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Gorman EDC To Host "Last Chance" Garage Sale For Clinic

The Gorman Economic Development Corporation will host one last garage sale to raise funds to meet grant requirements from the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Although the grant deadline was the end of May, the State has delayed the grants until the end of August, which gives our community another chance to raise the matching funds.

This grant, the Medically Underserved Communities State Match Incentive Program or MUCSMIP, is designed to help small rural communities purchase equipment for medical care. Anything this grant purchases, the Gorman EDC will own. The EDC and Dr. Dan enter into an agreement for local use, thereby providing equipment for quality medical care for our community and its surrounding residents.

The Garage Sale will be Saturday August 9 beginning at 8 am. We will be taking donations of good items at the old Fire hall on Tuesday July 29th from 9 am to 11 am, and again on Thursday July 31 from 9 am to 11 am. Due to the amount of clothes we already have, we will only be taking children's clothing. Please take a moment or two and see if you have something great to donate to the sale.

For questions or comments, please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Food Bank Thank You

This community is committed to taking care of its own—since the inception of the Gorman Food Bank, we have been blessed by the faithful support of area churches and individuals who give generously for those who must stretch income to cover ever-expanding demands. Do you realize that in addition to regular monthly donations from four area churches, we have several families who have discovered that they can make a difference with the price of a meal out? When we bring in supplies from the Abilene Food Bank, our primary source, we pay 14 cents per pound to cover administrative costs, etc. A gift of \$14 a month provides 100 pounds of commodities! How we appreciate the faithfulness of these dedicated supporters!

These last few months have meant thin pickings at the Food Bank—the main thrust of commodity program has turned to support of our troops overseas, and the Abilene cupboard has been nearly bare at times. But thanks to the faithful support of you, the citizens of Gorman, we will be able to stock our shelves and to continue to provide what may be an important lifeline to those who find themselves caught in tight financial circumstances.

Thanks to our sturdy financial base, the Food Bank has also been able to make a donation toward the downtown clinic, which serves many of our food bank customers. We cannot say often enough how much your support means to us. Thank you.

s/Gorman Community Food Bank,
Caro Boswell, Treasurer

Show Your Support

Changes are being made! Individuals can now support the Gorman Panther Football team on the Football Page of *The Gorman Progress* for the 2003 football season. The cost is \$25.00 (10 games, beginning September 5th).

Rates for business and organizations will remain the same this year—larger ad is \$10.00 per game and the smaller ad is \$5.00 per game.

If you are interested in supporting the Gorman Panthers through football page, call (734-2410), e-mail (gprogress@txbusiness.com) or come by the Progress office. Deadline is August 29th.

Without your support, there could not be the football page.

Thank you,
Gorman Progress

Computer Class News

Due to the DeLeon Peach & Melon Festival next week there are no computer classes scheduled. We will continue the classes on August 11.

If you would like more information about the free computer classes offered by Rural Texas Access, please call Jackie at 734-2984 or Lori at 734-3933.

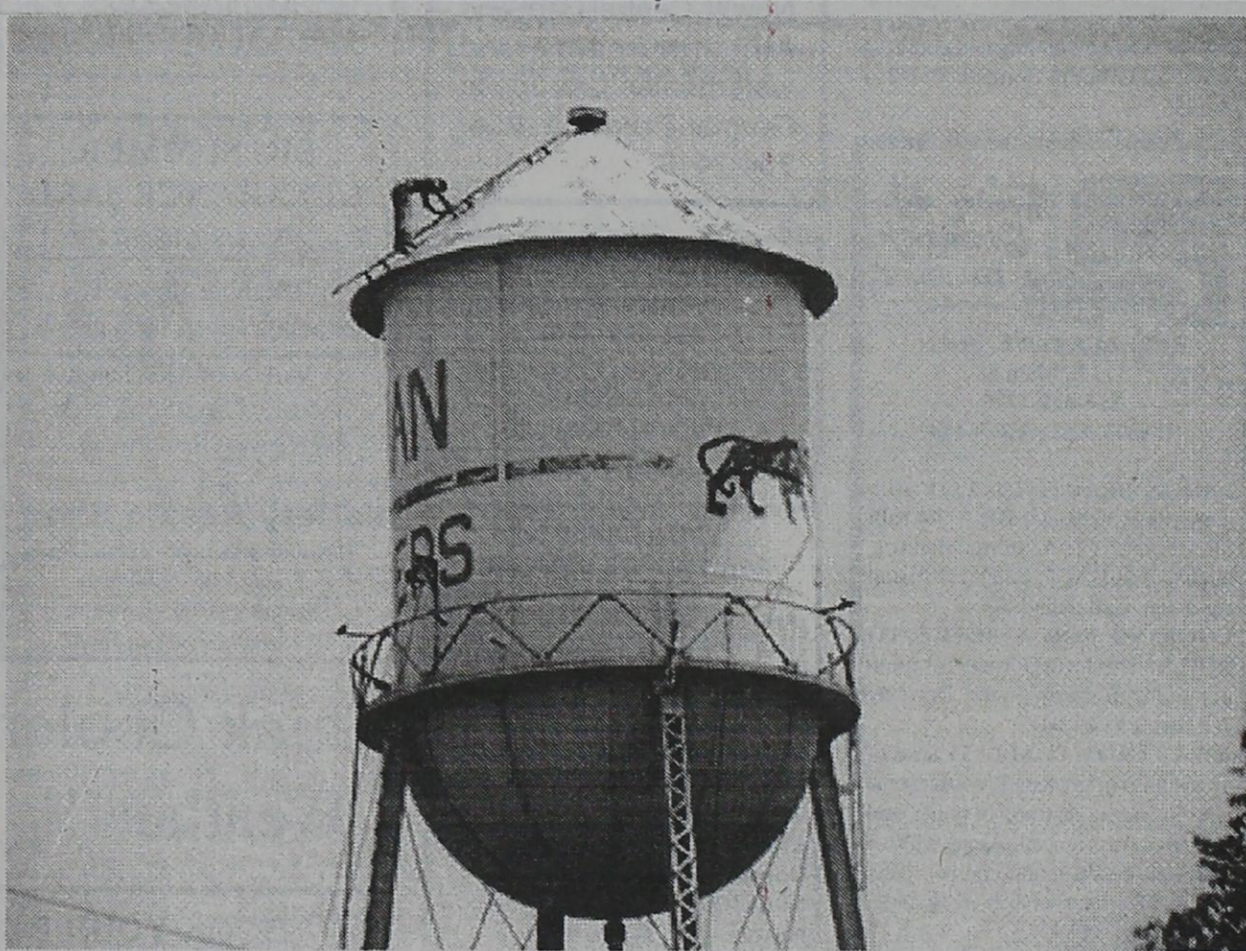
Class Of 1988 To Hold 15yr. Reunion At La Mancha Ranch Aug 9th



