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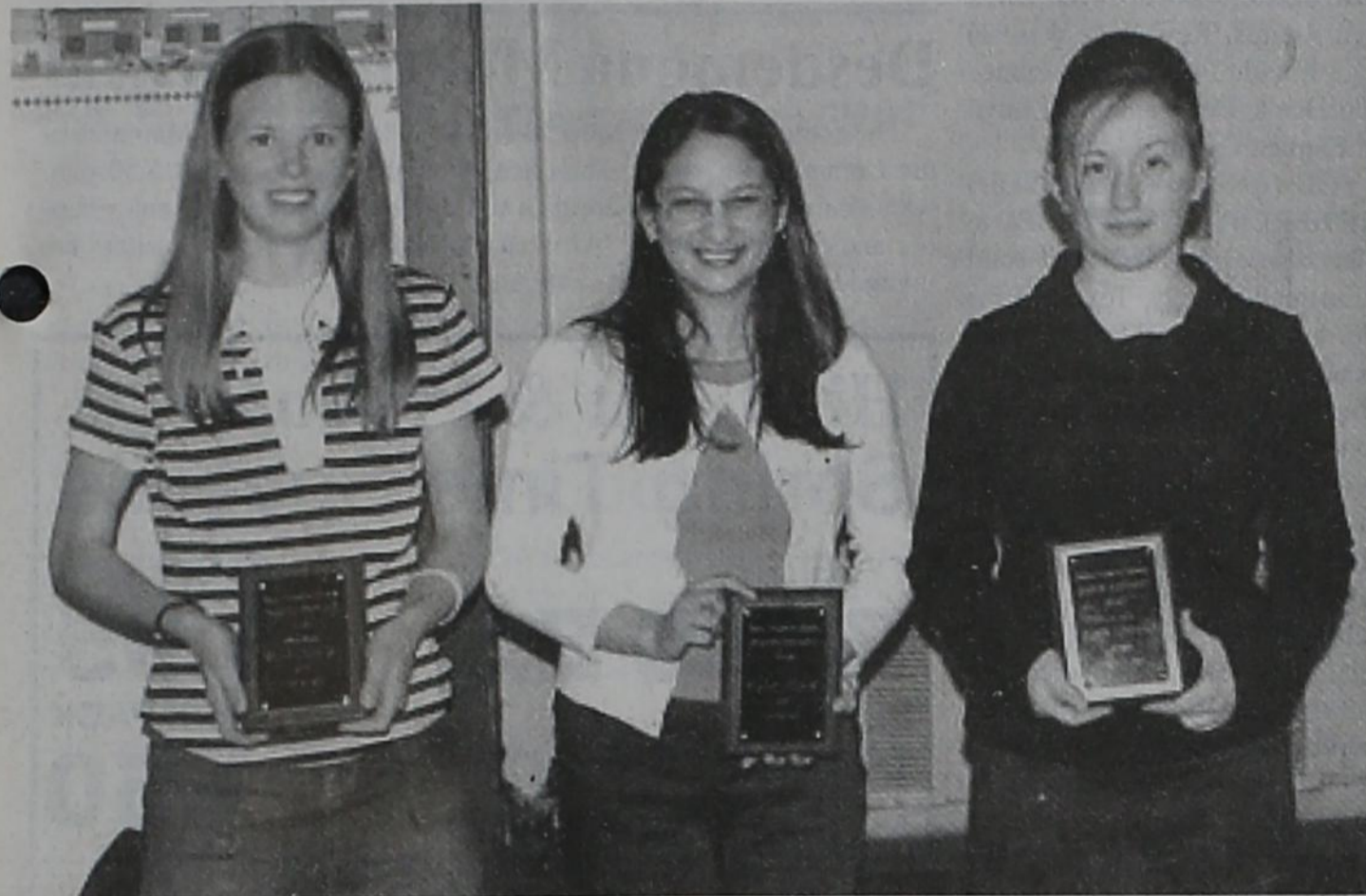
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Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet Held Monday



Academic Achievement Awards - (left to right) - Freshman - Brandy Carlton; Junior - Cindy Lopez; Sophomore - K'Ann Howard; and Senior - Elizabeth Hipolito (not available for photo)



Community Service Award - Irene West - Shown with some of her family members



Table Decorating Winners - 1st - Gorman Pharmacy (shown); 2nd - American State Bank; and 3rd - Birdsong Peanuts



Entertainment - "For By Grace" - Gospel Music Group From Brownwood, Texas

Gorman Easter Treasure Hunt

The annual Easter Treasure Hunt will be held on Sat. March 26th at 2:00 at the City Park Downtown Gorman. Mrs. Bunny will be here again this year to help with the hunt. Age groups are :? months* a to 1 year old, 2-3 years old, 4-Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade.

* CHILD MUST BE ABLE TO SIT ALONE.

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Lady Panthers Take Fifth Overall At State - All Three Lifters Medal



The Gorman Lady Panther powerlifting team traveled to Killeen for its final meet of the year, the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Championships. The Lady Panthers had finished first or second at every meet this year including the Region I Championships in Kermit, but the State Meet was very strong this year and our Ladies finished 5th overall as a team. The competition was very stout at State, but with only 3 lifters competing for Gorman against others teams with 5 or 6 lifters qualified, our girls definitely held their own. Their 5th place finish out of 25 class 1A schools was the highest finish of any Gorman team at the State Meet. Our girls finished 5th with 13 points while Collinsville took 1st with 19 points, Louise was 2nd with 19 points, Lind-

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Congratulations
Kendra - Summer
and Amanda

THINK SUMMER
THOUGHTS
TIME CHANGE APR. 3RD

Community Easter Sunrise Service Set

Join in celebration of the historical event that changed the history of the world. The Gorman Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 A.M.

The service will be held on the new basketball court adjacent to the Community Center. In case of inclement weather, the service will be in the Community Center.

Denver Rainey will voice a welcome and the opening prayer. Music will be led by John and Charlotte Howard. The bell plate choir from New Hope Baptist Church will present special music.

Bill Campbell will read Scripture. The message will be brought by Victor Pena. Richard Watson will offer the closing prayer.

Refreshments will be served in the Community Center at the conclusion of the service.

Christian men from the community will meet at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 26, at 9:30 A.M. to distribute invitations to the Sunrise Service throughout the community.

Free Bibles, both English and Spanish, will be available at the Sunrise Service for any who need a copy of God's Word.

Great State Trash Off Saturday, April. 2nd

It's that time of year again! The Great State Trash-Off sponsored by Keep Texas Beautiful will be held Saturday April 2.

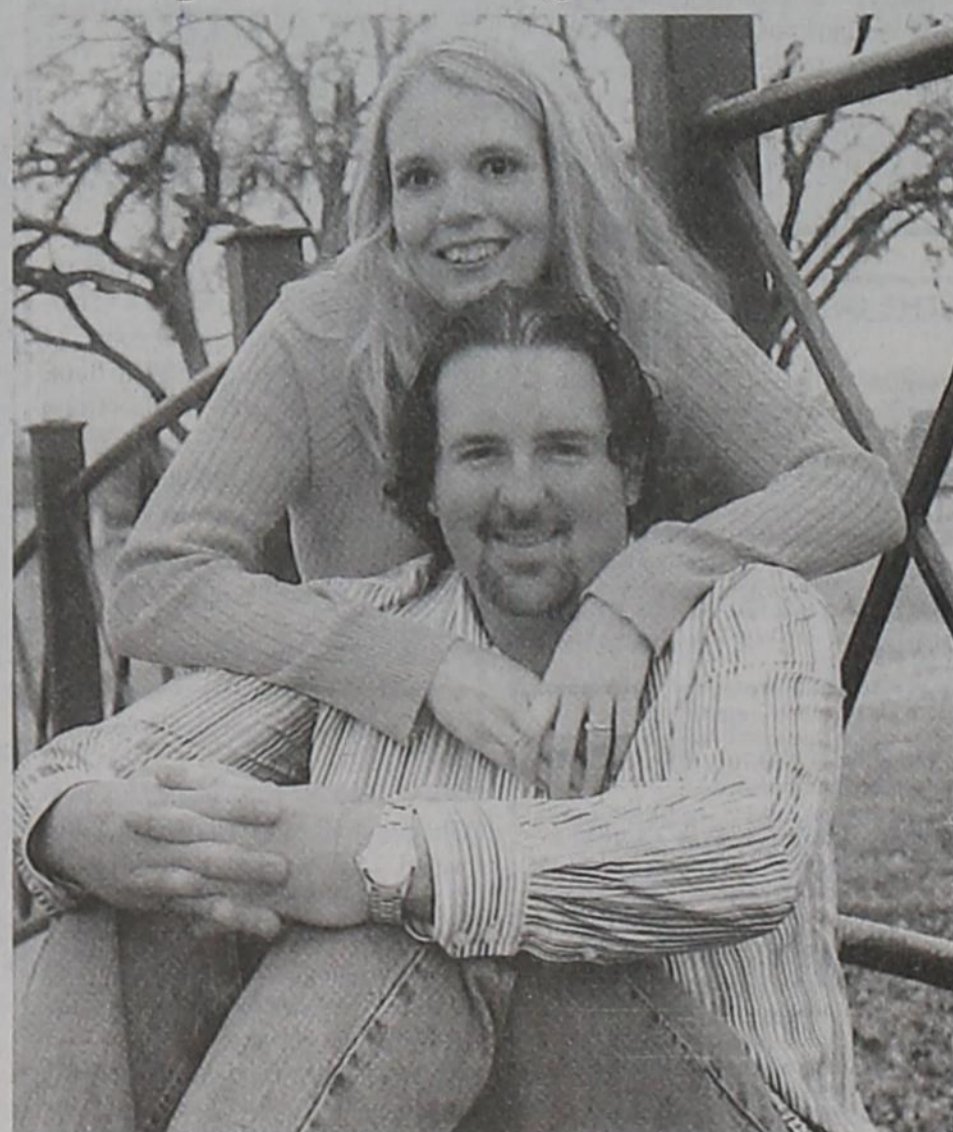
Every spring the State of Texas and KTB encourage affiliates to get out and enjoy the spring air and clean up the highways of our great state! Gorman is fortunate in that there are nine organizations in our little community that have pledged to help do their part in keeping Gorman Beautiful! Those organizations are FFA/Livestock Raisers Assoc., First Baptist Church Youth, Birdsong Peanuts, Masons, Lions Club, GHS National Honor Society, Gorman GROW, 7th & 8th grade Science classes, and the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. If you know someone in one of these organizations, tell

