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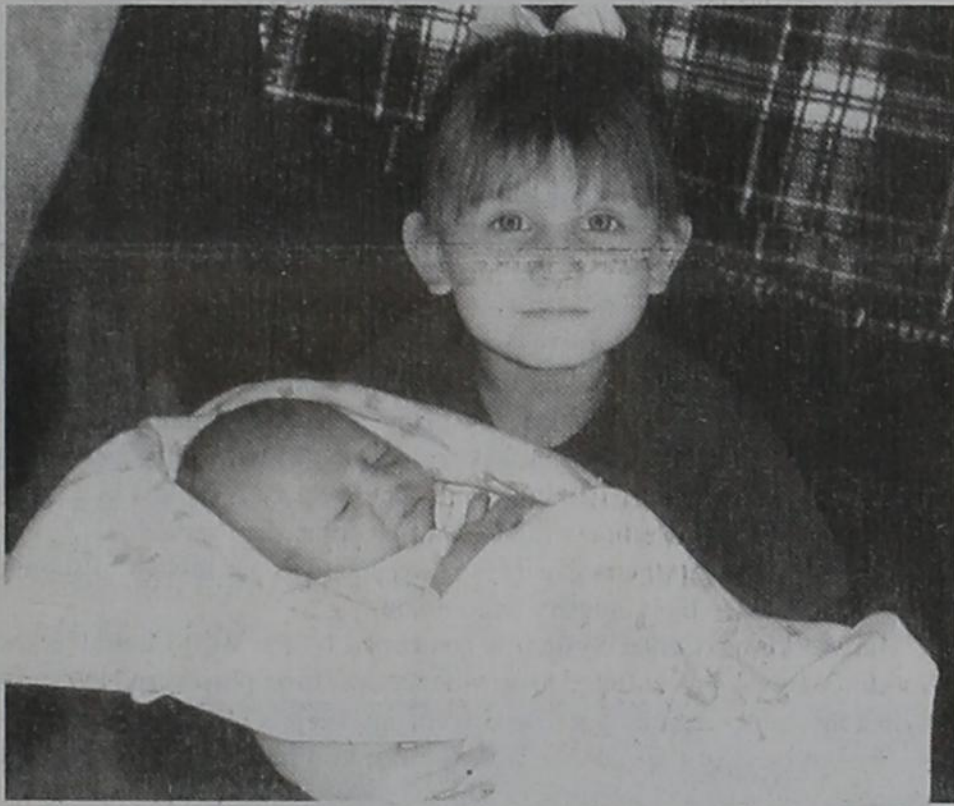
Lady Panthers District Results

1-9-17					
Gorman	2	9	14	6--	31
Tolar	28	12	19	22--	81
B. Carlton 4, Johnston 13, Granado 1, Herrera 2, Longoria 5, Seaton 3, K. Carlton 3.					
JV: Gorman 31, Tolar 41.					
1-12-17					
Gorman	7	13	8	17--	45
Ranger	10	3	9	13--	36
B. Carlton 7, Johnston 13, Granado 2, Herrera 2, Longoria 5, Seaton 8, K. Carlton 8.					
JV: Gorman 32, Ranger 40					
1-16-07					
Gorman	13	6	3	8 --	30
Santo	18	20	20	19--	77
B. Carlton 8, Johnston 8, Longoria 8, Seaton 1, K. Carlton 5.					
JV: Gorman 28, Santo 42					
1-19-07					
Gorman	6	12	10	11--	39
DeLeon	10	9	13	15--	47
B. Carlton, Johnston 8, Longoria 5, Cogburn 2, Seaton 4, K. Carlton 15.					

Lady Cubs

1-8-07	
Gorman A:	28, Tolar 32
Gorman B:	12, Tolar 26
1-22-07	
Gorman A:	16, Santo 42
Gorman B:	9, Santo 22

Another Gift From God!! It's A Girl!!



Big sister Haven is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Harli Mc Krae born January 10, 2007 weighing 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Proud parents are Neil and Laci Pounds. Grandparents are Leslie and Lana Sharp and Jackie and Ruby Pounds.

