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## Gorman Livestock Show Set Saturday

Gorman Local Show  
January 8, 2005

### Letter To The Parents

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 18, 2005.

Finally, please be aware that if your child is nominated by you or your 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,  
Kristin Matteson  
GT Coordinator

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman

Estimados Padres:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman reconoce a los estudiantes excepcionales con múltiple potencial intelectual. Estos estudiantes pueden exhibir habilidades en las áreas de percepción, tal como la aptitud académica, la creatividad y la productividad mental. Estos estudiantes han sido definidos como aquellos que requieren servicios y actividades fuera de las que son comúnmente proveídas en la clase para que puedan desarrollar sus habilidades y su potencial múltiple. El programa de Estudiantes Excepcionales y Talentosos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman es un programa educacional diseñado para satisfacer las necesidades educacionales de estos estudiantes.

Si usted cree que su hijo puede calificar o si usted desea una copia de las reglas o normas aprobadas por el consejo del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman sobre la educación de los estudiantes excepcionales y talentosos, por favor complete el siguiente formulario y devuélvalo a Mrs. Matteson, Coordinador del Programa de Estudiantes Excepcionales y Talentosos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman cerca de enero 18, 2005.

Shawn Boles..... Show Director/Ag Science Teacher  
Pete McDougal ..... Judge/Ag Science Teacher  
Comanche High School (Retired)

9:00 Showmanship Clinic for Sheep, Goats and Swine

10:00 SHEEP DIVISION

Southdown  
Medium Wool

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion  
Showmanship - Sr., Jr., Pee Wee

10:30 GOAT DIVISION

Light Weight  
Medium Weight  
Heavy Weight  
Grand / Reserve Champion  
Showmanship - Sr., Jr., Pee Wee

LUNCH BREAK

12:30 MARKET PIG DIVISION

Berkshires  
Durocs  
Hampshires  
Polands  
Spots  
White OPB  
Yorkshires  
Crosses

Grand / Reserve Champion  
Showmanship Sr., Jr., Pee Wee

Concessions available, just come on out and support our kids with your attendance.

### Dorcas Class Sending Gift Baskets to Armed Forces in Iraq

The Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ is sending a gift basket to the men and women of the Armed Forces in Iraq. Baskets are also being sponsored by merchants and individuals. If you would like to participate, please use the boxes placed in convenient boxes of participating merchants. Suggested items for the basket are shampoo, conditioner, lotion, powder, soap, socks, sunscreen, baby wipes, chapstick, toothbrushes, toothpaste, antibiotic ointment, shaving gel and cream, cards, dominoes, paper, pens, books, magazines, disposable cameras, flavored drink mixes, beef jerky, tea and breakfast bar and handmade items.

The packages will be collected for mailing on January 19, 2005.



City Crew At Work -  
Construction Continuing  
On New Basketball Court

### Work Continuing In Frank A. Gray Memorial Park



Curly Lipson and his clan has put in numerous hours and days on the project at Frank A. Gray Park at Bass Lake

### Square Dance Lessons To Be Offered In Dublin

The Dublin Cloverleaves Square Dance Club will offer beginner square dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday for 18 weeks. The cost is \$60 per couple or \$30 for singles. The first three lessons are free, and couples and singles are invited.

Square dance lessons will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at the Recreation Bldg in the Dublin City Park. The park is just off Hwy 6 in the west part of Dublin.

For more information call Ray Piner in Meridian at 254/435-2240; Joann Ragan in Dublin at 254/445-3816; Gerold Harris in Carbon at 254/639-2301; or Fred and Jackie Tucker in Eastland at 254/629-1956.

The Dublin Cloverleaves are an area-wide square dance club with dancers from Stephenville, Dublin, Comanche, DeLeon, Eastland, Cisco, Hico, and Meridian.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

**VET Science 4-H Project** - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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

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

#### FOOD BANK

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

#### Boy Scouts

Meeting Week  
Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m.  
Methodist Church

**4-H** - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

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

**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. Bob Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

**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.

**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.

# Obituaries

## Annie Mae Wright

Annie Mae Wright, a loving and devoted daughter, wife, mother and grandmother went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 1, 2005 at the age of 95 years 10 months and 11 days.