Recognize any of these faces? Want to find out where they are now? The Class of 1988 invites parents, teachers, family, and friends to come out and visit between 1:00 and 5:00 on Saturday, August 9th at La Mancha Ranch, Lake Leon.

Melon Patch Tour 2003

The 10th annual Melon Patch Tour Bike Ride will be on the way on August 9th and Gorman is again on the route. Last year there were 716 bike riders, most of them rode through Gorman and commented on the great rest stops and friendly people they found here. The bike ride committee sends their appreciation to all who help with this event including the Gorman firemen and the Gorman policemen for their help with traffic control and help the ride run smoothly.



Worker preparing to paint old Water Tower in Gorman

The Supper Quilt

by Donald Locke DDS

The Supper Quilt. This monumental pieced quilt, composed of 51,816 half-inch squares is modeled on Leonardo deVinci's famous work, "The Last Supper" (Milan, Italy). Dr. Locke worked on it for two and a half years, first creating a computer generated image of the original, enlarged to show pixels. He then selected, cut and sorted by color the 350 different fabrics used, including some of his own hand-dyed fabric. Other hand-dyed fabrics are from Joy Press of Godley, TX. The pieces were arranged on a design wall and then sewed together in strips, using a Singer Featherweight sewing machine. It is 15.3 feet wide and 5.5 feet high.

After about 1200 hours on work, the emerging design became apparent. The top was then machine quilted by Linda Taylor of Melissa, TX. The machine quilting presented a new set of problems because of the size of the piece, and because the image was not apparent to anyone working close to the fabric. Linda states that it was the most challenging quilting work she had ever done.

The Supper Quilt was finished in September 1999.

This quilt will be on display August 9th from 12:00-3:00 at the United Methodist Church Sanctuary in DeLeon.

Gorman Jr. High and High School Registration

Juniors - Tuesday, August 5th - 9:00-11:00 am
Sophomores - Tuesday, August 5th - 1:00-3:00 pm
Freshmen - Wednesday, August 6th - 9:00-11:00 am
Seventh and Eighth Grade - Wednesday, August 6th -- 1:00-3:00 pm

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.

First Monday Prayer Meeting at Gorman Senior Center at 7:00 P.m.

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.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

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.

DANCE — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

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 - JULY 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

**Now is the
time to make plans for
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Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion August 9th

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2003 at the school gym.

This annual event began in 1922 and it is well attended each year. Morning program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Noon meal will be catered. Historical items, maps, photos and a video on Boom Days will be on display in the musical room for the visitors to enjoy. Contact your former classmates, teachers and friends. Make plans to attend for an enjoyable day.

Obituary

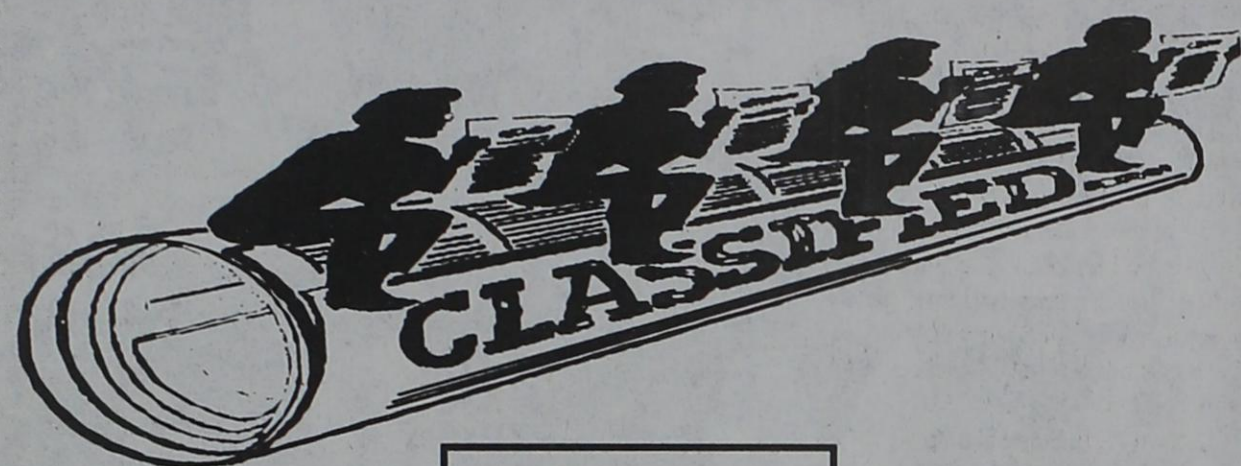
Todd Edward Anderson

Graveside Services for Todd Edward Anderson, 40, of Mission, TX was on Friday, July 25, 2003 in Terry Co. Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield. A Memorial service followed at Plains First Baptist Church in Plains, TX with the Rev. Bill Wright officiating. The direction of both services was by Brownfield Funeral Home.