them THANK YOU and better yet, offer to help on the clean-up! It leaves a good feeling to help your community. Not to mention—some people have been known to find some pretty large sums of money!

If your group or organization

cannot meet on that Saturday, please be sure and set another time either the week before or immediately after to do your section of highway. And please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 with the number of bags of trash you collected.

Vickie Bleeker and Jason Posey To Pledge Vows



Tommy and Carol Bleeker of Santo announce the engagement of their daughter, Vickie Lynn Bleeder of Azle, to Jason Charles Posey of Eastland. He is the son of Troy and Pam Posey of Lipan, Eldon and Tammy Straw of Gorman, and the late Brent Foster of Gorman.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Wesley and Joanne Jackson of Lipan and the late Tom and Grace Bleeder of Santo. The prospective groom is the grandson of Chris Ivey of Graham, Ron and Barbara Ivey of Graham, Velda Baze of Gorman, and the late Charles and Louis Posey of New Castle.

The couple plan to marry June 11, 2005, at the home of troy and Patty Ranspot in Lipan.

Obituaries

Elmer Arthur Brown

Elmer Arthur Brown, 90 of Ft. Worth, retired athletic trainer for Texas Christian University from 1951 until 1977, died Thursday, March 10, 2005.

Services were Monday, March 14, 2005 at the University Baptist Church with burial at the Greenwood Memorial Park in Ft. Worth.

Elmer was born October 15, 1914 in Gorman. He attended school in Gorman before transferring to Eastland. He graduated from Eastland High School and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Texas in Denton.

Elmer and his identical twin brother, Delmer, were high school and college track stars at Eastland High and at the University of North Texas. They qualified for the United States Olympics track team and were scheduled to go to the 1940 Olympic Games before the United States entered World War II.

His name is one of the most respected in the athletic training profession. He developed the safety mouthpiece and other devices currently utilized by most athletes participating in any contact sports.

Post president of the Southwest Trainers Association and past director of the National Trainers association, he was inducted into the Helms Athletic Foundation Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame in 1970.

He received the coveted Royal Purple award from Texas Christian University in 1977. He served with the Oil Bowl in Wichita Falls for 25 years, lectured on numerous occasions at the Texas High School Coaches Association school, served as head trainer for the 1956 summer Olympics team.

Louise Maltby

Louise Maltby, 84, of Desdemona, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at a Mansfield hospital. Services were Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at the Desdemona Church of Christ with Mitchell Greer officiating. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Louise was born on August 10, 1920 in Lockney, Texas, to the late Benjamin Perry Pace and Artie Watson Pace. She married Glenn Maltby on August 25, 1940 in Alice, Texas. She was a homemaker; former employee of sewing factories in Dublin, Eastland, and Stephenville. She had been a resident of Desdemona since 1963 and a member of the Desdemona Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, James Maltby and Ken Maltby, both of Desdemona; two daughters, Glenda Sharp of Taft and Beverly Majors Smith of Niceville, Florida; sister, Billie Short of Harper, Kansas; 9 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Preceded by her husband Glenn Maltby in 1986; one brother James Pace; two sisters Jo Dell Carter and Doris Reed; one great-grandson, Nicholas Maltby.

Gorman G.R.O.W. Meeting Rescheduled

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Gorman G.R.O.W. meeting has been moved to 7 p.m. on March 28, 2005. It will be held at the Gorman Community Center. This is to avoid conflict with the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

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YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, 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 the forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of March, 2005, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 3rd day of March, 2005, in this cause, numbered CV-05-39895 on the docket of said Court and styled Robert L. Cochran, Plaintiff, vs. Lana Williams, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Petition for appointment of a receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil, gas and mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land:

First Tract: Being 160 acres, more or less, and being the entire Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 5, Deaf & Dumb Asylum Lands, Abstract No. 543, in Eastland County, Texas, less and except 1 acre occupied by the Jewel Cemetery.

Second Tract: Being 160 acres, more or less, and being the entire Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of Section 4, Deaf & Dumb Asylum Lands, Abstract No. 1061, in Eastland County, Texas.

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 the requirements of the law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Karen Moore, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland, County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Eastland, Texas, this the 9th day of March, 2005.

KAREN MOORE, Clerk
91st District Court
Eastland County, Texas
By: s/Karen Moore, Deputy
(SEAL)

Panthers Track Team Compete At Goldthwaite

Discus - JT Whitfill - 4th place with a throw of 103'11", Seth Johnson - 7th place with a throw of 93'3"
Shot Put - Seth Johnson - 7th place with a throw of 33'6"
Long Jump - Corey Brown - 7th place with a jump of 16'9.5"
High Jump - Orlando Rodriguez - 5th place with a jump of 5'2", Ryan Wright - 6th place with a jump of 5'0"
400 Meter Relay - Tony Perez, Corey Brown, Ryan Wright, Reggie Sanchez - 4th place with a time of 47.08 sec.
800 Meter Run - Orlando Rodriguez - 4th place with a time of 2:34.47 sec.
100 Meter Dash - Corey Brown - 5th place with a time of 12.06 sec.
800 Meter Relay - John Torres, Corey Brown, Ryan Wright, Reggie Sanchez - 3rd place with a time of 1:42.13 sec.
1600 Meter Run - Zach Bryan - 3rd place with a time of 6:07.04 sec
The track team took 5th place overall with 46 points. The next high school track meet will be in Monday on March 25, 2005.

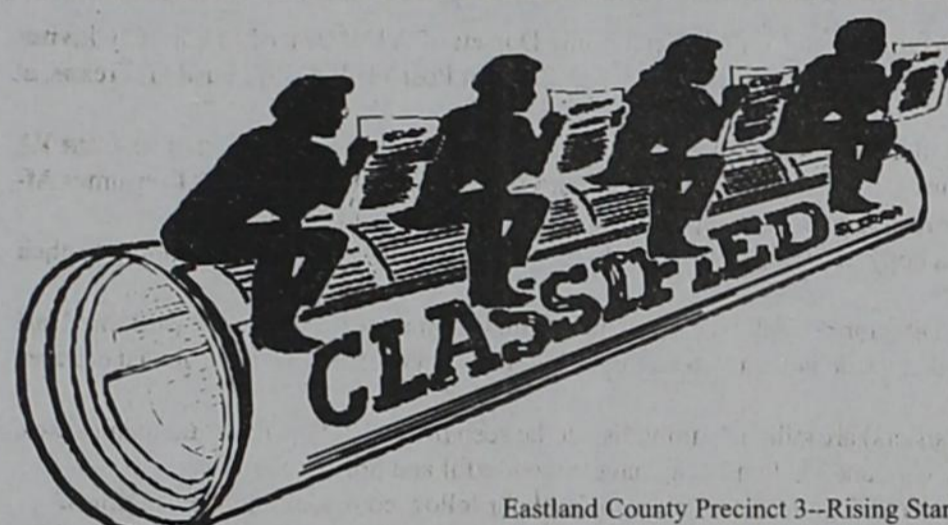
Desdemona Monthly Musical

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Community Center. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and the good music. All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend.