She was born the eldest of four children to the Reverend Robert Lee English and Fannie Lenora Harrison English in Dallas on February 21, 1909 and moved with her family to several pastorates in Texas including Moran, Glen Rose, Normangee and Brownwood. The family also lived on Seminary hill in Fort Worth while her father attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary. In 1925, she graduated from Central High School in Fort Worth and, in 1929, she graduated from Howard Payne College in Brownwood. She continued her education at Texas State College for Women in Denton.

Annie Mae married her husband of 57 years, Thomas Luther Wright, on June 4, 1933 in Brownwood. They were the parents of two daughters, Karen Frances and Katherine Ann. They resided in Gorman and were active in school, church and community life. Mrs. Wright was a member and Sunday School Teacher at First Baptist Church. In 1988, Mr. and Mrs. Wright moved to Madisonville where she was a member of First Baptist Church. Mr. Wright died in 1990.

Mrs. Wright's entire teaching career was in the Gorman Public Schools where she began in 1929 as an English, Spanish and Latin teacher. She retired in 1973 having taught both secondary and elementary students, many of whom consider her one of their favorite teachers and role models. She will be remembered for her faith in God, her great interest in others, her quick wit and her gift of encouragement.

Mrs. Wright was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Lucille Hutton and Sue Bunnell; brother, Robert L. English; husband, Thomas Luther Wright; grandson, James Neil Overstreet; and son-in-law, Alford Smallwood.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Neil Overstreet of Madisonville; her daughter Katherine Rainey Smallwood of Victoria; her granddaughters Kara and husband Blaise Walker of Fort Worth and Alynda Smallwood of Victoria. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Earlene English of Austin; brother-in-law Jimmy Bunnell of Brownwood; and six nephews and their extended families.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at the Madisonville Funeral Home with Brother Gary Ladd and Brother Vaughn Tatum officiating. Interment followed in Madisonville City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Madisonville First Baptist Church - "Leaving a Legacy" Fund.

## Larry Dale Grice

Larry Dale Grice, 65 of Gorman, passed away Thursday, December 30, 2004 at the DeLeon Hospital. Graveside services were Monday with Kenneth Steel and Alfred Grice officiating. Burial was at the Gorman Cemetery.

Larry was born September 4, 1939 in Gorman to A.L. Grice and Delma Maupin Grice. He graduated from Gorman High School and was a carpenter.

Survivors include a son, Larry Dale Grice Jr. of Midlothian; father, A.L. Grice of Weather and one brother, Alfred Lee Grice of Lake Leon. He was preceded in death by his mother, Delma Maupin.

# Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Relay For Life brings together millions of people to raise money to help prevent cancer, save lives, and diminish suffering from the disease. While you're raising much needed funds, you'll also be raising awareness of cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and patient support.

Relay For Life brings people together from all walks of life with the common goal of eliminating cancer. If you would like to join us in this wonderful cause please contact:

Valerie Hampton 254-734-2174 or pilsey51@yahoo.com

Cheri Troutman 254-734-2668 or Michelle Byrd 254-639-2849 or chell@cctc.net

El evento Relevo por la Vida de la Sociedad Americana del Cancer representa la esperanza de que aquellos que perdieron la lucha contra el cancer nunca sean olvidados, de que aquellos que se enfrentan al cancer reciban apoyo, y que un dia el cancer sea eliminado.

El evento Relevo por la Vida une a millones de personas para recaudar fondos destinados a ayudar a prevenir el cancer, salvar vidas, y reducir el sufrimiento que provoca la enfermedad. Ademas de estar recaudando los tan necesarios fondos, tambien estara elevando la concienciacion sobre la prevencion del cancer, la deteccion temprana, el tratamiento y el apoyo a los pacientes.

El evento Relevo por la Vida une a personas de todos los antecedentes, con la meta comun de eliminar el cancer.