Todd was born Dec. 25, 1962 in Denver City, TX. He attended school in Plains, Chillicothe and graduated from high school in Gorman, Texas. He attended Tarleton State University and graduated in 1985. He was in the produce business for 20 years. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in McAllen, Texas.

He is survived by his parents, Deroy and Gerry Anderson of Mission; a brother, Tony and wife, Cheryl Anderson of Mission; two sisters, Teretha and husband, Guy Jones of Mission, Tamya and husband, Tommy Cash of Houston; five nieces and a nephew; Tiffany, Taryn, Travis, Lacy, Jessy, and Madeline.

The family suggests memorials to: The Institute for Research and Rehabilitation, 1333 Moursund, Houston, TX 77030 or West Texas Rehab. Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605. The family will receive personal condolences by e-mail at whatameln@aol.com.



Moving Sale: Saturday, August 2. Freezer, furniture, sewing machine, tools, car, dishes, and lots of stuff. North side of Lake Leon, Chester Lane. Follow signs. Shirley Eaves, 254-647-1662. 1-7-31-C

Blackeyed Peas For Sale: \$9.00 per bushel. You-Pick-Em. Troyat Underwood 254/734-2643. 1-7-31-C

Garage Sale: Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd, starting at 8 a.m. until? Some furniture, dishes, and lots of other things. On Hamilton Street 1 block behind the Church of Christ. 1-7-31

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NEW: 70 A. Desdemona area, some coastal, 10A cultivation, 2 tanks, electricity, ponds, new fencing, liveoaks, beautiful homesite, nice views, CR frontage. \$950 acre.

NEW LISTING: 142A. app. 120 wooded 220 AC. 104. Tract of 74-acre turkey hunting, CR frontage. \$675 A. reduced to \$795.

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White House Praises Stenholm's Social Security Efforts

Lawmaker Leads Bipartisan Group to Pledge Campaign 'Cease-Fire'

Washington, D.C.-President Bush's senior economic advisors have praised Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) and a bipartisan group of lawmakers for their steadfast support of efforts to modernize and strengthen Social Security.

Congressman Stenholm and several Republican colleagues from the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate appeared together at a Capitol Hill press conference today to address their bipartisan effort to prevent Social Security reform from becoming a partisan issue. The lawmakers sent a joint letter to congressional campaign committees, urging them to avoid attacking candidates of the other party who put forward serious proposals to strengthen Social Security.

In the lawmakers' letter, they wrote, "We pledge to defend candidates - Republican or Democrat - who support Social Security modernization and are willing to make tough choices to address the fiscal challenges facing Social Security. We will no longer turn a blind eye to political attack ads that accuse responsible reform advocates of wanting to dismantle Social Security or slash benefits of current retirees."

At the press conference, Stenholm said, "We must begin to talk honestly and directly about the tough choices that must be made to strengthen Social Security. This issue is so important we cannot resort to, cannot tolerate, partisan attacks, demagoguery or irresponsible, empty rhetoric. The future of Social Security is too important for it to be used for partisan political purposes."

President Bush's senior economic advisers praised Stenholm and his colleagues for their bipartisan effort. The advisers sent a letter to Stenholm and his colleagues that said, in part, "We commend you for taking a stand against politicized rhetoric that too often interferes with bipartisan cooperation on behalf of millions of participants in the Social Security program."

White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan said in his daily briefing on Tuesday, "The President is strongly committed to modernizing Social Security and enhancing its fiscal sustainability. ... We commend Republicans and Democrats who are willing to put aside partisan differences and work together to get something done, and work together to save Social Security for today's seniors and strengthen it for tomorrow's retirees."

Comyn School Reunion Sunday, August 10

Comyn School Reunion will be held at De Leon City Hall on Sunday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m. Please bring covered dish lunch.

Call anyone who attended Comyn and ask them to be there for food, fun and fellowship.

Bring Annuals and Old Photos, etc., to share. See you there!!!!

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- 9:00 am - Grand Opening Terrell Antique Cars Museum
- 10:00 am - Craft booths, Food booths, Vintage Cars, Vintage Tractors, and for the children there will be Pony rides, Inflatables: slide, obstacle course, bounce house, and Children's Games will be downtown on Texas St.
- 10:00 am Carla Landreth will have a book signing at From My Hearts Antiques
- 10:00 am Entertainment tent will be near the Red Light Downtown
- 11:00 am Garden Tractor Pull - 2 blocks west on Reynosa St.
- 1:30 pm Vintage Tractor Parade
- 2:00 pm Presentation of Car Show Awards
- 2:30 pm Vintage Car Parade
- 3:00 pm Seed Spitting Contest
- 5:00 pm Watermelon Slicing (free watermelon)

Carbon Golden Exes

Mark your calendars now for October 4, 2003 for the Carbon Golden Exes Reunion. Steering Committee provided the officers of Burl Caudle, June Tucker Hicks, and Joe Vaughn with very workable information.

Recently, the officers met at the Dairy Queen to plan the activities for this year's event. We asked Pat Collins to join us as the liaison person for the Class of 1953 which will be inducted into the Golden Exes. Duties were assigned as following: Address compilation—Burl Caudle and Joe Vaughn; Program—Burl Caudle; Finances—Joe Vaughn; Registration—Joe Vaughn and Pat Collins; Decorations, Food and Correspondence—June Hicks.

