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Happy Thanksgiving

Kalyn Porter Signs NJCAA Letter of Intent To Cisco Junior College



Kalyn Porter signs NJCAA Letter of Intent accepting a scholarship to play Volleyball at Cisco Junior College from Head Coach Susan Moore. Pictured are Coach Susan Moore, Kalyn Porter, Tim and Lynn Porter.

Jim Bruton Joins American State Bank Santa Claus Coming To Town!

Gary Galbraith, President of American State Bank, Abilene, announces the hire of James Bruton as President of the Gorman location.

Galbraith said American State Bank is pleased to have Bruton joining their Bank. "It is not often you get the opportunity to hire someone with the local background, diversified banking knowledge gained through many years of experience, and the widespread trust which Bruton's customers have in him."

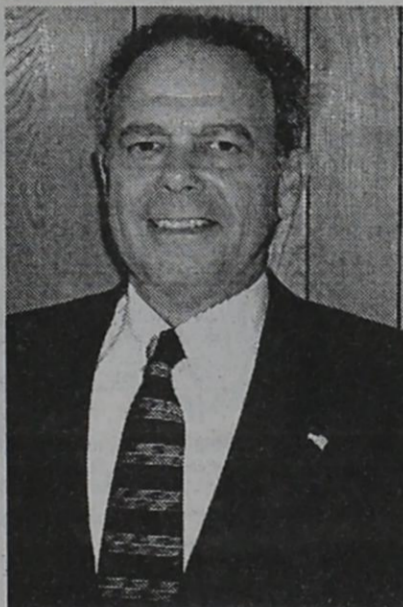
Bruton, is a native of De Leon. He graduated from De Leon High School and attended Tarleton State University. For the past 25 years, he has been affiliated with F&M Bank, De Leon, serving as President and Chairman of the Board for eleven of those years.

Bruton has served in numerous civic positions: President of Comanche County Water Corporation, President of Developing De Leon Today, President of De Leon Chamber of Commerce, President of the De Leon Booster Club, and Chairman of the De Leon Peach and Melon Festival. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

Bruton is married to wife, Rita, who is an independent financial advisor, officing in Stephenville; together they share five children and eight grandchildren.

Bruton will office in Gorman, calling on friends and customers in surrounding areas.

Bruton said he is pleased with the opportunity to work with American State Bank. "At heart, I am a banker; I have missed being in the bank over



Santa will be arriving in town on December 6, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

He will be at the Community Center. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2.00 each.

the last several months and I am looking forward to getting back and working people and their financial needs. American State Bank is one of the strongest independent banks in the southwest, with one-and-a-half billion in assets." Bruton said it is ironic that I started my banking career in Gorman in 1974; now, I am coming back and I am excited. I look forward to seeing my many friends and customers."

More Interesting
Articles Located
Inside This Issue

Panthers Received All-District Honors In District 14-A Football



By: Coach Tyson

The Gorman football team was well represented on this year's all-district football team. The Panthers landed five players on the first team and 8 players on the second team. Roberto Rodriguez, who led the team in rushing, was a unanimous selection for first team offense at the running back position. Trent Withers, who led the team in tackles and sacks, was selected as a first team linebacker along with Gil Cochrane, who was second on the team in sacks. Sawyer Wright, who played more of a rover position, was selected first team defensive back for the second year in a row. Zach Bryan, who stepped up as a sophomore this year, was selected as a first team offensive lineman.

Second team selections were Sayer Wright at running back. Sawyer was second on the team in rushing yards and first in rushing touchdowns. Trent Withers was selected as second team running back despite not playing a full year at the position and playing the position in the tougher part of our schedule. Tim Guerra who led our defensive line in tackles and Zach Bryan who was second in tackles on the defensive line were named second team defensive lineman. Lance Jones, who was second on the team in tackles was given second team honors at linebacker. Roberto Rodriguez and Ryan Wright were selected as second team defensive backs.