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- - Letter To The Editor - -

Dear Editor:
After being requested by citizens at a Board meeting to publish detailed minutes in the *Gorman Progress*, I appreciate the Gorman School Board deciding to publish a more detailed coverage of a school board meeting as in the March 17, 2005 paper. I believe that it will be of benefit to the taxpayers of the

G.I.S.D., to become more knowledgeable of school board activities. There is one item in the reporting which is not correct. It was stated "Kenneth Heathington requested information on the results of the community survey and expressed his discontent with the survey." I did not express any discontent with the survey. I am very pleased that the survey

was conducted. The Board told us at the time that the survey was passed out in the community that the survey would be analyzed quickly and the results made available to the community. We were told at the past Board meeting that they would try to have it out by the end of the school year. The fact that for almost a year the survey has laid somewhere without any information being given to the community on any analysis of the survey is where my displeasure lies. I think that it was very good to conduct the survey, but it is a waste of taxpayers money to conduct the survey and not do anything with it. The survey could and should be a useful tool for making improvements in the school system. Having done much of this type of work over a period of 40 years, I know that to analyze the questionnaires and publish the results is not all that much of a problem. My "discontent" is with the "do nothing" attitude—not the survey. I stated this in the Board meeting.

Sincerely,
s/ Kenneth W. Heathington,
Ph.D., P.E.

Pajama Mama's Relay For Life Team To Host Bake Sale March 26th

The Pajama Mama's Team on the Relay For Life will be having a bake sale Saturday March 26th during the Gorman Easter Parade. We will also be selling Easter Basket and taking orders for our cookbooks. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks will be in mid April. They will also be on sell at the Relay - April 29th at the Gorman Football field. For information on the Relay For Life please contact Valerie Hampton 254-734-2174 or Michelle Byrd 254-734-2849.

T.A.B. Selling Tickets For An Arbor

T.A.B. (True American Believers) Relay for Life Team are selling tickets on a single seat arbor. The arbor can be seen at Texas Creations. Tickets are \$2.00 each or six (6) for \$10.00.

You can purchase tickets from any member of the T.A.B. Team (Ashley Laminack, Renee' & Todd Early, Mindy Laminack, Lisa Keeping, Jill Torrez, or Becky Laminack).

All money goes to the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life Cookbooks

Eastland County Relay for Life Cookbooks are on their way. Cookbooks are \$10.00 each plus \$2.50 for shipping if necessary. Cookbooks will be available in April and will be on hand to purchase during the Relay in Gorman on April 29, 2005. Come out and join us as we celebrate our cancer survivors.

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Letter To The Editor

I would like to thank the school board for publishing the minutes of the school board meeting, as was requested by some in attendance at that meeting.

Hopefully this will become a routine procedure as I believe we are all interested and concerned with education and future of the children in our community.

Perhaps I am too conservative but at this time I must still question the feasibility of spending thirty thousand dollars on auditorium lights. I ask that you please reconsider your decision.

s/Sue Spivey

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say took 3rd with 15 points, and Sundown (Reg I Champions) finished 4th with 14 points. The number of Class A participants was at its highest mark since the beginning of the THSWPA. So the competition was at an all time high for medals. All three of our lifters not only medaled, but they all finished in the top three of their weight class. SENIOR Amanda Naeseth earned a silver medal for her second place finish in the 114 lb class. She squatted 205 lbs, benched 115 lbs, and deadlifted 265 lbs for a 585 lb total. Junior Kendra Swanner earned a bronze medal for her 3rd place finish in the 165 lb class. She squatted 220 lbs, benched 120 lbs, and deadlifted 330 lbs for a 670 lb total. Junior Summer Olvera earned a silver medal for her second place finish in the 198 lb class. She squatted 320 lbs, benched 165 lbs, and deadlifted 315 lbs for a career high 800 lb total. It is a great accomplishment for our girls to not only qualify for state, but to medal at state. Also to finish as high as we did, with 25 teams at the competition, is a great accomplishment. We are very proud of our young ladies and they have set the standards high for our future teams and lifters. Congratulations Ladies on a fine season!

Tecia Jones Fr.- Competed in the 105 lb class. Finished Ranked 17 in the Region overall - overall means 1A thru 5A

- Amanda Naeseth Sr. - Regional Qualifier, State Runner-Up 114 lb class
- Sharla Perez Jr. - Regional Qualifier 123 lb class
- Nikki Keith Jr. - Competed in the 132 lb class. Finished Ranked 17 in the Region overall
- Sandra Lara Jr. - Competed in the 148 lb class. Finished Ranked 19 in the Region overall
- Reba Granado Fr - Regional Qualifier 181 lb class
- Rosa Herrera So. - Regional Qualifier 181 lb class
- Kendra Swanner Jr. - Regional Qualifier, State Bronze Medalist 165 lb class
- Summer Olvera Jr. - Regional Runner Up, State Runner-Up 198 lb class
- Merilah Powerlifting Meet - Girls Champions (1st Place)
- Gorman Powerlifting Meet - Girls Runner-Up (2nd place)
- Dublin Powerlifting Meet - Girls Runner- Up (2nd place)
- Perrin-Whitt Powerlifting Meet - Girls Champions (1st Place)
- Winter Powerlifting Meet - Girls Champions (1st Place)
- Strawn Powerlifting Meet - Girls Champions (1st Place)
- Region I Championships - Division III Runner- Up (2nd Place)
- State Championships - 5th Place

Veterans Benefit Seminar April 2

We want everyone to know that every family in this area has some ties to a veteran. Your parent or grandparent, son, sister, aunt, uncle, cousin, or a neighbor that has served or is serving in the armed forces needs to come and learn about the benefits the veteran in your life is entitled to.

Delilah Washburn, Joel Jimenez, Larry Monroe, and Commander Jimmie Dorsett of VFW Post 4136 cordially invites you to attend the first annual Veterans Benefit Seminar on Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Post VFW #4136, Eastland, Texas, at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Speakers from the following agencies will be there for all the veterans needs and questions: Representatives from VA Regional Office-Waco, Texas; Texas Veterans Commission Regional Office; David Herod from Dallas VA Consumer Affairs Office; VA Cemetery staff, and many other agencies will be on hand for all questions and assistance.

We are commending all veterans bring a copy of their DD214 (discharge paper) and all documents pertaining to their claim.

We need to send a strong message to VA Directors that all veterans in these small communities want what we earned and what we deserve. We want to make it clear that we do not want to be forgotten. We want to share the message that our area is underserved.

Hundreds of veterans (our brothers and sisters) are still on waiting lists to be seen by the VA Hospitals and their clinics. Let's help them by our attendance so the veteran and his family can have a wonderful and prosperous life.

We are looking forward to seeing you at VFW Post #4136 to help you and our fellow comrades and their families. For information call Larry Monroe at 254-647-1097, VFW Post #4136 at 254-629-1918, or Delilah Washburn at 940-676-4140.

Hospice Of The Big Country Needs Volunteers In Gorman Area

Hospice of the Big Country is looking for new volunteers in the Gorman area to join their volunteer program. Due to an increase in patient referrals in the area, they are offering a volunteer training class for persons interested in assisting with patients in and around Gorman. The class will be held in Abilene and begin on Tuesday, March 29. The class will continue for three weeks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Each session will be held at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center boardroom form 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The class is open to all interested persons. There is no charge for the training, and refreshments will be provided at each session. Pre-registration is required so that there will be enough notebooks and materials for everyone.

Call Jo Ann Wilson, Director of Volunteer Services, in Abilene at 325-793-5450 for more information or to reserve your place in the classes.