Registration will begin a little before 9:00 a.m. and continue until noon.

Dale Walker will conduct a historic walk-through of the Carbon cemeteries about 9:30. If you would be willing to help Dale as a docent, please contact him at 639-2467. He has asked that people meet at the Community Center pavilion at 9:00.

Troy Cross has agreed to contact people again about a vintage vehicle show. If you want to help Troy, call him at 629-2878. Carbon City Council voted to block traffic on the two blocks of Avenue D in front of the Community Center. Intersection will not be blocked. The block in front of the Community Center will be reserved for Disability Parking. The block north will be blocked for Troy's group.

Carbon Agri Center has put in a mural about the history of Carbon. You are encouraged to drop by and see it. Water and other drinks will be available on the pavilion all day. Please feel free to help yourself.

Burl will start the program at 11:00 a.m. Included in the program will be a very brief business meeting. Last year you were very generous with your donations. The Steering Committee recommended that \$350 be donated to the Community Center with a suggestion that a safety device be installed for steps at the back of the auditorium, the walk area carpeted and/or the speaker system upgraded. The Community Center voted to install banisters. Troy and Grover Hallmark have done an excellent job. Thank you for your generosity.

Lunch will be served at the end of the program or about 12:00. Weather will dictate where the meal will be served. You must have a \$7.50 ticket. Officers for the 2004 Golden Exes Reunion need to be elected. Please do not be shy in nominating people to serve on this committee. The current officers have used an ad Hoc Committee rather than naming a president, vice-present, and secretary and treasurer.

The Class of 1953 will have supper on Friday night, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m. in the Ramada Inn Conference Room (old Kettle Restaurant). After 8:30 that room will be available as a Hospitality Suite for all Golden Exes.

Friday morning about 9:00 a.m., if the weather permits, the chairs, and tables will need to be set up outside. Some work will need to be done inside the Community Center. Please help. Too, everything will need to be dismantled after the event.

If you have a question or concern, please contact June Tucker Hicks at 254/639-2444, e-mail jhicks@txol.net.

GARAGE SALE

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	Section	Credit	Course Title	Days	Begin	End
OFFICE TECHNOLOGY						
ACNT 1425	1	4	Principles of Accounting I	MW	10:40 AM	11:55 AM
ACNT 1425L	1	0	Principles of Accounting I Lab	TuTh	10:40 AM	11:55 AM
POFT 1429/2401	1	4	Keyboarding & Document Formatting	MW	8:00 AM	9:15 AM
POFT 1429/2401L	1	0	Keyboarding & Document Formatting Lab	TuTh	8:00 AM	9:15 AM
POFT 1429/2401L	2	0	Keyboarding & Document Formatting Lab	TBA	TBA	TBA
BUSI 1301	1	3	Introduction to Business	MW	1:20 PM	2:35 PM
BUSI 1301	2	3	Introduction to Business	TuTh	9:20 AM	10:35 AM
BMGT 1301	1	3	Supervision	MW	9:20 AM	10:35 AM
POFT 1425	1	4	Business Math & Machine Applications	MW	12:00 PM	1:15 PM
POFT 1425L	1	0	Business Math & Machine Applications Lab	TuTh	12:00 PM	1:15 PM
POFT 1425L	2	0	Business Math & Machine Applications Lab	TBA	TBA	TBA
COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
COSC 1301	1	3	Microcomputer Applications	MW	9:20 AM	10:35 AM
COSC 1301	2	3	Microcomputer Applications	TuTh	7:40 AM	8:55 AM
COSC 1301	3	3	Microcomputer Applications	TuTh	10:40 AM	11:55 AM
COSC 1301	4	3	Microcomputer Applications	TuTh	1:20 PM	2:35 PM
COSC 1301L	1	0	Microcomputer Applications Lab	W	10:40 AM	11:30 AM
COSC 1301L	2	0	Microcomputer Applications Lab	M	1:20 PM	2:10 PM
COSC 1301L	3	0	Microcomputer Applications Lab	W	1:20 PM	2:10 PM
COSC 1301L	4	0	Microcomputer Applications Lab	Fri	8:00 AM	8:50 AM
COSC 1301L	5	0	Microcomputer Applications Lab	W	6:00 PM	6:50 PM
On-Line Class -						
COSC 1301	5	3	Microcomputer Applications	On-line*		
COSC 1301L	6	0	Microcomputer Applications Lab	On-line*		
*Students in this on-line course are required to attend class on Ranger campus four times during the semester						
ITSW 1404	1	4	Introduction to Spreadsheets	MW	12:00 PM	1:15 PM
ITSW 1404L	1	0	Introduction to Spreadsheets Lab	TuTh	12:00 PM	1:15 PM
ITSC 1325	1	3	Personal Computer Hardware	M	8:00 PM	7:40 PM
ITSC 1325L	1	0	Personal Computer Hardware Lab	M	7:45 PM	9:25 PM
ITSC 1405	1	4	Introduction to PC Operating Systems	MW	8:00 AM	9:15 AM
ITSC 1405L	1	0	Introduction to PC Operating Systems Lab	TBA	TBA	TBA
On-Line Class -						
ITSC 1405	2	4	Introduction to PC Operating Systems	On-line*		
ITSC 1405L	2	0	Introduction to PC Operating Systems Lab	On-line*		
*Students in this on-line course are required to attend class on Ranger campus four times during the semester						
ITSC 2335	1	3	Application Problem Solving	TBA	TBA	TBA
ITSC 2335L	1	0	Application Problem Solving Lab	TBA	TBA	TBA
ITSC 2386	1	3	Internship	TBA	TBA	TBA
ITSW 1301	1	3	Intro. To Word Processing	Tu	8:00 PM	8:40 PM
ITSW 1301L	1	0	Intro. To Word Processing Lab	Tu	8:45 PM	9:35 PM
ITSW 2331	1	3	Advanced Word Processing	Tu	5:00 PM	7:40 PM
ITSW 2331L	1	0	Advanced Word Processing Lab	Tu	7:45 PM	8:35 PM
POFI 1200	1	2	Introduction to Computer Fundamentals	W	7:00 PM	8:40 PM
POFI 1200 L	1	0	Introduction to Computer Fundamentals Lab	W	8:45 PM	9:35 PM
WELDING TECHNOLOGY						
WLDG 1417	1	4	Introduction to Layout and Fabrication	MTuWTh	8:00 AM	9:15 AM
WLDG 1430	1	4	Introduction to Gas Metal Arc Welding	MTuWTh	9:20 AM	10:35 AM
WLDG 1428	1	4	Introduction to Shielded Metal Arc Welding	MTuWTh	1:20 PM	2:35 PM
WLDG 1434	1	4	Introduction to Gas Tungsten Arc Welding	MTuWTh	10:40 AM	11:55 AM
WLDG 1413	1	4	Introduction to Blueprint Welding for Welders	MTu	6:00 PM	8:45 PM

