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Sheriff Wayne Bradford To The Citizens Gifted Learner **Seeks Relection** Of Gorman Program

The Gorman City Commission has appointed me to be the acting Code

I am asking the persons that have non-running, non-registered motor

vehicles to have them removed, park them under covered or out-of-sight

Enforcer. The Commission wants to more aggressively enforce the City's

existing Ordinances. Especially the ordinances that pertain to "eye sores"

I would like to thank the citizens of Eastland County for allowing me to serve as your Sheriff for the last seven years. I appreciate the support I have been shown during my years as Sheriff. Since I was first elected in 1997 and re-elected 4 ears later we have gone through some growing pains and changes.

The controversial jail expansion has proven to be necessary due to the increase in Eastland County inmates and the boom of "nazi" meth labs. Your Sheriff's Office under my direction has been a leader in taking down these drug labs. We have eliminated labs all across the county and we are continuing the fight. Most crime is directly related in some manner to the drug trade and culture and when we are battling the drug trade we are also clearing burglaries and thefts.

I have made a diligent effort to make the Sheriff's Office open and responsive to the needs of the citizens of Eastland County. I have put together a staff of dedicated and dependable employees to serve you.



Sheriff Wayne Bradford

Through our combined efforts we have tried to make the Eastland County Sheriff's Office an office you can be proud of and depend on when the need arises.

I would appreciate your support and vote in my bid for re-election on March 9th in the Republican Pri-

Paid Pol. Adv. by Wayne Bradford, 2001 CR 335, Ranger, TX 76470

places, or if you would like to have them removed contact me for assis-The City has existing ordinances pertaining to abandoned vehicles, unsafe housing structures, etc. In the very near future the City has made arrangements for the removal of old tires. The times and place of disposal will be announced at a later date. I thank you in advance for assisting with the clean up of our town. Abel Saldana Code Enforcer

and accumulated objects.

Notice To Parents and Guardians

Re: Unlicensed, underage drivers

This department has received several complaints in reference to unlicensed, no permit drivers driving to school and around town. Officers will start issuing citations to these offenders and parents for allowing unlicensed drivers to operate motor vehicles.

Doug Caffey Chief of Police



Relay For Life Committee Meeting will be held January 12th-Monday evening from 6 pm to 7 pm at the Eastland National Bank Conference in Eastland. Everyone is invited to come join us. We will be discussing projects to help our teams raise money for the Relay For Life Event that will be held April 16,2004 for the American Cancer Society.

Gorman EDC Talk

By Mike Brudnak

WHERE DO I LIVE?

I'm sure that we all have been asked, "Where do you live?" Are you proud enough to say "in Gorman"? Gorman has many features to make us all proud of our town such as good schools and churches, people who care about their neighbors, medical care and the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP all of which are trying to make Gorman a better place to live.

Why not add your two cents worth by attending the next EDC meeting and making suggestions on how we can improve. I have experienced a valuable fact of life, and that is there is no bad idea given in a group. Any idea can snowball to a perfect solution by adding additional parts to the idea by other members; the more members participating, the better the result. The most successful large and small corporations are run by a Board of Governors so that the corporations won't miss a good idea. Through addendums a poor idea can become a perfect solution to a

Make it a point to attend the next meeting and add your ideas. For next meeting will be January 12, 2004 at 5:45 pm at the City Commissioners room.

Look Who's New - It's A Girl

Hi, My name is Aryann Nichole Cook. I was born on December 19, 2003 at 2:23 am in Stephenville,

Dublin Cloverleafs Mainstream Lessons/Workshon

The Dublin Cloverleafs are going to sponsor Mainstream Lessons/ Workshop every Tuesday night at the Dublin Recreation Center starting January 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. Your caller will be Walt Helgesen, Jr.

First three night are free, \$39 per person for remaining thirteen weeks. For more information call Ray Piner at 254-735-224-, Judy Beckham at 254-445-2866, Arlene Thompson 254-442-3266 or Fred Tucker at 254-629-1956.



Texas. I weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

My proud parents are Sara Overstreet of Gorman and Scott Cook of Mingus. Maternal grandparents are Martha Overstreet of Gorman and Gary Overstreet of Kermit Texas. Paternal grandparents are Janet Cook and Bob Cook of Mingus. Maternal great grandparents are Annie Fay Foster and Wilburn Overstreet of Gorman. Paternal great grandparents are Margaret Phillips of Mount Gilead Ohio and Loyd & Diane Cook of Ft. Myers Florida.

Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-6 during the coming school year.

Any child in our school whom you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. The program will specifically be for those students who score extremely high on Achievement Tests, Intelligence Tests, and Creativity Tests.

If you wish to nominate your child, please do so by going to the elementary office and complete the proper forms. Any nominations should be made before January 19, 2004.

Finally, please be aware that if your child is nominated by you or a teacher, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process. In order to make the screening process move more quickly, you will be asked to grant your permission for that testing at the time you place your nomination.

Sincerely, s/ Kristin Matteson **GT** Coordinator

Together Against Drug **Abuse Kicks Off**

Together Against Drug Abuse kicks off Friday, January 9, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. Together Against Drug Abuse is a Masonic program to help young students make correct choices when confronted with the temptation to use alcohol, tobacco, prescription or hard drugs. With the help from teachers, parents, law-enforcement officers, local and state community leaders, local masons and Masonic lodges, and the local business community, we can help them fight a program they cannot fight alone.

The program brings leaders from the business community, local lawenforcement officers, local and state leaders and masons together in their communities to help their children, grandchildren and children in their community to give them insight to what happens to them if they make bad choices now and in the future when confronted with the use of these

The program is designed for students in the fifth grade. Our program is designed to be presented to the students by a uniformed law-enforcement officer in their school and their room. The officer will present the program every week starting the 9th day of January 2004 until the second or third week of May. The instructor's manual has enough material to make about fifteen sessions in the classroom. The lessons are assisted by work problems in the manual and video tapes. Each student will receive his/her own T-shirt with the logo on the front to wear to class the day the officer presents the program. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate with his/her name. The certificate is nice enough to frame and keep and is signed by the officer teaching the class and the school principal.

The Gorman Masonic Lodge would like to thank the following sponsers for their support: American State Bank, A.E. Smith Peanut Dryers, A.O. Easley Trucks, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, Comanche County Telephone Co., Con-Spec Roofing, Doug Caffey, Foster Floral, Foster & Kelly Williams, Gorman Laundry, Gorman Milling, Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Hirst Nut & Produce, John C. Fritts, Marvin & Louise Rich, Matt Fritts, Miears Butane, Rons's Pump Service, Smith's Service Station, T.J. Clark Construction, ZJ's Steakhouse.

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.

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.

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

BANK FOOD

New Hours - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Second Thursday

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

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

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

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNES-DAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW **AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - JANUARY 21ST** FROM 9 - 12 NOON.



On January 5, 1954 Albert White and Jo Ann Capers Were United in Holy Matrimony. We, the family, invite you to celebrate this Special 50th Wedding Anniversary With us on January 11, 2004 In the Gorman Hotel Lobby from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. No gifts please

Obituary

Ester "Jessie" Varner

Ester "Jessie" Varner, 91 of Aledo, a homemaker, passed away Saturday, January 3, 2004 at a care center.

Services were Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at the Desdemona Church of Christ with burial at the Lowell Cemetery.

Mrs. Varner was born September 17, 1912 near Cisco to the late W.W. and Lillie Webb Trammell. She married C.H. Varner on October 27, 1926, and lived most of her adult life on a farm near Desdemona in Comanche County until the death of her husband in 1965. She moved to Eastland for a few years, then to Midland for several years. She later made her home in Aledo until entering an assisted living and nursing home two and a half years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Smallwood and husband, Richard of Aledo; sons, Delmar (D.L.) and wife, Glenda of North Richland Hills, D.W. "Toby" Varner and wife, Alice of Fort Stockton, Dennis H. Varner and wife, Glenda of Houston and Dwayne O. Varner of Weatherford; brother, Less Trammell of River Oaks; sisters, Berniece Williams of Jasper and Madge Stewart of Cypress; 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.



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Online Courses at Ranger College

Ranger College currently offers three courses via the Internet, making it easier for some people to learn skills and to complete a Certificate or Degree. Students who work full time or who live a long distance from college campuses can now take courses, doing most of the work at home.

format on the Internet," said Sandra Cunningham, teacher of the first Internet course at Ranger College. "Students in these classes do better if they are self-motivated and self-disciplined," she adds, "and most of the students have done very well. It may seem strange, but I get to know my on-line students better than I get to know the students in my regular face-to-face classes. I enjoy the online classes very much."

