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Comanche County Consolidated Hospital To Hold "OPEN HOUSE"

As previously announced, the new Comanche County Medical Center will have its OPEN HOUSE, this Sunday, June 26, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., located midway between DeLeon and Comanche on Highway 16. Refreshments will be served. Plan to join our employees who want to share their pride in our County's new state-of-the-art medical facility, which will serve us for years to come!

The De Leon Hospital will close on Midnight, June 30, to begin the process of moving to the new facility. Patients will be transferred to either the Comanche Community Hospital or a local hospital of their choice on June 30. Full service will continue at the Comanche Community Hospital, which will be in operation until July 12, at which time patients will be taken to the new hospital and the Comanche Community Hospital will close. Services at Comanche County medical Center will begin on July 12.

The Comanche Family Medical Clinic and De Leon Clinic will remain open until July 13. They will begin seeing patients at the new Doctors Medical Clinic, located in the new CCMC, Monday, July 18.

Danny Owen, EMS Director, asked that anyone who needs ambulance service during this transition period, please call 911, and they will respond in their usual manner.

We appreciate your patience with us during this move. Healthcare is foremost in our mind, and we will look forward to serving the entire area with new equipment and an excellent standard of care. Again, we hope to see you at our Open House, June 26!

Gorman Represented On Regional Council

Gorman EDC Director Lori Dodd serves as Gorman's official delegate on the TMCN Council for 2005. Alternate delegate for the city is EDC Board member Cliffa Vaughn.

The Texas Midwest Council convened in Abilene last week for its second meeting of the year. Representatives from cities throughout the region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

Texas Midwest Community Network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to enhance community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization was founded on the basis of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 42 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Know City, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Ana, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

For more information about TMCN visit the website at www.texasmidwest.com.

Spaghetti Lunch For Miss Gorman Candidate Kaci Seaton

When: Thursday, June 23rd
Where: Community Center
Time: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Price: \$5.00

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, and garlic bread, iced tea for dine-in and pick-up orders.

Delivery available
Call 734-5052
Kaci is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Desdemona Monthly Musical

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Come early to enjoy supper and fellowship with the group before the music begins at 6 p.m. Dorothy Roberts is Chairman of the concession stand with helpers, Gay Moore, "Coon" Guthery, Dixie Pack and Bobbie McKillip.

Mark Your
Calendars
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The Circle
& Ranch
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Bible School



is coming July 11 - 15 at
United Methodist Church of
Gorman. For more info call
734-2547 or 734-
2849

Work Continuing On Old Club Lake Area



Miss and Little Miss Gorman Pageant Set Saturday At 7 p.m.

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman contests are coming to an end. The contests will end Saturday June 25th at 12 noon. All winners will be announced at the pageant on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

We urge everyone to come out and see who will represent Gorman in 2005.

Our reigning Miss Gorman, Sandra Lara, and our Little Miss Gorman, Katalina Landa, will crown the new Miss and Little Miss. These girls represented Gorman very well in many parades, and many other special events. We appreciate them very much.

Fund raising projects are still underway for our Miss Gorman candidates. Give them your support.

Miss Gorman Contestants:
Kaci Seaton—Chamber of Commerce
K'Ann Howard— Fire Department
Brittany Shirley- Lion's Club

Miss/Little Miss Gorman Contestants:
Sidney Casey— Chamber of Commerce
Caitlyn Rainey—ConSpec
Sara Woodall—Lion's Club

The proceeds will go to community projects. We appreciate everyone's support to these projects and our town.

Work Continuing On Excursion Train Ride Through DeLeon In October

By Jerry Morgan

Representatives from Dublin, Gorman and DeLeon met in DeLeon on Wednesday, June 15, to consider and plan for a possible rail excursion ride that would originate in Dublin and travel to Gorman, with stops in DeLeon.

Cliffa Vaughn of Gorman has been spearheading the project. She reported at the meeting that Grapevine Vintage Trains was sending a letter detailing the projected cost and other details for the rail excursion. The letter had not yet been received at the time of the meeting, however. Grapevine Vintage Trains operates the Tarantula rail excursion from Grapevine to the Stockyards in Fort Worth.