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- Share good news and bad. Circumstances from previous relationships may make alimony, child support, loan payments, etc., part of your new financial picture.
- Agree that financial decisions be joint decisions. Set financial goals that you are both comfortable with, so you will work together to achieve them.
- Consult with a credentialed financial adviser, who has the wisdom and experience to assess your situation and recommend the right financial and insurance options for the new family.

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An Open Letter To All Former Students "Desdemona School Reunion August 8, 2003"

Dear Friends:

The 2003 Desdemona School Reunion will be held Friday afternoon, August 8, in the Baptist Church Annex (the old Methodist Church) in Desdemona. All former teachers, students, spouses and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Registration will be from 4:30-6:00 p.m. There will be a short program at 6:00 with dinner following immediately thereafter. The dinner buffet, which will be prepared by Cook's Fish Barn, will cost \$8 per plate.

Please RSVP to one of the addresses below by August 1 and let us know how many people will be attending from your family so we can give the caterers a head count. Since we don't have a complete address list, please pass this information along to anyone you think might be interested in attending. Tell them we need their 911 address to add them to the mailing list.

We hope you can attend! It's always so much fun to visit with everyone and have a chance to catch up. Your participation in these annual reunions is what makes them such memorable occasions. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, August 8!

Yours truly,
Loreta (Griffith) Crenshaw
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AG TALK

By Charlie Stenholm

House Passes FY 2004 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

This week, the House of Representatives passed the agriculture appropriations bill for fiscal year 2004, which begins October 1.

This legislation provides funding for the nation's agricultural programs and includes provisions which will benefit agriculture in the Big Country.

The boll weevil eradication effort in Texas will benefit from \$51 million in funding for USDA's Animal, Plant, Health and Inspection Service (APHIS).

This legislation also provides funding for Big Sandy Creek and Elm Creek Watershed improvements.

This measure increases by \$500,000 the funding provided for sheep industry improvement research and market development.

Funding is also provided for a partnership in animal waste management.

The Texas Institute of Applied Environmental Research will continue watershed management and demonstration projects in several regions of the United States.

The projects will demonstrate a voluntary and incentive-driven certification to assist row crop and livestock producers in complying with water quality regulations.

Country-of-Origin Labeling Requirements

As a result of the House-passed agriculture appropriations bill, the USDA will be prevented from implementing country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirements for meat until October 1, 2005.

In effect, the House voted to withdraw the labeling requirements that were passed last year and which were scheduled to go into effect in October of 2004.

The FY 2004 agriculture appropriations bill will spend \$872 less than current spending, a reduction of 2.3 percent.

The Senate has not yet completed action on their version of this legislation, and the fate of the whole labeling issue remains unclear.

BSE Update

The announcement in May that Canada had found one isolated case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) brought an immediate halt to the trade in live cattle and beef from Canada to the U.S., Japan and 33 other countries.

As I have indicated in the past, a panel of international animal health experts has examined the situation and has been highly complimentary of the way in which Canada has handled this matter.

It is expected that Canada will soon be announcing new safeguards to further address this matter. This is being done to prompt the United States and Japan to ease their bans on Canadian cattle and beef.

The coming announcement could include a ban on the use of brains and spines from cattle 30 months and older in cattle food.

In the meantime, Japan has rejected Canada's request for a quick removal of the ban on Canadian beef.

It looks as though Mexico will probably be the first country to reopen its borders to Canadian beef and beef products.

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman is convinced that Canadian beef is safe, but she is still refusing to lift the embargo because of ongoing relations with Japan.

There is no time frame available as to when the U.S. will reopen the border, and Japan is now stating that they may be implementing higher tariffs on U.S. imported beef.

Crop Insurance Fraud

This past Monday, USDA announced its final rule on benefit disqualification for crop insurance fraud.

The ruling came in an attempt to address the fraud, waste and abuse that has been associated with crop insurance.

Under USDA's final rule, any producer found guilty of crop insurance fraud will be ineligible for programs under the FSA or the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The USDA has stated that any person who knowingly and willfully provides false information to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) or to an insurance provider with respect to an FCIC policy or plan will first receive a notice, then notification for a hearing regarding the matter.

If found guilty, the person may be disqualified from receiving any monetary or non-monetary benefits under certain programs for up to five years.