Quarterback ryan Wright, who led the team in total offense and total touchdowns, received Honorable

mention honors at that position. Gil Cochrane who was highest on the grade system done by OL Coach James Gerick, received Honorable mention honors at center. Clint Jones received Honorable Mention honors at defensive end despite being injured for part of the season.

For the second year in a row, I received Coach of the Year honors for District 14-A. However, I would trade both of those honors to be in the play-offs just one of those years. The Coach of the Year honor is a wonderful honor, but it is not a reflection of my ability. It is a reflection of this coaching staff (James Gerick, Troy Doyle, and Randy Jones) and a reflection of the heart and desire of our young men who are part of this team. It is their honor more than it is my honor and I thank them for their dedication.

It was a great year that ended in a tough way. But if anyone can turn a cruel injustice like that into a positive it is our team and our young men. They have overcome so much it almost seems unfair to put another burden on them, but they are well equipped to handle it. The seniors know what they have accomplished and can take that pride and all the valuable traits they have learned together and be successful in other adventures they chose to take part in as their future unfolds. The underclassmen must rise to the challenge to get back up and live to fight another day. I look forward to next year with excitement and anticipation. We will find out our new district in February and there are certain to be changes with Rising Star and May going six-man. Our young men have their work cut out for them, but they have already started working on next years run at play-offs.

The coaching staff and players would like to thank our fans, booster club, and community for their support. The crowds were as big this year as any since I've been here. You were loud and proud and that means so much to our boys. We thank you for making this a special year and look forward to your continued support next year.

I personally would like to thank our coaching staff and players for making this year another special year for me. I enjoyed coaching this group and coaching with this staff. It is a wonderful family to be a part of whether things are going good or bad. I would like to especially thank Coach Gerick who stayed up at the office with me on Sunday evenings until 2 or 3 in the morning helping me game plan and listening to me babble. I there was an assistant coach of the year award he would win it hands down. Once again thanks 2003 Gorman Panthers:

Seniors—Sawyer Wright, Trent Withers, Roberto Rodriguez, Lance Jones;

Juniors—Ryan Wright, Gil Cochrane, Clint Jones, JT Whitfill, Scott Lewis; Sophomores—Andy Abbe, Tim Guerra, Zach Bryan; Freshman—David Ibarra, Reggie Sanchez, Pete Ramires; Practice Squad—Tim Patel and Armando Giles.

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.

FOOD BANK

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Gorman Senior Travel Club Selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts to be delivered on December 5th. To place your order, contact a Travel Club member or call 734-3496 or 734-3311.

GLRA Drawing \$250 Gift Card

Want help paying for Christmas this year? Want a new TV for yourself? How about groceries for the holidays? Well then we have the answer for you. The Gorman Livestock Raisers are having a drawing for a \$250 Wal-Mart Gift Card. The drawing will be held the 1st week in December. The tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.

For tickets, ask any GLRA member or call Melissa Osborne at 734-2849, Renae Carlton at 639-2211, or Kristi Thompson at 734-3354.

Gorman Travel Club Drawing

The Gorman Senior Travel Club members are having a drawing for a \$200.00 gift card for Wal-Mart. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on December 2nd at the basketball games.

Obituaries

Thoran Ferrell (Tom) Anglin

Thoran Ferrell (Tom) Anglin, 85, of San Angelo passed away Sunday, November 23, 2003. Funeral services were Wednesday, November 26, 2003 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Masonic graveside rites followed at Oakland Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Tom was born October 21, 1918 in Comanche Co., in the Duster Community to Lee and Elvira Anglin on the Anglin Farm and was reared there. He married Frankie Jo Nunley on March 1, 1939. He served in WWII in the Pacific Theater and was involved in the liberation of Japan. After being discharged, Tom and his young family moved to West Texas to Andrews County where he went to work in the oil and gas business working for AMOCO for many years. He retired from AMOCO in 1983 in San Angelo.

