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GHS Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion Exercises Set Thursday and Friday

Gorman Eighth Grade Promotion

Thursday, May 27, 2003 7:30 P.M.

Processional	Class
Invocation	Mary Powell
Salutatory	Brandy Carlton
Valedictory	Clarissa Glasson
Class History	Nancy Velasquez
Awards	Laticia Hampton, Counselor
Presentation of Certificates	Ronny Wright, Principal
Benediction	Nicole Cogburn
Recessional	Class

Valedictory



Lacy Nicole Howard

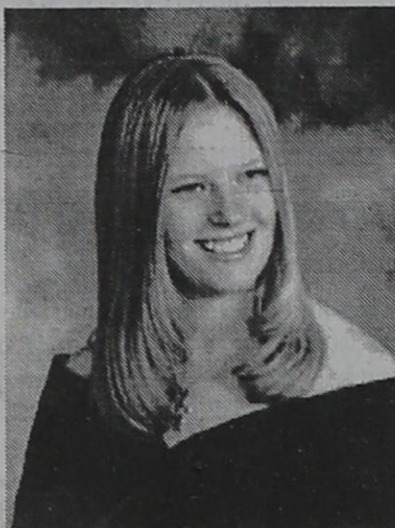
Lacy is the daughter of John and Charlotte Howard. She was born on November 13, 1985 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Lacy transferred to the Gorman School in 1998, 7th grade.

Lacy's future plans are to major in English, get a Business Major and study the Medical Field.

High School honors and activities include UIL Prose, Persuasive Speaking, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, News Writing, One Act Play, Choir, NHS, FBLA, Student Council and Year Book. Lacy competed on the State level in Persuasive Speaking and in Solo and Ensemble.

Her hobbies are singing, writing actually anything that sparks her interest. Favorite foods are cheese, brown gravy and chicken. Favorite music is contemporary gospel.

Salutatory



Casondra Hope Cooper

Casondra Hope Cooper is the daughter of Jack and Sharon Cooper. She was born on August 11, 1986 in Odessa. Casondra transferred to the Gorman School when she was in the Second Grade from DeLeon Elementary.

Future plans are to attend Cisco Junior College and study Computer Graphics and Animation and pursue a career in Video Production.

High School honors and activities were the NHS, Band, Flags, UIL, One Act Play, FBLA Historian, and Year Book.

Casondra enjoys reading, watching movies, going to concerts, hanging out with friends. Favorite foods are Mexican and Italian. Favorite music is hard rock.

Commencement

Friday, May 28, 2003 7:30 P.M.

Processional	Senior Class
Invocation	Ronny Wright, Principal
Salutatory	Casondra Cooper
Parent Recognition	Senior Class
Valedictory	Lacy Howard
Presentation of Scholarships	Laticia Hampton, Counselor
Presentation of Diplomas	Ronny Wright, Principal Leslie Vann, Superintendent Glenn Glasson, President of the Board
Presentation of Class	Ronny Wright, Principal
Response	Leslie Vann, Superintendent
Benediction	Bill Campbell, Minister First Baptist Church
Recessional	Senior Class

Porter Recipient of American State Bank "College Survival Kit" Giveaway



American State Bank gave a "College Survival Kit" to lucky Gorman High School Senior Kalyn Porter. "We wanted to do something for our graduating Seniors this year, and decided a Survival Kit would help one of them get off to a good start in college. Every boy or girl heading off to college today needs all the help they can get," comments James Bruton, President of American State. Young Ms. Porter won a dorm room size refrigerator and microwave, Phone Card with 1000 minutes and a Cashier's Check for \$50.

We wish Kalyn good luck and good learning as she enters her Freshman Year at Cisco Junior College. ASB wishes to thank all the folks that came in to enter. And contest or not, everyone is welcome to drop in for a cup of coffee anytime.

Splash Day!!!

FREE SWIMMING!!

**Gorman City Pool
Saturday, May 29th
1:00 to 5:00 P.M.**

Class of 1984

It's been 20 years! Trying to get a reunion together. Need addresses, e-mail addresses and/or ideas for what, where and when? If you are a 1984 graduate please contact: Terri Lewis 8036 Raymond Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76108. (817) 246-1262 (terri.l.lewis@lmco.com) <mailto:terri.l.lewis@lmco.com>

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast - Third Wednesday each month at 7:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Various community Men's Groups will be hosting the breakfast.

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

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

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

FOOD BANK

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING — The Weight Watchers Meeting will be held at Gorman Hotel on Wednesdays. Weight-in begins at 5:00 p.m. and meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

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.

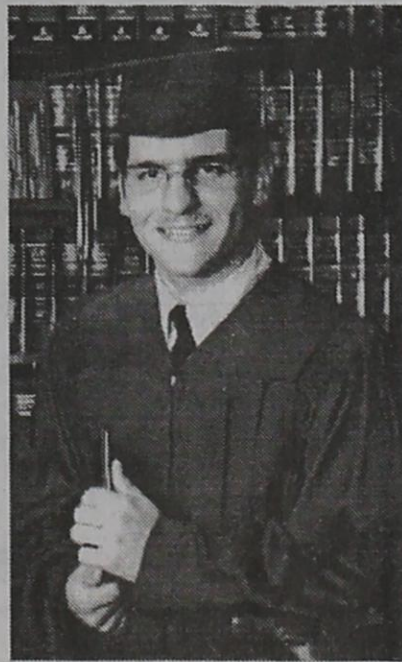
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Matthew Scott Wilder Graduates



Matthew Scott Wilder, son of Monty and Julia (Stacy) Wilder, nephew of Scott and Nan Stacy, and grandson of Bertie Stacy graduated on May 20, 2004 from Lake Hamilton High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Honors and Activities: Who's Who Among High School Students (grades 9-12), Advanced Computer Tech (grades 9-12), Track Team (grades 9-11), Football (9th grade), Medical Explorers (grades 9-11), Civil Air Patrol (grades 9-12), Medical Professions (grades 11-12 at the local college), Drama (12th grade), Bowling team (12th grade).

His hobbies include 4 X 4 mudding, computers, music, bowling, and spending time with family and his fiance'.

Matt has joined the Army National Guard and will leave on June



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5th Sunday Singing

The First Baptist Church of Gorman will be hosting the 5th Sunday Singing on May 30th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Memorial Day Picnic

Where: Frank Gray Memorial Park
When: Monday, May 31st
Time: 11:00 a.m. to whenever
What: Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Free hot dogs provided by Gorman Grow Community Club)
Bring a covered dish to share, something to drink and dessert if you like!!!

See Flyers Posted Around Town For More Details -- Or Call Suzan Lipson at 254-734-4305.