Hailey Hughes Named Today's Girl Beauty



On January 20, 2007 Hailey Hughes competed in the Today's Girl Beauty Pageant for the Stephenville area. Hailey won the title of Today's Baby in the Beauty Division. Hailey had to model a casual outfit and a party dress. She also had to participate in an interview and complete six hours of community service. Hailey will compete in the Joshua Today's Girl pageant as a VIP in March and will compete for the state title in June. Hailey is the two-year-old daughter of Chris and Jana Hughes of Stephenville. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Judy Mears, Alan and Kay Barton, and Larry Hughes. She is the great granddaughter of James and Eula Mears, Stella Hughes, Jeanne Brown, and Willie and Ruth Williamson.

Gorman City Commission Minutes

January 18, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Charlie Torrez, Joe Casey, and Don Underwood. Others present were acting Chief of Police Barbara Fenley, Officer Billy Carter and EDC Director Lori Dodd.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Nathan Files called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read, Charlie made the second and motion carried 3-0.

Charlie made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Don made the second, Motion carried 3-0.

At 5:40, Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Don made the second, motion carried 3-0.

At 6:15, Charlied made the motion to go out of Executive Session, Don made the second, motion carried 3-0.

Charlie made a motion to appoint Barbara as Chief of Police with a 6 month Probationary period, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, after which she will receive \$15.00 per hour, with no paid overtime. Billy Carson will remain a sergeant at \$13.50 per hour with 90 day probation, after which he will receive \$14.00 per hour. David was hired as an officer starting January 27, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, after 90 day probation he will receive \$13.00 per hour. Don made the second, motion carried 3-0.

There being on further business for discussion, Don made the motion adjourn at 6:30, second made by Charlie.

Eastland County Commissioners' Court Lifts Burning Ban

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in Special Emergency session, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to **immediately remove** the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact their nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. **Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!!**

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

Respectfully submitted,
Eastland County Commissioners' Court
(s) Rex Fields, County Judge.

Attention All Moms:

It is that time of year again, to get rid of the old toys and make room for the new.

The Mission Friend Class at the First Baptist Church are taking up old toys and clothes for one of our projects. We send the toys and clothes to Honduras. We have met a new friend. His name is Craig Rodgers. He is a missionary in Honduras. He now lives here in Gorman. He was telling Miss Karen about how thrilled the children in Honduras are to get even used toys and clothes. Honduras is a poor country and people have a really hard time making ends meet.

We are trying to teach the children how lucky we are to live in the U.S.A. and how we are all rich compared to most children in Honduras. And how God loves all of these children as much as he loves us. God expects us to take care of the needy and to share what we have. So we through this would be a great way to start training these 4 and 5 year old.

So please take time and sort out the toys and clothes you can, bring them to the First Baptist Church or to Karen Guthery or Kathy Ervin's homes. Thank you so much and God will Bless you. There is no deadline to bring in toys and clothes. Mission Friends

Gorman Defeats De Leon In Thrilling Fashion

The Gorman Panthers traveled to DeLeon for a district clash. The Panthers took an early 16 - 14 lead, but trailed by 6 at the half. After three DeLeon pushed their lead to 11 with the score being 52 - 41 Then the Panthers went on what would turn out to be a 20-6 run to end the game and win their second district game of the year with a score of 61-58. Leading the way for the Panthers was Tyson Swanner with 21 points, David Ibarra with 15, Zack Fox and Aaron Keith with 9 a piece, Matt Underwood with 3 points, and Corey Clark and Brandon Greer each with two points. The Panther outhustled and out played the Bearcats for an emotional victory.

Photos From Game Action At De Leon are inside this issue.

EDC Talk

Texas Midwest Day in Austin

Each year our State Legislature is in session a large group of elected officials, community developers and active citizens travel to Austin for the Texas Midwest Community Network's Texas Midwest Day. Over 200 individuals from this area attend to show support of our regional efforts in economic and community development, chamber of commerce and tourism, and progressive educational activities.

