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MAY 29, 2003

Graduation Exercises Thursday and Friday

Gorman Eighth Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 29, 2002

7:30 p.m.

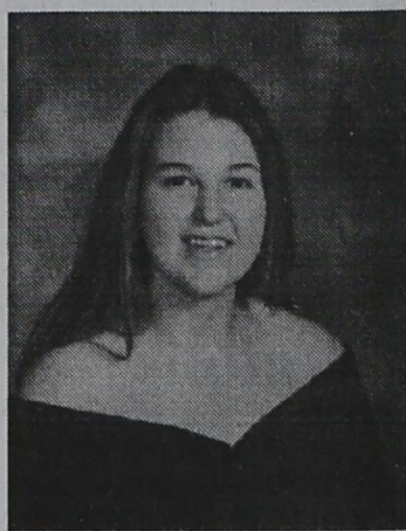
Processional	Class
Invocation	Matthew Smith
Salutatory	Maria Oronia
Class History	Kristy Carlton
	Amanda Regian
Valedictory	K'Ann Howard
Awards	Latricia Hampton, Counselor
Presentation of Certificates	Ronny Wright, Principal
Benediction	Brenda Olivares
Recessional	Class

Eighth Grade Class Roll

Amanda Lynn Brown
Wade Lynn Cariker
Kristy Dalynn Carlton
Joshua Edward Cox
Christina Garcia
Brian Wesley Greer
Tessia Marie Griffin
Daniel Bradley Grissom
Rosa Mirella Herrera
K'Ann Denee Howard
David Scott Ibarra
Anselmo Michael Marin
Brenda Ruby Olivares

Maria Auxilio Oronia
Tiffany Ann Perez
Pedro Antonio Ramirez
Amanda Sylvia Regian
Rejinaldo Sanchez, Jr.
Kaci Michele Seaton
Natasha Brook Sherman
Brittany Nicole Shirley
Matthew Alexander Smith
Crystal Dianna Thackerson
Chance Ryan Underwood
Orlando Edwardo Valenzuela
Mindy Leigh Voyles

Valedictory



Sharon Marlow

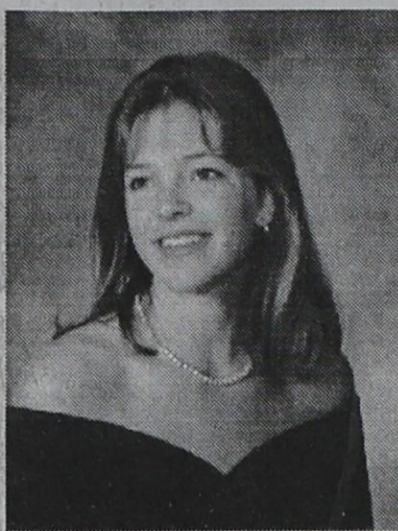
Sharon is the daughter of Lynn and Tim Porter and Layne and Kathy Marlow. She was born in DeLeon, Texas on September 13, 1984. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Sharon plans to attend Texas Tech University and become a high school math teacher.

High School Activities: President of the Student Council, President of Future Business Leaders of America, President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Secretary of the National Honor Society, Treasurer of the Senior Class, One Act Play, Band, UIL Academics, Volleyball, Softball.

High School Awards: 1st and 2nd Team All District Softball, Voted Most Likely to Succeed, Masonic Lodge Citizenship Award, Chamber of Commerce Award, State Board of Education 9, 10, 11.

Hobbies include reading and watching movies. Favorite foods are Italian and ice cream. Favorite music is Christian.

Salutatory



Tana Catherine Grissom

Tana is the daughter of Gregg and Cathy Goode and the wife of Billy Grissom. She was born on December 21, 1984 in Hillsboro, Texas. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Tana plans to attend Cisco Jr. College and then transfer to Tarleton, majoring in accounting and minor in mathematics.

High School Activities: National Honor Society, Yearbook, Softball, Basketball, Track, Cross Country, FBLA, Student Council Vice President, and UIL.

High School Honors: 2nd Team All-District Basketball, 1st Team All-District Softball, Regional Qualifier Cross Country, Area Qualifier Track, Most Spirited.

Hobbies include scrapbooking, spending time with Alyssa, family and friends. Favorite food is seafood. Favorite music is Christian.

Commencement

Friday, May 30, 2002

7:30 p.m.

Processional	Senior Class
Invocation	John Howard, Minister Abundant Life Church
Salutatory	Tana Grissom Brian Hunt
Parent Recognition	Senior Class
Valedictory	Sharon Marlow
"Take Me Away"	By: Rance Porter
Presentation of Awards	Ronny Wright, Principal
Presentation of Scholarships	Latricia 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	Denver Rainey, Minister Bride of Christ Church
Recessional	Senior Class

Deadline Nearing for Medical Grant Application

The deadline for the \$25,000 grant request from Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) is coming soon. Friday May 30th will be the last day to file for the matching grant. So far the Gorman EDC has raised just under \$13,000. According to the guidelines of the grant there must be a minimum of \$15,000 commitment from the community before they can apply for the grant assistance. Once accepted the State of Texas (through ORCA) matches our contribution dollar for dollar.

This money can then be used to purchase medical equipment, pay for renovations, and pay for nurse/clerical salary. It may NOT be used to pay the doctor salary or travel expenses/car rental for the doctor.

Some important information about the grant that is important for our community to know is that the money is for the Gorman EDC to match the grant; it does NOT go directly to the doctor. The equipment purchased by the funds then belongs to THE Gorman EDC, not the doctor. If the doctor should choose to leave at the end of the three year commitment required by the grant, the equipment stays in Gorman.

Some of the items that will be purchased for the Gorman Clinic are as follows: Autoclave (for sterilization), Vision Tester, Audiometer, AED (portable defibrillator), Cryogenic therapeutic wand (used to treat skin cancer), injectable medicines, refrigerators for these meds, and a narcotics safe. Funds will also be spent for electronic medical records software that is required by Medicare/Medicaid, and staff training for the office personnel to use the software.

There are also plans to continue renovation of the current clinic to include space for a dentist, physical therapist, and/or chiropractor.

If anyone has questions about this grant, or would like to make a contribution, please contact Lori Dodd with the Gorman EDC at 734-3933.

Vision Tester (Bausch-Lomb)	\$2000	AED (portable defibrillator)	\$3000
Audiometer (hearing test)	\$1000	Autoclave (sterilizer)	\$3000
Injectable medicines	\$5000		
CT wand (cryogenic therapeutic wand)	\$3000		
Refrigerators	\$300		
Safe (for narcotics)	\$300		
Office supplies (set up and 1 year)	\$1200		
Janitorial supplies (set up and 1 year)	\$600		
Electronic medical software	\$2400		
Computer networking services (setup and 1 yr.)	\$6200		
Required for Medicare/Medicaid			
Computer system	\$3800		
Staff training (medical and clerical) annually	\$3000		
		SUBTOTAL	\$34,800

hours), Work at Food Bank (30 hours)

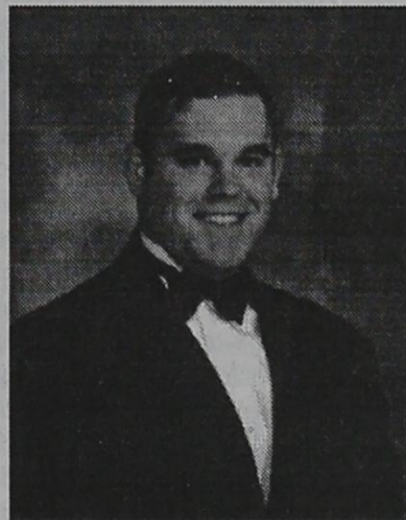
Other Accomplishments: State Board of Education Academic Excellence Award-2 years (2000, 2001), Masonic Lodge Outstanding Citizenship Award (2000), Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts until age 11.

Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, June 7th at the Sipe Springs Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

All area musicians and the public are invited to attend.

Salutatory



Brian Jeffrey Hunt

Brian is the son of Kathy Marlow and Bob Hunt. He was born on September 25, 1984 in Dallas. He transferred from the DeLeon Schools when he was in the 2nd grade in 1992. Brian plans to attend Texas Tech University and to major in Business Marketing.