The date of the proposed rail excursion ride is Saturday, October 15. Grapevine Vintage Trains said they would likely be selling passenger tickets for the round trip ride between Grapevine and Dublin. Many of those riders would presumably also wish to purchase tickets for the round trip ride from Dublin to Gorman.

One topic of discussion was whether to plan for one or two round trips. The departure time from Dublin was set for 10:00 a.m. It was believed that there would be sufficient time for two round trips, with stops in DeLeon on each leg of the trip.

The name proposed for the excursion ride is "The Doodlebug," which was the name used in referring to the passenger train that ran over the same rail line in the early portion of the prior century. The Doodlebug name was not unique to the local rail line, however, but was often used for other feeder lines in various parts of the country.

The sale or distribution of community brochures, t-shirts and small gifts were also discussed.

The working group set its next meeting for noon on Wednesday, June 29, at the Blue Moon Cafe. Interested parties are invited to attend.

Gorman Panther Color Guard And Majorettes Attend Summer Camp

The Gorman Panther Color Guard and Majorettes recently returned from a MA Dance and Auxiliaries summer camp. The camp was held at the University of Dallas in Irving on June 13-16, 2005 and had over 200 participants. As host to thousands of students each year, Marching Auxiliaries awards, organizations and individual participants at its camps around the nation. Founded in 1976, MA has been conducting summer workshops for almost 30 years and is one of the largest privately held dance and auxiliary companies in the world.

Members of the Color Guard attending the camp were Amanda Brown, Sarah Flores, Stormy Hurd, Mindy Keaton, Lindsey Laminack (Head flag), and Carrie Thetford. The Majorettes in attendance were Ashleigh Bush and Nicole Vaughn. The girls did a great job and received several ribbons, plaques and a trophy for their individual performances and team performances. The Color Guard received the 110% plaque for their efforts during the week as a team. The Majorettes also received the 110% plaque as well as a trophy for a superior performance of a routine performed during team competition day. MA awards the following ribbons:

All Star Performer Ribbon-awarded to advance students for attitude and talent; Rising Star Ribbon-awarded to beginning level students for hard work and enthusiasm; Blue Ribbon (Superior)-awarded for outstanding memory and showmanship; Red Ribbon (Excellent)-awarded for good performance and a few memory errors; Gold Ribbon (Good)-awarded for effort and atti-

tude. The ribbons received by the girls are as follows:

Color Guard—Amanda Brown, two Blue Ribbons; Sarah Flores, one Blue Ribbon, one Red Ribbon, and one Teal Ribbon; Stormy Hurd, one Blue Ribbon, one Red Ribbon, one Teal Ribbon; Mindy Keaton, two Blue Ribbons, one Teal Ribbon; Lindsey Laminack, two Blue Ribbons, one Teal Ribbon; Carrie Thetford, one Blue Ribbon, one Red Ribbon, one Teal Ribbon. This team also received a Red Ribbon for their routine performed on Competition Day.

Majorettes—Ashleigh Bush, one Gold Ribbon, one Red Ribbon, one Teal Ribbon; Nicole Vaughn, two Red Ribbons, two Teal Ribbons. This team also received a Blue Ribbon for their routine performed on Competition Day.

All those recipients of the Teal

Ribbons received an invitation to perform at the Capitol One Bowl in Orlando, Florida on December 29, 2005-January 3, 2006. Congratulations to all the ladies on your accomplishments. You represented our school well and we are proud of you.

John Howard, Jr.
Director of
Gorman Panther Bands

Pool News

The Gorman Pool will be open on Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. The reason for considering closing on Saturdays was strictly due to the low attendance. Two Saturdays went by with less than six people attending. If you have any questions you may contact Tacy @ the City Office 734-2317, or call Natalie @ the pool 734-2053.

The pool looks really nice and Natalie is doing a great job.