This year the trip will be Wednesday February 14, 2007. The day starts a little before 10am for meeting and gathering on the Capital steps. We all go to the House Chamber and then to the Senate Chamber for recognition of our communities in the Texas Midwest region. It makes a great statement to our State Representatives and Senators that we care enough to take off a day and come to Austin and meet with them to discuss pertinent issues of our communities/region.

After lunch, there is a very interesting State Agency Overview. State agency representatives give a 10-15 minute overview of what their agency does and how it helps rural Texas communities. There is a time for question and answers after each presentation.

Cost is \$10 per individual; however, if you are interested in attending and might like to ride a bus down the cost is only \$5. Lunch is on your own, but there will be dozens of people there you'll know or meet! Pre-registration deadline is February 7th. So please let me know before that date if you would like to go. You can contact me at the EDC office 254-734-3933 or send an e-mail to Lori Dodd at gedc@cctc.net.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to notify you that Gorman has had several vehicles broken into - or opened because they were not locked. Personal items, keys, money, etc. were taken. If you do not lock your vehicle you might want to consider starting. Even if your vehicle is parked in your own drive.

A reminder to unlicensed drivers. We have received numerous complaints about drivers driving without a license.

If you are a parent to an unlicensed driver and the driver is stopped - both the parent and unlicensed driver will be issued a citation.

The Gorman Police Department

Eastland County Livestock Show 2007 Results

The list below is the places won by the students from Gorman. Congratulations to these students. Kaci Seaton also received a 10 year Participant Plaque. There will be pictures in a later issue of the progress.

GRAND CHAMPION BROILERS JUSTIN LITTLE
RESERVE CHAMP. BROILERS ALLY LITTLE

CHAMPION BERK CHANCE UNDERWOOD
CHAMPION YORK MADISON WARREN

RESERVE CHAMP ENGLISH CHANCE UNDERWOOD
RESERVE CHAMP SPOT MADISON WARREN

1st PLACE HW ENGLISH KACI SEATON
1ST PLACE LW EXOTIC AMANDA BROWN
1ST PLACE MW EXOTIC COLE UNDERWOOD
1ST PLACE LW HAMPSHIRE BEN BURGESS
1ST PLACE LW SPOT COLE UNDERWOOD
1ST PLACE HW BERKSHIRE TOMMY TREVINO
1ST PLACE MEDIUM WOOL LAMB MADISON WARREN

2ND PLACE MW CROSS NATHAN GEE
2ND PLACE HW BERKSHIRE STETSON THOMPSON
2ND PLACE DIVISION 1 GOAT KIMI SEATON
2ND PLACE SOUTHDOWN LAMB KODIE SPARGER
2ND PLACE MED WOOL LAMB NATHAN GEE
3RD PLACE LW CHESTER RYLAN LAMINACK
3RD PLACE MW SPOT JONATHAN FLORES
3RD PLACE HW BERKSHIRE THOMAS TREVINO
3RD PLACE HW SPOT WADE CARIKER
3RD PLACE DIVISION 1 GOAT KOURTNEY SEATON

4TH PLACE LW CROSS ALLY LITTLE
4TH PLACE DIVISION 1 CLASS 2 GOAT BEN BURGESS
4TH PLACE DIVISION 2 GOAT ALLY LITTLE
4TH PLACE MED WOOL LAMB NATHAN GEE
5TH PLACE MW DUROC SHAWN RAINEY
5TH PLACE DIVISION 1 CLASS 2 GOAT SHELDON FENLEY
5TH PLACE DIVISION 2 GOAT KACI SEATON
5TH PLACE DIVISION 2 CLS 3 GOAT CHANCE UNDERWOOD
5TH PLACE DIV 3 CL2 GOAT MADISON WARREN
5TH PLACE DIV3 CL2 GOAT MATT SMITH
6TH PLACE LW HAMPSHIRE MATT SMITH

GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT BAILEY UNDERWOOD
RES. GRAND CHAMP RABBIT KACI SEATON

2ND PLACE RABBIT KIMI SEATON
5TH PLACE RABBIT MADISON WARREN

SHOWMANSHIP BUCKLES WERE AWARDED TO: CHANCE UNDERWOOD, SR. SWINE, NATHAN GEE, JR. MARKET LAMB AND SWINE DIVISION, KACI SEATON, RABBIT, MADISON WARREN BREEDING SHEEP, ALLY LITTLE JR. CHICKEN SHOWMAN, AND JUSTIN LITTLE SR. CHICKEN SHOWMAN.