Sports: Football-4 years—All District-4 years, All Big Country-1 year, All-State-1 years (OL & DE), Texas High School Coaches Association-1st Team Academic All-State Team, Assisted in Junior High football games (20 games). Power Lifting-4 years—Regional Qualifier-3 years. Track-4 years—2002 District Champion in Shot Put, Area Qualifier-3 years (Shot and Discus), Regional Qualifier-3 years (Shot Put - '01, '02, '03), State Alternate-2 years (2002, 2003). Baseball-2 years—All District-2 years.

Community Service: National Honor Society-Trash Pick Up Day (40 hours), Meals on Wheels (10

FFA Farm Radio Team-1 year—2003 District Champions, Voted Most Likely to Succeed (2003), Voted Mr. G.H.S. (2003), Voted Most Athletic (2003), Voted Most Witty (2002, 2003).

UIL Participation: Mathematics-1 year, Cross X Debate-1 year, Science-1 year, Informative Speaking-(2003)-4th place. One Act Play-2 years; 2003 Best Actor Award in District, (Honorable Mention) All Star Cast in Zone, All Star Cast at Area, (Honorable Mention) All Star Cast in Regional.

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Valedictory Salutatory



K'Ann Howard



Maria Oronia

Gorman ISD Honors Board Members

The Gorman ISD Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on Monday, May 12, 2003 at 7:00 pm. Members of the Family, Career and Consumer Leaders Association served the members of the board a meal. Following the meal, President Glenn Glasson presented Windell Treadway with a certificate of appreciation for sixteen years of service as Board of Trustee member for Gorman ISD. Tammy Kellar, FCCLA sponsor, introduced Myra Lopez and Kent Long who performed the presentations they had presented at the state FCCLA competition.

The regular monthly meeting began at 8:00 pm. President Glasson welcomed Lance Sharp and Mark Simmons to the board. The board worked through the business section of the meeting by approving the minutes, disbursements, and payroll. The New business portion of the agenda included several items to be addressed including the election of board officers, Texas Department of Health agreement, Leaver audit, and personnel.

Several guest were present at the May meeting. Members of the community included Gene Smith, Windell Treadway, Chris Torres, Phil Osborne, Johnnie Osborne, Alan Little, Darrell Carlton, Renae Carlton, Kathy Torres, Anne Boone, and Roger Boone. During the open forum section of the agenda, the board heard comments from Darrell and Renae Carlton, Kathy Torres, and Roger and Anne Boone supporting the employment of Bo Caraway. Also during open forum, Melissa Osborne requested information on Gorman ISD's efforts to fulfill the No Child Left Behind program.

Each May the board elects new officers. Glenn Glasson will serve as President for the 2003-2004 term. Vice-President for this year will be Bobby Rich. The new Secretary for the board will be Beth Underwood.

Recently the Texas Department of Health requested that Gorman ISD facilities be identified as site to be used by the TDH in emergency situations. The Board approved the request.

The Texas Education Agency mandates that every school district conduct a Leaver Audit. Leavers are students who have withdrawn from districts. The audit process reviews students in grades 7-12 who withdrew this past year. Gorman ISD received an excellent report identifying zero discrepancies.

The board received reports from Betty Morris and Ronny Wright on

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SPLASH DAY!!!

GORMAN CITY POOL
SUNDAY - JUNE 1ST

1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

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(Concession available, but not free!!)

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 Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

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. Glenn Glasson, Master — Pat Moseley, 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.

FOOD PANTRY

Second Thursday of Each Month

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 - JUNE 18TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Obituary

Harlen D. "Red" Crawley

Harlen D. "Red" Crawley, 83, of Arlington, passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2003 in Arlington after a long and rich life. Graveside services were Saturday, May 24, 2003 at the Simpson Cemetery near Gorman with Rev. Victor Pena officiating. Services were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Harlen was born November 9, 1919 to Bertie (Kinman) and Newton Crawley in Eastland County.

He graduated Gorman High and attended Tarleton, North Texas State, and Commerce University. A World War II veteran, he served as Army First Sergeant in the 452nd Engineer Co., Asiatic Pacific Campaign. Prior to retirement, he taught at Skyline High in Mesquite, Collins Radio in Richardson and Temco Aircraft in Grand Prairie. Harlen was known for his congenial, generous spirit and devotion to family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Rhea (Price) Crawley of Arlington; two sons, Ken Crawley of Kemp and Patrick Crawley of Arlington; daughter, Carla Freund of Fayetteville, AR; grandchildren, Skip and Nisa Crawley, Rebecca and Michael Freund; one brother, Covis Crawley of Arlington. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Jack, Purvis and Jimmy Dale Crawley.



Gorman ISD Honors Board Members

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enrollment and school activities. Leslie Vann presented the monthly financial and tax report. He provided the board with an update on the current legislative session.

Board members spent the rest of the evening discussing and voting on personnel. Mr. Vann recommended Christine Roath for the band director's position. Mrs. Roath comes to Gorman with four years of experience as a head band director. She currently resides in De Leon. Mr. Vann also provided the board with a list of at-will employees and recommended them for employment. The board entered into closed session at 9:05 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel. The board re-entered open session at 10:23 pm. Mark Simmons moved that the board approve the employment of at-will employees subject to enrollment and financial situation. Employees approved include Debbie Burleson, Carol Carlton, Pam Childers, Maria Gonzales, Teresa Granado, Louise Hall, Jeanene Hornback, Amy Johnston, Carolyn Little, Sammye Mauney, Carol McGee, Robin Pacheco, Francis Rivers, Terry Treadway, Cheri Troutman, Linda Warren, Barbara Fenley, Vicki Majors, Sandra Osborne, Shelia Perez, Gena Rone, Ron Childers, Mike Perez, Blake Guthery, Catherine Ramirez, Yolanda Ramirez, Mabel Wood, Bo Caraway, and Mary Davis. The motion was approved unanimously. Jeff Seaton's motion to approve Martha Harrington as a part time employee passed. Gail Thompson was approved as the coop librarian. The final item under personnel was a report from Superintendent Vann informing the board that the East End Coop Board had elected to give the coop director a multi-year contract.

Wright Reunion

The Wright Reunion was held at the Kokomo Community Center on May 10, 2003. There were 41 in attendance this year—always makes it so nice when so many come. We all took pictures to go in our books. The Oldest Person there was Cousin Mabel Davis at 86 years old. The Youngest Person was Callie Wright at 2 years old. Randy Wright had pictures of his son, Alex, who is stationed in Iraq and his wife's son, Tony in Iraq who helped with the rescue of Jessica Lynch. We are so proud of them. We all had such a wonderful time visiting as always. Then it was time to eat. Harland Moore offered thanks for the food we always have plenty of that as we have so many good cooks.

Those in attendance this year were: Jerry Treybig-Garland, Mabel and Jeff Davis-Amarillo, Elvin and Jewell Stewart-Abilene, Alene Gibson-Abilene, Jackie, Ruth and Allison Wright-Royce City, Billy and Pauline Simpson-Lubbock, Cecil and Rena Robertson-Lake Leon, Alpha Mae Andry-Gorman, Sarah Wright-Mineral Wells, Sherri Barefoot-DeLeon, Shirley Warren-Dublin, Linda Hughes-Gorman, Billie Stewart-Gorman, Burl and Virginia Wright-Lake Leon, Harland, Zulean, Beth Moore-Austin, Phyllis Wright-Eastland, Nancy Hendricks-Gorman, Omar and Easter Penna-Royce City, Geardene Wright-Gorman, Mike, Janna, Callie Wright-DeLeon, Randy and Sandi Wright-Stephenville, Bob and Frances Wright-Houston, Dalton and Monie Craddock-Stephenville.

Hope for a larger crowd same time, same place, 2nd Saturday in May--if Lord willing.
Monie Faye

Craig Reunion

Several children of the late William S. and Ruth Craig of Desdemona and some long time friends were in Phoenix, Saturday May 10, 2003 to help J. T. celebrate his 80th birthday. Among those attending were his children and their families, Jimmy & Roxie Wood, their son Cale, his wife Chrissy and their children, Caila, Tanner and Sierra; Terry Parenteau & Ken Passolt and Terry's sons David and Eric; Lyle and Debbie Craig and their sons, Lyle J. and Mark; Joey and Dawn Craig and their son Ryan, and Pat Craig. Also attending were J. T.'s sisters; Gerry Zummer of Carbon, Maxine Lawless of DeLeon, Helen Spellman of Denver, CO, Mary Garza of Houston, Doris Whitley of Granbury, and Vera Love and husband Richard who now live in Phoenix. One brother, Doug Craig of Desdemona. Several long time friends from the Phoenix area joined the group to help J. T. celebrate this important milestone; Lynn & Evelyn Brooks, Lois & Carl Palmer, Joan & Marty Quinn, Lori & Larry Quinn, Janet & Tim Boehland, Judy & Russ Files, Ardie & Cheryl Case, and Harley Mitchell. Everyone enjoyed lots of good food and reminiscing around the pool.