In order to enroll in an online course at Ranger College, the student needs an Internet connection and an email address. In some courses the student also needs a specific software package such as Microsoft Office.

There will be three courses offered on-line during the Spring 2004 Semester at Ranger College:

- In COSC 1301 Microcomputer Applications students learn computer terminology and concepts, and Microsoft Office XP. This is a 3 credit hour academic course.
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In all three of these courses, students are required to attend class on the Ranger Campus four times for orientation and testing.

Commuters may register for the Spring Semester on the Ranger Campus on January 12. Regular registration will be held on January 14 and 15. For more information, please contact Ranger College at 254 647-3234 or visit the website at www.ranger.cc.tx.us.

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Eastland Co. Sheriff: Wayne Bradford - (R) (Incumbent)

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is a follows, to-wit:
Petition for appointment of receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil
Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil
and gas and mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following
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The Southeast one-quarter of Section 3, Block 2, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 32, Eastland County, Tessas.

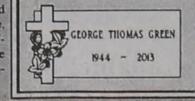
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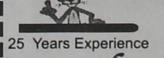
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A special thanks to my daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Leon Black for the loving care they gave me while I recuperated in their home in Abilene, and to all my family for all they have done for me. I thank God for my wonderful family, friends and neighbors. My prayer is that God will richly bless you all.

I am happy to be home and slowly getting back to a "regular routine". I'm glad to be able to do the "Kokomo News" again. Thanks to those who have told me that they missed it while I was gone.

Charles and Carolyn Little hosted a Fish Fry in their home on December 13 to honor Scotty Mauney in celebration of his receiving his Master's Degree in Ag Science from Tarleton State University. Those attending were Scotty, Caye, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla and Danny Burgess of Gorman, Alan, Shellie, Justin and Ally Little, Donnie and Nelda Mauney of Gorman, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little, Tim Breeden of Arlington, Doug, Carole and Joe Little of Midland.

Those gathering at the home of LaVon Snider on December 20th for a Christmas party were Ted and Charlotte Snider, Clay, Susan, McKinzey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger, Jamie, Stephanie, Craig, Kael, Matthew, Anna and Andrew Snider of Hollis, OK, Gene and Kay Snider, Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Mike, Crystal and Rachel Snider of Gorman, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Danny,

Dianne and Sandra Snider, Erick, Belinda, Audri, Isaac and Danella tin and Ally. Snider of Gorman and Justin Snider of Pierre, S.D.

LaVon Snider had lunch on Christmas Eve with Dwayne and Connie Snider in Stephenville. Others enjoying the lunch and visit and Lisa Snider, Franklin, Jeanne, Night, LaVon visited with Gene and Henry all of Comanche. Kay Snider and family and enjoyed

Doug, Carole and Joe Little of ing the Holidays.

in Eastland on December 20th were Darlene Hampton of Carbon. her children and grandchildren, her mother, Betty Little.

Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Emily Little of Lubbock, Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails, James, Jill., Ashley and Breckley Courtney Butts, and Tim Breeden Little, Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails, all of Arlington, and James, Jill, Tim Breeden and Courtney Butts of Ashley and Breckley Little cel- Arlington, Shane, Amy, Taner and ebrated Christmas with their par- Rylee Shott of Eastland, Jerry and ents and grandparents, Jimmy and Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo, and Verna Little on Christmas night.

Little, James, Jill, Ashley and ber 28th. Breckley Little, Ima boles of Clyde,

Danny Burgess, Alan, Shellie, Jus-

Oren and Norma Webb visited during the holidays with Judy and Sarah Porter in Elgin. Others also visiting there were Amanda Porter, Scarlett Porter and Tino Torrez of Austin, John Meldy of Elgin, James, were Sheri Snider of Stillwater, OK Jantzen and Chelsea Webb of Glen Rose, Stacy Webb, Rene Fox, Jacob Conner, Brooke and Chloe, and Webb, Alice Burgmark, Randall, Kelly Parham. On Christmas Eve Kaci and Aaron Suniga and Wes