OUR GORMAN KIDS DID A GREAT JOB!!! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THEM. KIDS AND PARENTS ALIKE PUT IN A LOT OF HOURS!!! WAY TO GO!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Senior Citizens meet Every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

FOOD BANK

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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.

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.

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

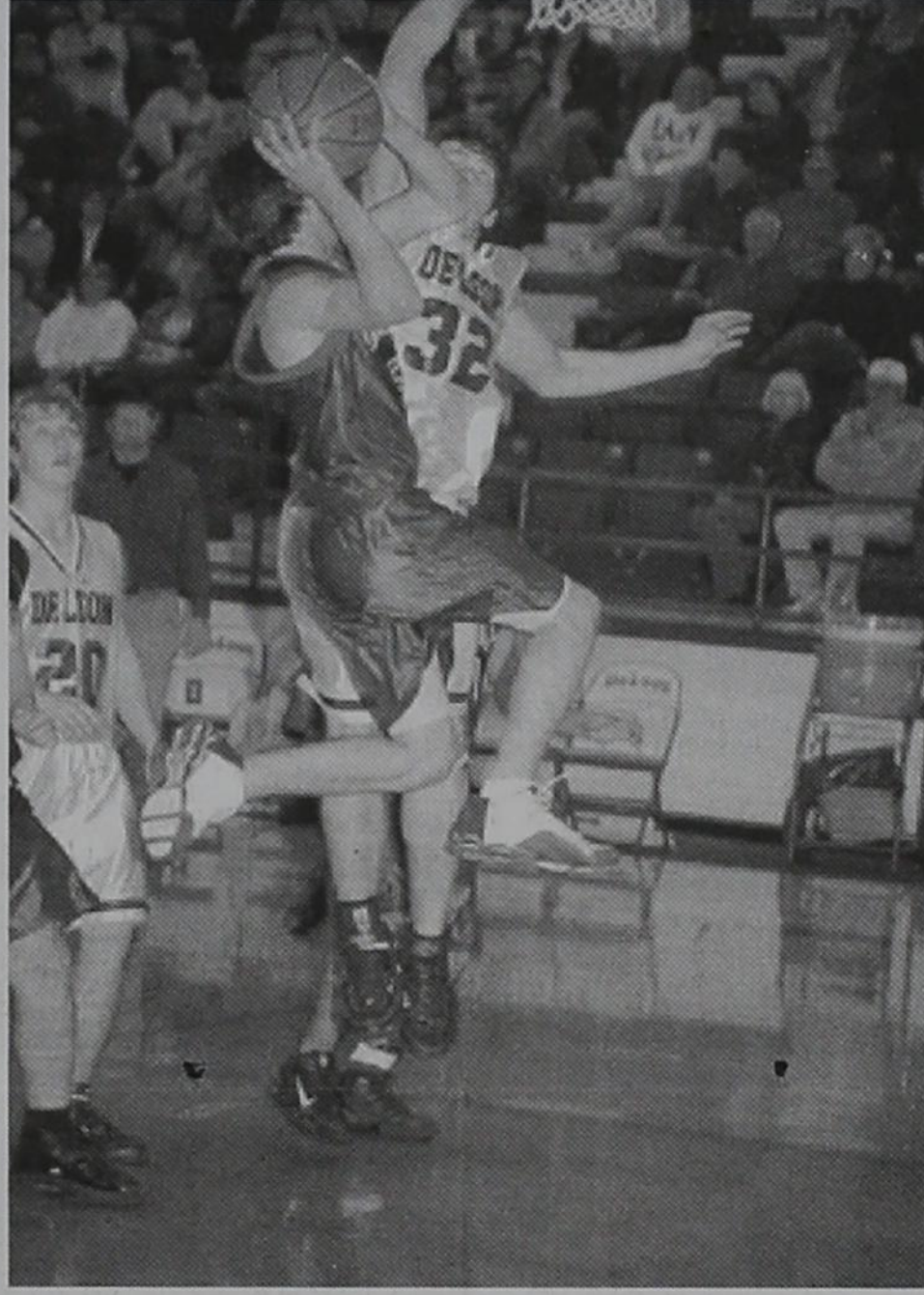
Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary.