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REVIVAL AT KOKOMO BAPTIST CHURCH JUNE 1 — 5

Bro. Pat Ray, Jr. of Big Spring, Texas will be the evangelist for the revival at the Kokomo Baptist Church beginning on Sunday morning, June 1, 2003 and continuing through Thursday evening, June 5. The time for the services will be 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Sunday and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday.

Bro. Ray is a graduate of Criswell Bible College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of the Prairie View Baptist Church, located 8 miles north of Big Spring for 12 years. Previous churches where he was pastor were Calvary Baptist Church in Texas City, 2 1/2 years, and First Baptist Church at Gail, 5 1/2 years. He became a Christian when he was 18 years old, and soon began to sense that God was leading him to preach. He surrendered to preach in 1975. He feels that God has called him to be a bi-vocational pastor and he has been a 5th grade Resource Teacher for 5 years and previously was the clinic director for Howard County Mental Health Center for 12 years.

Bro. Ray and his wife, Gwen, have three daughters, Rachel, Melissa and Jessica, and a son, Jonathan, and have lived in Big Spring since 1991.

Daryl Hirst will direct the music and Ruby Lee Kinser will be the pianist and Glynda Bond will be the organist. Daryl and his wife Cecilia, and Ruby Lee and her husband, James, live in Gorman and Glynda and husband, Joe, live in the Kokomo Community. All are members of the Kokomo Baptist Church and are well known for their music talents.

Bro. Clarence Wilson, pastor of the church and his wife, Leona, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to come and worship with us during the week.

A covered dish lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the Sunday morning service.

AUCTION Saturday, June 7 - 9:30 a.m.

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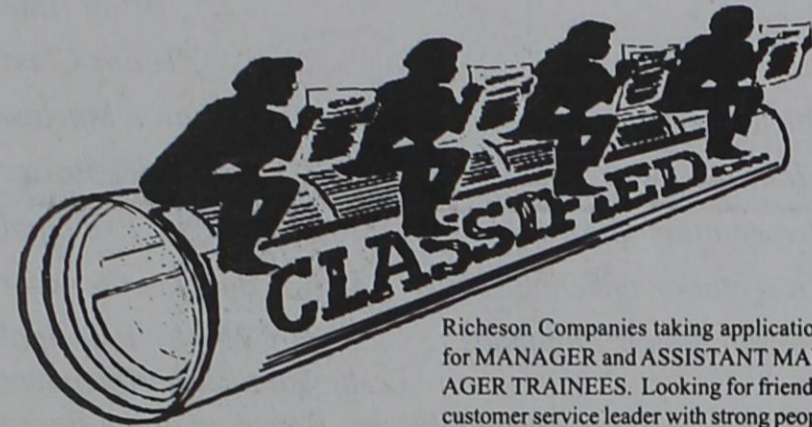
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The revival at the Kokomo Baptist Church will begin on Sunday, June 1 and continue thru Thursday, June 5. Bro. Pat Ray, Jr. of Big Spring will be the evangelist and Daryl Hirst will direct the music with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ.

The Sunday services will be at 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and the services Monday through Thursday will begin at 7:00 P.M. The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson and the congregation cordially invite everyone to come and worship with us at each service. God's word will be preached and there will be special music at each service. Come praying that Christians will be revived and the lost will be saved.

Visitors are invited to come and enjoy the covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall following the service on Sunday morning, as we have an opportunity to visit with Bro. Ray and the music team.

Woodrow and Helen Browning, with Glynda Bond at the piano, rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Dan Snider. Glenda Black of Fresno, CA and Janie Riley of Midland were visitors.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Harlan Crawley of Arlington who passed away this past week. Graveside services were held at the Simpson Cemetery on Saturday, May 23. He is survived by his wife, Rhea Crawley of Arlington, two sons, Kenneth Ray Crawley of Kemp, TX, and Patrick Wade Crawley of Arlington and one daughter, Carla Day Freund of Fayetteville, AR and their families. He is also survived by one brother, Covis Crawley of Arlington, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Crawley. Harlan was a cousin to Betty Strube of the Kokomo Community.

Beverly and Bob Pharriss of Haskell visited with Betty and Larry Strube on Saturday and attended the funeral for her cousin, Harlan Crawley at the Simpson Cemetery.

Zelda Jordan visited with Betty Strube on Friday.

Kelly Buchanan of West Columbia visited with his mother, Sylvia Buchanan and his grandmother, Nancy Hendricks.

Other visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Oren and Norma Webb, Kathryn Brown and Jonell Torrez of Gorman, Johnnie B. Griffith, Zelda Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan.

Nancy Hendricks and Estelle Craddock attended the 80th birthday celebration honoring Mary Ficklin at the Desdemona Community Center on Saturday. Daisy Slaton of Gorman also attended the Birthday celebration. Nancy visited with Frances Bishop of Eastland at the party and Frances sends best wishes to all her friends at Kokomo.

Greetings to Frances from all your friends at Kokomo. Come out to visit with us sometime.

Janie Riley of Midland an

Lara Cooper of San Angelo visited during the weekend with Johnnie B. Griffith.

Woodrow and Helen Browning went to Graham on Friday and took their little granddaughter, Emily Browning, on a birthday shopping trip to Wichita Falls and enjoyed a time of fun at Chuck - e - Cheese for an early celebration of Emily's second birthday which will be next weekend.

Woodrow and Helen remained in Graham on Friday night for visits with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin. On Saturday, Woodrow, Gary Browning and Gary Gatlin went to Fort Worth to the Colonial Golf Tournament and Helen, Donna and Rebecca and the children enjoyed a day of shopping and eating out. The Brownings returned home on Saturday night.

Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga and Jacob Webb of Comanche had supper with Oren and Norma Webb on Thursday night. This was Aaron's first visit to the home of his great-grandparents. James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb of Glen Rose visited with Oren and Norma on Sunday afternoon.

Zelda Jordan met Frankie Eakin for lunch in Eastland recently. This was a belated birthday treat for Frankie.

Mark, Margaret and Preston Eaves of Charlotte, NC visited with Delmon and Joyce Eaves during the weekend. They attended the Eaves Reunion in Weatherford.

Oren and Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan were visiting with Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

Zelda Jordan and Daisy Slaton of Gorman met Joe, Viki and Justin Miles of Austin and Glenda Black of Fresno, CA in Goldthwaite on Saturday for a lunch visit and Glenda returned home with Zelda for a weekend visit. She flew into Austin from Fresno on Tuesday and visited with the Miles family until Saturday, and had the opportunity to see Justin play his last little league baseball game this season on Thursday evening, and the report was that Justin played real well and his team

won the game. Congratulations to Justin and his team.

On Sunday after church, Zelda and Glenda met Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene at Cisco for a lunch visit and Glenda returned to Abilene with them. She will be at her home in Abilene for several days before returning to her home in Fresno.

Glenda Black and Zelda Jordan met Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Fort Worth at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night for dinner and a visit. The Nelsons were spending the weekend at their farm home near Carbon. Maggie returned recently from a visit with their daughter, Tena and her children, Caleb, Haley and Jordan in Boise, Idaho.

David and Cassie Brasher and Zelda Jordan were dinner guests of Jimmy and Maggie Nelson at their home on Memorial Day.

This Memorial Day was a time to pause and honor those who have given their lives fighting for our freedom and to protect us all and to say thanks and a prayer for all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of our country and those serving today. May God bless and protect you is my prayer.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

May is the most beautiful month of the year. The trees and grass are all green and wild flowers are all in bloom.

The flower for May is the Hawthorn. Emerald is the birthstone for May. Mother's Day is always the second Sunday in May. Memorial Day is the 30th, celebrated the last Monday in May. 2003 is May 26th.

May Birthday Party

On Friday, May 16th at 2:00 p.m., eight residents were honored for having May birthdays. Ruth Campbell came and played the electric keyboard and led singing of gospel songs for everyone. First Baptist Church and Heritage Manor gave the honorees gifts. Anna Rush and Ina Smith made the delicious birthday cakes served with diet colas to eighteen residents and guests, Jordan Scitem, Ruth Campbell, Mary Minor, Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks. All the residents and staff were served cake and coke also.