PARY FOR RAIN

Obituary

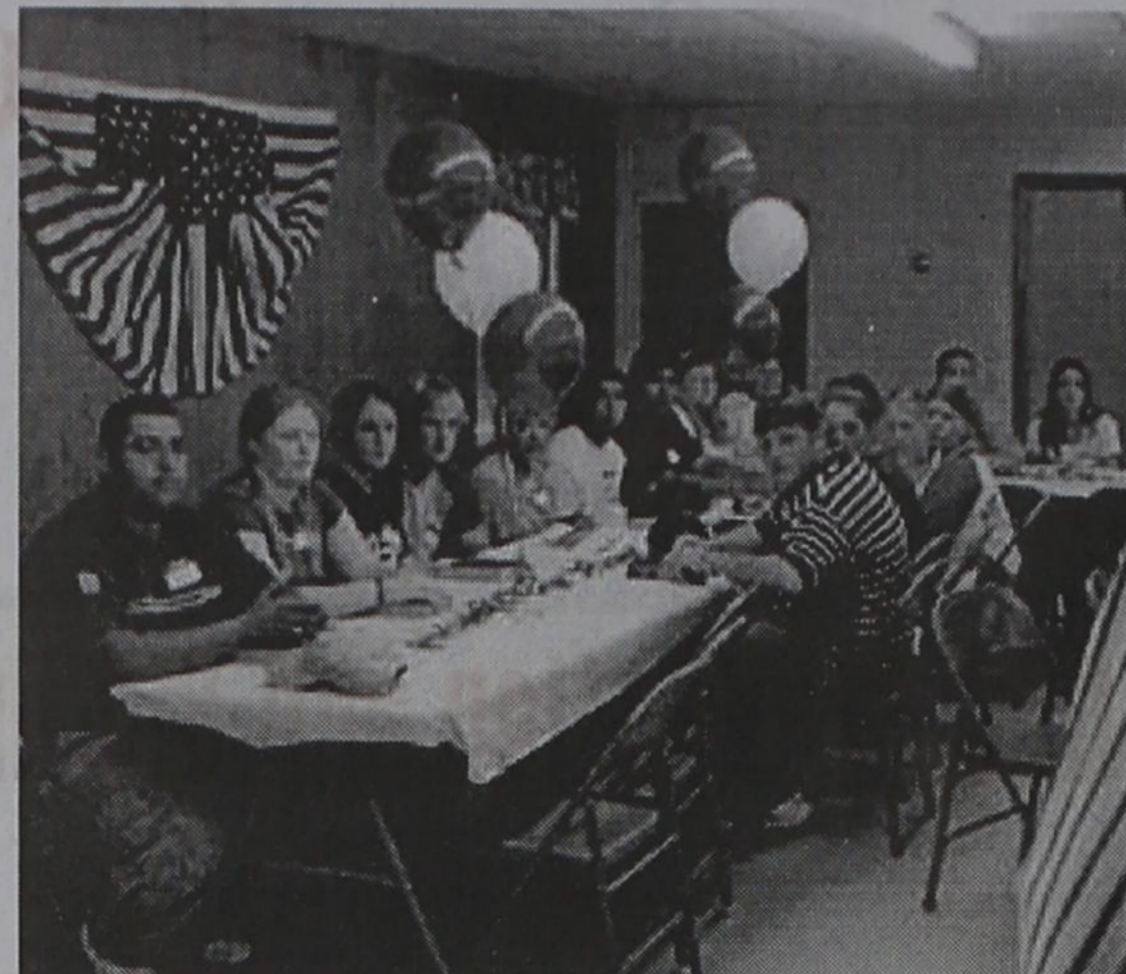
Austin Charles Rice

On May 15, 2004, two weeks before his expected arrival, Austin Charles Rice was taken into Heaven and placed in the arms of God. The infant son of Jeffrey D. and Noelle Rice, left a loving sister and brother, Chloe Darby, 7, and Brady Darby, 4, all of Richland, Washington, grandparents Keith & Diane McDaniel of Richland, John & Wendy Recker of Richland, and Jeff & Maudine Rice of Richland, great grandparents Jack & Lucille Holden of Kennewick, and John H. & Willo Rice of Gorman, Texas. Austin left three aunts, Paige Holden, Katrina Recker and Melanie Chiaradia, two uncles Jake Holden and Joe Chiaradia, and one cousin, Abigail Chiaradia, all of Richland, and many great uncles and aunts.

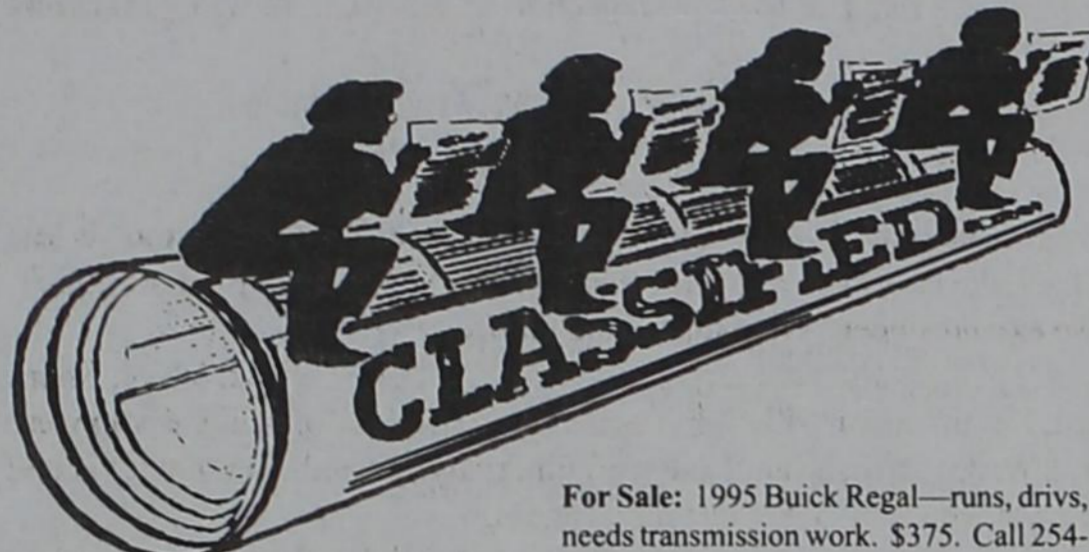
Our grief cannot be expressed in words, yet the heaviness of our hearts is lightened by knowing that Austin is alive in Heaven and will be there when we arrive. And although we will miss the joy of holding him and having him grow in our presence, we cannot water tomorrow's flowers with the tears of today...our lives go on to honor him and in love to those who he has left here. We trust in the holy goodness of our Sovereign God who always does what is best for His children. We know that God's ways are better than our ways and that His decision to take Austin now was done in Love - everlasting. We may not understand but we accept and trust.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a charity or church of choice in memory of Austin Charles Rice. Services were at Einar's Funeral Home in Richland, on Wednesday, May 19.

Senior Ice Cream Supper Held



The Gorman Church of Christ honored the graduating seniors of Gorman High School with an old fashioned Ice Cream Supper on May 24. More than fifty students, faculty, guests and church hosts were on hand to congratulate the young people on this important milestone. Each senior was presented with a Holy Bible as a gift. Special guests and presenters were members of the Base Honor Guard of Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. This group presented an inspirational and motivational program to the honorees and guests. Pictured at the event last Monday night.



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Youth Group At Church Of Christ To Present Program

The Youth Group of the Gorman Church of Christ will present the program to the Dorcas Class on Thursday, May 24 at 2:00 PM. They will present a summary of their study of the Heroes of the Old Testament. Visitors are cordially invited to attend the presentation. It will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ. Refreshments will be served.

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CJC Continuing Education Courses

Cisco Junior College will begin summer non-credit Continuing Education courses in June. Courses will be held at the Abilene Educational Center. Computer courses available include Word, Excel, Access, and Internet. Classes are offered during the noon hour and evening hours giving students more choices. Courses designed for those who deal with employees, clients, or customers are also on the schedule. Dealing with Difficult People, Interpersonal Communication, and Supervisor's Survival Kit are offered in the evenings. In addition to classes offered at the center, CJC also offers non-credit online courses. Hundreds of classes are available including career development, personal finance, genealogy, enjoying European art online, and more. For more information contact the Continuing Education Division at (325) 794-4400, or visit CJC's Abilene Educational Center at 717 East Industrial Blvd.

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Dr. Smith is a 1991 graduate of the University of Nebraska Medical School. He recently moved to Eastland in June with his wife, 3 sons, and 1 daughter. He has been doing Delivery and C-Sections for 10 years. Dr. Smith enjoys his family and sports.