After retirement he went back to his roots where he became well known for his farming and ranching in Comanche, Smith and Rusk Counties. Tom served as Master of the Andrews Masonic Lodge, was a member of the Andrews Mustang Quarterback Club for many years,

Angela Jo "Angie" Brogdon

Angela Jo "Angie" Brogdon, 57, of Midland passed away on Saturday, November 22, 2003 in Balmorea, Texas. Services were Monday, November 24, 2003 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel in DeLeon, officiated by Jackie Auvenshine. Burial was at the DeLeon Cemetery.

Angela was born on July 21, 1946 in Gorman to Billye Ruth Huddleston Brogdon Woods and the late George A. Brogdon. She was employed in the Purchasing Department for the Midland Police

member of El Madria Shrine Temple and a charter member of the Scottish Rite of Ft. Worth.

He was well known for his love of family, survived by his wife of 63 years, Frankie Jo Anglin of San Angelo; one son L. Pat Anglin and wife Kay of Colleyville; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren—the love of his life, Todd Anglin and wife Pam and their children Charlie and Logan Anglin of Paris; Thad J. Anglin and wife Sharon and their children Natalie and Kelsey Anglin of Commerce, and granddaughter Trisha Kay Anglin of Colleyville and one sister Faye Allredge of Abilene.



Estelle Craddock Recognized at the Community Thanksgiving Services on Sunday

Estelle Craddock, Treasurer of the Gorman Ministerial Alliance was recognized for forty-two years of dedicated service with integrity above reproach. The plaque was presented Sunday evening, November 23, 2003 at the Community Thanksgiving Services by Richard Watson.

Department; former employee for Kerr McGee Oil Company; attended elementary school in DeLeon; graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Midland; attended Tarleton State University and Angelo State University; and member of Midland Church of Christ.

Angie dearly loved her dog companion Zoey.

She had lived most of her life in Midland, having moved there in the 8th grade, but after all these years, her heart was still in DeLeon. She was one of the most caring, generous and upbeat people in the world and made it her personal mission to make those around her feel good! Angie made and continues to make a huge difference to everyone who loved her. We are all better because of her physical presence in our lives and will continue to be better as her spirit surrounds us in every sunrise and sunset, in every loud clapping thunderstorm and gentle rain...in every leaf that falls from the trees.

Survivors include her mother, Billye Ruth Woods of Stephenville; sister, Sherry Taylor and husband Larry of Stephenville; nephew Zack Taylor of Stephenville; her dog Zoey; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded by her father, George Brogdon, her step-father, J.L. "Brownie" Woods and her best friend, Sandra Mitchell.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association.

The Gorman Police Dept. Christmas Project For Kids

The Gorman Police Dept. will be accepting names for those who need a little extra help with Christmas for their children. We will only accept names through December 5. We will need names, ages, sizes, and special requests. You may turn in the names by personal appearance, by phone 734-2317, or you may mail them to this office at P.O. Box 236, Gorman, 76454.

We are only able to purchase gifts for children who are in the Gorman Independent School Dist. This program is an assistance program. It operates only by donations given to the department. If you interested in this to this program you may do so at the City Office. If you would like to help you may contact Tacy or Debra. The Student Council and Mrs. Majors have assisted for the past two years and their contribution is always very helpful. We appreciate them so much. Any group interested in contributing to this cause is more than welcome to join in.

Please remember the cut off date is December 5, 2003.



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NEW LISTING: 37 A. N/W of De Leon, good sandy land, app. 5A coastal, stock pond, 3 water wells, pavement access, great building spot. \$1,250 per A.
NEW: 47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good deer area, \$1,050 acre.
NEW: 48A. West of Sipe Springs, wooded creek, travel trailer, electricity and coop water, great hunting. \$1,250 acre.
NEW: 193 A. Oakland Cemetery, 140 a. cult, 50 a wooded, ponds, fenced, great hunting / cattle place. Smaller tracts available. \$710 acre.
NEW: 409A. on the Sabanna; 3-2-2 brick, metal horse barn, shop, hay shed, ponds, etc. \$200a wooded, lots wildlife, pavement. \$495,000.