REMINDER

THE LARGE ITEM PICK UP WILL RUN QUARTERLY. LARGE ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP BY B.F.I. ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2005. THE NEXT LARGE ITEM PICKUP WILL BE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 2005. IT WILL BE THE 1ST THURSDAY, JUST QUARTERLY. WE WILL TRY TO RUN A REMINDER IN THE NEWSPAPER PRIOR TO PICK UP DATE.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT B.F.I WILL SOON ONLY BE SENDING THE DRIVER TO EMPTY THE POLY CONTAINER BY TRUCK. PUT ALL TRASH IN THE CART. DO NOT PLACE ANYTHING TO BE THROWN AWAY ON THE GROUND OR IN ANOTHER CONTAINER. THANK YOU

Father's Day Visitors

Visiting for the Father's Day weekend with Bill and Judy Miers were Eric, Amanda Madison and Nathan from Bentonville, Arkansas; Dara and Cliff McCreary and family Chris, Kyle and Ryan of Joshua; Jana and Chris and Hailey of Gorman. Great grandparents are James and Eula Miers. Eric made the Eastland High School homecoming, also a big birthday party for Eric.

Pictured are Madison and Nathan.



Gorman Athletic Program Physicals for 05-06 School Year

DEAR PARENT,
Each year the Gorman Athletic Department requires an updated physical on each athlete. This is to insure the safety of your child. Once again this year we will be offering physicals for all athletes grades 7-12 free of charge. This is a great deal for our kids and school. Dr. Dan Brudnak will be the physician that administers the physicals. We would like to thank him and ask you to do the same for allowing us to receive his time and expertise for free.
VERY IMPORTANT: Please fill out all the information completely on the forms provided to you in this letter. We will have coaches present to take up these forms. Each year we waste time waiting on certain forms from some of our athletes as well as wasting paper making more copies for those that lost their forms. Please sign in all the pertinent places and it helps if you attend with your child so we can make sure everything is complete and if you have any questions for the doctor.
DATE and TIME: JULY 13th GIRLS: From 12 pm til 1:30 pm / BOYS: 1:30 pm til 3:00 pm at Dr Dan Brudnak's office located downtown next to the drug store.
NOTE: If you are unable to attend on this date it will be YOUR responsibility to get a physical for your child and it WILL NOT be offered for FREE before or after the date above (normal physical fees are around \$25). Also if you choose to attend another physician for your child's physical, the UIL forms are still required and are the only one's accepted by school districts. If you bring back a physical form from a doctor's office that is not an official UIL form, it will be denied and useless. Also you may need to note that most insurances do not cover the cost of a physical. You need to make every effort to be there on the above date.
Thanks,
Coby Tyson - Athletic Director/Head Football - Gorman ISD

Obituary

Claudia Mary Jay

Claudia Mary Jay, age 76 of Gorman, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2005. Services were Monday, June 20, 2005 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Ken Wilson and Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was at the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Jay was born October 25, 1928 in Oregon to A.F. Lennington and Mary Francis (McClellan) Lennington. She married Thurman Jay on August 11, 1945 in Eastland. Thurman and Claudia owned and operated Jay's Grocery in Gorman for many years. She was a 50 year member of the Eastern Star and a Baptist.

She is survived by husband, Thurman Jay of Gorman; three sons, William Jay of Strawn, James Jay and wife Ann of Gorman, and Bobby Jay of Gorman; one daughter, Mary McCormick and husband Mike of Eules; two sisters, Delores Cox and husband Leroy of Tyler and Nettie Joe Nichols and husband Nick of Iowa Park; five grandsons and two great grandchildren.

5th Annual Ben Richey Boys Ranch Golf Classic & Dove Hunt

The 5th Annual Ben Richey Boys Ranch of Abilene Golf Classic and Dove Hunt will be on June 24, 25, and 26th. June 22 at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for entry.

June 24th—Fairway Oaks Golf Course of Abilene—Pre-tournament party and live and silent auction. Auction items appreciated, call 325-665-9280, Jerry. Public welcome.

June 25th—2 person (your choice) tourney

June 26th—4 person scramble (computer drawn--limited number

of golfers).
Tournament will include contest giveaways and cash prizes for winners. For questions call Shady Oaks Golf Course - 325-854-1757; Ben Richey Boys Ranch-325-692-0377; www.bengolfhunt.com.