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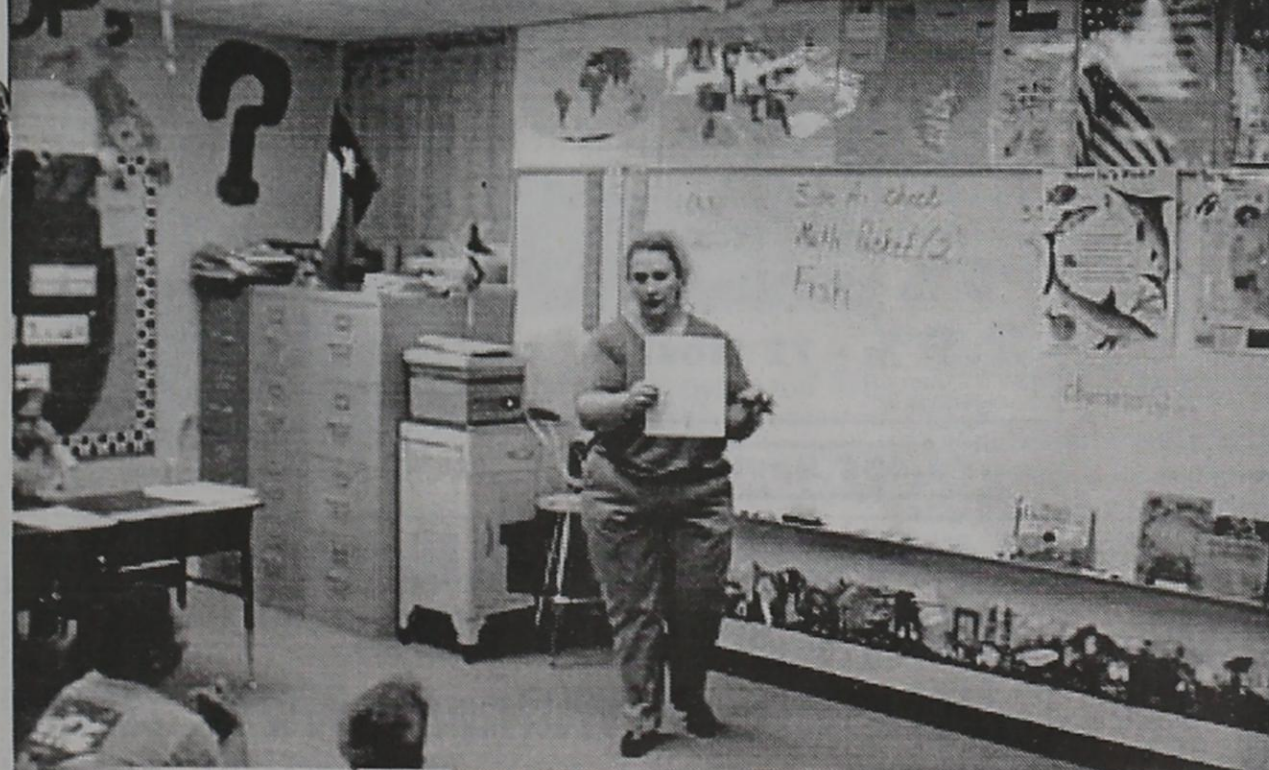
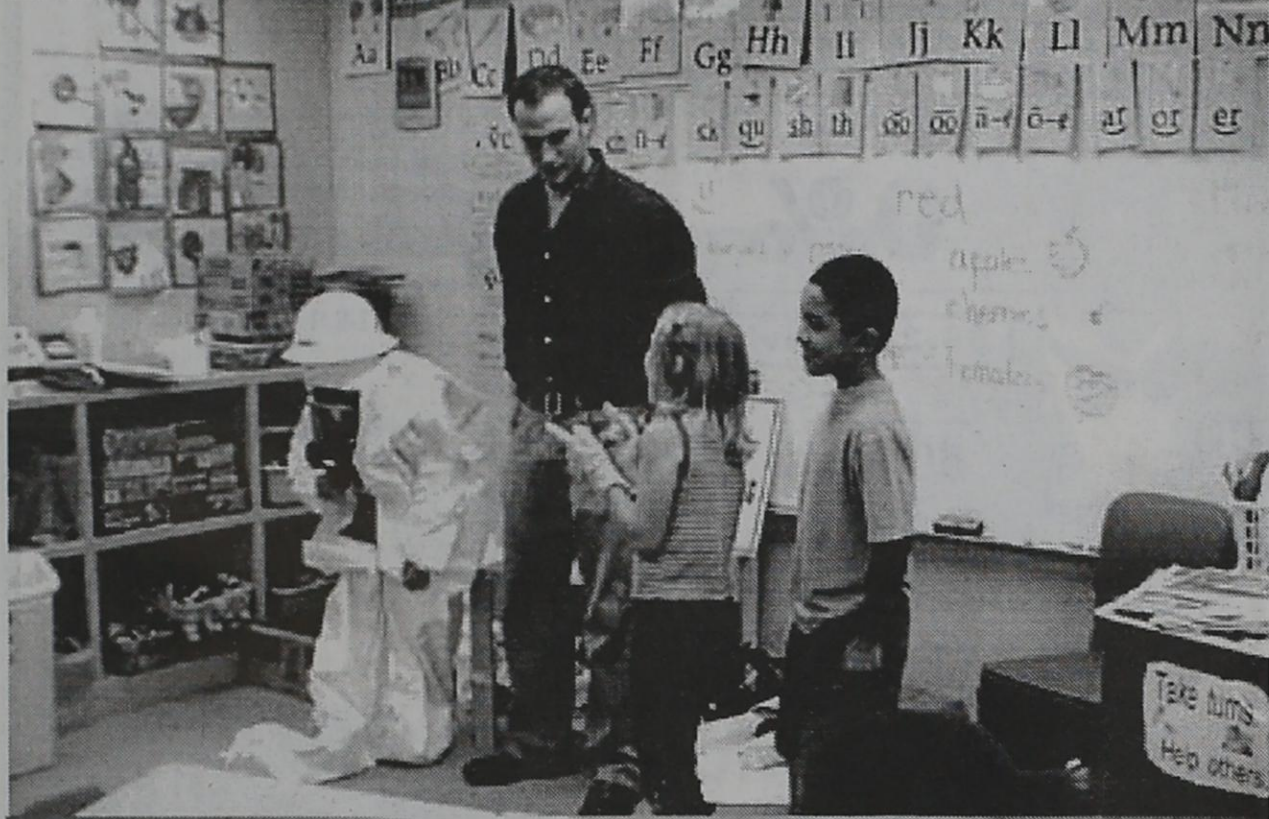
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Career week was the week of May 17th. On the 17th, seniors spoke to several classes about future plans and the importance of staying in school. The 18th was "Truck Day". We appreciate all of the truck drivers and speakers for coming out and encouraging our students. The 19th was "Guest Speaker Day". There were several guest speakers that we would like to thank for giving up their time. Ann Rainey spoke about being a county extension agent. Nana Vaughn spoke about being an author. Jason Pierce from ZJ's talked to the students about owning and managing a restaurant. Derik Senter from Eagle Construction talked to the students about cleaning up the environment and taking safety precautions. He also demonstrated protective clothing and oil clean-up. Revise Laminack talked to the students about being a carpenter, welder, contractor and businessman. Jim Abby from Goodson Insurance Co. in Comanche gave a very informative presentation about being an insurance agent. Our final presenter was Dr. Dan Brudnack. He talked to the students about taking good care of their bodies and the career aspects of being a doctor. We appreciate all of these guest speakers for taking time out of their busy schedules to influence the lives of our students. Thursday was "Dress as Your Career Day" and we had many students that participated. We would like to encourage all of our students to begin thinking about their future.



Community News

One computer at the Community Center has been designated as a media center. If you have a digital camera, digital video camera, etc.; you can bring your software down to the Community Building and download that software. You will then be able to burn a CD or a DVD of your pictures or movie.

This is a great opportunity for the citizens of our community to fully enjoy the advantages of the TIF grant and our computers.

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

The song, "How Long Has It Been?" was so beautifully rendered by the choir at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Those in the choir were: Norma Webb, Aletha Burgess, Karen Patterson, Leona Wilson, Sylvia Buchanan, Ruby Lee Kinser, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst and Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano. Visitors in the service were Haley Buckley of Desdemona and Karen Patterson of Eastland.

The Sunday evening service was cancelled due to the baccalaureate service at Gorman.

On Tuesday, LaVon Snider visited her new great niece, Isabella Rose Segura. Thursday LaVon was in Brownwood to have lunch with Carolyn Eaves. LaVon and Carolyn shopped at the new Eckerd Store in Brownwood. On Saturday, Gene and Kay Snider invited LaVon to eat dinner with them at ZJ's where they met Dwayne and Connie Snider, Franklin, Jeanne, and Chloe Baker of Stephenville. Those visiting with LaVon were Isaac, Ella and Audri Segura, Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider of Gorman.

Congratulations to Erik and Belinda Segura on the birth of their baby daughter, Isabella Rose.

Ashley and Breckley Little spent Friday night with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little. Jimmy and Verna Lee were in Abilene on Monday for Verna Lee to get an injection in her back. Verna Lee recently visited with Willie Mae Cozart in Eastland.

Karen Patterson of Eastland visited with her Mother, Betty Little.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Norma Webb, Zelda Jordan and Johnnie B. Griffith.

Hattie Griffith of Forsan visited with Johnnie B. Griffith.

The community received word this past week of the death of Joe Hodges of Bowie. Mr. Hodges and his late wife, Vaynell, were former residents of the Lake Leon area and were members of the Kokomo Baptist Church. Estelle Erwin of Gorman is his sister. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene on Friday night and Saturday with Glenda and Leon Black, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Joe and Justin Miles of Austin, and Toni Black of Abilene who were visiting in the Black home. Joe and Justin, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily also visited with their Dad and granddad, Roddy Miles of Lake Brownwood who was in Abilene on business.

Glenda and Leon Black, Jr. received word on Saturday that his aunt, Mrs. Buddy Black of Corsicana had passed away. Then they received word on Sunday morning that his uncle Buddy Black had died in his sleep Saturday night. Leon, Jr. and Glenda, Toni Black, and Bill Black went to Corsicana on Sunday to be with Leon Black, Sr. who had been in Corsicana for a few days visit with the Buddy Blacks. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Monday, May 31, is the day we celebrate Memorial Day by remembering those who died fighting for our freedom and honoring all who have served or are now serving in our armed services. Please fly your flags and pause and say a prayer for all.

Jury Convicts Man of Aggravated Sexual Assault

Stephen Paul Patel, formerly of Gorman, was convicted of Aggravated Sexual Assault this past week by an Eastland County Jury in the 91st District Court. In June of last year, Patel and another inmate at the Eastland County Jail, sexually assaulted a third male inmate who was serving time on a charge of child pornography. After hearing testimony from several witnesses, the jury returned a quick verdict of guilty and sentenced Patel to eight years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Patel who was 20 years old, will serve at least 4 years before being eligible for parole. Prosecutors Bill Dowell and Russ Thomason were grateful to the jury and pleased that the jury agreed that even inmates imprisoned in the county jail can be victims.

Patel was not eligible for a probated sentence in that he was previously convicted earlier this year by another Eastland County Jury for Aggravated Assault of a Public Servant, a Gorman Police Officer.

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18647 - '01 Ford Escape 4WD	Auto, leather, loaded, 20K	\$16,500
20291 - '98 Ford F150XL RC SWB	5 Spd., T / C, 34K	\$ 7,995
20524 - '96 Chevy S10 Blazer	Auto, loaded, cass, 78K	\$ 6,995
20149 - '01 Chevy S10 RC SWB	5 Spd., AC, alum whls, 37K	\$ 7,995
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Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

The 7 Ups

1. **Wake Up!** Decide to have a good day. "This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24.
2. **Dress Up!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7
3. **Shut Up!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3
4. **Stand Up!** ...for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good: for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10
5. **Look Up!** ...to the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13
6. **Reach Up!** ...for something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6
7. **Lift Up!** ...your Prayers. "do not worry about anything: instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Philippians 1-6

Some guests were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Anna Rush, Gearldene Wright and Irene West.

On Sunday morning, those coming from First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Tootie Campbell and Winston Brown. James taught the lesson, "Nurturing Family Relationships—What responsibilities do parents and children throughout the life cycle." Biblical passage, Ephesians 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 5:1-8. Key verse 1 Timothy 5:8. A resident voiced the closing prayer. There were 26 residents present.

Visiting were Billie Jean Grisham, Shanna, Taylor Hope and Alyssa Mahan of DeLeon, Denise Chapman and Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Lucille Joiner, Joyce Bramlett and Cliff Bramlett of Stephenville, Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Ennis and Nina Joiner, and Nancy Hendricks.

Pat Graham, Judy Kilbrew and Ina Smith had bingo for nine residents.

Visiting were E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Eastland, Faye Scitern, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker.

Residents send "Get Well Wishes" to Lottie Morris. Visiting were Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came to open the beauty shop for hair styling.