1. If you can't make light of your troubles, keep them in the dark.
2. The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone maybe "hello" or "thank-you."
3. Every day go out of the way to do something kind for someone.
4. Be generous with pats on the back and handshakes. Demonstrate the love you have for friends and family.
5. Do you really listen? No interrupting, no day dreaming, just listening!

Guy and Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood were visiting on Saturday.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. those coming for Sunday School from First Baptist Church were Tootie Campbell, Ennis and Nina Joiner. 24 residents attended.

Visiting on Friday were Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Brad Johnson of Granbury, Paul Johnson of Lubbock, Ray and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona.

On the weekend, some guests were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Glenn Glasson, Kenneth Good and Eunice Love.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. those coming from First United Methodist Church were Robby Dodd, Joe and Kathi Williams. A large number attended.

Visiting during the week were Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon, Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene. Lee Pettigrew and Jackie Whitlock of Desdemona were visiting on Saturday.

On Monday, Karen Guthery came and styled the ladies hair.

Garry and Judy Owens of Abilene, Bill Moll, Maudie Husband, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider were visiting.

During the weekend guests were John and Georgie Lee Happer of Dallas, Billie Bennett, Glen and Shirley Clement, Ima Brown, Diana Snider, and E.G. Henderson.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for residents.

Visiting during the weekend were James and Vickie Campbell, David Campbell of Brownwood, Mayvis Lasater, John and Tresa Gilbert, Amber and Chad of DeLeon, Grace Townley, Christine Hammontree, Carolyn Gilbert, Floydene Gilbert.

Monday guests were Don Joiner of Houston, Ennis Joiner, Zelda Jordan, Lucille Joiner, Joyce Joiner of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks.

Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kim Ryon and Ruth Lewis of Desdemona were visiting.

On Monday afternoon those coming for singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Zelda Jordan, and Nancy Hendricks. A large group of residents were present. 97 degree weather so

99 Years For Indecency With Child

Phillip Eugene (Gene) Bishop, age 63, was sentenced to 99 years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod for the offense of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

After the case was submitted to them, the jury in this case returned a guilty verdict in approximately 30 minutes. During the punishment stage of the trial, the jury learned that Bishop had been previously convicted and served time in the penitentiary for the same type of offense—indecent with a child. Other evidence considered during the punishment stage of the trial proved that Bishop had been previously convicted and

served time in the penitentiary for injury to a child. Prior to beginning deliberations, the jury was instructed that Bishop would not be eligible for parole until he served one-half of the sentence to be imposed. After deliberating for approximately an hour, the jury returned the 99-year sentence. Attorney Jim Parker of Comanche represented Bishop at trial.

District Attorney Russ Thomason stated, "This conviction was made possible by a very brave little girl and the overwhelming support of the community of Rising Star." The case was investigated by the Rising Star Police Department who was assisted by Texas Ranger David Hullum.

Drug Offender's Probation Revoked

Presiding Judge, Steven R. Herod revoked the probation of Rhonda Sue Wells, 32, last week in the 91st District Court. Wells, formerly of Ranger, had previously been placed on ten years probation on July 27, 1995 for felony drug offense. Herod sentenced Wells to seven (7) years in prison for violating the terms and conditions of her probation. Wells had been previously sentenced to four (4) years in prison in another revocation proceeding arising out of Erath County in January, 2003. Probation Officer Kathy Swift was the supervising officer and recommended the revocation.

everyone enjoyed the ice cold drink Ina Smith served.

Visiting were Bob Wisdom of Desdemona, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Denzel and Fay Ables, Christine Hammontree, Don Sanders, Krishna and Rilone Sanders of Springtown, Melba Frasier, Ashley Hair, Maressa Gillen, Edna, Ben Burgess.

Joan Miller of Ft. Worth and Katey Johnson, Eunice Love were visiting.

Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for a large number of residents.

Visiting were Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Joy Rogers, Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway.

June Dossey was visiting in the home.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel for 21 residents.

Visiting were Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Don and Jo Carey of Midlothian, Howard and Pat Hagood, Martha Brockwell of Lubbock, Carolyn Foster, Durward Webb, Christine Self of Carbon.

Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood visited on Saturday.

Wednesday morning residents had exercise with Amolia and then enjoyed a program and later watched a movie.

Visiting were Ben Burgess, Bobby and Jean Burns of Ft. Worth, Laneta and Dave Freeman, Christine Self of Carbon, Ken and Betty Heathington.

Some guests were Rodney Roberts, Vickie Hallmark, Tommy Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Kennard and Doylena Roberts.

Visiting E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Eastland, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Tommy Lynn Seay of Alpine, Vickie Seay, Bill and Tootie Campbell.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had exercises for residents.

Harvey Winn of Carbon was visiting.

Rex Kinser and Wilbur Overstreet were guests.

Mayvis Lasater, Amy Fraley, Eunice Love, Christine Hammontree, Denzel and Faye Ables all visited.

On Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith had 'Crazy Bingo' for a group of residents.

AG TALK

By Charlie Stenholm



Canada Confirms One Case of Mad Cow Disease

The big agriculture news this week came this past Tuesday when Canada announced it had found a case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or mad cow disease, in the western province of Alberta, Canada.

This was the first case of mad cow disease in Canada in a decade, and Canadian authorities assured the public that the affected animal had not entered the food chain.

As many of you know, BSE is a degenerative brain disease in cattle that has been the focus of a lot of attention and concern over the past years, particularly in response to the outbreak in the United Kingdom a few years ago.

It is worth keeping in mind that BSE is not directly transmitted from one cow to another, according to USDA scientists.

However, BSE may be contracted when tissue from an infected cow is fed to another uninfected cow, a practice that is not allowed in the United States or Canada.

The USDA has expressed confidence that Canadian officials are taking appropriate measures to deal with what appears to be an isolated case of BSE.

Canadian officials have isolated the herd to which this eight-year old animal belonged, and all animals in this herd will be tested for BSE and segregated from the food or feed chain.

Canada's Agriculture Minister advised the public that any additional herds that are found to be at risk will also be depopulated.

This animal in Canada was identified by routine surveillance programs and was prevented from entering the food chain.

Let me emphasize that surveillance appears to have worked appropriately to identify and isolate this animal.

The U.S. continues to be vigilant in our surveillance efforts to prevent any potential BSE-infected products from entering our food chain.

Since 1997, both the U.S. and Canada have not permitted any protein from cattle to be fed to any other similar mammals.

Scientists say there is little measurable risk of the disease from ever spreading into our livestock system since this feeding ban is in place.

The U.S. currently tests our own cattle from potential BSE cases at a rate forty-one times greater than accepted international standards, and the USDA says they will continue to be vigilant in monitoring this issue.

Finally, we need to stress that this affects Canadian cattle, not U.S. cattle.

There has never been a diagnosed case of BSE in U.S. cattle and the actions being taken by the USDA will help to further protect the U.S. cattle herd from any potential spread of this disease across our border. 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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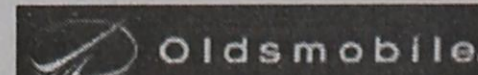
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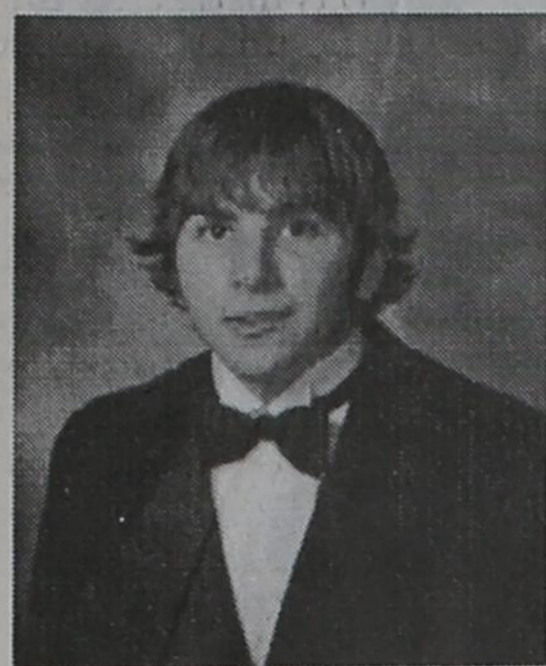
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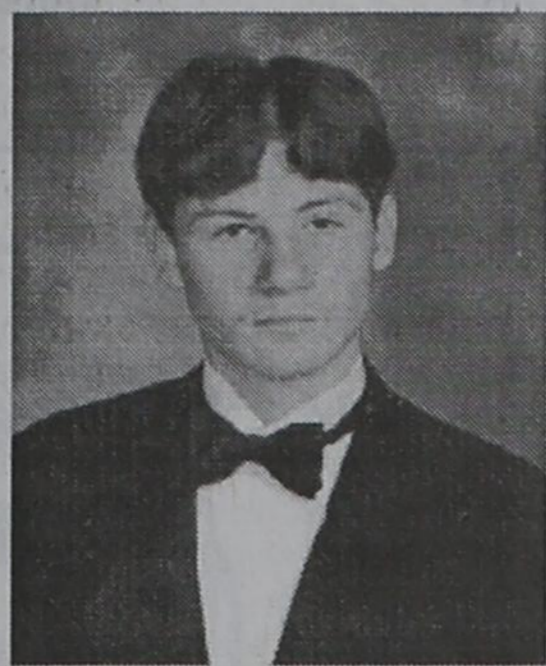


Derrik Adams

Derrik is the son of Myron Adams and Janet Sanders. He was born on December 11, 1984 in Brownwood. Derrik transferred from DeLeon to Gorman Schools in 1992. Derrik plans to attend Tarleton State University and become a physical therapist.