Thank You

There are not enough words to express the gratitude we have for all of the love and support given to our family. Thank you for the food, cards, memorials, flowers, plants, encouraging words, and prayers you have so graciously given in honor of Jack.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Deborah, Olivia, and Carlie Jackson

Guthery family
Jackson family

Thank You

It is difficult to find adequate words to express our appreciation for every act of kindness shown to our family during this very difficult time. To Donnie Nowlin and staff, we are so grateful for your compassion and sincere care for our family. Thank you to everyone who brought food and the friends who stayed and worked so hard to make sure everyone was taken care of. The flowers sent for the service and to our home have been overwhelming. The beautiful cards and all the memorials are truly appreciated. Finally, the many prayers on our behalf have been and will continue to be what we will need to get through this. We are truly blessed to live in a community where so many people love and care about each other.

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3.78 A. 3-2 frame, app. 1160', garage/carport, lots of large oak trees, water well, creek, pond and barn, close to town. \$47,500
47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good clear area, \$1,050 acre.
NEW 58A. Desdemona, app. 10 coastal, sea pond, water well, shed, pond, pavement, hunting, wildlife. \$1,800 per acre.
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Notice is hereby given to all students with disabilities (or parents of students) who attended school at Breckenridge ISD, Cisco ISD, Eastland ISD, Gorman ISD, Moran ISD, or Ranger ISD. The inactive student files, prior to August, 1998, WILL BE DESTROYED. This is in compliance with state regulations. [Local Government Code 202.001]
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A Vision is Born...

For several weeks, nearly 30 residents have given of their time and energy to help shape and mold the future of Gorman. With the help of Kevin Christian from Governor Perry's office, consultant Drew Brown and others from the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, this dedicated group of citizens has created a Vision Statement for our community.

Building upon our traditional rural values and agricultural heritage, Gorman is becoming a community of engaged and open-minded citizens; committed to bridging cultural and generational differences; supporting and stimulating new and existing businesses; sustaining choice, variety, and quality of housing; working closely with our schools to provide excellent opportunities and facilities for education; and enhancing opportunities for the continued growth of complimentary health care services.

This Vision Statement will be the foundation on which numerous goals, objectives and activities will spring forth in the coming weeks, months and years. Drew Brown explained to the group that we could now begin the Strategic Planning for Gorman now that there was a consensus on the Vision of where we would go and what we wanted to accomplish. He required each one present to answer the following questions:

- * In order to accomplish this vision what goals must be met?
- * What changes have to be made to meet the goals?
- * For each of the seven goals, what objectives must be met?
- * For each of the objectives, what activities must be accomplished to meet the objective?

It will indeed be a lot of work. There is truly a Call for Commitment from each of the citizens involved, but it is not too late to get involved. As the weeks progress and the goals are listed in the paper, if you see one you are particularly interested in, you may contact the EDC office and learn more about involvement and the fulfillment of that particular goal.

For comments or more information, you can contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or gcdc@cctc.net.

A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett

DOMESTIC TERRORIST TRAINING?

A mom with two small children almost fainted when I told her we had five kids under age seven. "How can you handle that?" she asked with amazement, "I'm about to go crazy with just two." Honestly, it would be a train wreck had we not learned some very important principles about child training. After our first child we realized that we really didn't know what we were doing. So we got some help. Molly (my wife) has especially worked hard at this. Among other things we have read several extremely helpful books, attended parenting classes at our church, and have sought counsel from more experienced parents who obviously had done a great job in training their children.

The lady asked me, "What kind of things have you learned?" I thought for a moment and mentioned how important the principle of "first time obedience" is. In short, this principle shows us how vital it is that our children learn very early (even before age one!) that what Mommy or Daddy says must be obeyed immediately...at the first command...without exception.

I can almost read some of your minds at this point: "First time obedience? My kids would never do that. I have to tell them ten times just to pick up their shoes." But here's the hard fact: **the kids don't mind the first time because we have shown them that we don't expect them to!** That's right. By not expecting and enforcing first time obedience, you have actually trained them NOT to obey the first time.

Exactly when do you expect them to obey? The second time you tell them? The fifth time? And how in the world is the kid supposed to know where the "bar" is, if you keep moving it? Sadly, the kids don't know when Mom means business until she has lost control and is yelling and screaming and threatening them! Then the kid subconsciously thinks, "Okay, I think this is for real. I think Mom really expects me to do this now."