Some guests were Winston Brown, Jerry Brown, Dennis Brown, Lavelle Hallmark, Kennard Roberts of Gustine, Roger Brown of Big Spring, Ronnie and Terry Brown, Stanley and Lisa Brown of Lamesa, Harlus and Betty Brown of Lake Leon, Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Dawn Roberts of Frisno, Kendra Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Shanna Roberts, Levi Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham, Judy and Jason Kilbrew and Ina Smith had bingo for ten residents.

Visitors were Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Dorenda Menton, Lendon and

Frankie Jo Shipman and Kelli Williams of Desdemona.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the Gospel Singing were Karen Cogburn, Dorenda Menton, Daisy Slaton, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ann Warren, Zelda Jordan, Ruby Lee Kinser, Winston Brown and Nancy Hendricks. There were fifteen residents present.

Some guests were Roy and Karen Cogburn of DeLeon, David Mizer of Mullin, Bulah Jennings of Richland, Missouri, Malcom and Debbie Fowler of Grand Prairie, and Jo Cogburn of DeLeon.

Visiting were Don Landers of Springtown, Jerry McKillip and Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona.

Residents send "Get Well Wishes" to Alpha Mae Andry.

Some guests were Becky Smith of Cross Plains, R.J. Stanley of Snyder, Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Annie Fay Foster, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith had Crazy Bingo for residents.

Some visitors were Maudie Husband of Cisco, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood, Gary Owens of

Abilene and Kenneth Welch.

Residents extend sympathy to Estelle Erwin on the loss of her brother. Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for nine residents.

Some visitors were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Zelda Jordan, Joe Beaty of Dallas, Gene Foster, Larry Stogsdill, and George Rodgers.

On Thursday morning, residents enjoyed "Volleyball" with Ina Smith.

Guests were Wilbur Overstreet, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Bobby and Joan Baker of Desdemona, Kris Smith, Denzie Murphey, Thomas Hurd and Stormy Hurd.

Thursday afternoon, residents enjoyed "Word Game" with Ina Smith.

Visiting were Bessie Shupp of DeLeon, Denver Rainey, Kayla Burns, Bricie Shupp, Carla Matthews, Freddie Saddy, Christi Claude of DeLeon, Jeannie and Kathy Taylor, Daralyl Belyue of Ft. Worth, June Carruth of DeLeon, Stanley Porter, Georgia Lee Hopper of Dallas, Daisy Slaton, Durward Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood, Jason Kilbrew, Judy Kilbrew, Ann Warren.

Friday morning, residents were happy to have Pat Graham, Jason Kilbrew and Judy Kilbrew come and have bingo.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Congratulations" to the new grandparents, James and Freda Riggs in Desdemona. Their grandson, Matthew Ray was born on Monday, May 17, 2004, Baylor Hospital in Fort Worth. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Proud parents are Danny and Sherry Bibby of DeLeon.

Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department will have "Open House" at the fire station located on the east side of the Community Center on Saturday, May 29th at 6 p.m. Equipment display, etc. Visitors are invited.

The annual Victor Cemetery Working will be on Saturday, May 29th. Bring a basket lunch to share with family and friends at the noon meal. Business meeting will be after the noon meal.

A large crowd attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception last Saturday, May 22 for Robert and Ima Brown at their Ranch Home northeast of Desdemona.

Remember the sick and the shut-ins around our area with your cards and prayers.

Thanks to the musicians, singers and visitors who attended the monthly musical last Saturday night at the Community Center. Thanks to all the workers and those who donate food each time.

Kandice Martin was honored with a nice baby shower last Sunday eve at the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona. Thanks to the Hostesses who helped with this shower.

Have a nice day—Coon.

Wright Reunion

The Wright Reunion was at Kokomo Community Center again this year on Saturday, May 8, 2004. Not as many were present as last year. We sure missed the ones who weren't there—some were ill and we hope they are better now and can come next year, but the 24 that were there all had a wonderful time. The tables were fill with good food and we ate lunch at noon. Cecil Robertson offered thanks for the meal. The Wright's always love good food and there are lots of cooks in the Wright Family.

As always, there was talk of old time and thoughts of how many used to come on the 12th of May for Grandad Wilson's birthday back in the 1930's, putting lunch out under big trees. Then the reunion started on Saturday night and went on all day Sunday. We had our own band—Uncle Emmitt Wright had two boys and himself, two son-in-laws who played instruments and Uncle Edd Wright had two sons, Gabe and Gene who played also. That was a fun time for all.

Gene Wright is the only grandson of Wilson S. Wright that has the Wright name left; one more grandson, Elvin Stewart, and several granddaughters are left. One granddaughter who came from Amarillo will be 88 this year. Also, there are several great grand children.

Those in attendance this year were: Gene and Virginia Wright of Lake Leon; Eva Grice of Hollis, OK; Mable and Jeff Davis of Amarillo; Cecil and Rena Robertson of Lake Brownwood; Vivian Osborn of Eastland; Sarah Wright of Mineral Wells; Billie Stewart of Gorman; Linda Hughes of Gorman; Sandi and Randy Wright of Stephenville; Marcella Butler of Abilene, Larry Rodgers of Abilene; Kellye Johnson of Hewitt; Nancy Hendricks of Gorman; Alpha Mae Andry of Gorman; Joe and Mary Stewart of Irving; Rodney Wright of Flower Mound; Phyllis Wright of Eastland, Dalton and Monie Craddock of Stephenville.

Next year, if Lord's willing, hope to have more attend on the second Saturday in May, same place. Would love to have all our friends around Gorman come join us. Monie Faye

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Factory Rebate	4,000	→ OR →
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Sale Price	19,670	Plus T.T.&L.

\$395 Mo.
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2004 Silverado 1/2 Ton Pickup 4x2

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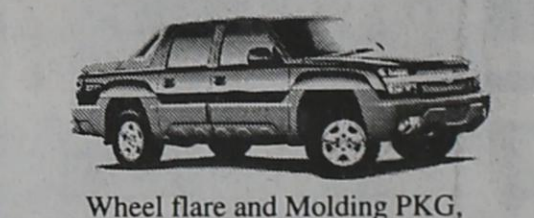


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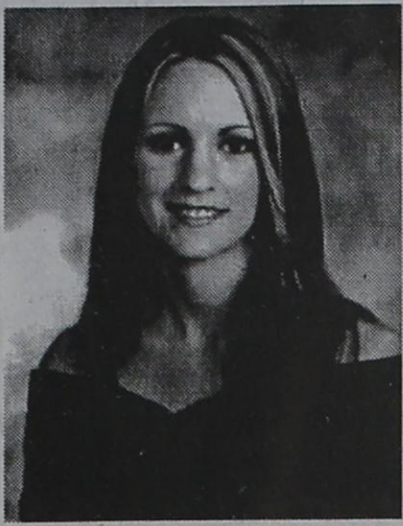
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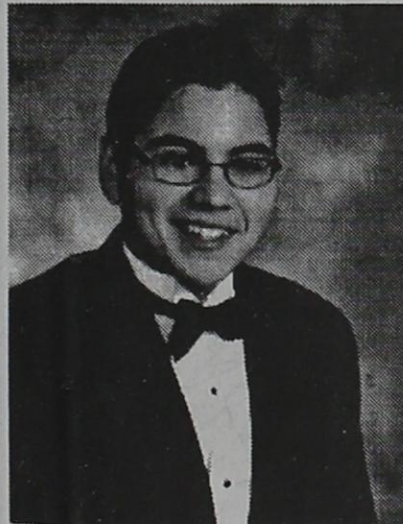
Andrea Michelle Files

Andrea Michelle Files is the daughter of Michael and Virginia Johnson and Ricky and Janie Files. She was born on December 10, 1985 in Brownwood. Andrea entered the Gorman Schools in the 3rd grade, transferring from Stephenville.

Andrea plans on attending Schreiner University and major in Business and is currently employed by Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company.

High School honors and activities are Class Report-4 years, FCA Reporter-Sophomore, Student Council Secretary-Senior, National Honor Society Reporter-Senior, Jr. Homecoming Princess, Graduation Usher-Junior, 2003 Football Sweetheart, Who's Who Among American High School Students-4 years, Who's Who Among American High School Students Sports-Junior and Senior, Gifted and Talented Program-4 years, President's Award-Junior and Senior, English Merit Award-Sophomore, USAA National English Merit Award-Senior, USAA National Leadership Merit Award-Senior, USAA All-American Scholar Award-Senior, Miss GHS-Senior, Track and Field-Freshman and Sophomore, 4th District/Long Jump-Sophomore, Area Qualifier/Long Jump-Sophomore, Area Alternate/100m dash-Sophomore, Varsity Volleyball-4 years, All District Honorable Mention-Sophomore and Junior, All-District 1st Team-Senior, Volleyball Most Valuable Player-Senior, Band-Freshman, NHS-3 years, Cheerleader-4 years, Pal's Program-Sr., UIL Ready Writing-Sophomore, OAP Make-up Artist-Sophomore. Community Activities -- 2001 Lion's Club Sweetheart, 2001 Miss Gorman, and Toys for Tots-Sr., Learn and Serve Project-Jr., Food Bank Drive-Sr., and NHS Trash Pick-up-3 years.

Hobbies are crafts, spending time with family, friends and her animals, and reading. Favorite foods are pecan pie and McDonalds. Favorite music is country and alternative.