Derrik was President of the Senior Class and received Honorable mention All-District in basketball.

His hobby is being with his friends. His favorite food is chicken fried steak with gravy. His favorite music is rock.

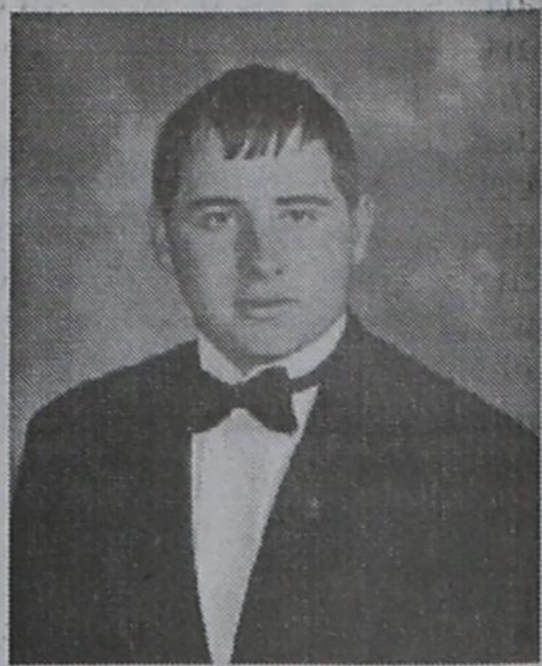


James R. Alexander

James is the son of Boyd and Tammie Sybesma. He was born on July 25, 1985 in Borger, Texas. He transferred from Eastland to the Gorman Schools in 1999. James plans to attend Dallas Art Institute and attend Savannah College of Art and Design.

James was elected Most Talented of the Year this year. He designed a series of Christmas cards and painted murals throughout the school.

His hobbies are painting and drawing, etc. Favorite foods are pizza, hamburgers, etc. Favorite music is hard rock and rap.

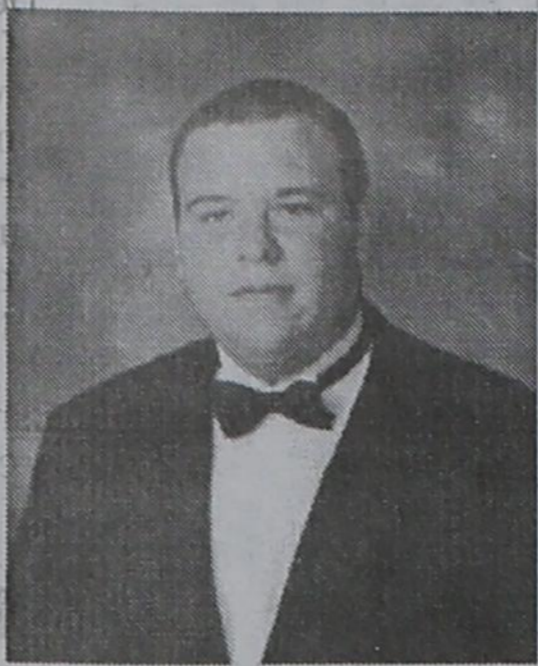


Matt Boone

Matt is the son of Roger and Ann Boone. He was born on January 4, 1984 in Graham, Texas. Matt transferred from Robert Lee to the Gorman Schools in 1996. He plans to attend TSTC in Waco to study automotive collision repair.

School honors and activities were FFA all years, FCCLA all years, band-Junior year, OAP-Junior year, UIL-Freshman year.

Hobby is spending time with friends. Favorite food is seafood. Favorite music is anything but hip-hop.



Joshua Bridges

Joshua is the son of Jackie Gutierrez and Wiley Bridges. He was born on October 1, 1984 in DeLeon. Joshua entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. He plans to attend Cisco Junior College for 2 years and then transfer to Tarleton.

High School honors and activities were the Annual Staff-3 years, FBLA-2 years, NHS-3 years, Band-4 years (received band scholarship to CJC).

Hobbies include playing the trumpet, listening to music, work and hanging out. Favorite food is Mexican food. Favorite music is rock and heavy metal.

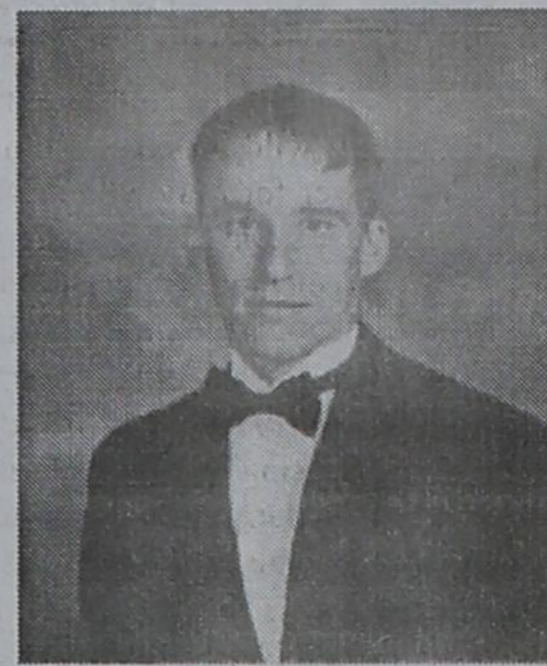


Sherry Carlton

Sherry is the daughter of Denise and Jerry Carlton. She was born on October 31, 1984 in Gorman. Sherry entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. She plans to attend TSTC in the fall and go into landscape design.

High School honors and activities included: Honorable Mention-Basketball-Sr., Regionals in 400 m relay-Fr., National Honor Society, FBLA, Senior Princess, Volleyball-4 years, Tennis-1 year, Band-2 years, alternate in Horse Judging-Sr.

Hobbies are bowling, swimming and being with friends. Favorite foods are Mexican and Italian. Favorite music is alternative.

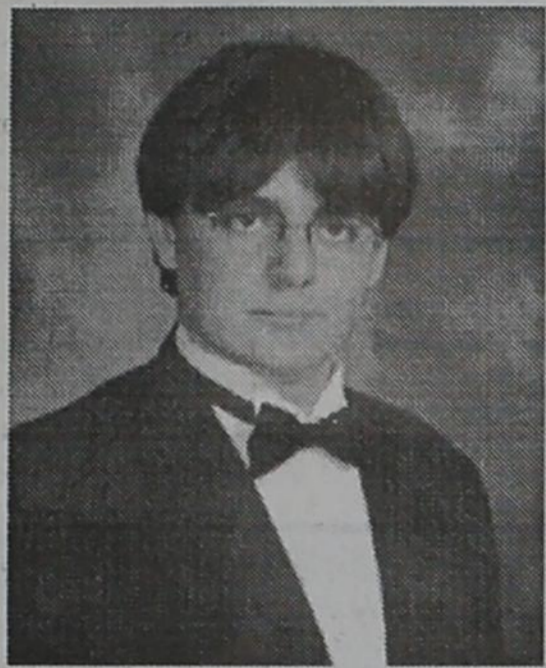


Joshua Ross Carruth

Joshua is the son of Jim and Kelley Carruth. He was born on January 1, 1985 in Abilene, Texas. He transferred from Ranger to the Gorman Schools in 1992 when he was in the 2nd grade. Joshua plans to attend Cisco Junior College.