Si desea mas informacion sobre el evento Relevo por la Vida

Contact: Valerie Hampton 254-734-2174

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Michelle Byrd 254-639-2849



# Babbitt Christmas Celebration

Frances and Bill Babbitt had a very Merry Christmas this year.

Frances celebrated her 81st birthday in October of this year and was blessed with over 70 members of her family attending Christmas Dinner. All of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were in attendance with the exception of son Robert (deceased) and grandson Jason who could not be present.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner and had all day to visit with family members, some they hadn't seen in a year or two.

The weather cooperated so we could all be outside for most of our visiting. A great time was had by all.

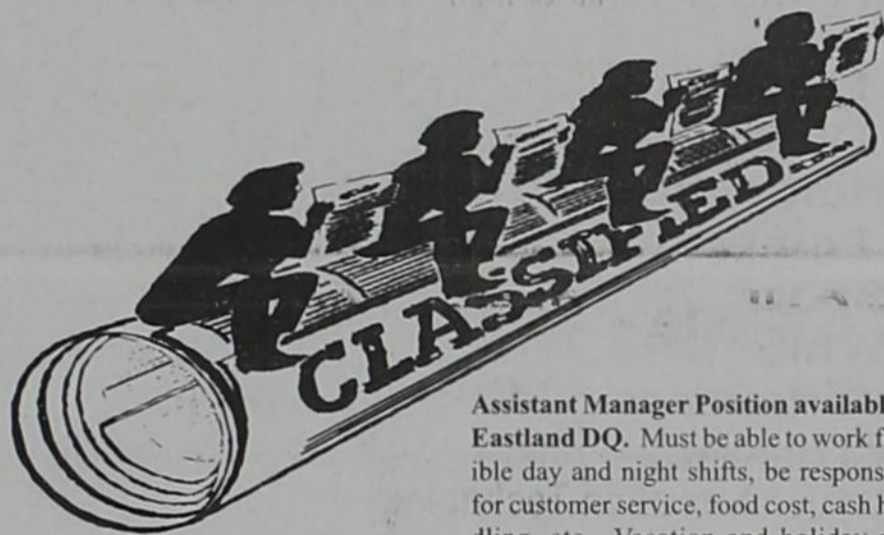
Family members came from all over Texas and as far away as Missouri and Maryland. One of Frances's great granddaughters is expecting a child in April of 2004. It will be Frances's first great-great grandchild.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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**NEW:** 1.21 A., 3-2-2 brick, app. 1646', city utilities, well, corrals, paved st. \$69,500.

**NEW:** 10.45 A. south Duster: Improved variety pecan orchard, remote area, lots of wildlife. \$2,000 acre.

**NEW:** 11.69 A. south Duster: Old Pecan orchard, lots cover for game, located near a nice creek \$2,000 acre.

**NEW:** 14 A. 3-1-2 brick, app 1375', 10A Tifton \$5 bermuda, 2 wells, several sheds and outbuildings, good location. \$85,000.

**NEW:** 15a. M/L edge town, nice remodeled 2-2 brick, central a/h, carpeted, fireplace, large game room, 24 x 60 ft. **PENDING**

guest house, water well + city water and sewer, pecans, pavement. Reduced \$130,000.

**32 A.** Gorman on FM 2921: 15A coastal, **SOLD** water well, pond, large oaks, nice home site. \$1,450 acre.

**47.65 A.** 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good deer area, \$1,050 acre.

**NEW 58A.** Desdemona, app. 10 coastal, 50a wooded, water well, shed, pond, pavement, hunting, wildlife. \$1,800 per acre.