USDA to Fund Electric Service Improvements

USDA has announced that six states will be awarded \$327 million in loans and loan funding to make needed improvements to local electric systems.

I am pleased to say that Texas will get \$225 million of the allotted funding.

The loans will help support rural areas by providing reliable and affordable electricity, and will come from USDA's Rural Development Electric Program.

In Texas, the funds will help to serve more than 17,240 new customers and will be used to build 1,214 miles of distribution lines, in addition to making other improvements.

Stenholm to Address Two Ag Groups

This weekend I will be addressing two agricultural conferences in Texas.

On Saturday, July 19, I will be in Kerrville to address the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Annual Convention and, on Monday, July 21, I will be in San Antonio where I will speak to the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils. Perhaps I will see some of you at these events.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

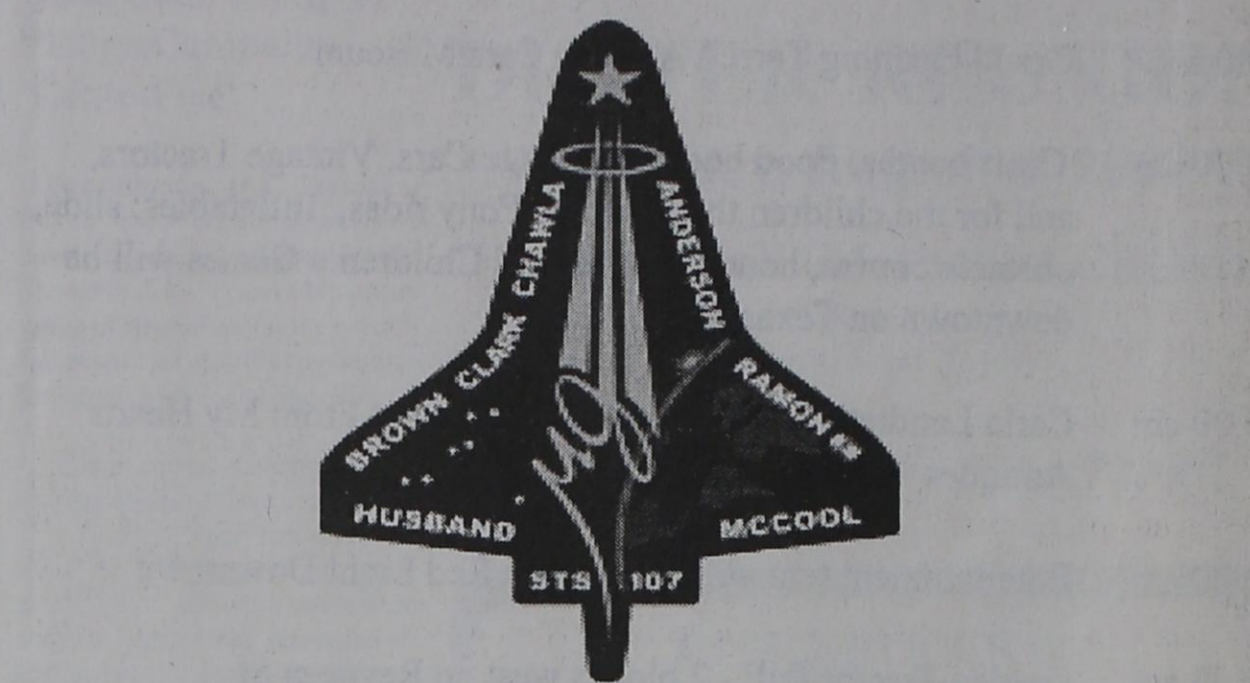


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Remembering Columbia

On February 1, 2003, millions of Americans awoke to the heartbreaking news that the Space Shuttle Columbia had been destroyed while reentering the earth's atmosphere. Texans were profoundly affected by the tragedy because the shuttle disintegrated in our wide-open skies, scattering wreckage throughout the northeast part of our state.

August marks the six-month anniversary of that terrible tragedy. It is a time to remember, but it is also a time to reflect on the triumph of the human spirit that rose from the ashes of the Columbia.

When Texans learned of the disaster, they didn't stop and ask, "Why us?" They said, "How can we help?" They pitched in with gestures large and small. People in Sabine, Nacogdoches and San Augustine counties, areas that bore the brunt of the disaster, rose to the occasion to assist in the recovery efforts.

More than 600 volunteers descended upon the east Texas community from around the state to begin the monumental task. Game wardens, fire fighters, sheriffs and forest service employees arrived at their own expense to help. The local National Guard unit canceled its scheduled training that first weekend and lent a hand. Restaurants and grocery stores provided free meals to volunteers. Business, schools and community organizations solicited donations and rounded up food, water and supplies to keep the command center running. Churches offered the homes of their members to relief workers seeking a warm bed after grueling 12-hour shifts. Local hotels and bed and breakfasts donated lodging for the out-of-town workers. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members volunteered countless hours.

State and local agencies operated seamlessly to deal with the tragedy and ensure recovery efforts ran smoothly and efficiently. The local community came together in an unprecedented way. Texans gave of their time, efforts and finances to help piece together the tragedy and put their community, and our entire nation, on the road to recovery.

The outpouring of generosity comes as no surprise. Texans are known for our big hearts and welcoming arms. When tragedy literally rained down upon us, it was instinctive to respond with charity, generosity and kindness.

While many questions surrounding the accident are still being investigated and measures preventing future tragedies are being undertaken, it is the question of "What's next?" that must still be addressed. What's next for space exploration? What can we learn from venturing into the unknown?