Bringing the ball down the court gets a little rough, but with Kristy Carlton setting a screen, Reba Granado is able to push through to break the press.



This Bearcat may have his hands on the ball for a little while but with these Panthers surrounding him he is not likely to get far. Shown here is Tyson Swanner, Corey Clark, Brandon Greer, and Matt Underwood as they attack the boards in their come from behind victory over the DeLeon Bearcats.



Zack Fox goes up for a beautiful lay up and gets to shoot some free throws also, as he is fouled hard on his attempt.



The Lady Panthers attack the boards with gusto. Shown here is Audrey Johnston, Valerie Longoria, Nicole Cogburn, Kristy Carlton, and Brandy Carlton as Nicole works for a shot and her team is ready to back her up with a rebound if necessary.

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Winter weather has certainly found us. Snow followed the ice storm last week, keeping most of us house bound for several days. I was thankful for the telephone so I could keep in touch with family, friends and neighbors. I am very thankful for all the friends and neighbors that called to ask how I was, and if I needed anything. I've always said that Kokomo is the best place on earth to live, and I firmly believe that.

I received just a little over 2 inches of moisture from the ice, snow, and the rain that came on Saturday. That is good. We needed it. But oh how happy we were to see the sunshine on Sunday. And it was so nice to be able to get out and go to church on Sunday.

Bro. Randall Treadwell of Eastland was the speaker for the services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, January 21. He brought a very good message on "The Love of God and the Sanctity of Life" using many scriptures and illustrations in the morning service. "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" was so beautifully rendered by the choir: Karen Patterson, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Ruth Rodgers, Sylvia Buchanan, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Daryl Hirst, Jimmy Little, Thomas Seay, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Diana Dorris was a visitor.

Bro Treadwell's message on Sunday evening was on "Forgiving". Is it easy to forgive? Why forgive? We must forgive those who offend us. God has forgiven us and shown mercy to us, and He expects us to follow his example. God gives us the help we need to be forgiving through prayer, bible study and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

There will be a "pot luck" supper and then prayer meeting in the fellowship hall of the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come, bring your favorite food and join in the fellowship. We expect great blessings from God as we pray together. Visitors are welcome.

Bro. Harold Roan of Stephenville will be the speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28th.

Oren and Norma Webb visited with Delmon Eaves. Delmon is having some health problems so please remember him in your prayers.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited with an aunt, Lottie Morris at Heritage Manor in Gorman.

Verda Jean Eaves of Carbon visited with Zelda Jordan.

Karen Patterson visited with her mother, Betty Little.

I don't have a lot of news this week but maybe there will be more activity next week. Please give me a call if you have news.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, January 27 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. You are invited to come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Bring your friends for an enjoyable evening. Admission is "Free".

A large crowd attended the "Senior Citizen Dance" last Saturday night at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. "Buck Sutton and The City Limits" from the Brownwood area provided the music. The next dance will be held on Saturday, February 17 at the same location. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Schedule for this dance will be on the third Saturday of each month with a Concession stand serving good food each time. No Smoking or No Alcohol Permitted. Admission to Dance Is \$4.00 each.

Bro. Tim White of Bronte, Texas was the guest speaker last Sunday for the morning and evening services at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. His wife and son attended both services.