High School honors and activities were: 2001 Football MVP, 2001 2nd Team All-District Linebacker, Star Greenhand Award, Star Chapter Degree 2002, 2nd Team Linebacker, 2002 Honorable Mention Quarterback, 4 years of Football, 1 year Baseball, 1 year Powerlifting, 4 years FFA, 2 years Class Officer, 3 year FFA Officer.

Hobbies including hunting mammals, fishing, hanging out with friends. Favorite food is chicken fried steak and corn. Favorite music is everything.

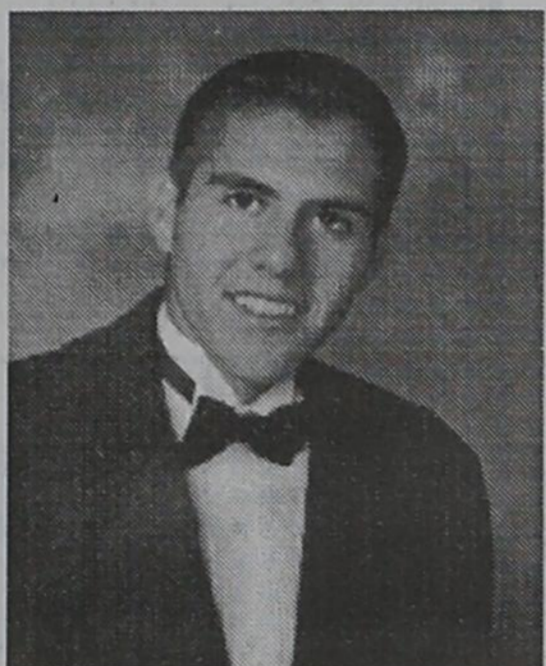


Dylan Cogburn

Dylan is the son of Oscar and Valrey Cogburn. He was born on February 26, 1985 in DeLeon. He transferred from Eastland to the Gorman Schools in 1994. Dylan plans on attending Wyoming Tech.

High school honors and activities were FFA and UIL.

Favorite food is Mexican food. Favorite music is Christian.



Jose Eloy Cruz

Jose is the son of Aureliana and Maria De Jesus Cruz. He was born on November 8, 1984 in Huejuquilla El Alto Talisco. He transferred from Colegio Diaz Lopez to the Gorman Schools in 1996 in the 5th grade. Jose plans to attend San Antonio College.

High School honors and activities include: Track and Field-Regional Qualifier 2001-2003, Area Qualifier 2002, Cross Country Regional 2001, Football Honorable Mention Kicker, National Honor Society, Basketball, Baseball.

Hobbies are playing sports and dancing. Favorite food is Mexican food. Favorite music is Spanish music, rap, rock.



Kristina Denise Everton

Kristina is the daughter of Kathy Everton and Cecil Everton. She was born on January 1, 1985 in Stephenville. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Kristina plans to attend Cisco Jr. College for 2 years.

High School honors and activities include: Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Softball, NHS.

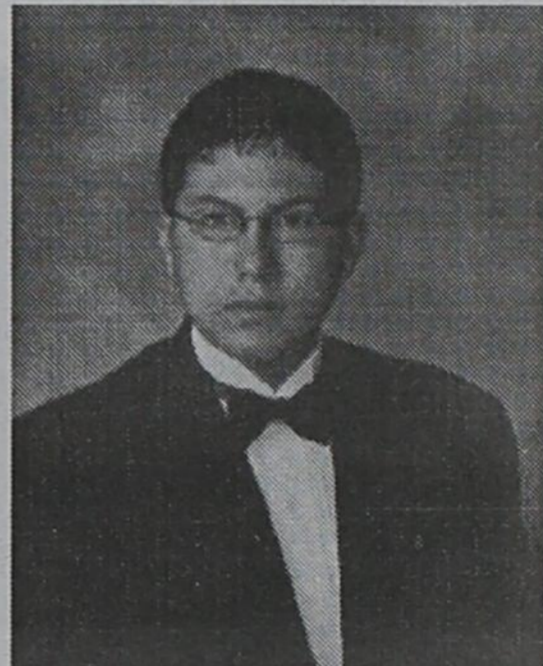
Hobbies are spending time with friends and family, fishing and riding 4-wheelers. Favorite foods are mashed potatoes, banana pudding, grandmother's cooking! Favorite music is any and everything.



Rodney Davis

Rodney is the son of Angie Davis. He is was born on April 11, 1984 in Tarrant County. Rodney plans to work in the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

Hobbies include going to the movies and hanging out with friends. Favorite food is Spanish food. Favorite music is Spanish.

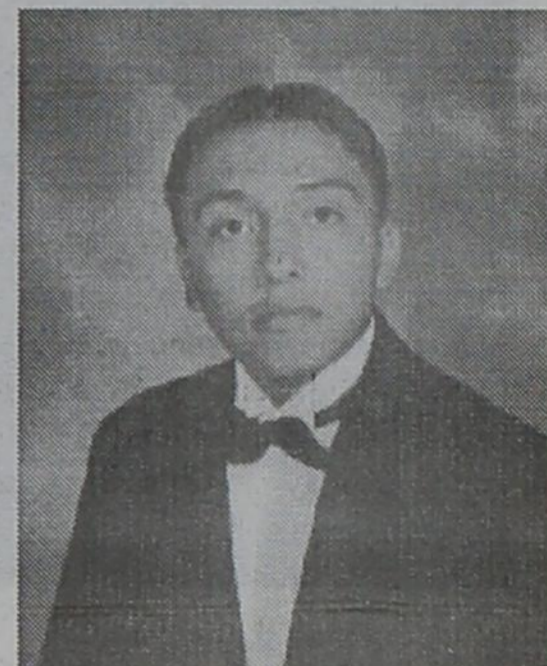


Joel Roy Espinoza

Joel is the son of Joe and Julia Espinoza. He was born on August 2, 1985 at the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman. He attended the Gorman Schools for all grades. Joel plans to go to CJC for 2 years and afterwards go to work.

High School honors and activities were: Band-4 years, Band President, Sr. year. Joel received scholarship for CJC.

Hobbies include playing his trumpet and drum set, hanging out, and dancing. Favorite food is baby back ribs from Chili's. Favorite music is Mexican and rap.



Samuel Garcia

Samuel is the son of Juana Garcia. He was born on August 8, 2003 in DeLeon, Texas. He transferred from Dublin to the Gorman Schools-Kindergarten, 3rd, 10th-12th. Samuel plans on having a high paying job, going to college and getting a degree in computers.

Hobbies include playing basketball, going out, chatting on the internet and listening to music. Favorite foods are pizza, chicken fried steak, ribs, hamburgers and Mexican food. Favorite music is R&B, hip-hop, rap and Mexican music.

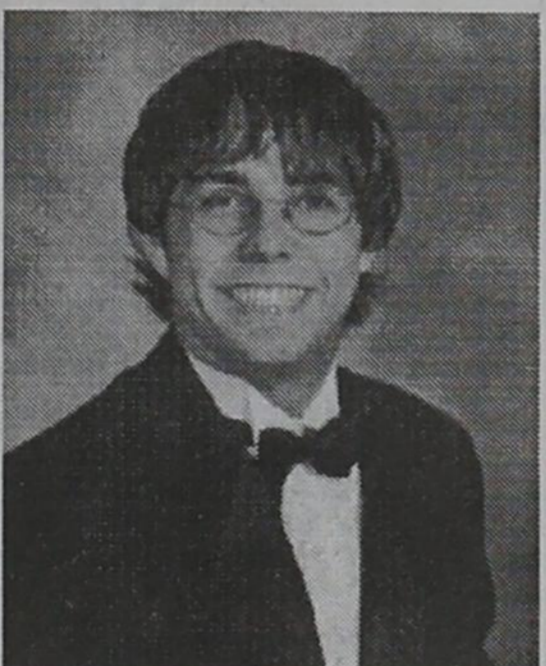


Crystal Jennifer Ibarra

Crystal is the daughter of Delia and Carlos Ibarra. She was born on November 26, 1984 at the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Crystal's future plans include Cosmetology at Cisco Jr. College.

High School honors and activities included: Student Council Secretary 1 year, High School Band-4 years, FCCLA officer-3 years.

Hobbies are listening to music and dancing. Favorite foods are Mama's food and pizza. Favorite music is everything but Gospel.