It is that thirst for knowledge that led us to explore space in the first place. Our curiosity, sense of wonder and desire to improve life on earth prompted us time and again to defy the odds. And our efforts have resulted in life-saving discoveries, technological advancements and improvements in our everyday lives.

Satellites, smoke detectors and bar-code scanners provide a few examples of everyday technologies that were developed through our space program. NASA has also contributed to the defense of our nation by pioneering space-based and satellite imagery applications that have been critical to helping our military pinpoint the enemy on the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq. NASA is also helping to develop the next generation of the unmanned aerial vehicle, the Predator, a remotely controlled aircraft that allows us to see the battlefield, find the enemy and send in precision-guided munitions without endangering troops. Perhaps our greatest achievement has been in the field of medical science. CAT scans and MRIs are revolutionizing our ability to detect tumors early and save lives. Neither technology would be possible without NASA research.

From 1803, when Lewis and Clark set out to explore the unknown lands of the west, to 1969, when Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon, the spirit of exploration has shaped our history and our culture. It has kept our economy thriving through the use and production of the fruits that research. It is a spirit embodied by Texans and knit into the fabric of our rich legacy of independence, which we must preserve.

As we commemorate the anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy and honor the seven lives cut short, we grieve with their families, celebrate their memories and pledge to renew our zeal for space exploration and hunger for the unknown.



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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I am still waiting for the "cold front" the weatherman promised is coming with a slight chance of rain, and I am trying to help things along by praying that the Good Lord will send us a good rain. I am sure that He will when He thinks the time is right for us.

Daryl Hirst rendered the wonderful Hymn "Rock Of Ages" at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay were visitors.

Bobby and Nina Koonce of Stephenville visited recently with Larry and Betty Strube.

Deliah, Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis visited from Friday until Sunday with Delmon and Joyce Eaves. Oren and Norma Webb also visited with them.

Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Rachel Snider of Gorman visited with their grandparents, Gene and Kay Snider.

Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene visited with Zelda Jordan and with Kayla Jordan, of Lubbock who was visiting here, on Wednesday. Kayla, Sheri and the children enjoyed a swim at the Gorman swimming pool.

Zelda Jordan, Kayla Jordan and Norma Webb were in Abilene on Friday for a medical check-up for Zelda, and then visited with Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and all had lunch at an Abilene restaurant and did a little shopping in the afternoon. Kayla remained for a visit with the Daniell family. She also visited with Glenda and Leon Black who arrived home from Fresno, CA early on Saturday morning and with Justin Miles of Austin who had flown to California for a few days visit with his grandparents, Glenda and Leon and returned to Texas with them.

James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little have returned from a vacation trip to the Blue Creek Lodge at South Fork, Colorado.

Visitors with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails and Tim Breeden of Arlington, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon and Karen Patterson of Eastland.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Zelda Jordan, Sylvia Buchanan and Johnnie B. Griffith.

Glenda and Leon Black, Kayla Jordan, Justin Miles and Ryan and Kody Daniell visited with Zelda Jordan on Sunday afternoon enroute to Austin. They met Brad and Meagan Miles and their mother, Dianne of Waco in Goldthwaite and Brad and Meagan joined them on the trip to Austin for a visit with Joe and Viki Miles and then they all went on to the valley on Monday for a visit to Padre Island and Progreso, Mexico.

Nancy Hendricks, Sylvia Buchanan and Norma visited with Zelda Jordan.

"Happy Birthday" to Wade Daniell of Abilene on July 29 and to a great-grandson, Brad Miles of Waco on July 31 from Grandma.

Desdemona News

ByVonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical had a good attendance last Saturday night. We appreciate all the musicians and singers who come each time. Also appreciate the ladies who take care of the concession stand, the ladies who donates food and the ones who cleans and prepares the building each time.

Bill and Chris Partain of Fort Worth visited in Desdemona last Thursday with Bernard and Ann Keith. They visited in DeLeon with Aunt Mattie Newton.

Raymond Lindley spent several days this past week in the Stephenville Harris Methodist Hospital. Remember him with your cards and prayers.

This reporter received a short phone message recently from a former resident, Mary Joyce McDonald, who attended school in Desdemona during her sophomore year 1938-1939. She is related to the Wilhite family.

Naomi Alvis Stadter of Springtown passed away on June 30th. Burial was in the Springtown Cemetery. Her sister, Ruth Alvis Holbrook of Azle passed away on July 24th. Burial was in the Azle Memorial Cemetery. Survivors include a brother and wife, Walter and Joyce Alvis of Azle and a sister, Elsie Lou Alvis

Nelson of Florida. Preceded in death by a brother Roy Alvis and their parents.

The Alvis family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Naomi and Ruth graduated with the Class of 1941. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family. Walter and Joyce attends the annual Homecoming and School Reunion as often as possible.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnie.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

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8:30 p.m. Judging of Little Miss De Leon, Festival Stage
9:30 p.m. Judging of Queen, CROWNS Donated by: Connie's Jewelry, (Stage)

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11:00 a.m. JUDGING OF 4-H ENTRIES
1:00 p.m. JUDGING OF FRUIT ENTRIES, FESTIVAL GROUNDS
7:00 p.m. STREET PARADE - DOWNTOWN
8:00 p.m. MELON AUCTION (Stage)
9:00 p.m. DANCE WITH DOWNHOLE BOYS BAND

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7:00 p.m. TRACTOR PULL, ARENA
8:00 p.m. JANSKY MINISTRIES (MUSICAL) - SPONSORED BY COMANCHE CO. TELEPHONE
10:00 p.m. ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2002

7:00 p.m. TRACTOR PULL, ARENA
9:00 p.m. SPANISH DANCE - STAGE SLAB - LOS ERRANTES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2002