Don't miss the obvious point here: the kid didn't cause this problem, the parent did! Mom and Dad, you are responsible for establishing consistent rules and discipline. If you are wishy-washy and the bar is always moving, you are unknowingly creating a little terrorist! More next week. (Questions or comments? Email: dane@txol.net)

Drug Offender's Probation Revoked

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod, presiding in the 91st District Court revoked the probation of TY LANDON ROBERTS, 28, Monday morning after hearing testimony. Roberts, formerly of Cisco, had previously been placed on ten years probation on March 7, 2002 for a felony drug offense and on January 13, 2003 for another drug offense. The Court sentenced Roberts to 6 years in prison on the first offense and two years in a State Jail Facility on the second offense for violating the terms and conditions of his probation. Abilene Defense Attorney Lynn Ingalsbe of Abilene represented Roberts during the revocation hearing. Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason stated: "The Probation Officer made extraordinary efforts to rehabilitate this young man, which he failed to take advantage of, leaving her no choice but to seek his imprisonment."

Drug Defendant Sentenced to Prison for Methamphetamine

Tammy Gail Mackey, formerly of Cisco, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (30) thirty year sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine with Intent to Deliver and a (10) ten year sentence for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Mackey was arrested by officers of the Cisco Police Department on January 7, 2005 at her residence after officers armed with a search warrant found the controlled substance. Mackey's residence was subsequently seized and forfeited to the State by the Cisco Police Department and the Eastland County District Attorney's Office.

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Mackey to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County on June 16, 2005.

NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ILLUMINATES LIGHTNING SAFETY INFORMATION

Agency and Partners Kickoff Lightning Awareness Week

Every crack of thunder that echoes from a storm is caused by lightning jetting across the sky or to the ground with a potentially lethal force. NOAA's National Weather Service along with its government, academic and private partners are educating Americans on the dangers of lightning and ways to stay safe during its annual Lightning Safety Awareness Week, June 19-25, 2005.

Cloud-to-ground lightning strikes within the United States an average of 25 million times every year. A single bolt, with a length that can exceed five miles and a width of one to two inches, can generate 100 million electrical volts and a temperature near 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Lightning is a potential hazard to people outdoors and indoors and results in millions of dollars in economic losses," said Brig. Gen. David L. Johnson, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), director of the National Weather Service. "Lightning kills an average of 67 people in the United States each year and can result in property loss, damage to aircraft and electronics, and can be the spark that ignites devastating wildfires."

Exceeding the number of fatalities are the estimated 600-700 lightning survivors that are left with debilitating health effects each year. "While about 90 percent of those struck by lightning survive, they frequently have permanent after effects such as chronic pain, brain injury and thought processing problems," said Dr. Mary Ann Cooper, professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Illinois.

Reduce your chance of being struck by moving inside a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle when thunderstorms threaten. Once inside, avoid contact with plumbing, corded phones, or anything plugged into electricity.

"Casualties are more likely to occur during the summer months and in open areas such as golf courses and playing fields, but lightning's deadly strike can hit anytime during the year and in all segments of the nation," said John Jensenius, a lightning safety expert at the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Gray, Maine.

The National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. The National Weather Service operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy.

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Warren-Graham Family Reunion

"Walking Down Memory Lane" on July 16-17, 2005 at the Warren-Graham Family Reunion on at the City Hall in De Leon.

Calling all cousins!!!

It's that time again - time for the annual Warren-Graham Clan get together. Rebecca and I missed last year in Mississippi, but know it was great!! Let's continue our "walk down memory lane" with each other this summer in DeLeon, Texas.

We will start all this "getting together" Saturday the 16th around 2:00 p.m. After much visiting the reunion committee will break out a picnic supper of sandwiches, chips, coffee, tea, etc. to be shared by all. Dessert will be brought by anyone who cares to (and remember, there can never be too many desserts or cousins!)

Sunday of course is more visiting and eating. The City Hall will open at 10:00 a.m. with the traditional covered dish luncheon around noon. Afterwards we will have some fun with the usual (and maybe not so usual) awards.

Please bring family pictures, historical documents, newspaper clippings or any other family memorabilia you think might be interesting to your kin.