Desdemona Community Center is selling a very colorful tapestry "Throw" (\$49.95 each). On this throw area several pictures of "Boom Days" -- Magnolia Ball Tanks (with flying red horse on it) -- Old Community Tabernacle -- School Buildings -- Duke #1 Discovery Well and more. This throw makes a great gift. To purchase one, call Ina Brown at 254-758-2634.

"Wall of Memories" is located in the entrance hall of the old school building. One wall is complete with 156 bricks. Purchase a brick for \$25.00 each with your name, date you graduated, etc. or names of Classmates, teachers, friends, parents, etc. Get your order in soon as enough bricks for another wall will be ready soon. To purchase a memorial brick contact Gay Moore at 254-758-2240 or Vonnie Guthery at 254-758-2665.

T-Shirts with a "Hogtown Boom Photo" on front are selling great. The shirt is black with photo in Sepia Tone. Contact Linda Lindley at 254-758-2691 to purchase a shirt at \$15.00 each. All proceeds from these throws, memorial bricks and shirts goes in the Community Center Fund to help on repairs on the building, pay utilities and insurance.

Take time out from your busy schedule to visit the sick and shut-ins in our area. If you can't visit, send a card.

Virgil and Joe Holdman of Desdemona, their son, Dale Holdman of Dallas and their grandson, Trey Holdman of Fredricksburg spent the Christmas Holidays in Denver, CO. They reported a wonderful trip even though it was very cold and a lot of snow.

Halie Million spent the past weekend visiting with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. They attended Church on Sunday at First Baptist.

Billy Paul Lewis, 77, of Abilene passed away and was buried on Friday, January 19, 2007 in the Desdemona Cemetery. He was born in Desdemona on October 9, 1929 to Rob and Jessie (Carr) Lewis. Survived by his wife, Judy Lewis of Abilene, his children and grandchildren, a sister, Alpha (Lewis) Thiebaut of De Leon, nephews, nieces and a host of friends. Preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Ferrell Lewis and Jody Lewis, Leo Lewis, Rudolph Lewis and Harlin Lewis, four sisters, Sylvia (Lewis) Hodges, Abbie (Lewis) Ash, Joyce (Lewis) Underwood and infant sister, Geneva Lewis. The Lewis family are former residents of Desdemona where most of their children attend school. Billy Paul graduated with the Class of 1949. Our sincere sympathy to this family in the loss of their loved one.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks, have a nice day, Vonnie.

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Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

Ole man winter has been visiting again. Everyone enjoyed seeing the snow. No one would go outside and play in it though. We did make snow ice cream, but used snow cone ice...not near as good as the real thing. The residents instructed me on how to make a snowman using the left over snow cone ice, turned out pretty good.

Several activities were canceled due to the weather and not as many people visited but we enjoyed those that did.

January birthday party will be Monday, January 29th, following singing. We only had one birthday in January. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

On February 22 at 1:30 the Hinkle family from Breckenridge will be coming to entertain us. I hear they are super good. Please come and join us. I will be reminding you of this more latter on.

Those coming for singing on Monday afternoon were Ruby Lee Kinser, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slayton, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ann Warren, Marjorie Teadway and Ernestine Campbell. Sorry if I left anyone out.

We would like to welcome Troy Scitern to Heritage Manor. Troy is here for a short term stay. Visiting with Troy were Tommy and LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern, Keri, Nick, Kelsey, and Nashton, Ora Lee Lawrence, Zelda Jordan, Johnny and Ina Smith, and Jordan and Weldon Scitern.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Woodrow and Helen Browning and Kay Snider.

Those visiting with Jelma Smith were David and Connie Smith of Joshua, Donald and Pam Smith of Granbury, Weldon and Jordan Scitern and Johnny and Ina Smith.

Visiting Ima Boles were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, and Bobby Little.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were James and Jason Norris of Eastland, Lisa Lewis of Stephenville, and Jeanna Pack of Carbon. Imogene and Jeanna went on an outing to Stephenville one day.

Visiting with Eunice Love were Joy and Larry Campbell, Talee Jones and Ronnie and Barbara Love.

Volunteers always needed.