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4-Family Yard Sale: Saturday, November 29th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—weather permitting at the home of Karen Guthery. Lots of stuff, baby stuff, furniture, clothes, and all kinds of stuff. 1-11-27-P

For Sale: Office building and corner lot next to Post Office in Gorman. Call 254-734-2755.

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Local Sales Tax Facts

By Judy Warren, Gorman EDC Vice President

The Gorman EDC (formed in 1998) actually began collecting the % 4B sales tax in 1999. In those first two years the income was minimal, collecting less than \$20,000 combined 1999/2000

During the next year, we had several businesses open and the collection jumped 100% drawing in \$22,775 in 2001. Loss of a restaurant caused a significant drop in 2002, yet we still brought in \$20,119. Through the 3rd quarter of 2003, we are considerably under that \$20,000 that we budget for.

Where do we get this money? These are monies that the state of Texas sends to those cities that have voted to collect the economic development sales tax.

Each time you purchase household items, eat at a restaurant, individual serving sizes of food and drink, appliances, and much more... in essence, anything you pay state sales tax on...part of this tax amount is sent to the State Comptrollers Office. At the end of the quarter those monies are sent to the EDC.

Every time anyone shops in Gorman, whether its flowers or fast food, tires, over-the-counter drugs, office supplies, or a movie... you get the picture. EVERYTIME—ANYONE spends \$1.00 in Gorman one-half of one cent goes to the EDC.

The majority of towns in our area have both a 4A and a 4B. When you go to neighboring towns such as Abilene, Baird, Comanche, DeLeon, Stephenville, Goldthwaite, Eastland, Ranger, or even Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Austin, and Dallas/Ft. Worth you are paying an extra % sales tax (8.25%). You are supporting their Economic Development.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Howard Kile, Susan Joyce Langley Thorne, Sharon Langley Baker, Sherry May, Ricky Worsham, Joe F. Scott, Mary Ann Greer, Robert E. Anderson, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said Howard Kile, Susan Joyce Langley Thorne, Sharon Langley Baker, Sherry May, Ricky Worsham, Joe F. Scott, Mary Ann Greer, and Robert E. Anderson, Greeting:
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of January, A.D. 2004, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of November, 2003, in this cause, numbered CV-03-39474 on the docket of said court and styled W.G. Amot, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Howard Kile, et al, Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as 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 described land:
160 acres, more or less, being the SE 1/4, Sec. 4, Block 2, BBB&C Ry Co. Survey, Abstract No. 994, Eastland County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT from the surface of said land down to a depth of 550 feet.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Witness, *Sherry May*, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 24th day of November, A.D. 2003.
Sherry May, Clerk, 91st District Court, Eastland County, Texas
By *Sherry May*, Deputy
4-12-18

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Carl J. Sittinger, Irene D. Sittinger, Holland D. Stevens, Richard A. Stevens, George Thorpe, Agnes C. Bowen, Alanson G. Bowen, Marilyn L. Bowen, M. Eleanor Bowen, Harry C. Lord, C.B. Snodgrass, J.H. Crocker, A.S. Beckley and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said Carl J. Sittinger, Irene D. Sittinger, Holland D. Stevens, Richard A. Stevens, George Thorpe, Agnes C. Bowen, Alanson G. Bowen, Marilyn L. Bowen, M. Eleanor Bowen, Harry C. Lord, C.B. Snodgrass, J.H. Crocker, A.S. Beckley, Defendants, Greeting:
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as 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 described land:
Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Block 2, B.B.B. & C. Ry Co. Survey, Abstract No. 32, Eastland County, Texas
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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Witness, *Sherry May*, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 22nd day of October, A.D. 2003.
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By *Sherry May*, Deputy
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The Lady Panthers had a great season and would like to thank all the parents and fans for their support.
 First Team All-District: Andrea Files
 Second Team All-District: Kayln Porter - Lydia Royster
 Hon-Mention All-District: Ashlee Hornback - Kendra Swanner - Nikki Keith
 Academic All-District: Andrea Files, Kayln Porter, Lydia Royster, Ashlee Hornback, Kendra Swanner

Thank You

We wish to thank the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, Gorman Police Department, City Employees, and especially the First Responder teams who have come to our aid in recent weeks. We are fortunate to have such dedication in our community.