Christmas visitors with Delmon the fire works display. Justin Snider and Joyce Eaves were Randy, of Pierre, S.D. had supper with Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis LaVon Snider on Christmas night. and Bill and Paulette Black, D'Ann LaVon Snider had lunch with and Megan of Cleburne. Other visi-Dwayne and Connie Snider and tors have been Cliff and Doris Gra-Sheri in Stephenville on New ham of Eastland, and J. B. Neill of

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks Midland, David Little and Kelly were Glenda Joyce Black of Abilene, Jernigan of Denver, CO. and Karen Zelda Jordan, Carolyn Gilbert of Little visited with Betty Little dur- Gorman, Willie Mae Cozart of Eastland, Bertha Bryant of Gorman, Those celebrating Christmas Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia with Karen Patterson at her home Buchanan, Helen Browning and

Johnnie B. Griffith spent the holi-Clay and Will Patterson of Seymour days in Midland with Ken and Janie and Toby, Sandy, Laura, and Riley and family. Chad Griffith of Rebekah Mullen of Aspermont, and Lubbock visited with his grandmother on Sunday.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ray Becky Ethington, LeeVi, Shane and Those enjoying a Christmas cel- Sheyanne of Sterling City enjoyed a ebration in the home of Charles and Christmas celebration in the home Carolyn Little on Christmas Eve of Earl, Debby, Ashton and Haegan night were Jimmy and Verna Lee Braddock in San Angelo on Decem-

Those having lunch with Charles Bill and Lois Boles of Granbury, and Carolyn Little on December 28th Betty Little, Doug Carole and Joe were Doug, Carole and Joe Little of Little of Midland, Karen Patterson Midland, David Little and Kelly of Eastland, Bobby and Mary Jane Jernigan of Denver, CO. Bart, Terri, Little, LaDawn, Stacy an Alexis Brittany, Rachel and Sarah Boles of Snapp of Lewisville, Jarad Fails of Austin, Jerry Boles of Stephenville, Arlington, Caye, Scotty, Zack and Ima Boles of Clyde, Bobby and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla and Mary Jane Little, Andrew, Jonathan,

Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, Caye, Scotty, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla and Patterson of Eastland, and Justin and Ally Little.

Andy and Jill Lindsey and girls of Alto visited with Charles and Carolyn Little on New Year's Day.

Those visiting with Charles and Carolyn Little on New Year's Eve were Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Colton and Dillon of Weatherford, Ronnie and Jeanna Pack of Carbon, and Bo and Pat Caraway. J. T. and Carolyn Lemley of Canton visited with Charles and Carolyn Litttle on Friday.

Those visiting with Zelda Jordan were Glenda Black and Sheri Daniell of Abilene, Daisy Slaton of Gorman, Nancy Hendricks, Sylvia Buchanan and Oren and Norma

Larry and Betty Strube visited in Stephenville on Friday with Bobby and Nina Koonce.

Those enjoying a Christmas morning brunch with Leon and Glenda Black in Abilene were Toni and Leon Black, Sr., Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell all of Abilene and Zelda Jordan of Kokomo.

Those enjoying a family Christmas get together in the home of Cindy and Kayla Jordan in Lubbock during the weekend after Christmas were Kyle and Stefanie Jordan of Lubbock, Zelda Jordan of Kokomo, Glenda Black, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Robert Miles of Leander, Brad and Meagan Miles of Waco, Joe and Viki Miles of Austin. Other visitors were Clinton Fawver of Welch, D.C. and Barbara Bell and Arvel Lewallen of Denver City, and Laverne Winn of Muleshoe.

Glenda and I stayed over a couple of extra days to welcome the birth of my new great-grand-She is a beautiful baby.

IT'S A GIRL

Kyle and Stefanie Jordan of Lubbock are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Marie Jordan on Monday, December 29th. At 7:12 P. M. in the Highland Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Randy and Sharon Tramp of Lub

bock. The great- grandparents are Urban and Roberta Tramp of Toledo, Oregon and Donald and Maria Smith of Coeur-d'-Alene, Idaho.

Paternal grandparents are Cindy Jordan of Lubbock and the late Ted Danny Burgess, Betty Little, Karen Jordan. The great-grandparents are Carl and Wanda Thompson of Littlefield and Zelda Jordan of Gorman and the late Glenn Jordan. Samanta Marie's aunts are Jessica and Kassic Tramp and Kayla Jordan.