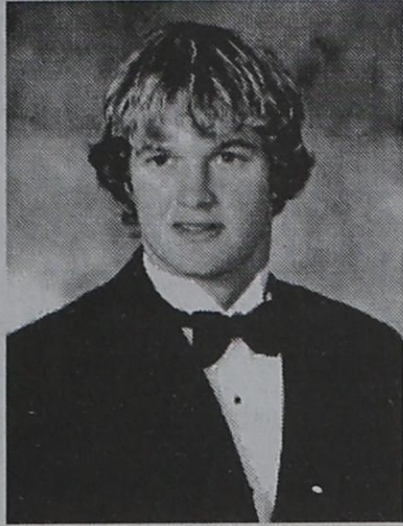
Jose Refugio Caldera

Jose Refugio Caldera is the son of Jose and Graciela Caldera. He was born on October 31, 1985 in Nampa, Idaho. Jose entered the Gorman Schools in 1995, 3rd grade.

Jose plans on attending South Plains College and plans to pursue a career in teaching and music.

High School honors and activities are the Annual Year Book, Chess Club, Class Officer-Sgt. of Arms, Senior Travel Club, and Band.

Hobbies are making music and



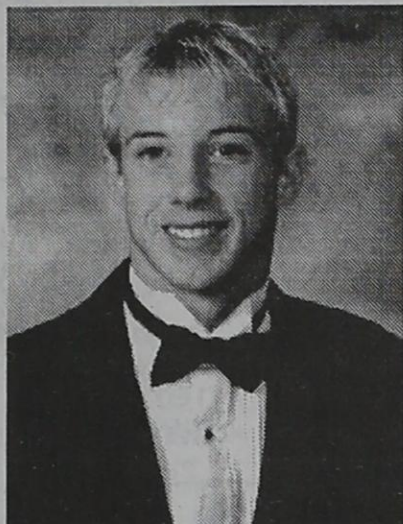
Sawyer Wright

Sawyer Wright is the son of Ronny and Dee Dee Wright. He was born on June 2, 1985 in Comanche. Sawyer entered the Gorman Schools in 1998, having transferred from DeLeon.

Sawyer plans to play baseball in college and become a coach.

High School honors and activities are Baseball-4 years, Football-4 years, Basketball-4 years, Golf-3 years, Track-1 year, FFA Officer-3 years, National Art Honor Society-Senior, Annual Staff-Senior, Most Athletic-Senior.

Hobbies are hunting, fishing, sports, skiing, and wake boarding. Favorite foods are jerky and steak. Favorite music is anything original.



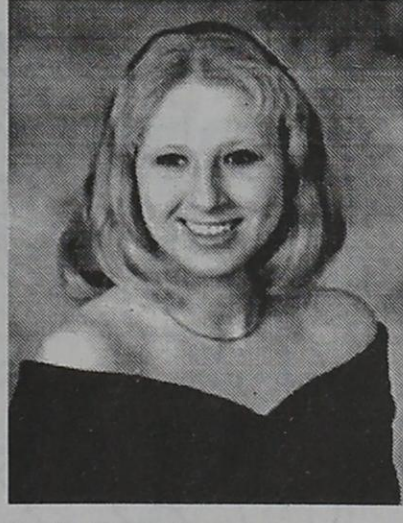
Trent Withers

Trent Withers is the son of Julie Snider and Kevin Snider. He was born on May 18, 1985 in Carson City, Nevada. Trent transferred to the Gorman Schools in 2002-2003 from Haltom High School.

Future plans are to attend South Plains College in Lubbock to be a nurse.

High School honors and activities are Student Council President, Class Vice President, Football-First Team All District Linebacker, Second Team Running Back.

Hobbies are fishing, hunting, chillin' with friends. Favorite foods are Chinese food and fish. Favorite music are rap and rock.



Emily Ruth Thornton

Emily is the daughter of Billy and Sherry Thornton. She was born on December 19, 1985 in Vernon. Emily entered the Gorman Schools at Kindergarten.

Emily plans to attend Ranger College and Tarleton State University.

High School honors and activities are Band and Twirler.

Hobbies are hanging out with

hanging out in the Little Room.

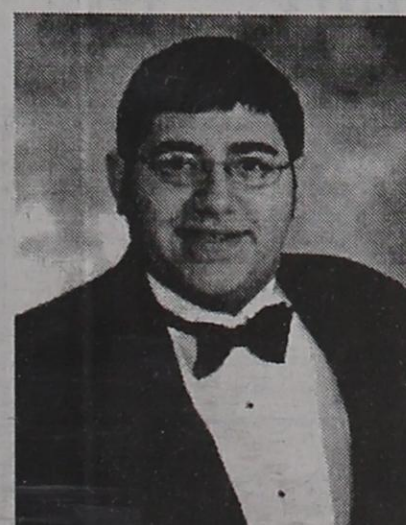
Favorite foods are backyard barbecues, Posole, Mom's food, and Taco Bell. Favorite music is live music and anything on 102.5 The Bear or Rock 108, elbow room.

DeLeon. William entered the Gorman Schools in 1999, transferring from Midlothian.

William plans on attending Cisco Jr. College for Commercial Art and Advertising.

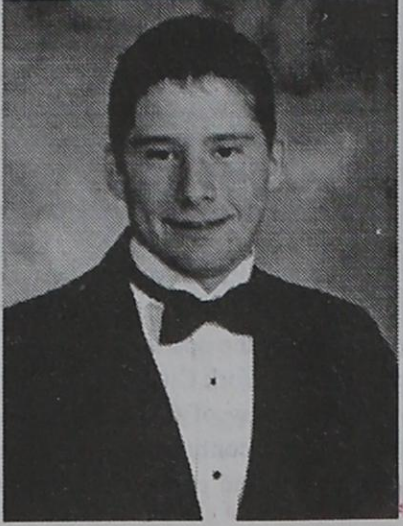
High School honors and activities are National Art Honor Society.

Hobbies are drawing, sleeping and watching Jackie Chan on TV. Favorite food is 'my Mom's tortillas,' spaghetti and Sloppy Joe's. Favorite music is "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."



William Fredric Duske

William Fredric Duske is the son of Bennie and Margie Duske. He was born on December 26, 1984 in



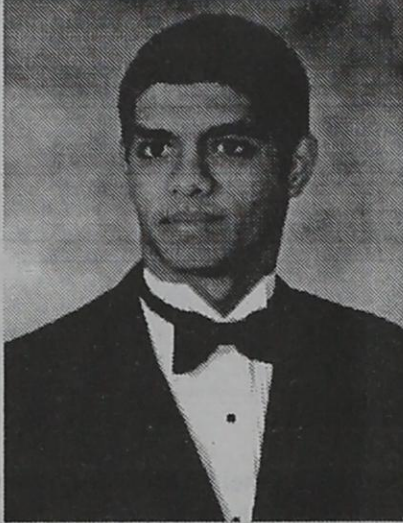
Thomas Hurd

Thomas Hurd is the son of David Hurd and Elisha Phillips. Thomas was born on March 21, 1986 in Stephenville, Texas.

Thomas plans on joining the Navy.

High School honors and activities are NHS, FFA, Baseball and Basketball for two years.

Hobbies are fishing, hunting, riding horses, camping, swimming, water skiing. Favorite foods are steak and beans, coffee. Favorite music is Texas country music.



Roberto Tomas Rodriguez

Roberto Tomas Rodriguez is the son of Samuel and Tomasa Rodriguez. He was born on September 22, 1985 in Mexico.

Roberto plans on going to the Marines.

High School honors and activities are Football-1st Team All District Offense and 2nd Team All District on Defense, Basketball 2nd Team All District, Fighting Heart Award, Track-Regional.

Hobbies are listening to music, watching TV, talking on the phone and playing PlayStation2. Favorite food is Mexican Food. Favorite music is rap.



Holly Rane Abbe

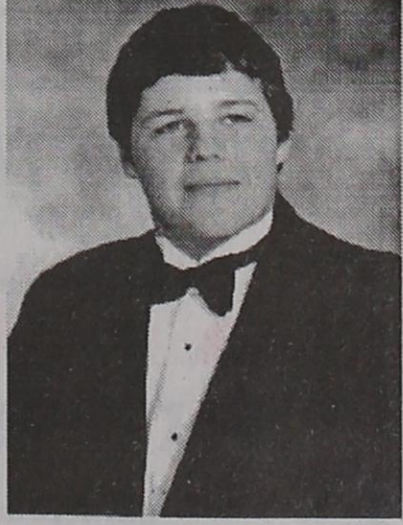
Holly Rane Abbe is the daughter of Chuck and Melinda Abbe. She was born on September 25, 1985 in Brownwood. Holly entered the Gorman Schools at Kindergarten.

Holly plans to attend Cisco Jr. College.

High School honors and activities include Band 4 years, Twirler 4 years, National Honor Society (grades 10-12), and Senior Travel Club.

Hobbies are hanging out with friends and shopping. Favorite foods are anything at the Rio Grande. She enjoys all kinds of music.

friends, 'muddin, huntin in the country.' Favorite food is anything my mom cooks. Favorite music is country (anything) redneck.



Britt Hagood

Britt Hagood is the son of Randa Bradley and Bob Hagood. He was born on February 11, 1986 in Eastland. Britt entered the Gorman Schools in 1999, transferring from



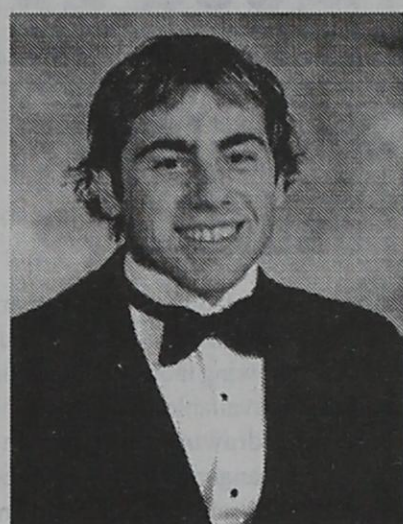
Melinda Sue Leal

Melinda Sue Leal is the daughter of Rudy and Obdulia Leal. She was born on July 4, 1986 in Dublin. Melinda entered the Gorman Schools in Kindergarten.