Thank you again,
 Bill and Yvonne Whitlock

Emergency Closing

The safety of the children who attend Gorman ISD is of the up most importance to the administration and staff. There are certain situations due to inclement weather or unforeseen hazards that require that schools close. As the winter months approach, the administration will carefully monitor the road conditions and when the conditions warrant will close or delay the start time for school.

Notification of school closing or delayed start will be aired on radio station KSTV FM 93.1 out of Stephenville and television station KTAB channels 10 or 32. If Gorman ISD will be closed or delayed the information will be available by 6:30 am.

Children's Book Week - November 17-21, 2003 Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy Look-Alike Contest

Maxfield Elementary celebrated Children's Book Week, November 17, 2003. The Elementary Library held a Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy Look-Alike Contest.

Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade students were invited to participate. We had 17 students competing for free pizza passes.

After a short history about the creation of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, the competition began. All participants paraded around the gym in view of parents, students and faculty. Our judges told us it was a difficult decision because all our Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy contestants looked so great.

Our Raggedy Ann winner was Bailey Underwood in KA. Our Raggedy Andy winner was Zachary Ryon in 2B. Each winner received 4 free passes to Cici's Pizza in Stephenville and each contestant received a participation yo-yo.

We all had a great time. Thank you students and parents for making this event such a success.
 Maxfield Elementary Library



Miss and Little Miss Gorman and Peanut Queen



Pictured are "Miss Gorman" Rachel Granado, "Peanut Queen" Kaci Seaton, and "Little Miss Gorman" Kourtney Seaton.

The girls visited the State Capitol of Texas on November 5, 2003 as honorary guest of Representative Jim Keffer and his great staff, Gayle Gilmore and Amy Solomon. The girls were treated to a great breakfast in the Capitol and a tour of the Capitol before having pictures taken on the House of Representative Floor. Also joining the girls were Alex, Teresa, and Rachel Granado and Jeff and Veronica Seaton.



Joshua Reames, senior Agriculture Services & Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student internship with Gorman Milling Company in Gorman. He is under the supervision of John Fritts.

Josh will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in sales activities. This arrangement has been made by mutual agreement between Gorman Milling Company and Tarleton State University. The intern will assist with all activities concerning the Feed Sales Program. Upon completion of this training period, he will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services & Development from Tarleton State University.

DeLeon Country Christmas

Mark your calendar for December 5, 2003 and plan to come and participate in the DeLeon Country Christmas at the DeLeon City Hall auditorium from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be lots of fun activities for the children and merchants will open for shoppers serving lots of good things to eat. You are sure to be able to get your Christmas Shopping done with all the nice things to choose from. The Chamber Office is also having Open house with goodies.

Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. at the Outside Christmas Tree next to the Chamber Office. Then he will move inside so you can have your picture made with him and give him your wish list.

There will be sights, sounds, and smells of Christmas, Arts and Crafts, and more.

For more information, contact DeLeon Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 254-893-2083 or email: chamber@deleontexas.com

Something for everyone. Crafters welcome, please call. Come join us!

History Of Desdemona School

By Mary Ficklen, Desdemona Class of 1939

For sixty-five years the big brick building on Main Street Desdemona and Farm to Market Road 8 has served the community of Desdemona. It was one of the first modern buildings in the area encompassing a modern gymnasium, library, home economics lab, classrooms and lunchroom. At the time it was the pride of the community. The building was erected as a Works Progress Administration project in 1938 after a fire had destroyed the original high school built in 1922.

In 1969, after school enrollment dropped below one hundred students, the school district was consolidated with nearby schools and the school building and property was ceded to the Desdemona Community under the direction of a trusteeship headed by Roy Johnson. Since then, the upkeep has been funded by voluntary contributions of money, labor, and occasional fund-raisers. But like the 1938 graduates, time has taken its toll and the building is in serious need of renovation.