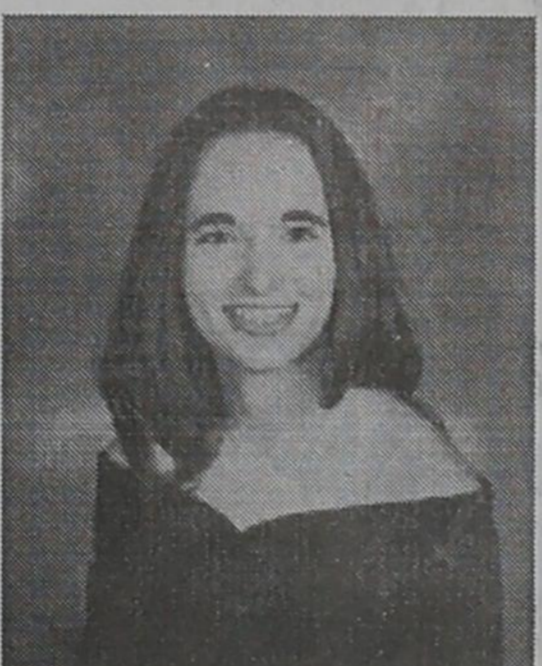


James Russell Jay

Russell is the son of James and Ann Jay. He was born on November 15, 1984 in Ranger, Texas. He entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Russell plans on attending Texas Tech.

High School honors and activities include Football, Baseball, Track, UIL One Act Play, 2nd Team All District Center, Band, FFA, FFA Reporter, Regional Qualifier in One Act Play.

Hobby is listening to music. Favorite food is seafood. Favorite music is Texas Country.



Sarah Ann Lewis

Sarah is the daughter of Philip and Donna Lewis. She was born on April 3, 1985 in Ranger, Texas. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Sarah plans to attend Tarleton State University.

High School honors and activities include: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Cheerleader, Powerlifting, Yearbook, Area Best Actress, One Act Play, Choir, Band, Basketball, Softball, Senior Class Secretary, NHS Vice-President, UIL, Homecoming Queen and Miss GHS.

Hobbies are reading, watching movies, being with friends and family. Favorite food is Italian and Mexican. Favorite music is Christian and alternative.

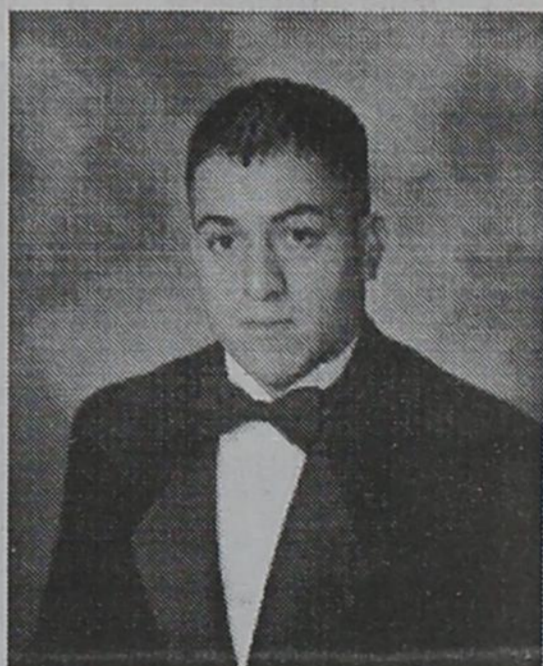


Mayra Alexandra Lopez

Mayra is the daughter of Rogelio and Irma Lopez. She was born on December 22, 1984 in DeLeon. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Mayra plans on attending Texas Women's University and opening own photography studio.

High School honors and activities include the Annual Staff, NHS, FBLA, FCCLA and UIL.

Hobbies are shopping, spending time with family and traveling. Favorite foods are chicken and Jello. Favorite music is all music.



Joe Landa

Joe is the son of Santiago Landa and Gregoria Landa. He was born on September 26, 1984 at the DeLeon Hospital. He entered the Gorman Schools at kindergarten. Joe plans to go to the U.S. Navy.

High School honors and activities were Football-1st team All District DL, 2nd team All District OL and Punter; Basketball 2nd team All-District wing; Baseball-1st team All District and 2nd team All District, Sergeant of Arms for Senior Class, NHS 3 years.

Hobby is hanging out with friends. Favorite food is Mexican food. Favorite music is rock and heavy metal.

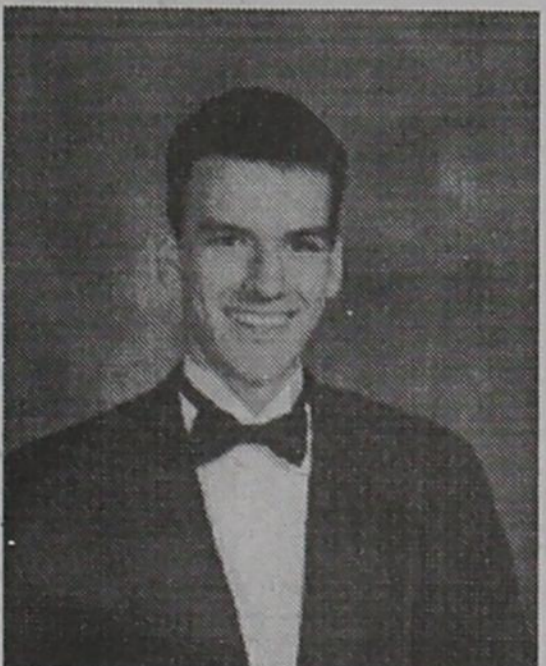


Emma Marin

Emma is the daughter of Katherine and Pete Marin. She was born on April 4, 1985 in DeLeon. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Emma plans on attending Cisco Junior College for 2 years and then transfer to Tarleton State University.

High School honors and activities were OAP, Future Business Leaders of America, Softball, FBLA, Volleyball, Cheerleading, and UIL. Honors: 2nd Team All-District Softball.

Hobbies are reading, spending time with friends and family, watching movies. Favorite food is Mexican. Favorite music is Christian.

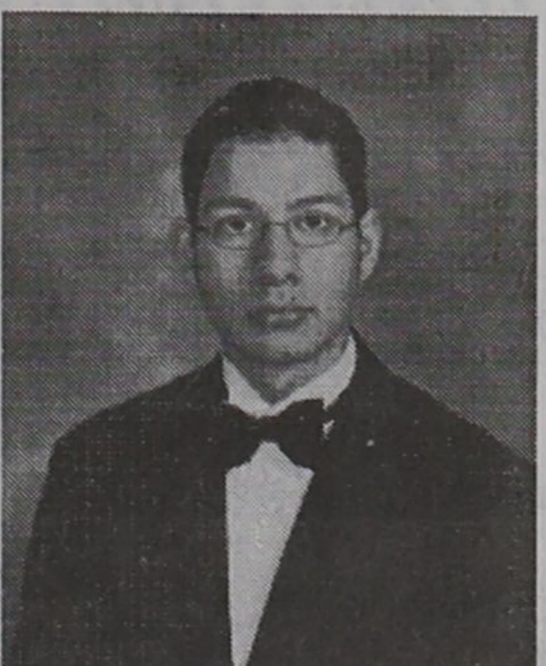


Moritz Niehaus

Moritz is the son of Dr. Helga Niehaus and Peter Niehaus. He was born on November 10, 1986 in Marburg, Germany. He transferred from Philippinum (in Marburg, Germany) to the Gorman Schools in 2002. Moritz plans to return to Germany and finish two more years of high school and then go to university.

High school honors and activities include Basketball, UIL-Mathematics, and A-honor roll.

Hobbies are hanging out with friends, listening to music and computers. He has a lot of favorite foods. Favorite music is alternative rock.



John Anthony Ramirez

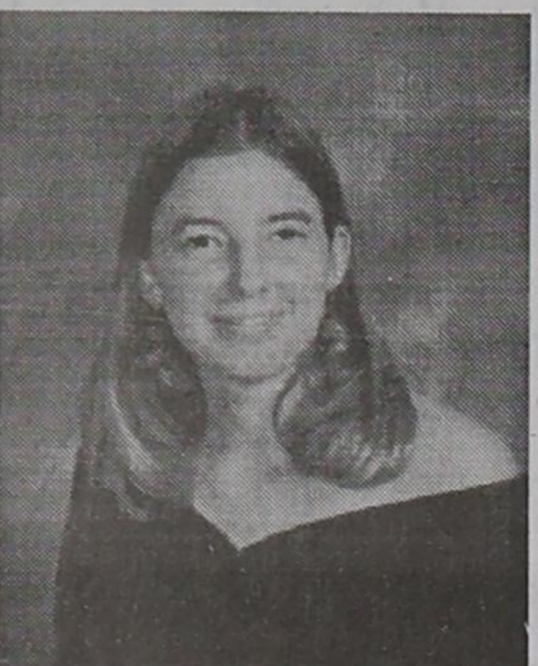
John is the son of Luis and Cathy Ramirez. He was born on October 10, 1984 in DeLeon. He entered kindergarten in the Gorman Schools. John plans to go to college and plans to do computer work.