AUCTION

Saturday, April 2, 2005 - Sale Time: 9:45 a.m.
Located: Gorman, Texas, East Side of town on Highway 6
24th ANNUAL GORMAN FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION
For Information or To Consign Telephone: Troyat Underwood (254) 734- 5512, or (254) 734-2643, Or Five Star Auctioneers: (806) 296 - 0379
Note: This is only a partial list of Equipment, Much More Expected by Sale Day.
The Following Will Be Sold at Public Auction:

TRACTORS - FERT. RIGS

- 1-1989 Ford 7710 Cab, Air, 180CA, 3 Hyd, 2840 QT Bush Loader, 6' Bucket, Hay Spear
- 1-1981 MF 230 Diesel, PS, 13"x 28"
- 1-1968 Ford 3000 gas 12 x 28
- 1-1965 JD 1020 gas 16 x 28, 2 Hyd
- 1-1954 Ford 851 LP New 13 x 28
- 1-1948 Farmall C 12 x 36
- 1-1960 IH 460 Utility W/Ford Loader, gas, 16" x 24"
- 1-1995 Chev. Kodiak 3208 CAT. Super B Liquid System Raven Monitor, Soap Maker, 1600 gal. 60" Booms
- 1-Wilmer 10 ton SS Box, Fold Side Auger, Fertilizer. Box
- 1-1977 JD 4430 Cab, Air, 2 Hyd. Quad, 20 x 38
- 1-1974 Ford 3000, Gas, 1 Hyd. 13 x 28

EQUIPMENT

- 1-12' Long Tandem 3pt.
- 2-6' 3 pt Tandems
- 1-10' JD Tandem 3pt
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- 1-JD 9 Shank SL DD Bar 3pt
- 1-JD 1010 Field Cult. W/Mulchers 21' 3pt
- 1-JD 4 Row Rotary Hoe
- 1-Wedgoco 11 Shank Ripper, GW
- 1-Bushog 14" Shredder
- 1-Spring Digger 27"
- 1-Frontend Loader for 8N Ford
- 1-300 gal, John Blue Pump, 12 Row spray rig
- 1-Wilbeck 10' Offset
- 1-Offset plow 10'
- 1-JD 8' Offset
- 1-Propane 1000 gal Tank
- 4- Shredders 5'-6'-8' 3pt
- 1-2 Row Planters - 2 Row Cults
- 2-2 Bottom Moldboard 3pt
- 1-Ford 5 Bottom Moldboard 3pt
- 1-Lilliston 6 Row Cult. 1-4 Row
- 1-JD 6 Row 71 Flex Planter
- 1 - Birch Planter 4 Row
- 4 - Blades 6'-7'-6' Box-8' Box
- 1-3pt Spinner Spreader
- 2-JD B Grain drills 16 x 8"
- 1-Graham Hoeme 13 Shank SL GW Chisel
- 1-IH 7 Shank SL Chisel
- 1-Pecan elevator 12', elect motor
- 1-Calf Creep Feeder, 2 sides
- 1-Orchard weed Badger

2-Ford 9 Shank Tillers

- 1-Windmill, 24' Tower, 6' Fan good gear box, took apart
- 1-Billion 3 pt. 6' Seeder
- 1-New, Great Bend Front Loader, 7' Bucket for Ford-NH MT Bracket
- 1-Anhydrous 4 x 4 Bar w/ 12 Shank 3pt
- 1-Johnson 7 Shank Ripper

HAY EQUIPMENT

- 1-NH 258 Dolly Wheels, Hyd Side delivery
- 1-Graves sq. Bale Loader
- 1-JD 435 Round Baler
- 1-Vemore 604L Round Baler, Net wrap.
- 1-Krone 403 13' Disc Cutter 3pt
- 1-IH Side delivery Rake 3pt
- 1-Tumblebug Hay Trailer
- 1-JD 1209 Swather
- 1-Ford 9' Swather
- 1-Vemore 504 Round Baler
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Finding Your Way to a Healthier You....

(based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans)

Would you like to feel better today and stay healthy for tomorrow? Then, it would make sense to do the following three things:

Make Smart Choices from Every Food Group

A healthy eating plan emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products. It also includes lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts. This plan is low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium) and added sugars.

Try and mix up your choices within each food group. For example, focus on fruits and vary your veggies. Remember to get your calcium-rich foods (doesn't have to be milk—it could be yogurt, cheeses, calcium fortified foods such as orange juices, cereals, breads that are labeled as such). Make at least half of your grains whole grain and go lean with the protein.

Find Your Balance Between Food and Physical Activity

Be physically active at least 30 minutes most days of the week and actually about 60 minutes a day may be needed to prevent weight gain! Children and teenagers should be physically active for 60 minutes most every day.

Get the Most Nutrition Out of Your Calories

Choose the most nutritionally rich foods you can from each food group each day - those packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients, but lower in calories.

Quick Snack for Kids

Fruit Kabobs-put chunks of fruit and soft cheese on pretzel sticks

Banana Pops - peel a banana and cut in half. Push a popsicle stick into the banana. Spread peanut butter on the banana, roll in crushed cereal, wrap in wax paper and freeze.