**NEW:** 105 A., Comanche Co., near De Leon, 30 A. Coastal, 52 A. cultivated, 23 A. pasture, 3 stock ponds, 2 wells (previously used for irrigation), steel corrals, electricity, paved @ CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combination stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre

**NEW:** 192 A. s/w Gorman, over 1/2 mile of Sabanna River frontage, remote, 70a wooded, 122a cultivation, stock pond, lots of deer & turkey. \$1,350 acre

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74A. Eastland Co., 2 tanks, water well, 20' x 30' pole barn, corrals. \$111,000

New Listings: 201 Acre. on Leon River, several ponds, woods, pecans, pasture, hunting. \$331,650

90 A. Eastland Co., Hwy. frontage, 3 tanks, heavy cover for hunting, cultivation, home-site. \$157,500

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82 Acres at Proctor Lake, well, tank, home site, hunting & fishing. \$164,500

596 A., 4/2, brick, barns, creek, pasture, wildlife. \$685,000. **SOLD**

512 A. on Sabanna River, 12 ponds, pecan trees, rural water, pasture, hunting. \$740,000. **SOLD**

382 A. large pond & irrg. pit, 4 small ponds, irrg. Wells, good fences, pecan trees, woods, coastal, hunting. \$515,700 **SOLD**

216 A. excellent coastal, 2 tanks, irrg. wells, hwy. frontage. #270,000 **SOLD**

157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250

99A 5/4, 4300 sf brick, metal barn, 5 water wells, large reservoir, rock drive, and much more. \$477,500

97A 5/4, 5632 sf brick, swimming pool, deck with hot tub, metal barn, pecan trees, tanks, corral, and much more. \$750,000

77 A. Palo Pinto Co., Woods, creek, hunting, might divide. \$240,000

58 A. Tank, water well, good home site. \$95,700

13 A. Hwy. frontage, tank, creek, barn. \$32,000 **UNDER CONTRACT**

3/2 1,750 sf brick, CH/A, large lot. \$56,500

3/2 1,342 sf frame, CH/A, screened porch. \$33,750

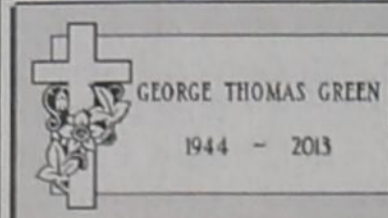
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# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I hope that everyone's New Year started off just like you wanted it to, and that it will continue to be a very good year for all. I also hope that we all remembered to thank God for all the blessings of the past year and for the blessings he will bestow on us throughout this new year.

Singing the old year out and the New Year in was a real blessing to all who attended the New Year's Eve singing at the New Hope Baptist Church as we raised our voices in praise to our Savior. There was lots of good congregational singing and many specials to enjoy. It blessed our hearts to see the young people participate. There were people there from Gorman, Carbon, Eastland, Seminole, Stephenville, Kokomo and New Hope and probably from towns or communities that I didn't know about. At intermission time a great time of fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed. Thanks New Hope for a great way to celebrate New Year's Eve.

Stephanie Bond of Copperas Cove rendered the beautiful special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church, with Glynda Bond at the piano. Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas, Alexis Snapp of Lewisville and Renae and Courtney Carlton were visitors.

Helen and Woodrow Browning, with Glynda Bond at the piano rendered the special music at the Sunday night service.

We extend sincere sympathy to Joe and Glynda Bond and family at the death of an uncle Dr. Dick Hodges. I remember Dr. Hodges as our veterinarian for several years before he retired.

I was saddened to learn of the death of one of my 1945 Carbon High School classmates, Jack Lyerla of the Flatwood community. I extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Betty and family.

Those enjoying Christmas with Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson in Stephenville were their children and grandchildren, Lowell and Kimberly Wilson and Justin of Stephenville, and Kenny and Cynthia Moore, Tobias and Kennon of Gatesville.

Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove and Brian Bond of Houston spent Christmas with their parents, Joe and Glynda Bond. Brian will be moving to Ft. Myers, Florida soon.

Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond spent the New Year's weekend with Joe and Glynda Bond and enjoyed some deer hunting. Stephanie got a doe.

Those visiting with Durwood and Aletha Burgess during the Christmas holidays were Billy and Cheryl Burgess of Granbury, Alissa Burgess of College Station, Grant Burgess of Granbury, Dan and Charla Burgess of Gorman, Angela, Jeff, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona, Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Pleasanton, Ben Burgess of Gorman, Aline Garrett of Gorman, Joyce Pence of Granbury, Lisa Pence of Stephenville, Gary and Ann Burgess, and Sonya, Marco and Bryson Herrera of Gorman.