Come on down! We are looking forward to seeing you!!!

s/ Suzan and Curly Lipson (Graham)

For places to stay, directions or any other info please contact:

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Man Sentenced To Prison For Methamphetamine Possession

Larry Lynn Cockerham, 36, formerly of Cisco, was sentenced to (11) Eleven years confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, one gram or more but less than four grams. Eastland defense attorney Paul Lewlallen represented Cockerham at trial.

The Great Santa Claus Bank Robbery



The Big Country Dinner Theatre at the Hilton in Cisco, Texas, is producing THE GREAT SANTA CLAUS BANK ROBBERY during the month of July. This original musical by Billy Smith, Director of Theatre, Music at Cisco Junior College, is based on the true story of the 1927 Santa Claus bank robbery that took place in Cisco. According to Smith, "the show will have you laughing at the unbelievable antics of the robbers one minute, and then feeling the sadness and pain of those who were impacted by this event the next." Along with 14 original songs written for the show by Smith, the audience will also hear some old favorite hymns and bluegrass numbers. The score of original music contains fast-paced and lively songs as well as haunting melodies with lyrics that help you see the plight of the characters in a different way. Actors, singers, and live musicians playing bluegrass and gospel music that includes banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and bass guitar bring this unusual story to life for the audience.

Billy Smith is in his second season as artistic director of the Big Country Dinner Theatre at the Hilton. Smith was the Artistic Director for the Wild West Repertory Theatre in Wyoming and Director of Theatre at Western Wyoming College before coming to Cisco Junior College to serve as Director of Theatre. "I was inspired to write this play by Dr. Muller, President of Cisco Junior College. Dr. Muller shared with me his dream of having the dinner theatre produce a play based on the Santa Claus bank robbery. The fact that he values the arts and is so dedicated to the community of Cisco, is very exciting to me. I started researching the bank robbery of 1927, and found that the story is truly incredible and contains all the elements to make a great show."

In doing his research on the bank robbery, Smith found that many people have stories to tell about the incident. He is asking that if you have any information to share (perhaps someone in your family was there and told you a story) to put it in writing along with your name and address, and bring it with you to the show or mail it to the Cisco Junior College Theatre Department. He is planning to create a booklet for the Hilton and share these stories with the community. Copies of the A.C. Greene book, "The Santa Claus Bank Robbery," about this incident are for sale at the Hilton. Audience members may want to pick one up soon or purchase one at the show and have the cast members sign the book.

Cisco Junior College initiated one of the first dinner theatres in the Big Country in 1974. The Roof Garden Theatre, located in the Laguna Hotel, was the home of the original dinner theatre. In 1986 they moved across the street to the Mobley, Conrad Hilton's first hotel. The members of the company that make of the Big Country Dinner Theatre this year are: Katherine Barker from Eastland, Will Booher from Breckenridge, Amanda Branham from Cisco, Bonnie Cruciger from Dallas, Lance Fitzgerald from Cisco, Joshua Gilmore from Abilene, Angela Jeffries from Ennis, Brandi Jo Magee from Abilene, Chris Moore from Seymour, Michael Pasvar from Carrollton, Casey Quinn from New York City, Rikki-Gene Whitfield from Childress, and Nathan Woods from Denver.

Production dates are July 1-2, 8-10, 15-17, and 21-23. Tickets are \$20 for dinner and theatre, and \$10 for dessert and theatre on Sunday matinees. Reservations may be made by calling Cisco Junior College at 254-442-5000 between 8:00 and 4:30.

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KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

I hope that all fathers had a wonderful Father's Day. All fathers in the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church were recognized and honored with a round of applause.

During the service "Happy Birthday" was sung to Leona Wilson and Oren Webb. "He Lovingly Guards Every Footstep" was beautifully rendered by Helen and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano. Bro. Clarence Wilson

brought a wonderful message on The Holy Spirit.

Bro. Clarence Wilson served as the VBS pastor at the Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church in Gorman last week and Leona Wilson also worked in the VBS. The First Baptist Church is currently without a pastor.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Roy and Sharon Davis of Odessa, Bill and Lanice Hardin of Denison, Jonell and Charlie Torrez and Charlie, Jr. of Gorman,

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Peace of Mind

There passes not a single day
that I don't speak your name,
and though I feel unworthy, God,
I ask You just the same—
To give me strength to face
whatever problems lie ahead,
and should I start to worry—
give me "peace of mind" instead.
Then let someone's path cross mine—
who needs a helping hand,
and let me show that someone
that I care and understand.
When the day draws to a close—
let my thoughts be of You,
for You are such a vital part
of everything I do.