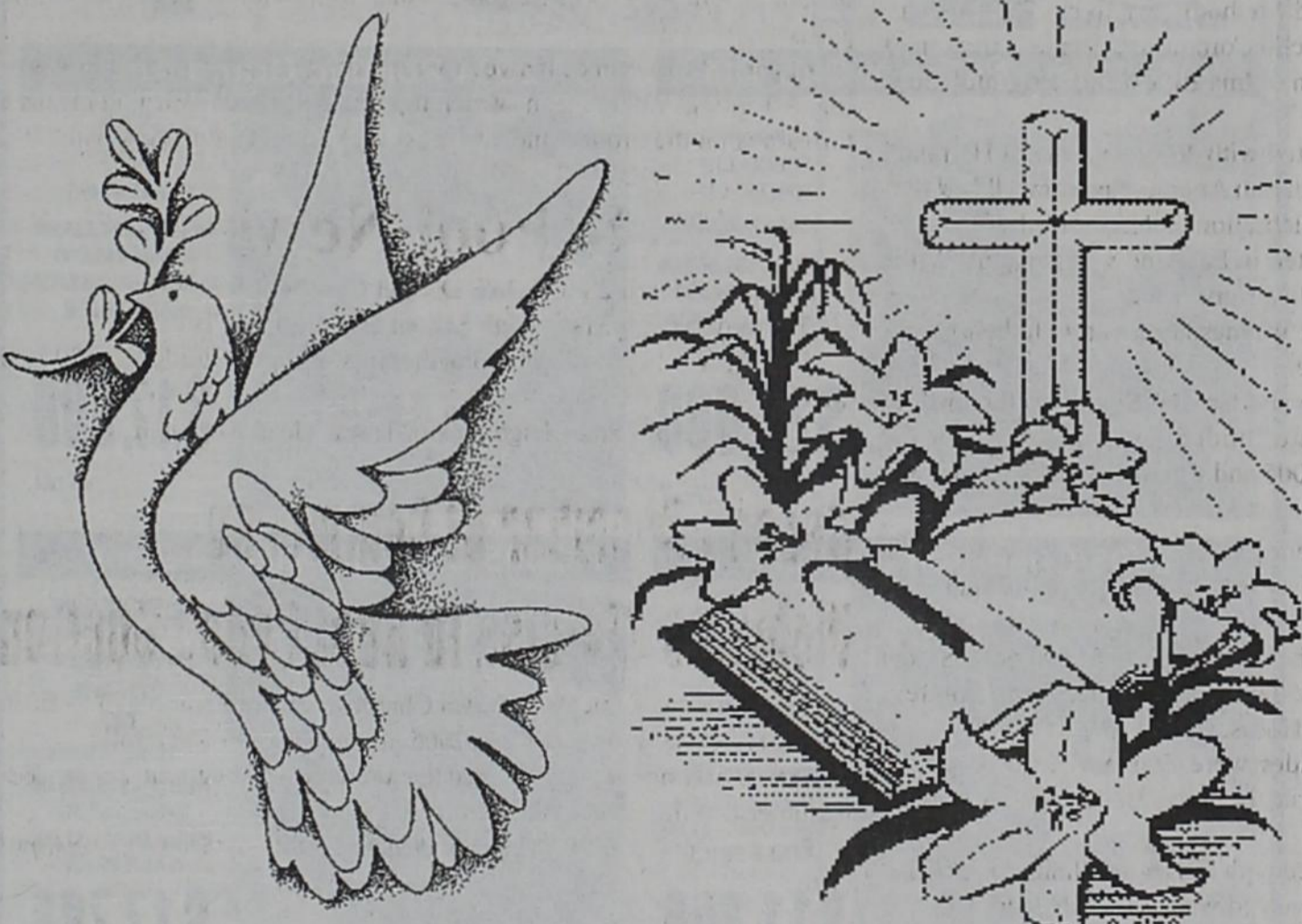
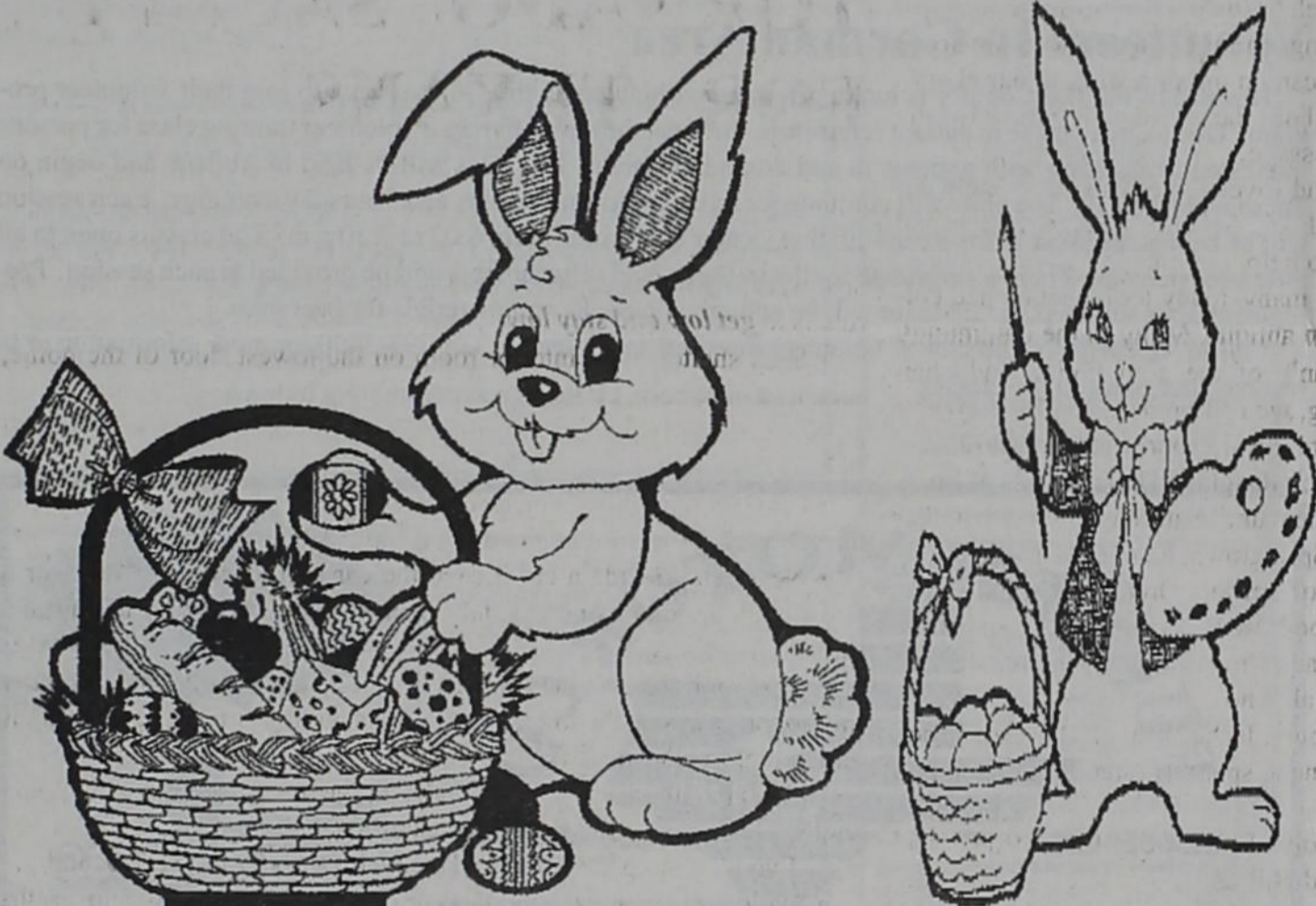
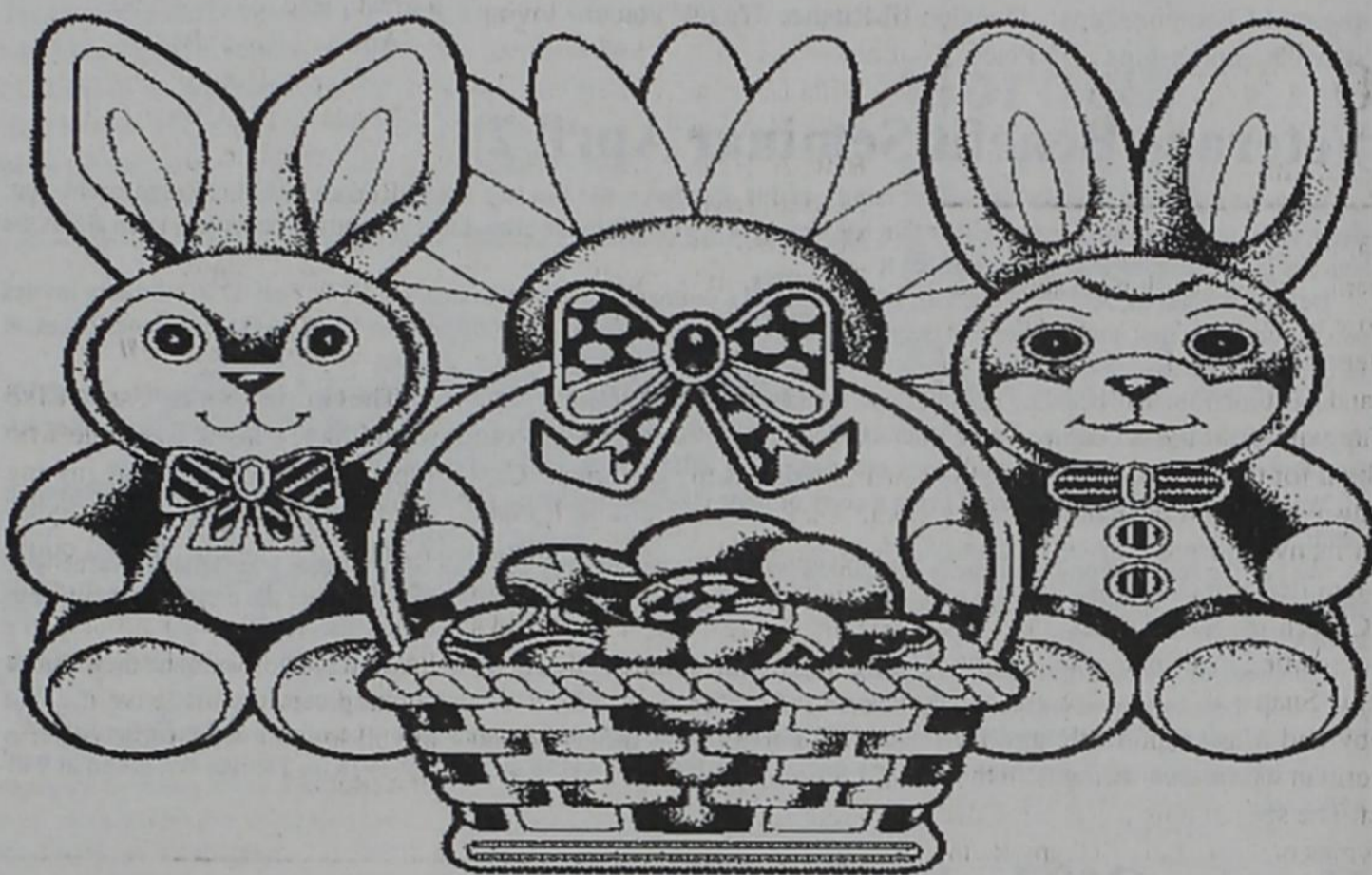
Snack mix - make you own snack mix with variety of low sugar breakfast cereals, dried fruit, pretzels.



Photos of the shop building fire recently at Delmon Eaves place in the community of Kokomo. Several area fire departments responded to the call. Thanks to the fire departments fast response, only the shop was destroyed. Photos courtesy of Lonnie



Easter Coloring Sheet



Fresh & Fast Food Ideas

Fun, Easy And Freezy: Homemade Jam

(NAPSA)—Strawberry-raspberry. Pineapple-banana-orange. Today, it's possible to make a variety of fruity jams, via a process so simple that even children can get in on the fun. It is, in a word, cool.

That's because rather than heat, this process uses the freezer to help preserve the natural goodness and flavor of fresh (or frozen) fruit. There's no cooking involved; just mash up the fruit, mix in Ball® Fruit Jell® Freezer Jam Pectin (a powder that helps the mixture gel), put it in a jar and freeze it.