Melinda plans on attending Texas State University in San Marcos and obtaining a degree in Physical Therapy.

High School honors and activities are Basketball-Honorable Mention, Softball-First Team Catcher-First Team Short Stop, Offensive Player of the Year.

Hobbies are playing softball and hanging out with friends. Favorite foods are chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes. Melinda enjoys all types of music.



Lance David Jones

Lance David Jones is the son of Randy Jones and Jammie Jones. He was born on January 21, 1986 in Abilene. Lance transferred from Coleman to the Gorman Schools in 2003.

The United States Marine Corps is in Lance's future plans.

High School honors and activities are Student Council, Leadership Council, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, 2nd Team Linebacker, All District 2nd Base, A Honor Roll.

Hobbies are hunting, hanging out with friends, and writing poetry. Favorite foods William and Brian's Mom's tortillas, Mexican Food. Favorite music Trapt & flaw--loves music with meaning.



Lydia Ann Royster

Lydia Ann Royster is the daughter of Abel and Sally Saldana and Willie and Becky Royster. She was born on October 17, 1985 in Gainesville, Georgia. Lydia entered the Gorman Schools when she was in the 2nd grade.

Lydia plans on attending Tarleton State University and becoming a dermatologist and receive Master's degree.

High School honors and activities are Volleyball-Newcomer of the year, 1st team, 2nd team; Basketball-Honorable Mention, 2nd team, 1st team; Softball-2nd team, 1st team, 1st team, MVP; Track-District Runner up, Area Qualifier, Regional Qualifier; NAHS President, NHS Secretary; Who's Who in the Sports Division.

Hobbies are friends, sports, perfecting. Favorite foods are macaroni and cheese, ice cream and milkshakes. Favorite music is anything that thumps and bumps, concert music.

Eastland.

Britt plans to attend Tarleton State University and then get a job.

High School honors and activities were NAHS and Class Officer.

Hobbies are playing the guitar and drums. Favorite foods are anything Italian. Favorite music is rock-roll.



Crystal Ann Williams

Crystal Ann Williams is the daughter of Gene Hazlett and Anna and Buddy Eaves. She was born on September 24, 1985 in Brady. Crystal entered the Gorman School when she was in the 4th grade, transferring from Dublin Elementary.

Crystal plans on getting married on June 12th and plans on attending High Tech Institute and becoming a Medical Assistant.

High School honors and activities are NHS, Band, Captain of the Colorguard team Junior and Senior Years.

Hobbies are reading and hanging out with friends and family. Favorite food is pasta. Favorite music is country.



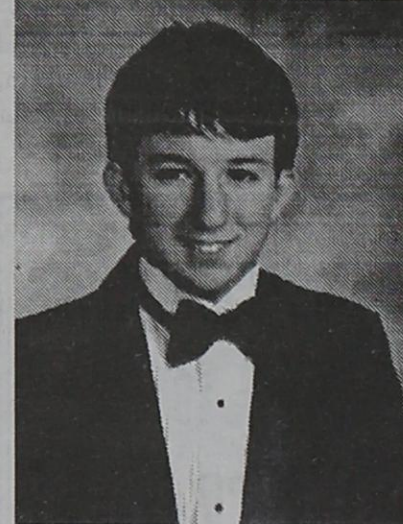
Maria Guadalupe Garcia (Lupita)

Maria Guadalupe Garcia is the daughter of Gerardo and Maria Dolores Garcia. She was born on December 11, 1984 in Comonfort, Guanajuato, Mexico. Maria entered the Gorman Schools in 2002, transferring from Dublin High School.

Maria plans to go to Ranger College and eventually become a Spanish teacher or translator.

High School honors and activities are NHS, Accounting UIL, Computer Applications UIL, and NAHS.

Hobbies are hanging out with friend and family, also likes to read. Favorite foods are pizza and spaghetti. Maria enjoys all music.



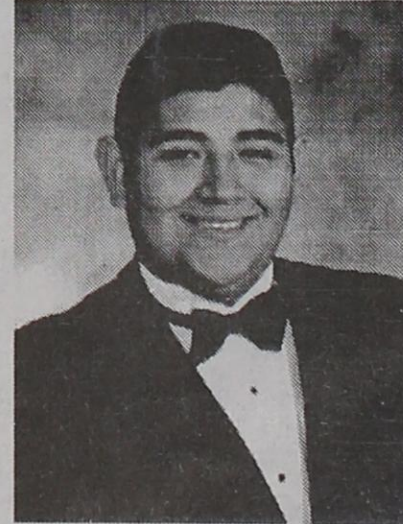
Chris Smith

Chris Smith is the son of Chuck Smith and Becky Smith. He was born on May 20, 1986 in DeLeon.

Future plans are to attend college.

Chris was active in Band during High School.

Hobbies are fishing, hunting and driving around. Favorite food is steak. Favorite music is Texas country.



Brian Duske

Brian Duske is the son of Bennie and Margie Duske. He was born on August 12, 1986 in Stephenville. Brian transferred to the Gorman Schools in 1999 from Midlothian.

Brian plans on attending Cisco Jr. College.

High school honors and activi-



Angela Kalyn Porter

Angela Kalyn Porter is the daughter of Tim and Lynn Porter. She was born on March 5, 1986 in DeLeon.

Kalyn plans on attending Cisco Jr. College on a volleyball scholarship.

High School honors and activities are District MVP-Offensive Player of the Year 2003-04; 4 years 1st Team All District; Volleyball All District 4 years; Track-Silver Medalist State Track Meet; Academic All District Volleyball, Basketball, NHS.

Favorite food is strawberries. Favorite music is classic music.



Sascha Chantal May

Sascha Chantal May is the daughter of Sonya Neill. She was born on August 4, 1986 in Graham, Texas. Sascha transferred to the Gorman School in 2000-2001 from Sweetwater High School.

Future plans are joining the Army on June 29, 2004 and will do college overseas through the internet.

High School honors and activities are National Art Honor Society-Vice President Senior year, Cheerleader-Sophomore, Class Office-Senior-Sgt. of Arms, Volleyball-1 year, Senior Travel Club.

Hobbies are hanging out with friends and writing. Favorite foods are Mexican, Italian, little bit of everything-but not seafood, SweetTarts. Favorite music is rock, punk, rap, techno, and some Texas country.



Claudia Marceil Davis

Claudia Marceil Davis is the daughter of Mary Davis. She was born on January 29, 1986 in Dublin. Claudia entered the Gorman Schools in 1991.

Claudia plans on attending Tarleton State University to become a High School English Teacher.

High School honors and activities are FCCLA, FBLA-President, NHS-Vice President, UIL, OAP, and National Art Honor Society.

Hobbies are reading, watching TV, listening to music, and coloring. Favorite foods are chesse and anything 'that my Mom cooks.' Favorite music is alternative and country.

ties include the Chess Club. Hobbies are playing chess, watching *The Simpsons*, and taking long walks on short beaches. Favorite food is 'momma's tortillas' and cafeteria food. Brian enjoys any kind of music.

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Former Trooper Acquitted

A jury took approximately 3 hours before it returned a not guilty verdict against a former state trooper, Timothy Kelly Falkner, age 36, for the offense of indecency with a child by sexual contact. At the close of the evidence, the Court instructed the jury that under the facts of this case "sexual contact" means any touching of a person, including touching through clothing, of the breasts of a child younger than 17 years with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person. Falkner admitted in his written statement and in his grand jury testimony that was admitted and read at trial, that he had touched the teenager's breasts and had engaged in oral sex and intercourse with her. The defense central issue at trial was not whether the sexual contact occurred, but whether it occurred before the teenager's seventeenth birthday in 2001. Following the trial some jurors commented that while they were unable to determine beyond a reasonable doubt whether the teenager was 16 or 17, they did not believe Falkner's version of the timeline.

rowed the timeframe to a 6-day period before her seventeenth birthday; however, under cross-examination by defense counsel she was unable to pin-point the day on the calendar that the first touching of her breasts occurred. After deliberating approximately 3 hours, the jury could not find beyond a reasonable doubt that the sexual contact took place before the teenager's seventeenth birthday. In Falkner's written statement which was admitted during the trial, he swore that at no time did he discuss law enforcement activities with the teenager; however, the jury heard testimony that Falkner had alerted the teenager to a drug bust of a Cisco drug dealer.

Earlier this year in Palo Pinto County, Falkner pleaded guilty in an unrelated felony case and, as part of that plea agreement, permanently surrendered all licenses and certificates issued to him by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Brenda Gray of the Eastland County District Attorneys Office was assigned as special prosecutor in that case.

In the summer of 2003, law enforcement officers were first alerted to this situation while Motor Vehicle Theft Service Sergeant Danny Crawford and Texas Ranger David Hullum were conducting an investigation regarding a vehicle theft and burglary ring operating in Eastland County. A number of people who were interviewed regarding their involvement in the motor vehicle theft investigation indicated that Falkner was sexually involved with the teenager, with some giving information that she was under 17 years old when the relationship began. Sgt. Crawford and Ranger Hullum contacted the teenager who admitted that she and Falkner had been sexually involved, both before and after she was 17 years old. A grand jury indicted Falkner in June 2003.