A cousin, Bobby Patrick and friend, Judy, of Amarillo visited with Durwood and Aletha Burgess on Monday.

Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Donna, Gary, Leslie, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin all of Graham visited with their parents and grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Christmas for an early Christmas celebration. Woodrow and Helen visited in Graham on Monday.

Judy, Sarah and Amanda Porter and Tina and Scarlett Torres all of Austin visited with Oren and Norma Webb on Sunday for their Christmas celebration together.

Jacob Webb of Bureson and Alice Bergmark of Comanche visited with Oren and Norma Webb on Monday.

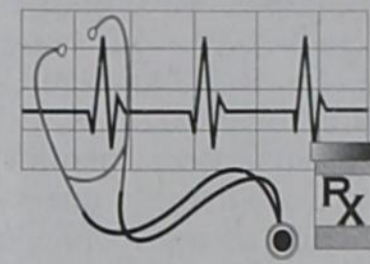
Thunderstorms rumbled through the community on Sunday night and left a good rain. My gauge showed 1.7 inches. Other reports were lighter, so I don't know how accurate my gauge is, but it was a good rain anyway and I thank the good Lord for it.

## Note of Appreciation

The Leo Williams family wish to express their appreciation to the Eastland County Fire Departments; Eastland, Ranger, Gorman, and Desdemona for their wonderful service Christmas day fighting our house fire. We would also like to thank everyone who stopped to help during this time.

We want to thank the Comanche Electric Coop for their prompt service as well as their generous donation.

The Leo Williams Family



# Health Awareness

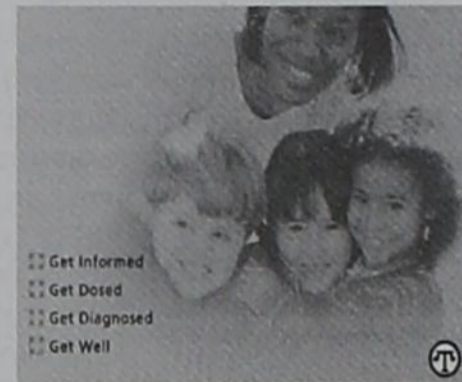
## Get Clued to the Flu

(NAPSA)—This year, preventing the spread of the flu needs to be everyone's concern. Whether or not you are eligible to get a flu shot this season, every American can help reduce the spread of this potentially fatal disease by taking responsibility for good health hygiene, prompt diagnosis and proper treatment of the flu. This year, the shortage of flu vaccine has left many people confused, leaving them asking questions like, "What can I do?"

"Get Clued to the Flu" is a public awareness campaign introduced by BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), a global medical technology company. It has four key messages: Get Informed—Get Dosed—Get Diagnosed—Get Well. Each message offers ways to help reduce the impact of the flu at home and in the community.

**Get Informed.** The flu is a contagious respiratory infection caused by a number of influenza viruses. Although most people infected with the flu recover, it's still responsible for over 200,000 hospitalizations in the U.S. every year. In addition to causing illness in the general public, widespread influenza outbreaks also infect professionals who provide critical community services.

"It is important that all individuals be aware of the actions, responsibilities and choices that are available to them that could reduce the impact of a flu outbreak on the entire community," said David Durack, M.D., Vice President, Medical Affairs, BD.



**Get Dosed.** When supplies are adequate, flu vaccine is the single best way to prevent the flu. Due to vaccine shortages, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that flu shots be reserved for those at highest risk of complications if they get the flu. As a result, public health organizations and industry are endeavoring to reach those most at risk and find ways to extend the vaccine supply. For example, use of dose-saving syringes following proper clinical procedure can minimize the waste of unused vaccine, which may occur with the use of conventional syringes. Single-unit, prefilled syringes help deliver precise dosing of vaccine for infants ages 6 to 23 months. And for some healthy persons who are 5 to 49 years of age and not pregnant, an intranasally administered flu vaccine mist can deliver a needle-free immunization.

You should speak with your healthcare professional to determine the options available within your community.