(provided by Larry Stogsdill)

Attention: Four residents will be honored for having June birthday on Monday, June 27th. The Gospel singers will entertain at 2:30 p.m. The party will be at 3:30. Friends and relatives are welcome to come and enjoy the program and party.

Some guests were Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for chapel were James Tucker, Ora Lee Lawrence, Barbara Tucker, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. Nelda led singing and James taught the lesson, "Not Guilty by Association." Life question, "How can people all of whom are quietly before God be acquitted in his sight?" Romans 3:19-26, 5:1-11 were Bible passages, key verse Romans 5:1. A resident gave the closing prayer. Twenty seven residents attended. Howard and Pat Hagood were guests.

Some guests were Neldon and Billie Shipman of Desdemona, Derenda and Steve Minton, Lendon and Frankie Jo Shipman, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming for church from Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Zelda Jordan, Joe Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, and Nancy Hendricks. Helen played the piano and Woodrow led singing. Special music was rendered by Joe, Helen, Woodrow, Leona, and Jimmy. Bro. Clarence's message, "Jesus Teaching the Disciples." Bible passage from 29th chapter of Acts. There were thirteen residents attending.

Recent visitors were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Kay Snider, Irene West, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Shirley Good, June Dossey, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, and Winelle Browning.

Some residents were sure happy on Monday morning when Karen Guthery came for hair dressing.

Visiting were Billie Bennett, Ruthie Porter, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Daisy Slaton, Frank and Ella Reeves of Irving, Barbara Tucker, James Tucker.

On Friday, helping with bingo were Pat Graham, Billie Marble, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Shawnah Bass. Eleven residents played.

Recent guests were Ester Cannon of Conroe, Lexie Hogg, S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Tody and Harold Zink, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger.

On Monday morning residents enjoyed working their little garden at Heritage Manor.

Recent guests were Winston Brown, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Rodney and Vicki Roberts, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts all of Gorman, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine.

On Monday afternoon, Gospel Singers coming were Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Daisy Slaton, Sue Seaton, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Billy Joe Dennis and Nancy Hendricks. Special music was by Ruby Lee, Billy Joe, Woodrow and Helen. There were thirteen residents present. Billy Joe gave the dismissal prayer.

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nell Files of Carbon, Zelda Jordan. Residents appreciated the good magazines that were donated.

Some visitors were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Stephenville, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Joe Bond and Billy Joe Dennis.

On Tuesday morning, twelve residents enjoyed bingo and snack treats at bingo with Ina Smith, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew.

Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers and Edith Grumbles.

On Tuesday afternoon, Shawnah Bass had "Caring Hearts" for several residents.

Some guests were June Carruth and Susan Carruth and Billie Lightfoot of DeLeon.

On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard. There were ten residents present.

Recent visitors were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, Mary and James Jesse of Ft. Worth, Marie Cook of Carbon.

Wednesday morning, Bro. Larry Stogsdill from the Church of Christ came and had chapel. Subject, "Blasting Against the Holy Spirit." There were twelve residents present.

Some visitors were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland, Larry Stogsdill.

Wednesday afternoon, residents came for "Caring Hearts" with Shawnah Bass.

Visiting were Steve Estes of Sanger, Al and Ernestine Pearce of Clyde, Freddie and Kay Rodgers of Desdemona.

Wednesday afternoon, residents were ready for 'crazy bingo.' Helpers were Jeff Killebrew, Ina Smith, Nelda Mauney and Judy Killebrew.

Some guests were Rex and Trudy Long of Rising Star, Dorothy Whiteside of Sipe Springs and Jamie Long of Canton.

On Thursday, residents had lots of fun playing "Let's Trade."

Visiting were Becky Moore, Emily Green and Monica Moore of DeLeon.

Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Norma Webb, Zelda Jordan, Johnnie B. Griffith, Joe and Glynda Bond and Sylvia Buchanan.