Testimony before the jury was that Falkner's relationship with the teenager began in 2001 and ended in 2003. In connection with the offense for which Falkner was indicted, the teenager nar-

Concert in the Park

The Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council is finalizing preparations for the "Concert in the Park" at the Stephenville City Park. The event is set for 8:30 p.m. on June 13 at Birdsong Amphitheatre and is free to the public.

A crowd in excess of 5,000 is anticipated for what has become the "fine arts event of the year". The \$40,000 production will feature the world renowned Fort Worth Symphony presented through the professional sound system of Onstage Systems of Dallas. The program will conclude with a fireworks display powered by Dallas' Atlas Enterprises.

The 78-member symphony is lead by conductor Eduardo Browne who began his tenure as resident conductor of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in August 2001. Browne currently holds the positions of principal conductor of the Riverside Orchestra in New York City and principal guest conductor of the National Youth Symphony of Chile. Browne's guest-conducting career has taken him to three continents with recent engagements include weeklong master classes and concerts in Brazil, Venezuela and the Philippines.

Last year the symphony presented over 200 performances including 21-outdoor events before audiences totaling 300,000. Concertgoers should bring a blank or lawn chair to sit on. A variety of food will be available from vendors or picnic baskets are welcomed.

A limited number of tables with four seats will also be sold for \$50 on a first come basis by calling the CTFAC office at 965-6190.

The park will closed all day for setup, but will open to the public at 6:30 p.m.

"Thanks to our corporate members and patrons, the event is free to the public. It's a gift, a fine arts gift to the community", says CTFAC Executive Director Debbie Reynolds.



Good Luck Grads

Ranger's 14th Annual Old Time Country Festival

New excitement scheduled for this year—Kid's Events, Old West Show. Saturday, June 5, 2004, Ranger Historical Preservation Society will present the 14th Annual Old Time Country Festival in City of Ranger.

All the excitement and activities will be held on the Society's Heritage Center grounds, 1505 Loop 254 West just 1500 feet from I-H 20, Exit 349 to Ranger.

Festivities will begin at 7 a.m. with the smell of breakfast cooking on open fires. The Cowboy Breakfast consists of sausage, bacon, pancakes, eggs, biscuits, coffee, and orange juice—all for just \$5.00.

The entire day will be filled with fun for all ages—Concessions, Kid's Games, Face Painting, Drawings, and Old West Shoot-out, and a grand ol' Country Western Musical. Musicians from all areas are eligible to sign up and participate.

John Hullum will be in charge of sign-up for the Musical. Country Western musicians and signers wishing to participate are requested to contact John at 254-653-2641.

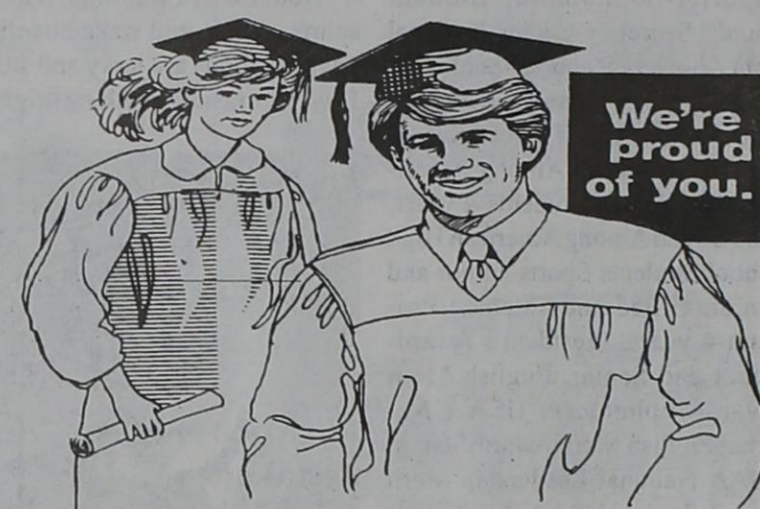
Tickets are available for drawings for Swing from Wal-Mart, and Entry Door from Higginbotham, and an Electric Scooter from an

Anonymous Donor. As in years before everyone's favorite "Your Choice" drawing table will be set up and tickets available all day until the 3:30 p.m. drawing time, and the Society's Ranger Souvenirs will be available for sale. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded for the planned Kids Games. Another event will be Face Painting. A complete schedule is being worked on for all Games and their times, and will be announced in a future news release.

You surely don't want to miss the "Old West Shoot-out" performed by Texas Gunslingers. This group will capture an audience of all ages and

following their performance they will give a short program on "Gun Safety."

Any group or individual wishing to volunteer and help with the festival, is asked to call the Society 254-647-5353, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Any and all volunteers are sincerely appreciated.