Until next time---Ina

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Tax Deferral Available For Over 65 Residential Homestead Owners

Section 33.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires the following publication concerning the Deferral of Certain Property Taxes to be publicized.

Property taxes on the residence homestead property of those persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older may be deferred or abated if they satisfy the requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The property owner must (in most cases) occupy the residence on which the tax is being levied or on which a suit has been filed for collection of delinquent taxes.

To obtain a deferral, the individual must file with the Chief Appraiser of the Appraisal District in which the property is located: an affidavit stating that he or she is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and that he or she does own and reside in the residence that the tax is being levied on.

If a suit has already been filed with the proper authority, the individual must file with the court in which the suit was filed the same type of affidavit.

By filing the affidavit with the proper authority, the payment of the taxes or forced collections through suit is postponed until the person filing the affidavit no longer owns or occupies the property as a residence homestead.

It is emphasized that the tax is only deferred; it is not cancelled. A tax lien remains on the property and interest in the amount of eight (8) percent per year will continue to accrue during the period that the collection of taxes is deferred.

For information concerning the tax deferral or abatement, contact the Eastland County Appraisal District. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse Annex Building at 102 N. Lamar, Eastland, Texas. The telephone number to call for assistance is 254-629-8597.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Military Veterans

By Tom Williams, Psy. D. - Submitted By Larry Monroe, VFW Commander Post 4136, Eastland, TX

"During the Civil War, Dr. Decosta, a U.S. Army surgeon, reported high levels of tension, fast heart rate, inability to sleep, and fear about returning to combat. This response to combat was called "soldiers heart."

During World War I this same phenomena was called by a more familiar term, "Shell Shock." The think of the medical professionals at that time was that tremendous shelling caused small blood vessels in the brain to burst. The symptoms included running amok, jumpiness, irritability, trouble sleeping and physical tremors.

World War II brought us "Battle Fatigue" a term which started with the U.S. forces in Tunisia, North Africa. The battlefield medical personnel found that rest, food, and returning soldiers to their units helped them to deal with their emotional and physical problems related to combat.

In the Korean War, the term "Gross Stress Reaction" was used to describe the emotional turmoil that was a result of combat and being a prisoner of war.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
January 22, 2007

State of the Union Address: What to Look For

President Bush will deliver his seventh State of the Union Address on Tuesday, January 23. I encourage everyone to tune in and listen carefully to his speech, which will air live on most news stations at approximately 8:00 p.m. Texas time. Regardless of one's thoughts on the issues, the State of the Union is an important part of the democratic process and helps shape what will be some of the major topics of debate for the coming year. This year's speech should be especially interesting considering the transition occurring in Iraq and the new leadership dynamic in Congress.

The White House, as usual, isn't releasing the text of the speech ahead of time, but there are a few topics the President is likely to address. Concerning the War on Terror, he will likely restate his new strategy for victory in Iraq and other efforts to defend America and its citizens. I suspect he will also talk on the need to build on the economic progress made in recent years. Thirdly, there is a good chance he will talk about the need to reform health insurance in this country and increase access to affordable health care.

Committee Assignments

At the beginning of each Congress (every two years), committee and subcommittee assignments are determined. For the upcoming session, I will begin my third term on the Agriculture Committee, as well as continue serving on the Financial Services and Science and Technology Committees.

I'm especially looking forward to the work ahead on the Ag Committee. With many of the 2002 Farm Bill provisions expiring this year, 2007 will be a big year for agriculture as we work to renew many of the programs from this successful and popular legislation. In addition to being the top-ranking member of the Ag Subcommittee on Horticulture and

Ten Free Flowering Trees For Planting In Texas

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person from Texas who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2007.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Washington Hawthorns, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Goldenrain trees.