Donna, Gary and Melanie Gatlin of Graham visited on Father's Day with with her parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning

Joyce Eaves is critically ill in the Eastland Hospital. Mark Eaves of Charlotte, NC and Deliah Lewis of Ennis have been here to be with their parents, Joyce and Delmon Eaves. Please remember Joyce in your prayers. Others who have visited with them were Paulette Black of Cleburne, JoAnn Gordon of Eastland, Matt and Amy Hawkins, Mark, Mac, and Maverick of Keller, Lacey and Wayne Thompson of Bossier City, LA, Bill and Uvonne Graham of McAllister, OK, Kenn and Becky Norris of Comstock, TX, Patricia Tuxhorn of Fort Worth, Clifford and Doris Graham of Eastland, Shirley Eaves of Eastland, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Pat and Darrell Graham of Gorman, Betty Little, Helen and Woodrow Browning, LaVon Snider, Oren and Norma Webb, Verda Eaves, Donald Eaves, Kenneth and Maggie Eaves, Zelda Jordan, and I'm sure many more family, friends and neighbors have gone by for a visit with Joyce.

Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis are in Phoenix, Ariz. where Chris is playing with the Dallas Tigers in the Jr. Olympic Trials. This tournament allows the 16 yr. Olds and under players to earn a place

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Come early to enjoy supper and fellowship with the group before the music begins at 6 p.m. Dorothy Roberts is Chairman of the concession stand with helpers, Gay Moore, "Coon" Guthery, Dixie Pack and Bobbie McKillip.

Friends in Desdemona sends Get Well Wishes to Luella Trice who returned home from the hospital in Abilene following surgery. Dorothy Roberts visited on Friday with her friend, Luella and husband, Jr. who live east of Desdemona.

This reporter would like to say "Hello" to our friend, Virginia (Honeycutt) McCreary in Houston. The Honeycutt family are former residents in the Jakehamon Community and their children attended school in Desdemona. Virginia graduated with the Class of 1945, her brother, James Ed with the Class of 1946 and her brother, Bobby Joe with the Class of 1951.

Wayne and Karen Eaves and granddaughter Lorin hosted Father's Day diner last Sunday for all the family. Those attending were Roy and Angela Powledge and Lane of Eastland; Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Sonja Hornback, Kandice Cogburn and Dylan all of Desdemona.

Bernard and Ann Keith, Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended a birthday reception for their sister, Mattie (Keith) Newton who celebrated her 99th birthday on Sunday, June 19 in DeLeon.

"Congratulations" to Rod and Kim Ryon on the arrival of their baby girl, Ronni Elizabeth born June 9, 2005. She is welcomed at home by three big brothers Eric, Josh and Zack. Grandparents are James Ryon of Desdemona and Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon. Great grandmothers are Willie Joyner of Ranger and Lavona Sharp of Gorman.

Nelda Keith remains very ill in the Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this time. Her children, Mike, Steve, Larry and Terri are with her during the day.

Have a nice day, Vonnie.

on the USA Jr. Olympic team that will compete in Mexico in August. Our congratulations to Chris. It is quite an honor to be invited to this tournament. Chris is the 15 year old son of Randy and Deliah Lewis of Ennis and the grandson of Delmon and Joyce Eaves of Kokomo, and he will be a sophomore at Ennis High School in the fall. He is a pitcher for the team, but also plays at other positions also.

RAEGAN BOND CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Raegan Bond, who was three

years old on June 20, was honored with an early family birthday party on Saturday by her parents, Shannon and Stephanie Bond, and grandparents, Joe and Glynda Bond. Others attending and enjoying the birthday cake that held the three candles that Raegan really had fun blowing out, and watching Raegan open her presents were her little sister, Sydnie, a great-grandmother, Caryl Anderson of Killeen and her uncle Brian Bond of Florida.

Joe and Glynda of Kokomo and

Brian of Florida visited with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie in Copperas Cove from Thursday until Sunday for a wonderful Father's Day weekend. Joe and Glynda met Brian in Austin on Thursday and returned him to the airport in Austin on Sunday evening.

"Happy Anniversary" to my granddaughter, Sheri and her husband, Wade Daniell of Abilene, who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on June 20, from Grandma Jordan.

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