**Get Diagnosed.** Infection with the flu virus can lead to high

fever, viral pneumonia and other complications. With fewer people being protected by flu vaccine, it is even more important for individuals who feel flu-like symptoms to see a healthcare provider. Rapid respiratory diagnostics allow a healthcare provider to confirm flu diagnosis in just 15 minutes. Individuals with a confirmed case of the flu can prevent the spread of the disease by staying home and reducing contact with others, perhaps preventing a wider outbreak of the flu in the community.

**Get Well.** Children and adults who are sick with the flu should stay home until they have been without fever for 24 hours, to help ensure a full recovery and prevent spreading illness to others. "Fever caused by the flu is typically at least 101°F in both adults and children, with children more likely to have fever as high as 103°F to 105°F," said Michael Towns, M.D., Vice President, Medical Affairs, BD Diagnostics. Fever can be accurately monitored with a digital thermometer, which provides a fast temperature readout, night-light display and an auto memory that shows the last temperature reading. For young children, parents may choose a digital thermometer featuring favorite cartoon characters, such as SpongeBob SquarePants™ and the newly launched Dora the Explorer™ Digital Thermometers.

For more information, please visit: [www.bd.com/flu](http://www.bd.com/flu).

# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be an "Afternoon Tea" starting at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10th at the Desdemona Community Center. Hostesses are Mildred Million, Ima Brown and Dorothy Greenhaw. Visitors are welcome.

Blake Morrison of School Hill Community celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, January 2 in the home of his daughter, Dana Proctor with the help of his wife, Deliah Morrison. Those attending from Desdemona area were Wanda Martin, Robert and Ima Brown, Jack and Nell Walls, also a host of friends from the Lingleville area.

Kelsey Caddell of Fort worth spent a few days this past week in Desdemona with her great grandmother, Dorothy Roberts.

Dorothy Roberts spent New Year's Day with her friends, Jr. and Luella Trice who lives near Lingleville.

The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be only the beginning.

Have a nice day, Coon.

## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 17 foreign countries attended the 2004 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Prescott, AZ, Belmont, CA, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Bridgeport, CT, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Carlinville, IL, Macomb, IL, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Baltimore, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Hickory, NC, Schenectady, NY Bluffton, OH, Doylestown, PA, Lebanon, TN, Blacksburg, VA, Lyndonville, VT, and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call 704-373-0873 anytime.

## 91st District Court Cases Filed December 2004

- Criminal**
- Defendant-Grice, Christopher Ray; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss C/S Methamphetamine 4 gm < 200 gm
  - Defendant-Perez, Samuel Jacob; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss Marijuana <=50 lbs > 5 lbs
  - Defendant-Castellon, Mark Anthony; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss Marijuana <=50 lbs>5 lbs
  - Defendant-Chavana, Jesse Anthony; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss Marijuana >5 lbs <50 lbs
  - Defendant Velasquez, Bay Torres; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss Marijuana <=50 lbs > 5 lbs
  - Above cases were filed by information.
  - Defendant Holland, Elmer Eugene; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Retaliation
  - Defendant-Wright, David Lester; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Forgery by Making (2 cases)
  - Defendant-Warren, Larry Wayne; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Tampering with Governmental Record
  - Defendant-Qualls, Charles Gregory; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Improper Visual Recording (16 cases)
  - Defendant-Qualls, Charles Gregory; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Unlaw Inter of Oral Communications (3 cases)
  - Defendant-Ater, Kathy Dolle; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss C/S Methamphetamine <1 gm
  - Defendant Hill, Ronald Gayle; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss Marijuana <= 5 lbs but > 4 oz
  - Defendant-Noonan, Michael Joseph; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss C/S Heroin <1 gm
  - Defendant Foster, Gary Lewis, Jr.; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss C/S Methamphetamine <1 gm
  - Defendant Roberson, Darrelle Lee; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss C/S Methamphetamine <1 gm
  - Defendant Hight, Rhonald Lynn; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Poss C/S Methamphetamine <1 gm
  - Defendant-Pena, Leo Garcia; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Driving while intoxicated-3rd offense
  - Defendant-Morris, Daniel Ray; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Indecency with a child
  - Filed by information-defendant Stephenson, Rhonda Gayle; Plaintiff-The State of Texas—Theft (aggregate) >=\$1500 <\$20K

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The proposed effective date for the minor rate changes is April 1, 2005, for all exchanges served by Comanche County. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Company is \$68,164 for the first year of service, which is less than 1% of the Company's gross annual intrastate revenues.