7:00 a.m. Melon Patch Tour, Registration, Senior Citizens Complex
9:00 a.m. GRAND OPENING, TERRILL ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM
10:00 a.m. GOLDEN SATURDAY, DOWNTOWN TIL 3:00 P.M.
10:00 a.m. Ex-Students Meeting ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
12:00 Noon Spaghetti Lunch, Ex-Students, Bike Riders and Public
1:00 p.m. Ole-Time Fiddlers Contest - CITY AUDITORIUM
3:00 p.m. Seed Spitting Contest, Main Street, Sponsor: DE LEON FREE PRESS
5:00 p.m. MELON SLICING - MAIN STREET (FREE MELON)
7:00 p.m. TRACTOR PULL, Tractor Pull Arena, Festival Grounds
9:00 p.m. DANCE ON OPEN AIR SLAB, KELLY SPINKS BAND
10:30 p.m. PRESENTATION OF MISS DE LEON - STAGE
11:30 p.m. Dance Continues
MIDNIGHT — Drawing for POLARIS 4-WHEELER (need not be present)

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Teachers

I couldn't teach when I was young,
For my time was short-I had to have fun
I couldn't teach when I was 'just wed,'
For then I had a husband to be fed.

I couldn't teach after the babies were born
For then I worked through night and morn
I couldn't teach as my children were growing,
For then I had my washing, mending and sewing.

I couldn't teach after my children were grown,
For then I had to sit and wait for them to be home.
I couldn't teach after my children were married,
There were grandchildren and my tasks were varied.

Oh, yes, I had been asked many times along the way
If I would teach God's Word one hour - one day.
But I never had time to prepare, I felt,
And I had no experience-no heart could I melt.

So I trudged along, so busy and gay,
And in my heart, I said, I'll teach some day!
But someday is gone and the future is here,
And the precious souls that I could have taught aren't near.

Thanks to Larry Stogsdill for the above article.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for 25 residents. The lesson was "Good News! Free to Serve Him." Taken from Galations chapters 4 and 5. Also learned that Jew Newton wrote "Amazing Grace" 40 years after he became a Christian. Pat and Howard Hagood were guests.

Some recent guests were Gary Lynn and Judy Owens of Abilene, J.B. Hamilton, Cecil Ray Hamilton of Garland, Bobby and Petty Ingram, Maudie Husband, and Bill Moll of Cisco, Diana Snider, Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Lee Pettigrew of Desdemona, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Ima Brown and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting were Dian, Keefer, Kye McCarty of DeLeon, Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Nicole Grice of Stephenville, Glenn Glasson, Kenneth Good.

On Sunday at 2:30 p.m., the First United Methodist Church came for church services. They were Rev. Victor and Karen Pena, Joe and Kathi Williams, Howard and Pat Hagood. A good number of residents were present.

Guests visiting were Darla Dale of Carrollton, Robbie May of Carbon, Carroll Hogan, and Shirley Morgan.

Visiting were James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Marie Cook and Sylvia Estes of Carbon.

On Monday, residents were happy for Karen Guthery to come give permanents and style their hair.

Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Pat and Howard Hagood were visiting.

Some guests were Donald Holder of Desdemona, June Dossey, Becky Simpson and Tracey Spivey.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Pam Amrsker had bingo for 10 residents.

Some guests were Sharla and Tina Shaffer of Austin, Cliff Bramlett of Seattle, WA, Lucille Joiner and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Johnnie B. Griffith.

Visiting were Marjorie Treadway, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Don Landers of Springtown.

Johnnie and Pattie Waters of Amarillo, Eunice Love, Christine Hammontree, Fay and Denzel Ables and Durward Webb were visiting.

On Monday afternoon, those coming for the Gospel Singing were Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Daisy Slaton, Melba Frasier and Nancy Hendricks. A nice size crowd of residents attended.

Visiting were Steve and Dorenda Menton of Buchanan Lake, Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon.

Visiting were Jimmy Little, John and Georgie Lee Hopper of Dallas, Tim Porter, Ruthie Porter, Daisy

Slaton. Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for 10 residents.

Some guests were Bimbo and Anna Lee Roberts, Vickie Hallmark, Rodney Roberts, Kennard and Doylena Roberts, Winston Brown.

Tuesday afternoon, Pam Amrsker had bingo for 9 residents.

Clyde and DaSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul Johnson of Lubbock, Bill and Tootie Campbell were visiting.

On Wednesday morning, Bro. Bill and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and brought chapel for 21 residents.

Visiting were Gena Rone, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Jerry Frasier and Patrick Frasier of Corpus Christi, Peggy Brooks of Merkel, Irene West.

Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood was visiting on Thursday.

On Friday morning, August 19, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for a happy bunch of residents.

C.G. and Liz Henderson, Linda Hoeffer, Lindsey Hoeffer of Abilene, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Vicki Seay were visiting.

Visiting were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington.

Residents appreciated the nice magazines that Karen Guthery sent.

Visiting were George Rodgers, Henry Lenz of Carbon on Thursday and June Carruth of DeLeon on Friday.

The residents said they sure enjoyed the ice cream cones that the Home gave to everyone on Thursday.

Visiting were Lugene Morris, Kay Hodges, Kimberly Hodges, Kaci Hod Hodges, Donna and Jim of DeLeon, Billy Mac and Barbara Spencer of San Angelo, Joy Rogers, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Bonnie Stewart of DeLeon, Edith Grumbles.

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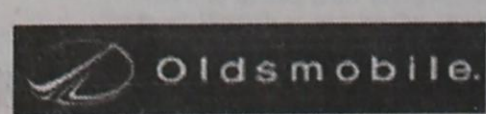
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