EMILY DANIELL CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Wade and Sheri Daniell honored their daughter, Emily Jordan Daniell, with a party in their home celebrating her first birthday on November 26th, 2003. The birthday cake was baked by her "MiMi" Glenda Black and beautifully decorated in the "Care Bears" theme and had one candle. Birthday balloons and the "Care Bears" theme was used in the decorations through out the house. Ice cream and cold drinks were served with the birthday cake. Emily had her own little "Bear" cake to eat.

Those there to help Emily celebrate were her parents, Wade and Sheri Daniell, her brothers, Ryan and Kody Daniell, grandparents, Glenda Black and Loyd and Gail Daniell of Abilene, great-grandmother, Zelda Jordan of Kokomo and friends, Brian and Becky.

Emily had a wonderful time opening all her gifts with a lot of help from her brothers.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Bernard and ann Keith spent two weeks during the Christmas Holiday Season visiting in Louisville, Kentucky with their son, Brad and Priscilla Keith and their children, Jenna, Andrea, Brett and Brian.

This reporter received a phone message from Evelyn Hammond of Lake Brownwood on New Year's Day. She has been sick for three weeks or more with that bronchitis stuff that is going around. Evelyn would like to say "hello" to all of her friends in this area and a Happy new Year to all.

Odie Brightwell celebrated his 103 birthday at the ZJ's Restaurant in Gorman last Saturday night with all his family. The Brightwell family are former residents of Desdemona where most of their children attended school. Their children are Willa Dean, Zella Mae, Tommy, Betty Ann, Minnie Beth, Jimmy, Myrna sue and the late Dale Brightwell and Gale Brightwell. Odie worked for the Magnolia Oil Co. (later Mobil) in Desdemona until he retired. He lives in the assisted living home in Stephenville.

Larry and Gay Moore was in Holland, Texas last Saturday to attend the funeral of Larry's aunt Bobbie

This reporter received a Christmas card and note from daughter, Samantha Marie Jordan. Jeanette Owens in Artesia, New Mexico. She is having some health problems. A few years ago she had a complete left hip replacement surgery which she recovered very well. One year after this surgery she had a complete right hip replacement surgery and the surgery went fine until the nurses took her from the recovery room back to her room and while they were transferring her from one bed to another-they dropped her! So one week after this accident she had another complete right hip replacement surgery. This surgery was fine for a period of time, then it got infected and the doctor had Maternal grandparents are to take it out and disconnect her complete for three

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Prayer for the New Year

God give you faith this coming year! The faith that will not fail in keenest test; That trusts and sings in midst of fire and storm, And dares rely upon his Word and rest.

God give you home this coming year! The hope that through the darkness sees afar-The purifying hope that fondly waits The rising of the Bright and Morning Star.

God give you love this coming year! His own great love that burns out for the lost; That intercedes, and waits, and suffers long-That never fails, nor stops to count the cost.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for eighteen residents. The lesson was "Life in the Son." Background passage John 1:1-18. The Biblical Truth: True life is found only by faith in Christ. Key Bible verses were John 1:12-13. Howard and Pat Hagood were guests. Howard voiced the closing prayer. Tootie brought a large sack of Christmas presents for residents.

Visiting the home were Mike Parrish of New Braunsfel, Travis Harris, Robert and Leah Phillips of Seguin, Jerry, Sherry and Mason Parrish of Comanche, and James Phillips.

Sunday afternoon, Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Doubie Truitt and Durward Webb of the Church of Christ came for church services. Bro. Larry led the singing. Doubie Truitt led the opening prayer. Bro. Stogsdill passage was Romans 12:7-9 and James 1:19-20. There were 10 residents and guest Nancy Hendricks.

Some visitors were Don Joiner of Houston, Lucille Joiner and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham, Shanna, Alyssa and Taylor Hope Mahon of DeLeon, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Robert and Becky Moore, Randy and Leslie Green and Emily Green of DeLeon.

On Monday morning, residents were happy to have Karen Guthery style their hair.

Some guests were Rex and Trudy Long, Kaycee Long, Chelsa Long and Jerry Long of Rising Star, Charlene Rider of Cisco, Dorothy Whiteside of Sipe Springs, Lajeana Hayes of Cross Plains, Max Long of California, Don and Vickie Long of Springtown.