With the help of the Freezer Jam Pectin, it's also possible to turn fruit and yogurt into fun "fruitsicle" pops that kids can enjoy while getting some of their recommended five daily servings of fruits and vegetables.

To help make jam preparation easier, Ball has developed a variety of jars that are terrific for freezing and canning, including Quilted Crystal Jelly Jars, as well as a new plastic freezer jar. Both are stackable to prevent spilling and to save space in the refrigerator or freezer. In addition, they are stain-resistant and dishwasher-safe.

Here's one terrific jam recipe that can be made any time of the year to get you started:

- Three Berry Freezer Jam**
- 3 (6 oz.) bags frozen unsweetened strawberry, blueberry and blackberry fruit combination
 - 1½ cups sugar
 - 1 (1.59 oz.) pouch Ball® Fruit Jell® Freezer Jam Pectin



With fun and easy freezer jam, you can savor all sorts of delightful fruit combinations.

Defrost berry combination, allowing a few ice crystals to remain. Crush berries with a potato masher. Measure 4 cups crushed berries; set aside. Combine sugar and pectin in a medium bowl, stirring until evenly combined. Add crushed berries. Continue stirring for 3 minutes. Ladle jam into Ball Freezer Jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Adjust caps. Let jam stand at room temperature until thickened, about 30 minutes. Label jars and freeze. Yields about six 8-ounce jars.

To receive a free brochure with luscious recipes and fun serving suggestions, call Jarden Home Brands at (800) 240-3340. For more tips, recipes and canning hints, visit www.homecanning.com.

Total Nutrition

Making a (Grocery) List; Checking it Twice

(NAPSA)—Do you go food shopping without a grocery list? I try to bring a list every time. What a disaster when I don't! I forget to buy the foods I need most and end up with "off the list" items that I shouldn't have bought. Shopping with a list also helps you to stock your kitchen with high nutrition foods. And it does not take much work.

Organize your list based on types of foods. "Start your list with fruits and vegetables," suggests Jo Ann Hattner, MPH, RD, a family nutrition expert based in Palo Alto, California.

"Putting them on the list can help you and your family to get your minimum five daily servings. Think first about what is in season. Then fill in your list with choices from the frozen and canned aisles."

Ask your children to add their favorite fruits and vegetables to the list. Packaged salad mixes save time and are easy for even young children to prepare. Baby carrots are fun to dunk into salsa, yogurt dips or ketchup. Tangerines, grapes and baby bananas are naturally child-sized.

Put an assortment of whole grains on the list. Whole Grain Total and other whole grain cereals help start your day with the first of three daily whole grain servings. Whole grain pita, tortillas, and rolls add variety to lunch sandwiches. Dinner preparation is a breeze with whole

- Grocery List Categories**
- Fruits and vegetables
 - Lean meats, poultry, fish
 - Dairy products
 - Cereals, grains and breads
 - Frozen foods
 - Canned foods
 - Snacks
 - Condiments and other items

grains like quick-cooking brown rice, whole wheat couscous or whole wheat pasta.

Include lean meats, poultry and fish on your list. Meats and poultry that will not be eaten within a couple of days can be wrapped well and frozen. Fresh fish tastes great but canned fish, like tuna and salmon, are convenient alternatives to keep on hand.

Add healthy lunchbox and after school treats. Pretzels, baked chips, low-fat granola bars, yogurts, and frozen fruit bars are kid pleasers. It is okay to run out of snack foods that you would rather not have in the house. You and your kids will eat less when you have less to choose from.

Ask Mindy
Q: Are frozen fruits and vegetables as nutritious as fresh?
A: Frozen fruits and vegetables have the same nutritional benefits as fresh. They are particularly useful to have in the freezer during the winter months, when many fresh items are out of season. Include single varieties, like spinach or peas, as well as vegetable or fruit combinations.



Mindy Hermann

Cisco Folklife Festival Is Coming April 23 and 24

By Ruth Schaefer Stewart

Signs of a beautiful spring are starting to unfold with blossoms of plums, pears, Forsythia starting to show. Robins are bobbin' along and whispers of another Cisco Folklife Festival, like bees a-buzzin', are getting louder, as the powers of nature unfold. This year's festival will be on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24, 2005.

The ladies of Cisco Civic League have been thinking about the festival for several months now and various committees have been meeting to make sure that the event is a well-organized success again this year.

President Emma Watts opens the regularly scheduled meetings on the second Thursdays of each month from September through May. Excitement is in the air as committee chairpersons give progress reports. The members feel it is time to start letting everyone know what is coming up for the 32nd Annual Cisco Folklife Festival this spring, so here goes...

Many of the favorite attractions, including the Lion's Barbecue on the Friday Night before the festival, downtown parade on Saturday morning, food booths, vendors, live entertainment, children's games, and demonstrations of pioneer skills on the Cisco Junior College Campus in Cisco will be much the same. There are a few changes, however, including a "Stars over Texas" Music Variety Show, sponsored by FM 105 KCER, Cisco's Community Radio Station, on Saturday night at the Hilton Community Center. Another change is that there will not be a breakfast and trail ride and from the Lake Cisco Park this year, nor will there be a golf scramble.

We are currently sending information to various media in the area including radio and T.V. Stations, as well as Internet community web calendars. You might like to check out some of these sites: www.ciscotx.com/folklife.htm, www.texascountryreporter.com (Event>Panhandle Plains>April 23 & 24. Others will be added.)

For additional information, call the Cisco Chamber of Commerce (254) 442-3220; President Emma Watts (254) 442-3478; or Arlene Fry (254) 442-3330.

So, mark your calendars for April 23 & 24th and have fun at the 32nd Annual Cisco Folklife Festival.

Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation Banquet Set

The Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District #525 Awards Banquet, honoring our district conservation winners and our student winners, will be held March 31, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Comanche High School Commons area, Hwy. 16.

The banquet is sponsored by the financial institutions in our district. The meal will be catered by J.C. Cook of Cook's Fish Barn, with brisket and all of the trimmings.

Conservation winners are: Zone 1—Resident Conservation Rancher—David Mayfield of Dublin; Zone 2—Resident Conservation Dairy Farmer—Mike Stewart of Comanche; Zone 3—Resident Conservation Farmer—Gerald Lewis of DeLeon; Zone 5—Resident Conservation Farmers—Mr. and Mrs. Danny Burgess of Gorman. Conservation Teacher of the Year is Rebecca Odom, Cisco Junior High School.

District school winners in coloring, poster and essay contests are: Coloring contest—Skyi Rhyne, 2nd grade, Ranger Elementary; Poster contest—Katherine Bean, 5th grade, Comanche Elementary; Essay contest—(13 and under) Sarah Taylor, 6th grade, H.R. Jefferies Jr. High, Comanche. Essay contest—(14 and up) Haleigh Caraway, 8th grade, Cisco Jr. High.

Felon In Possession of Firearm

Sentenced To Prison For 25 Years

Christopher Lynn Vuichich, 30, formerly of Breckenridge, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (25) twenty-five year sentence for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Vuichich was arrested on February 2, 2004 by an officer of the City of Cisco Police Department responding to a report about a vehicle stopped in the middle of a city street.

After making contact with the driver of the vehicle (Vuichich), the officer asked for consent to search it and discovered a loaded pistol grip shotgun containing five loaded slugs in the backseat. Vuichich told the officer he was on parole and had been out of prison less than four months.

Vuichich had previously been convicted of a felony in Travis County for Burglary of a Vehicle, Felony Theft by Appropriation in Palo Pinto County, Felony Escape in Stephens County and Burglary of a Building in Stephens County.

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Vuichich to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County on March 21, 2005 after Vuichich entered a plea of guilty.

Vuichich's case had been set to be tried to an Eastland County jury prior to his deciding to accept a plea.

Defense Attorneys John Saringer of Eastland and Bob Estrada of Wichita Falls represented Vuichich with District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

City Minutes, Unofficial

March 17, 2005

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Durward Webb and Joey Casey. Mayor Pro-Tem Nathan Files arrived at 6 p.m. Commissioner Charlie Torrez was absent. Others present were Billy Joe Dennis, Ron Skiles, and Lori Dodd.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Durward made a motion seconded by Joe to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried 2-0.

Joe made a motion to table the bid from Cabling & Wireless Solutions and to approve the bills for payment. Durward made a second and the motion carried 2-0.

Ron Skiles and Billy Joe Dennis were present to request that the city minutes be put into the local paper. Ron also suggested the police department give an activity report to be placed into the local paper. Lori Dodd presented each commissioner and the mayor with an EDC financial report as requested.

