, Shane and Rene Strasburger. Jackie Vee Duke is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1942.

"Congratulations" to L.G and Uarda Barker in DeLeon. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 22, 2004. Their children hosted a reception in the home of Brandon and Amanda Gilmore in DeLeon. Uarda Maltby is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1943.

Dorothy Roberts spent the past weekend in Fort Worth to visit her daughter, Ulenda Weaver, also to welcome a new great grandson. No details on the name, weight, etc. of the new baby at this time.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Sarah Ann (Hughes) Rainey, 89, who passed away June 11, 2004. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include five daughters, Ruth Courtori of Ft. Worth, Nelda Keith of Ft. Worth, Freddie Sadberry of DeLeon, Bessie Shupp of DeLeon and ann Hinkle of Whitney. Preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Rainey, two sons Kenneth Rainey and Tommy Rainey and her parents. The Rainey family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Annie attended school in Jakehamon, Comanche County.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Jimmy Hughes, 81, of Eastland who passed away Saturday, June 21, 2004. Burial was in the Murray Cemetery in Carbon. Jimmy was born on December 19, 1922 in Desdemona to James Elmer and Kizzie (Sparkman) Hughes. Survivors include two sons, Ronnie Hughes and wife, Karen of Clyde; Donald Hughes and wife, Nancy of Eastland; two sisters, Florence Tarrence of Stephenville and Imogene Rogers of Many, Louisiana.

Preceded in death by his wife, Oma Mae (McClellan), his parents, two sisters, Loree Nugent and Oleta Foster, brother, Buddy Hughes, grandson, Doug Hughes. The Hughes family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Jimmy graduated with the Class

### It's a Boy

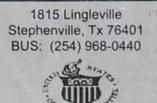
"Congratulations" to Donal and Kandice Cogburn of Desdemona on the arrival of their son, Dylan Bruce born on June 6, 2004 at the Brownwood Hospital. Dylan weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20" long. Grandparents are Brent Cogburn of Eastland, Randall and Lydia Boen of DeLeon, Eddie and Dawna Martin of Millsap, Belinda Guthery of Desdemona. Great grandparents are Doris Martin of DeLeon, Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona, and Sharon Walker of Olden.

Desdemona News was absent for the past two weeks due to this reporter spending all that time with her husband, Pug Guthery, who spent the past two weeks in the Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. Pug is slowly recovering from surgery. Doctor said "NO WORK" for two or three weeks-so we will see just how long this reporter can keep Pug down. It is not gonna be an easy thing to do.

Bernard and Ann Keith returned home this past week after visiting for three weeks in Louisville, Kentucky with their son, Brad and Priscilla Keith and children Jenna, Brett, Andrea and Brian. They reported a good trip but always glad to get back home.

Have a nice day, Vonnie.

Robert Seabourn **Bronze Certified Coach** 



At Lone Star Lanes - Stephenville

and Edith Grumbles.

electric keyboard and led singing for a number of residents.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the Stephenville, and Irene West.

Visiting were C.J. Henderson of Abilene, E.G. Henderson of Lake

Tuesday afternoon residents enjoyed a movie.

Some guests were Bobby and Joan Baker of Desdemona, Wilbur Overstreet, James and Ruby Lee Kinser.

On Wednesday morning, coming from the First Baptist Church for Proctor and Betty Logan of Lake Leon. chapel were Rev. Bill Campbell and Winston Brown. Bro. Bill gave the message, "Time to Seek God." Bible passage Hosea 9:10-15. A resident

voiced the closing prayer. Fifteen residents were present.

Visiting were Bonita Richards of Ft. Worth, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of

Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith had 'crazy bingo' for residents.

Some guests were Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Char-Leon, Vickie Seay, Bill and Tootie Campbell, George Rodgers, and Henry lotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville. On Friday morning, Judy Kimbrew, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had

> bingo for nine residents. They also enjoyed coffee and juices. Recent guests were Winston Brown, Roger Brown, Jerry Brown, Karen Guthery, Lana and Leslie Sharp, Lance Sharp, Dave and Brenda Sears of

Friday afternoon residents enjoyed a cheese and crackers party. The grape juice was delicious.

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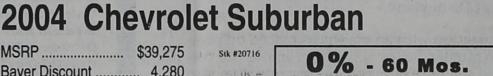


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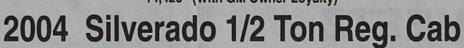
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