Mon Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for seven residents.

Some guests were Jordan Scitern, Amber Scitern, Jaime Johnston and Kinsey Johnston. Also visiting were Margie Treadway, Brenda Boyd, Paula Breeden of Abilene, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Mary Ditmore of Weatherford, Bryan and Kim Holtzdow of Lana, Mark and Tamara Sanders of Boyd, Crystal Landers, Don Landers of Springtown, Windell and Terry Treadway, Angela Treadway of Irving, Allison Campbell, Rachel Watson, Richard and Connie Watson.

Monday at 2:30, those coming for the Sing-A-Long were Ruby Lee Kinser, Ernestine Campbell, Ann Warren, and Nancy Hendricks. There were 12 residents.

Some guests were Annie Faye Foster, Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Pam Childers, Meagan Childers, Jennifer Brown, Elmer Lee and Rebecca Morgan of Lake Dallas, Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith

Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona came and styled residents hair.

Some guests were Dr. Mile and Marsha Whitehorn, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon, Heidi Forbes of Virginia Beach, VA, Chris Shetz of Dallas.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played electric keyboard and led singing for ten residents.

Visiting were Wesley and Sue Spivey, G.W. and Emily Gilmore of Ranger, Larry Barnett of Wylie, Tom and Sammie Dunn of Ranger, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Jerry, Norma and Patrick Frasier of Corpus Christi, Harold and Freida Harrison of Combine, Durward Webb and Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Dan and Jo Carey of Midlothian, Brent Carey of Lewisville

and Irene West. On Tuesday afternoon, there was a resident's Council Meeting. Recent guests from Eastland were Raquel Gonzales, Miller Jon, Terry Stroly, Lyon Anderson, Jodie Schaffer, Nancy Beard, Lana Hood, and Thomas Cockrum.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel for fourteen residents. His text was Luke 2:22-25. There were two guests, Steve and Dorenda Minten of Buchanan Dam. Some guests were Kelly Hend

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months in which she was in the hospital all this time. Then after all the medication to take care of this infection, she recently had another complete right hip replacement surgery. Jeanette is slowly recovering from this ordeal and is in a wheelchair most of the time. She is a former resident of Desdemona where she went all through school with this reporter and they graduated with the Class of 1951. Get Well wishes to our friend and classmate.

Robert and Ima Brown returned home last Friday after a three week visit to Arizona. They attended the graduation of their granddaughter, Lindsay Noelle Poole in Phoenix, Arizona from Arizona State University. Christmas holiday week was spent in Kingman, Arizona with their daughter, Fran and David Senger. They reported warm weather in Phoenix, but very cold weather in Nevada and New Mexico. On their way home, they visited in Amarillo, Texas with Robert's sister, Marjorie Johnson. Robert Alton and Jana Brown and then children, Preston and Julie of Fort Worth visited last Saturday in Desdemona with his parents, Robert and Ima for a late Christmas visit.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnie.

your local anywhere else?

erson of Wiley, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Ella Reeves of Granbury, Robert Reeves of Waxahachie, Burnadean Reeves of Weatherford, Allene Reeves of Kemp, Vickie Seay, Ruby Lee Kin-

Residents send get well wishes to Estelle Craddock. Hurry and get

Visiting were Sue and Lee Pettigrew of Desdemona, Garry and Judy Owens of Abilene, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider of Gorman, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll, bobby and Peggy Ingram

On Christmas morning, residents enjoyed opening gifts and later enjoyed a movie.

Some guests were Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Winston Brown, Shawna Roberts, Shalor Roberts, Bimbo and Anna Lee Roberts.

On Friday, Ina Smith had bingo for a good number of residents.

Skaggs, Stanley Porter, John and Georgie Lee Hooper of Dallas. Friday afternoon residents were enjoying pink ice cream. Some holiday guests were Ron and Mary Ann Prewitt of Edmon, Oklahoma, Johnnie and Pattie Waters of Amarillo, Jimmy Little, Alpha Mae Andry, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood.

Some guests were Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland, Larry and Colene Barnett of Possum Kingdom Lake, Jeff and Whitney Crews of Lendale, Lori and Milley Ackers of Charlotte, NC, Jerry and Virginia

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