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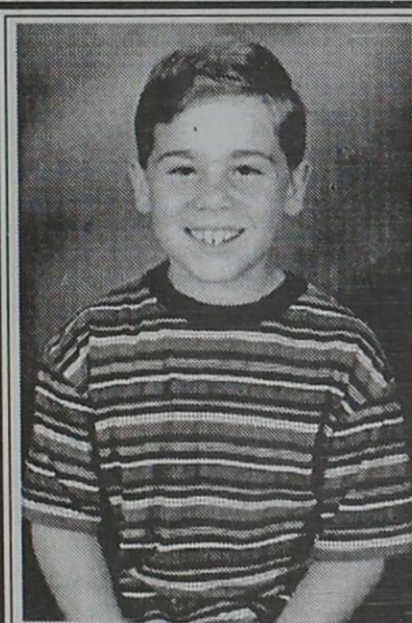
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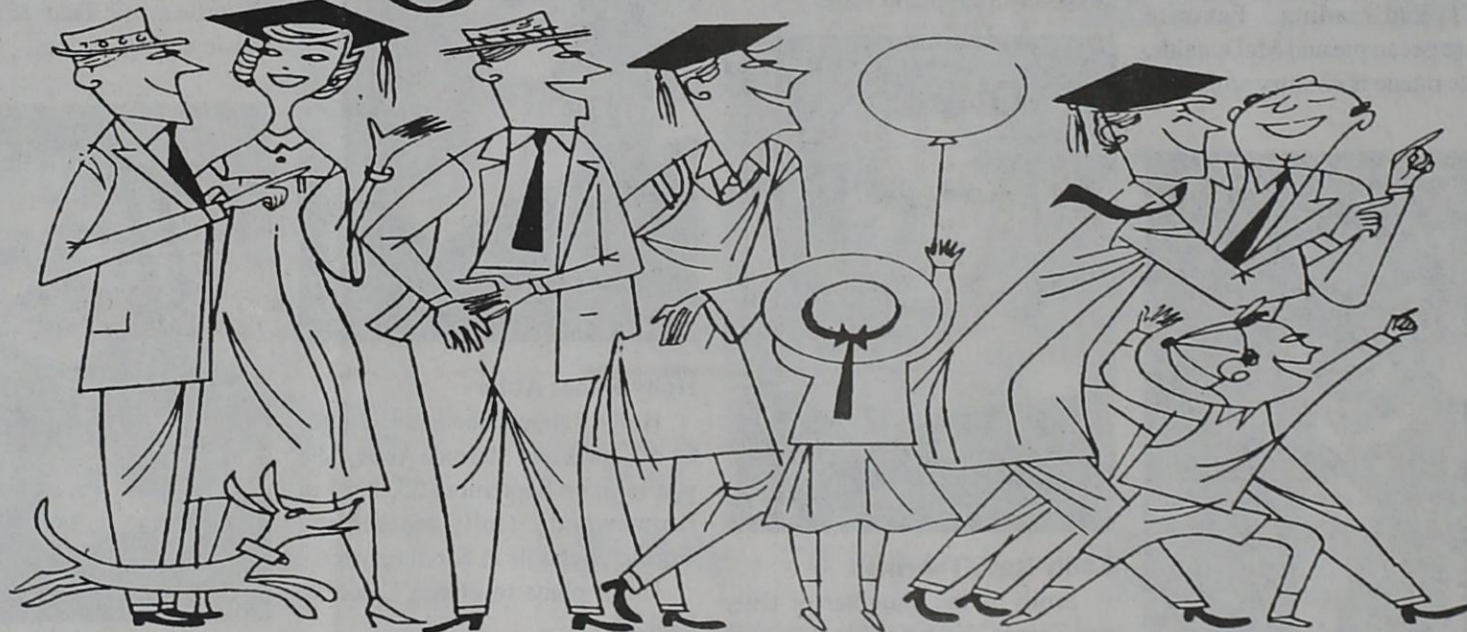
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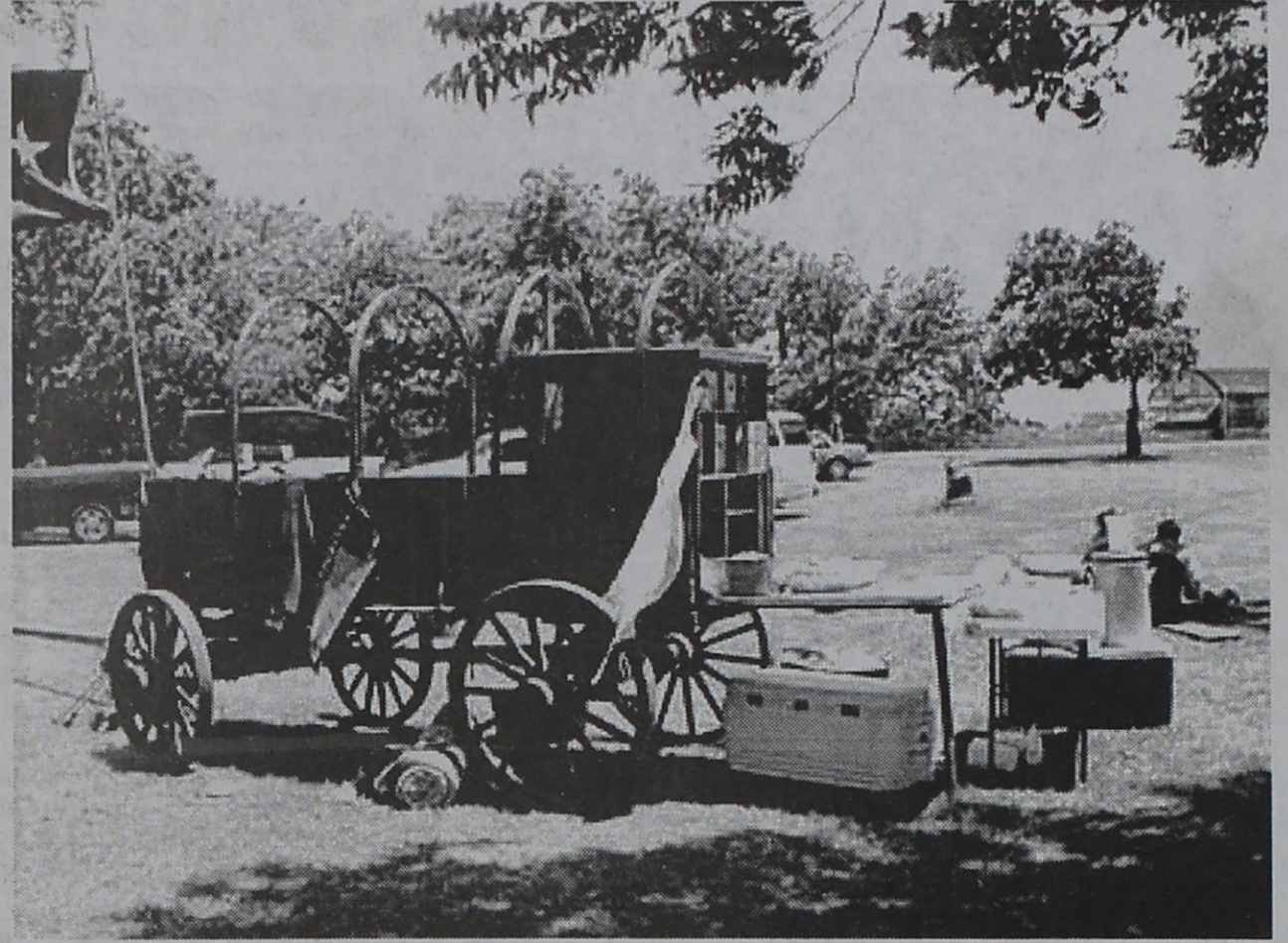
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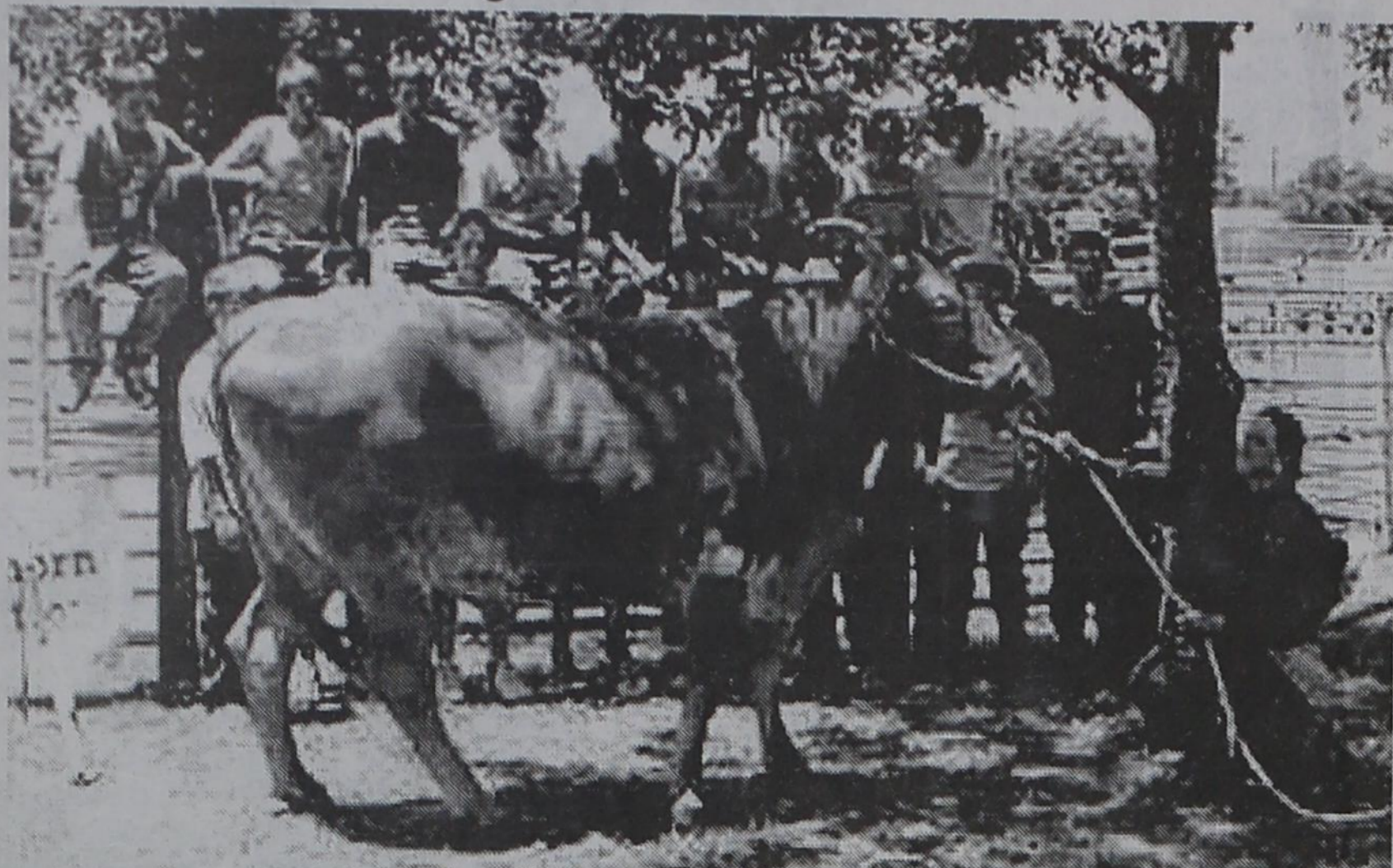
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Tips For New Gardeners

(NAPSA)—If you're starting to dig gardening, your interest and your garden are more likely to bloom with these suggestions:

- To achieve best results you need the right type of gear. To get started, you'll need a soaker hose, a hoe, fertilizer, seeds and gardening gloves.

- Start small.

If you're not sure of how much time and effort you are willing to put into gardening, start by planting

in containers or simply add a few rows to your flower garden to get your feet wet.

- Make sure to plant your new garden in a sunny area, one that receives eight hours of sunlight a day. Plant vegetables that need a bit of shade such as cucumbers and lettuce next to tall tomato plants or trellises.

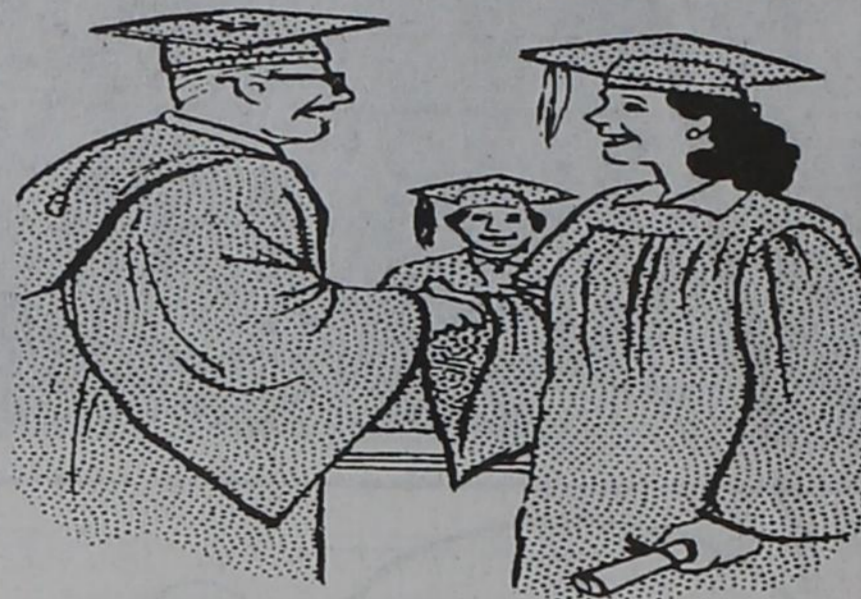
- Instead of trying to start your new garden with expensive seedlings, start out by planting vegetables from seeds into loose soil and follow the directions on the back of the seed package.

- Once everything is planted, make sure you spend an hour or two a week maintaining your hard work.

- If you're troubled by symptoms of repetitive stress injury, or arthritis, you may want to consider a certain kind of glove. The glove, called Handeze, features a form fitting design that traps natural body heat. This raises the temperature while keeping the pressure on tissues and increasing blood flow to fingers, hands and wrists.

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