Since the building is still the center of all community activities including Old Settlers Reunion, Thanksgiving dinners, family gatherings, musicals, Volunteer Fire Department meetings, womens monthly coffee, and many other activities, the trustees and other

community leaders have proposed building a modern meeting room with central air and heat, acoustically engineered to serve the community. This project is envisioned to be the first of more improvements to come which will enable the community to attract many different types of activities. There has been much discussion within the community on the project and it

merits every one's serious consideration. To date, the interested citizens have raised some seven thousand dollars through voluntary contributions, pledges, and other fund raising activities. The project is now near becoming a reality, according to Roy Johnson, Trustee Chairman. Accounting authorities have advised that contributions to this project are tax deductible.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

The 23rd Channel

The TV is my shepherd; my spiritual growth shall want. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for His name's sake, because it requireth all my leisure time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of God's Word. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend church and doing nothing in the kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep viewing my TV as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. Its sounds and pictures, they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those in the Word of God.

Surely, no good thing will come of my life because of so many wasted hours, and I shall dwell in my remorse and bitter memories forever.

On Sunday morning, James Tucker of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson. The lesson was "Taking the Good news to Others." Background passage Acts 13:1-52 with key Bible verse Acts 13:47. Others from the church were Tootie Campbell, Ellen and Rachel Tucker. Twenty-two residents were present. A resident led the closing prayer.

Some guests were Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Don Landers of Springtown, Darrell Moore and Wanda Emfinger of Odessa and Charlotte Howard.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. Victor Pena of the First United Methodist Church came for church services. There were eleven residents attending. Robbie Dodd was also helping.

Some guests were Betty Sadberry, Virginia Newcomb, Avie Taylor, Roy Leemaster, John Adcock of DeLeon, Nita Altonham, Dala Nelson of San Antonio, Roy and Annie Hines of Cisco, James Collins of Ft. Worth, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had 'bingo' for eleven residents. Visiting were Kenneth and Vonia Snider of Rosebud, AK, Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of DeLeon.

Diane Pope new Nurse Aide

Heritage Manor is happy to announce Diane Pope of DeLeon is now with Heritage Manor. Mrs. Pope is married, her husband is David Pope and they live in DeLeon. She was employed at the Comanche Hospital.

Guests were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes, and Marie Cook of Carbon.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and styled residents hair.

Some guests were Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Billie Jean Grisham, Taylor, Hope and Elysha Mahon of DeLeon, Joyce Bramlett and Lucille Joiner of Stephenville, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday afternoon, those coming for the Monday Gospel Singing were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, Daisy Slaton, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Betty Sadberry, and Nancy Hendricks. Twelve residents were present.

Visiting were James and Glynda Cox of Memphis, TX, Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Kenneth Good, Glenn Glasson.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for residents. Some guests were Jewel Morris and Bonnie Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Shelly Little, Sara Overstreet, Jennifer Brown, Vicki Seay, Amber and Jordan Scitem, Annie Fay Foster, Becky Smith of Cross Plains.

It was quite exciting for six residents when they had 'horse racing' with Ina Smith on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Visiting recently were June Carruth, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Morgan and Terry Stephens of DeLeon, Jim Carruth of Desdemona, Susan Carruth of Comanche.

There were no residents having birthdays in the month of November, so there was no Birthday party in November.

Some guests were Liz and C.J. Henderson of Abilene, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Larry Stogsdill, Durward Webb, Louise Hall, Anna Rush, Gearldene Wright, Betty Williams of California.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell came from First Baptist Church and had chapel. He read Acts 1:1-27 and explained each verse. There were thirteen residents present, also Orvil Barnett came by.

Some guests were Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Dawn Roberts, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Shaylor Roberts, Shannon Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Winston Brown, Levi Roberts, Bill and Tootie Campbell.

Some guests were John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Dallas, Stanley Porter, Tim Porter, Ima Brown, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, Larry and Coleen Barnett of Ft. Worth, Emmett Lasater of Eastland.