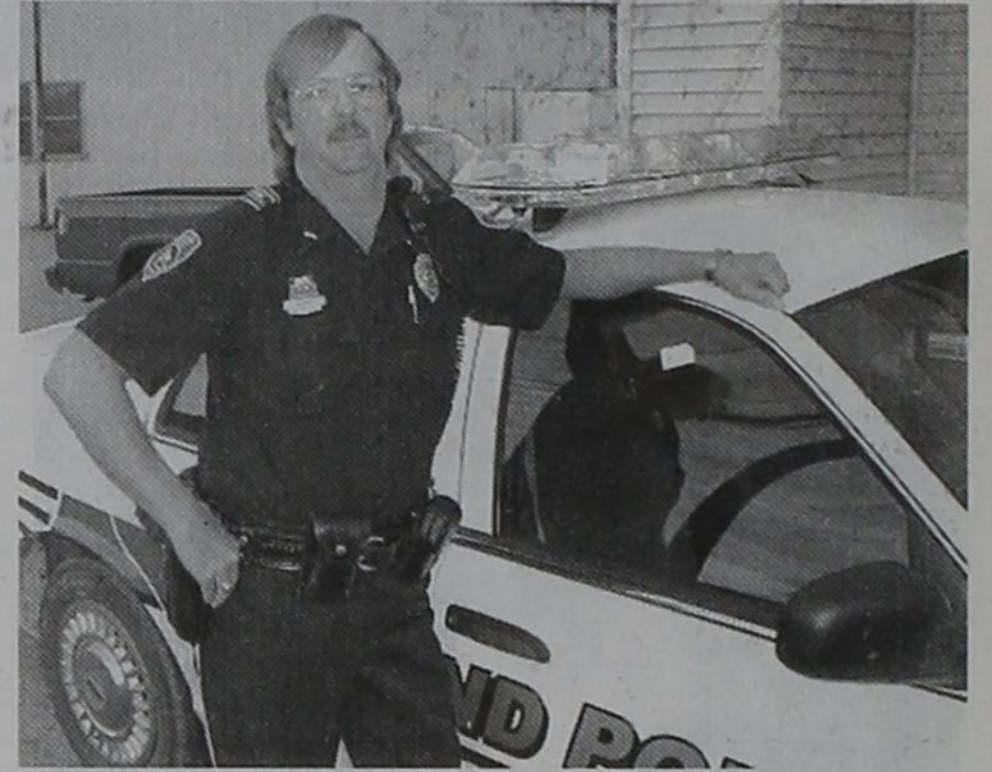
"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "They will give your home in Texas the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers -- and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2007. Or go online to arborday.org.

Lt. Terry J. Harbin To Retire From Eastland Police Department



Lt. Terry J. Harbin To Retire From Eastland Police Department On January 31st, 2007

Eastland Police Department is losing a long-time employee at the end of January. Lieutenant Terry J. Harbin started to work for the police department on December 22, 1979, and is retiring after providing 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Eastland.

Terry attended the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene in early 1980 and since that time, has received over 1100 hours of law enforcement training. He worked his way up through the ranks, becoming Patrol Sergeant in the mid-80's. He has also served as the firearms training and proficiency officer for the department, making sure that all officers were properly trained and qualified in the use of weapons. In 1996, Terry was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and supervised the patrol division and was responsible for departmental operations in the absence of the Chief. He holds an Advanced Peace Officer certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

Lt. Harbin served as an instructor in the Citizen Police Academy, teaching defensive tactics and personal safety. As a martial arts instructor, he also provided the training to other citizen groups, civic organizations, and individuals. As Lieutenant, Terry was responsible for personnel scheduling, firearms training, vehicle maintenance and records, as well as performing supervisory patrol duties for the City.

A retirement party will be held at the Connellee Hotel East Room from 12:30 until 2:30 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. Cake, punch, and finger foods will be served, and the public is encouraged to come by and wish Terry well in his retirement. Introduction of speakers and presentation will be at 1:00 PM.

Organic Agriculture, I will also serve on the subcommittee which oversees farm commodities and crop insurance.

I will also begin my second term on the Financial Services Committee where I have been selected to serve as the Deputy Ranking Republican on the panel. As part of the leadership of this committee, I will have the opportunity to shape policy that affects small businesses and local financial institutions that, along with agriculture, make up the heart of the 19th District's economy.

--Randy

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