At 6:12 p.m. Joe made the motion to go into Executive Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

At 6:47 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Durward made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken after Executive Session.

There being no further business for discussion Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Durward. Motion carried 3-0. Time was 7:20 p.m.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

As we celebrate Easter with our families, may we also go to church and worship our risen Saviour, and thank God for sending his son, Jesus Christ to shed his blood upon the cross to cover our sins. As he arose from the grave we were assured of eternal life with Him if we repent of our sins, and ask Jesus to forgive us and to come into our heart.

You are invited to come to worship with us at the Kokomo Baptist church. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children following the morning worship service. Easter has always been a time of homecoming at the Kokomo Baptist Church when many who grew up at Kokomo come back for a visit and bring their families. "Happy Easter" to all.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Melanie Gatlin of Graham who was visiting with her grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Alexis Snapp of Lewisville who was visiting with her grandparents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Ben Burgess and Bailey Underwood of Gorman who were visiting with their grandparents, Daryl and Cecilia Hirst. The special music was presented by Glynda Bond with a Medley of Hymns on the organ. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Ben Burgess, Norma Webb and Joe Bond. It was good to see Norma able to be back in church following her hip surgery. Mary Jane Little gave an emphasis on giving our time and offerings for Home Missions. There are many ways we can do mission work in our church and community, country and throughout the world. This was also the theme of Bro. Clarence Wilson's message.

A shop at the home of Delmon and Joyce Eaves was completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday, March 16. Several fire departments and many friends and neighbors came to help, but couldn't save the building. It was a total loss. Delmon lost many, many tools that he had collected for many years, some of them antique. Many in the community think of Delmon as the "handy man" of the community, and when we have something that needs fixing, we call on him, and he is always faithful to come to our rescue. We certainly do appreciate him and Joyce, and are really sorry for their loss. Their daughter, Deliah Lewis of Ennis came on Thursday and visited with them until Saturday afternoon. Other visitors were Glendal Laminack of Springtown, Kenneth Eaves of Eastland, Verda Jean and Donald Eaves of Carbon, Oren and Norma Webb, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan, Woodrow Browning, Larry and Betty Strube, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and I'm sure there were many that I didn't know about. They appreciate all who came.

James and Jantzen Webb of Granbury, Jacob Webb of Burleson, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Comanche spent Tuesday with Oren and Norma Webb.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Carolyn Little, Betty Little, Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Ima Boles and Bill and Lois Boles of Granbury were in San Angelo on March 12th to attend the wedding of Blake Boles and Dana Rosser at the First United Methodist Church. They also attended the reception at the Fort Concho Commissary. Blake is the son of Bill and Lois Boles and the grandson of Ima Boles. Our congratulations to Blake and Dana.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with Jerry and Lavell Hallmark and Fred and Jimmie Joan Willson in San Angelo, and they all had dinner together on Saturday night in celebration of Jerry's birthday.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited in Eastland with an aunt, Willie Mae Cozart, and a cousin, Jimmy Dale Hendricks.

Ashley and Breckley Little spent Wednesday night with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike and Crystal Snider on the birth of their new daughter, Michelle Kate Snider. She was born in the Stephenville hospital on March 1, 2005 and weighed 5lbs. 7oz. She was also welcomed home by her "big" sister, Rachel Ann.

LaVon Snider and Dwayne Snider of Stephenville visited recently in Ozona, TX with their aunt, Bertha Fay (Snider) Henry and Johnny and Patti Jones.

On Sunday LaVon ate supper in the home of Ted and Charlotte Snider and enjoyed visiting with them and Jamie, Stephanie, Anna, Andrew, Matthew, Craig and Kael Snider of Hollis, OK.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider were Dan Snider of Gorman, Dwayne Snider of Stephenville, Erik, Belinda, Belle, Ella, Audri and Isaac Segura of Gorman.

Dale Griffith of Fort Worth visited with his aunt, Johnnie B. Griffith. Charlie Session of Stephenville visited with Nancy Hendricks.

James and Grace Lawrence of Sherwood, AR visited with Zelda Jordan from Wednesday until Friday.

Ken and Mary Nell Rogers of Eastland, Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon and Shory Treadway of Ranger visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday night and enjoyed games of "Train". Word was received on Monday that Shory had passed away at his home in Ranger. He was a former resident of Kokomo as was his parents, the late Oscar and Eva Treadway, and had been a friend of my family for over 60 years. We extend sincere sympathy to his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Bill Rogers of Ranger and His granddaughter and husband, Amy and Jared Browder of Eastland, his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Nell and Ken Rogers and Jolene and Bryan Lee Johnson of Eastland and their families, and to the families of his late brothers, Winford and Orval Treadway.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You

The family of Odie Brightwell wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all who showed their love and concern to our beloved father and grandfather.

To all the administration and staff at Oakwood Assisted Living in Stephenville for their loving care the last two years of his life.

To the ladies of the Church of Christ for the lovely meal they prepared for the family. To all others who brought food to the home and visited. For all the cards and words of sympathy and for the beautiful floral display.

A special thanks to Ray, Carolyn and Marjorie for their loving care that the Funeral Home. To Daryl Hirst for the beautiful music.

To grandsons Todd Ormsby, Randy Ormsby, Larry Brightwell and Landon Brightwell for the beautiful memorial to their grandfather.

Dad loved Gorman and everyone there. Thank you for loving him.

Willa D. Ormsby
Zella M. Wright
Betty A. Hale
M. Beth Bryan
Myrna S. Smith
Tommy E. Brightwell
Jimmy L. Brightwell

Thank You

The family of Martha Boone would like to express our appreciation for all the food, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls during the passing of our beloved parent. Thank you to the members of New Hope for feeding us for the entire week and Carbon Community Baptist Church for the big meal on the day of the service. For the wonderful words of consolation and hope, thank you to Rev. Jody Forbus. Also, the members of Carbon Community Baptist Church and her friends at New Hope. A special thank you to Dr. Long and Dr. Dickey for their loving care of both Mom and Dad over the years and to Dr. Dan for coming out to the house. We are blessed by your compassionate care. Thank you Ray, Carolyn and Marjorie for your patience and caring. Ray, we know it was a long trip to carry her home, but you were wonderful. Thank you again to everyone. Gorman is a great place to call home!

Ann and Roger Boone and Family
Vonda and Tim Streiff and Family
Reda and Clint Ford
Hoyt and Carolyn Boone and Family

Thank You

The Gorman Senior Travel Club would like to thank everyone who supported us in our fund raising endeavors during the last month. Without your help, our goal could not have been realized as quickly as it was. Thanks also to our families and friends for helping with the cooking, serving and delivering. We are all looking forward to our trip of a lifetime.

Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Gorman, Carbon, Olden, Eastland, and Ranger Fire departments, police, ambulance and all the other friends who helped contain the fire in our shop. Thanks for going the extra mile and staying late into the night.

We appreciate all the work you do for our community.

Fred and Joyce Eaves

TORNADO SAFETY FOR TEXANS

AUSTIN – Tornadoes can occur at any time of year in Texas, including December, but they happen most often in spring and summer. Spokesmen for the Governor's Division of Emergency Management urge Texans to learn what to do when a tornado is sighted. The most important rule is to **get low and stay low**.

- Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of the home, such as a bathroom, closet or room without windows.
- In an office building, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.
- Leave your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.
- Never stay inside a car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or a ravine. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside. Never try to outrun a tornado in your car.
- At school, follow plans and go to a designated shelter area, usually interior hallways on the lowest floor. Avoid auditoriums, gyms and areas with wide, free-span roofs.
- Go to the interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor of a shopping center. Do not leave the shopping center to get in your car.
- If you are in open country, take cover on low, protected ground.
- Avoid areas near exterior glass or doors, areas along exterior walls, or rooms with wide expanse roofs – such as auditoriums, cafeterias and gyms.
- Learn the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning. A Tornado Watch means watch the sky. A Tornado Warning means a tornado is on the ground and you must seek shelter immediately.

School News

Monday, March 28th, - OAP District Competition
Tuesday, March 31st - High School UIL Contest, Tolar
Friday, April 1st - Gorman Panthers vs. Ranger Bulldogs, 5:00 p.m. here
Saturday, April 2nd - High School Track Meet, Meridian

DeLeon Chamber of Commerce

Women's Division to Host Penny Auction

The DeLeon Women's Division Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Penny Auction on April 1, 2005, at the DeLeon City Hall.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Proceeds will go to the Peach and Melon Festival Grounds Memorial Gate.