Current and proposed rates for Local Exchange Rates are:

	Current	Proposed
Residential Local Exchange Service Rate	\$9.60	\$10.56
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Persons with questions or who want more information on this application may contact the Company at 6100 Hwy 16, DeLeon, Texas 76444 or call (254) 893-2003 during normal business hours (8:00 am – 5:00 pm). A complete copy of the application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission has assigned Tariff Control Number 30508 to this application. Persons who wish to formally participate in the Commission's proceedings concerning this application, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7136 or reach the Commission's toll free number through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2988.

Requests to participate in the proceedings and comments should reach the Commission no later than February 11, 2005. If the Commission receives a complaint(s) relating to this application signed by the lesser of 5% or 1,500 of the affected local service customer to which this application applies by February 11, 2005, the application will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the Commission's receipt of the complaint(s).

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## Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

### Christ the Greatest

Jesus Christ put on humanity that we might put on divinity. He became Son of Man that we might become sons of God. He was born contrary to the laws of nature, lived in poverty, was reared in obscurity, and only once crossed the boundary of the land in which He was born-and that in His childhood. He had no wealth or influence, and had neither training nor education in the world's schools. His relatives were inconspicuous and unimportant. In infancy He startled a king. In boyhood He puzzled learned doctors. In manhood He ruled the course of nature.

He walked upon the billows and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitudes without medicine. He never wrote a book and yet all the libraries of the world could not hold the books about him. He never wrote a song yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all songwriters together. He never founded a college yet all the schools together cannot boast of as many students as He has. He never practiced medicine and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors that have healed broken bodies.

This Christ is the star of astronomy, the rock of geology, the lion and lamb of zoology, the harmonizer of all discords and healer of all diseases. Throughout history great men have come and gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him. Satan could not seduce Him. Death could not destroy Him and the grave could not hold Him.

Recent visitors were Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Allie Ingram, Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Kelly Husband and Michelle Husband of Cisco, Gary Owens of Abilene, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Larry and DeLinda Snider and Diana Snider.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker and Vicki Seay. James taught the lesson, "Announce Jesus the Source of New Life." Life question, why should I announce Jesus as God's source for new life? Background passage, John 4:1-45. Key Bible verse, John 4:14. There were 18 residents present and two guests, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some visitors were Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Glenn, Gloria, and Clarissa Glasson of Brownfield.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Church of Christ were Don Underwood and Bro. Larry Stogsdill. Don led the singing. Larry's message, "Encouragement in Christ." Bible passage Phillipians Chapter 3. There were eight residents present.

Recent guests were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Landon and Shirley Morgan of Garland, Annie Fay Foster, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles.

The Church of Christ Docas Class presented each resident a decoration for their room in form of a red Santa Claus boot. Those participating were Joy Rogers, Francis Simpson, Dee Smithey, Delores Underwood, Velda Baze, Floydene Gilbert, Louise Smart, Carolyn Gilbert, Christine Hammontree, Zena Simpson, Marceyl Laminack, Jerry Brown, Wynogene Smith, Frankie Stacy, Georgie Stacy, Betty Heathington, Aline Garrett, Carolyn Foster, Barbara Love, and Sunny Kellogg.

Some guests were Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, and Winston Brown, Kennard and Doyleena Roberts of Gustine, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville.

On Monday morning, resident were happy to have Karen Guthery come open the beauty shop for hair fixings.

Some visitors were Dan and Jo Carey of Midlothian, Harold and Freddie Harris, Gwen Myers of Ft. Worth, Charlene Rider, Rex and Trudy Long of Rising Star, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Dorothy Whiteside of Sipe Springs.