On Wednesday morning, it was 'Care Plans' for Heritage Manor.

Some guests were Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Ruth Lewis and Kelli Williams of Desdemona, Steve and Dorenda Minten of Buchanan Dam, Nelden and Billie Shipman of Desdemona, Lenden and Frankie Jo Shipman.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith had 'crazy bingo' for a number of residents.

Visiting were Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Brad Johnson of Granbury, Paul Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville.

On Thursday morning, residents had fun playing the 'Word Game' with Ina Smith.

Visiting were Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Jimmy Little, Wilbur Overstreet, Rex Kinser, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood and Ann Holt of Austin.

On Thursday afternoon, it was time for "Shake and Make" homemade ice cream with Ina Smith for a large number of resident.

Blackwell Hospital Historical Fund Nears Goal

Under a narrow carport on the East Side of the small red brick building was parked the first ambulance of Goman. It was 1919 and the ambulance's wooden spoke wheels were common to vehicles of the time; the rich medical history of our area began to grow and influence the lives of so many.

Soon we will be able to acknowledge our claim to this rich medical history with the development of a state marker firming up the growth of Blackwell Hospital and note the phenomenal medical practice of Dr. D.V. Rodgers who delivered over 8,000 babies. Gorman served as a regional medical center for many counties. The physicians were accustomed to a broad medical practice without the availability of specialists. Treating flu, delivering babies, doing surgery, setting bones, making house calls and keeping an office practice was just a normal day. Dr. George and Edward Blackwell, Dr. Rodgers, and Dr. Brogdon were all principles of Blackwell Hospital as it grew to a peak of a 52-bed 4-story hospital. Drs. Cole, Brown, and Pino were part of the caregivers with a host of loving nurses and other support personnel.

It will take \$2,400 to provide two markers. Donations of \$2,217 are in the bank. We are confident enough to proceed with the bureaucratic process to order the markers. There is approximately \$400 in expenses, so \$600 more is needed. Additional donations can be used to expand our site location with a bench, concrete work and/or enhancement of recognition site.

The generosity of those of you have already given has brought us to this point and is gratefully appreciated. The committee would like to urge others to donate toward the completion of the project. You will be proud you were a part of saving this colorful history by making it a part of our future. Funds can be sent to American State Bank or Blackwell Hospital Historical Fund at Box 784, Gorman, Texas 76454. We are close to our goal; you can be a vital part of the monument. Thank you!

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

David and Fran Senger of Kingman, Arizona spent the past week in Desdemona visiting with her parents, Robert and Ima Brown. They all were in Fort Worth on Saturday, November 15 to attend the wedding of Michelle Peneto and Nathan Meader. Other visitors with the Brown's and Senger's during the week at the Brown Ranch Home were guests from Kingman, Arizona; Henderson, Nevada; Fort Worth, Cleburne and Granbury.

Bernard and Ann Keith attended the monthly musical last Friday night in Olden. They reported a good musical and good crowd attended.

This reporter would like to say "hello" to our friend, Bell Bailey and daughter, Rexene Brown in Lubbock. She has moved recently to an assisted living home after the death of her husband, Max Bailey who passed away October 31, 2003. Max was a former resident of Desdemona where he attended school and graduated with the Class of 1941.

This reporter received a phone message recently from Evelyn Hammond at Lake Brownwood. She is a former resident of Desdemona and still considers this her hometown. She would like to say 'hello' to all her friends in this area and wish each one a Happy Thanksgiving.

"Happy Birthday" to our friend, Agatha (Genoway) Nance on Monday, November 24. Agatha lives in Stephenville at the Good Tree Apartments. She is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1934. Agatha's parents, the late Charlie and Fannie (Cook) Genoway are some of the earlier settlers in the Desdemona area. Ima Brown of Desdemona visited Agatha on her birthday. They enjoyed lunch to help celebrate Agatha's 88th birthday.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks - "Happy Thanksgiving" to all of our friends and neighbors, Vonnie & Pug.

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