Wrangler Belle Auditions

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Sunday, April 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group will be recipients of an activity grant ranging from \$1,600.00 to \$2,000.00 per year.

The open auditions consist of learning a short jazz dance and kick series. Evaluations are based on learning and performing ability in a group situation. Solos are not required and formal dance training is not a prerequisite.

The Cisco Junior College dance group is a close-knit organization with an emphasis placed on positive attitude and individual growth. The small, friendly campus provides a family atmosphere that the girls truly miss as they depart for large universities, for beginning a career, or for pursuing their personal educational goals.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self-esteem. Any young woman that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College, (254) 442-5140, to confirm an appointment for the audition. Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition at another time.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FREE CLOTHING STORE - Bride of Christ Church - Every 3rd Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Every 3rd. Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

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

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.

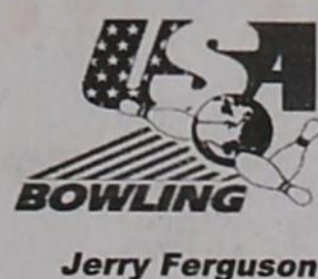
SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - THIRD WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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.



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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Easter

A wounded soldier, knowing he was going to die, took his Bible out of his pocket and placed his finger on John 11:25. As the blood ran down his finger it caused his finger to stick to the page of his bible at the verse when he died. How true for the Christian. "I am the resurrection and the life!"

"One day during the French revolution, a man said to a bishop, "The Christian religion—what is it? It would be easy to start a religion like that."

"Oh, yes. One would only have to get crucified and rise again the third day."

Easter is a time of new life. That which was dead now lives. Darkness is gone. A warm sun shines. Life has a new meaning.

Easter dates back originally to the spring festival in honor of Eastr, the Teutonic goddess of light and spring. As early as the eighth century the name was transferred by the Anglo-Saxons to the Christian festival designed to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

Today we are privileged to celebrate Easter because of Jesus' victory over sin and death and hell.

Christianity begins where religion ends—with the resurrection of Christ.

(Provided by Lanita Freeman)

Some visitors were John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown, Ima Brown, Ruth Porter, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Daisy Slaton and Ann Warren.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Bobby Rich, Tootie Campbell, Vicki Seay, and Frances Warren. Bobby taught the lesson, "Jesus Our King." Life question, "Why should I let Jesus be King in my life?" Background passages, John 12:12-29, 18:33-39, 19:1-16. Key verse, John 19:36. A resident voiced the opening prayer and another gave the closing prayer. Twenty seven residents were present. Howard and Pat Hagood were guests.

Recent guests were Lee and sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider, Bobby and Peggy Ingram

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan and Nancy Hendricks. Helen played the piano and Woodrow led the singing. Special music was rendered by Leona, Woodrow, Helen and Joe. Bro. Wilson's message, "Being With Jesus." Bible passage Acts 4:13. There were twelve residents attending.

Some guests were Fred and Mary McMullen of Melrose, NM, Don and Jo Carey of Midlothian, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Durward Webb, Larry Stogsdill and Billy Earl Simpson.

On Monday morning Karen Guthery arrived early to open the beauty shop and style hair for residents.

Some visitors were Steve Estes of Sanger, Freddie and Lovena Rodgers of Desdemona, Bobby Owens of Ranger, Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Barnett of Eastland.

Residents send a heartfelt sympathy wishes to the family of Odie Brightwell.

Recent guests were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Zelda Jordan, Joe Bond and Nell Files of Carbon.

On Monday morning Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo. Residents enjoyed treats and breakfast juices. There were eight residents present.

Some visitors have been Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth, Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, Bill and Tootie Campbell and Bobby Rich.

On Monday afternoon the Gospel Singers coming were Pat Hagood, Ann Warren, Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Ruby Lee Kinser, and Nancy Hendricks. Zelda Jordan voiced the closing prayer. Ina Smith served everyone lemonade.

Some visitors were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Irene West, Ruby Lee and James Kinser, Rex Kinser, Clyde Richard Kinser of Eastland, and Wilbur Overstreet.

On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing. Fourteen residents and two guests Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks.

Some guests were Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Tody and Harold Zink, Annie Fay Foster and Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon.

The good magazines were sure appreciated by residents that were donated.

Some visitors were Howard and Pat Hagood, Mary Jeffs, Frances Warren, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Virginia Skaggs, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood.

On Tuesday morning, Ina Smith had "Horse Races" for several residents.

Recent visitors were Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland, Mary Margaret Hudson, Kay Ann Craddock and Estelle Craddock.

On Wednesday morning, residents enjoyed a movie.

Some visitors were Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, and George Rodgers.

On Wednesday morning those coming from the First Baptist Church for chapel were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell. Everyone sang, "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Bro. Bills message was "The Cross of Jesus Christ." Bible passage 1 Corinthians 1:18. There were eighteen residents present.

Recent visitors were Winston Brown, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Trinity and Shannon Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Levi Roberts and Kendra Roberts.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Community Center. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade paises and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and the good music. All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend.

Mary Alice Ficklen and Agatha Nance, both of the Stephenville Good Tree Apartments, rode the rural bus to Desdemona on Monday morning to attend the Ladies Monthly Social at the home of Helen Depwe. They reported a good visit with everyone at the Social. Mary and Agatha are former residents of Desdemona where they attended school. Mary graduated with the Class of 1939 and Agatha with the Class of 1934. They always enjoy their visits back 'home.'

Karen Eaves and granddaughter, Lorin, of Desdemona; Angela Powledge and children, Kaley and Lane of Eastland, spent "Spring Break" weekend in Fort Worth to attend museums, the zoo and other points of interest. The adults enjoyed the trip as much or more than the kids.

Robert and Ima Brown, Bernard and Ann Keith attended the Olden Monthly Musical on Friday night, March 18th. They reported a good crowd and plenty of good music.

Recent visitors with Mary Alice Ficklen at their Desdemona home were her son, Robert and Lacy Ficklen and son, Jack, Areanna Jacobus all of Dallas. Mary looks forward to these visits with her children. Mary's daughter, Molly Godwin lives near Austin and another son, Jack Ficklen and family live at Port Isabell.

Betty Jane Guthery of Irving is in a Fort Worth hospital at this time recovering from emergency gall bladder surgery. Jane is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1941. She enjoys her visits back 'home' to attend the annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion in August. Friends in Desdemona send 'Get Well Wishes' to Jane.

Friends in Desdemona send their sincere sympathy to Ralph and Shirley Nicholson in Brownwood. Their son, Steven Nicholson of Brownwood passed away and was buried at the Jenkins Cemetery near Brownwood.

Ralph and Shirley are former residents of Desdemona where he worked for Mobil Oil Co. They lived neighbors across the road from Larry and Gay more northeast of town.

Mark Abernathy of Alexandria, Virginia and his sister, Beverly Pair of San Antonio visited several days this past week with their Aunt Evah Sparkman. Evah was admitted on Saturday eve to the DeLeon Hospital in a very weak condition following a set-back with a bronchial infection. Evah's son, Homer Joe Sparkman of Stephenville is having some health problems at this time. Friends in Desdemona send 'Get Well Wishes' to Evah and Homer Joe.

Larry and Gay Moore reported their daughter, Bruce and Renee White and children, Chelsea and Cory of Stephenville enjoyed a wonderful week in Hawaii with the Stephenville Stingerette Group. Chelsea is a member of this group and enjoys every minute of it.

The Jacobs family would like to say 'Thank You' tot he friends in Desdemona who attended the graveside service for their sister, Billie Jacobs Gosdin, who was buried last week in the Desdemona Cemetery. Also thanks to the ladies who brought food and drinks to the Community Center for the family following the service. This family really did appreciate each one who helped in any way.

Louise Maltby, 84, of Desdemona passed away and was buried on Tuesday, March 22 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include two sons James Maltby and Ken Maltby both of Desdemona; two daughters, Beverly Smith of Niceville, Florida and Glenda Sharp of Taft, Texas. Friends in Desdemona send their sincere sympathy to this family.

Nikki Febinger and children, Christopher and Allison of Stephenville, Vicki Robinett of DeLeon visited last Friday even with Bernard and Ann Keith.

Rod and Debbie Duke of Pantego; Ronda and Emily James of Whitney; Scott and Risa Ashley and children, Brandon and Lauren of Midlothian; Russell and Kayla Duke and children, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; Rusty and Samantha Duke of Desdemona visited last Sunday with Humpy and Betty Duke to help Humpy celebrate a birthday. They enjoyed the family dinner and fellowship.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended the Strawn Monthly Musical last Saturday night. Lots of good music and a large crowd attended.

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