On Monday morning, Jason Killebrew, Judy Killebrew

and Ina Smith had bingo for residents.

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Betty Little of Eastland, Zelda Jordan, Nell Files of Carbon.

Residents appreciated the nice magazines that were donated.

Recent guests were Gary, Rebecca and Emilee Browning, Garry, Donna, Melony and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, James Bruton of DeLeon, Joe Bob and Ruth Browning of Brownwood, Ryne McCormick of California, Mr. and Mrs. Ron McCormick of Andrews, Hank and Nelda Hunter of Putnam, Laura, Jamie, Mitzie and Sarah of Katy, Susan McCormick of Dallas, Kelly Wallmaker, Gloria, Glenn and Clarissa Glasson, Kay and Gene Snider, Darlene Carringer of Ft. Worth, Jonell Torrez, Ike Torrez.

The Gospel Singers were unable to come on Monday afternoon. Residents gathered and had a nice visit with each other and talked Christmas.

Visitors were Christine Hammontree, Vicki Seay, Norma Tedford, Zena Simpson, Linda Simmons, Louise Smart, Louise Hall, Nelda Mauney, Jerry Brown, Katlin Clark, Amber and Weldon Dean Scitern, Joey Beaty of Dallas, John and Georgie Lee Hooper of Georgetown.

Residents appreciated Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona coming on Tuesday morning to style their hair.

Some guests were Steve Estes of Singer, Al and Ernestine Pierce of Clyde, Bobby Adams of Ranger, Bobby Tate of Stephenville, Dalton Watson of Desdemona, Freddie Rodgers, Harold and Tody Zink.

On Tuesday morning, residents enjoyed "horse races" (a game) with Ina Smith.

Visiting were Don Landers of Springtown, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Nancy Hendricks, Wade Craddock of Las Cruces, NM, Mary Margaret Hudson, Estelle Craddock, Kay Ann Craddock, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Pat Graham.

## Experience Works Public Service Announcement

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Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for 13 residents and guest, Nancy Hendricks.

Recent guests were James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Wilbur Overstreet, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew of DeLeon, Larry Stogsdill, Don Underwood, George Rodgers.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist came and brought the chapel devotional for residents. His topic was "What About the Future?" Bible passage, Book of James, 4:14. A resident gave the opening prayer and another gave the closing prayer.

Some visitors were Michael Shipman of Keller, Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kelli Williams, Kim Ryon of Desdemona, Steve and Derenda Menten, Lendon and Frankie Jo Shipman.

Wednesday afternoon, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, and Ina Smith had "crazy bingo" for residents.

Recent visitors were Becky Moore, Monica Moore and Emily Green of DeLeon, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville.

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- Keep outside units clean of leaves, brush and dirt.

- Check air filters monthly during the operating season and replace them when they are dirty, or clean if washable.

- Seal your home properly. This can cut your energy bills up to 10 percent and put less strain on your system.

#### 2. Program and Save

- A programmable thermostat can decrease wear and save on energy. A Maytag Heating and Cooling dealer can help you choose the right programmable thermostat for your home.

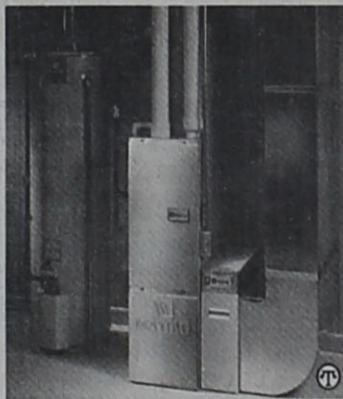
- If your heating or central cooling system thermostat is not digital, invest in a programmable one.

- Set the programmable thermostat so it automatically turns the system up or down when you are out for the day or asleep at night.

#### 3. Schedule a Pre-Season Checkup

- Have your air conditioner or heating system inspected by a professional contractor in early spring or late fall. This can save you money and prevent a premature breakdown.

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- New systems can have up to a 40 percent energy savings over older systems. This could pay back the cost of the new equipment several times over the life of the equipment.

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