Hobbies include singing and playing the guitar, and hunting. Favorite food is pizza. Favorite music is Craig David.



Linda Olivares

Linda is the daughter of Juan and Rosa Olivares. She was born on July 22, 1984 in Mexico. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Linda plans to attend college. Linda enjoys all music.



Natasha Nicole Ritter

Natasha is the daughter of Murial England and Phillip Ritter. She was born on June 9, 1985 in Fort Stockton, Texas. She transferred from McCamey to the Gorman Schools in the 1st grade. Natasha plans to go to CJC and become a nurse.

High school honors and activities include: NHS, FBLA, Band, and Band Sweetheart.

Hobbies are talking on the phone and working. Favorite foods are spaghetti and pizza. Favorite music is whatever is on the radio.



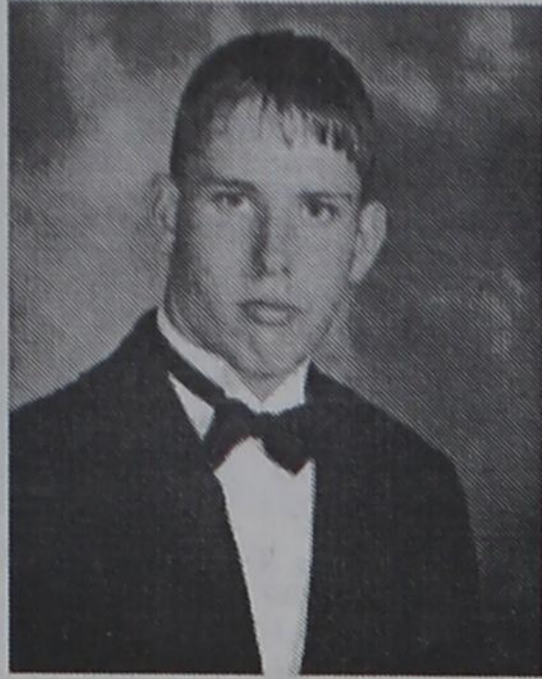
Rhesea Rainey

Rhesea is the daughter of Tresa Lewis and Hank Rainey. She was born on July 15th in DeLeon. She transferred from the DeLeon Schools when she was in the 6th grade. Rhesea plans to go to college for cosmetology.

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Hobbies include riding horses, playing with little brothers and sisters, and bowling. Favorite food is pizza. Favorite music is pop or country.

Congratulations Seniors - 2003



Thomas Shaylor Roberts

Shaylor is the son of Rodney and Melba Roberts. He was born on January 23, 1985 in Brownwood. He transferred from the Bangs ISD to the Gorman Schools when he was in the 10th grade. He plans to go to college and become an architect.

High School honors and activities include: Honorable Mention-Wide Receiver, Community Service Award.

Hobbies include playing video games with friends. Favorite food is whatever his mom cooks. Favorite music is Texas Country.

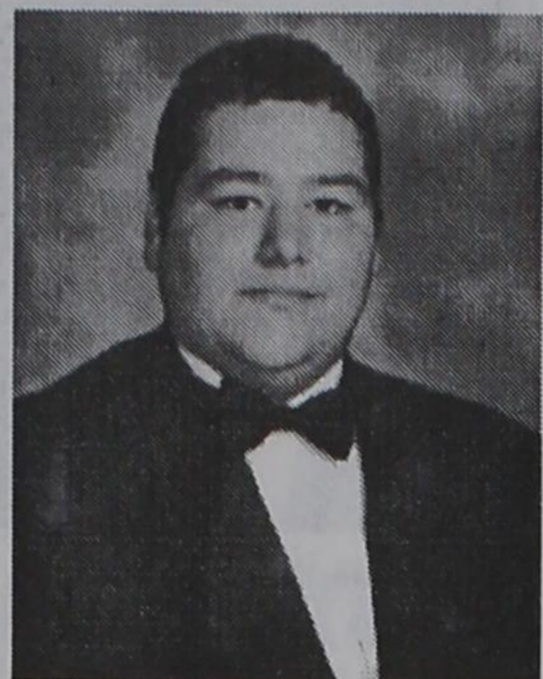


Heather Lee West

Heather is the daughter of Michael and Debra West. She was born on October 24, 1984 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She transferred from the Decatur High School in 2003. Heather plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University in pre-med.

High School honors and activities include: Most Likely to Succeed, Who's Who Among High School Students, National Honor Society, National Honor Roll.

Hobbies include hangout with friends. Favorite foods are potatoes and chicken. Favorite music is alternative.

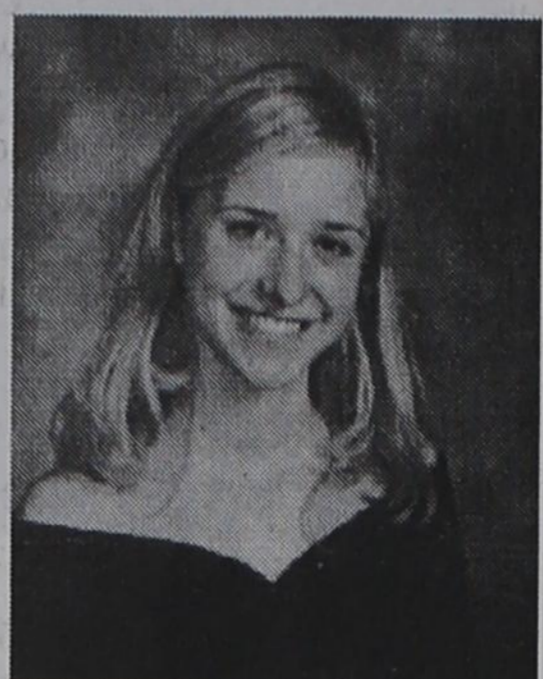


Chris Torres

Chris is the son of Abe and Kathy Torres. He was born on May 1, 1984 in Ranger. He entered the Gorman Schools in 1990. Chris plans to take a year off and then to go TSTC in Brownwood to become a welder.

High School honors and activities included Football-2 and showed in the Stockshow.

Hobbies are fishing and hunting. Favorite food is Mexican. All music is his favorite.



Berenike Thomalla

Berenike is the daughter of Katharina and Ingo Thomalla. She was born on August 18, 1985 in Suhl, Germany. She transferred from Lieberaven Gymnasium to the Gorman Schools her Senior year. Berenike plans to return to German and attend two more years of high school and then attend college in Germany.

High School honors and activities this Senior year include: Volleyball, Cross Country, Softball-District/Bi-District Champs), Track-Regional Qualifier 800m run, A-Honor Roll throughout the year.

Hobbies are friends, sports, and music. Favorite foods are Hauen (pasta, pizza). Favorite music is alternative.



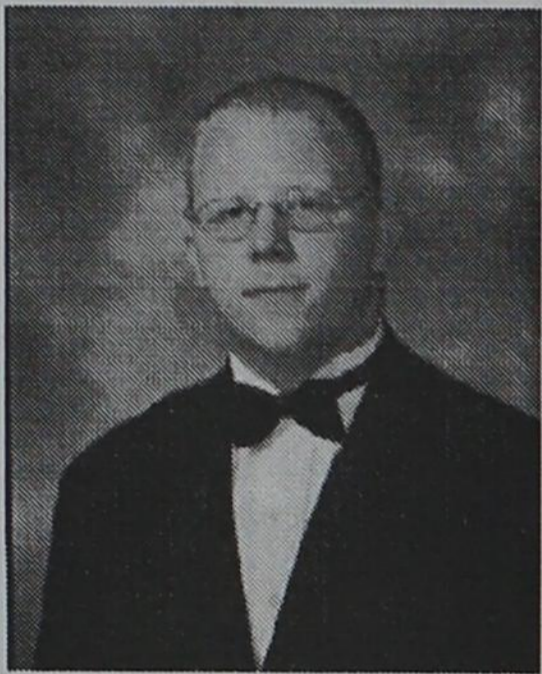
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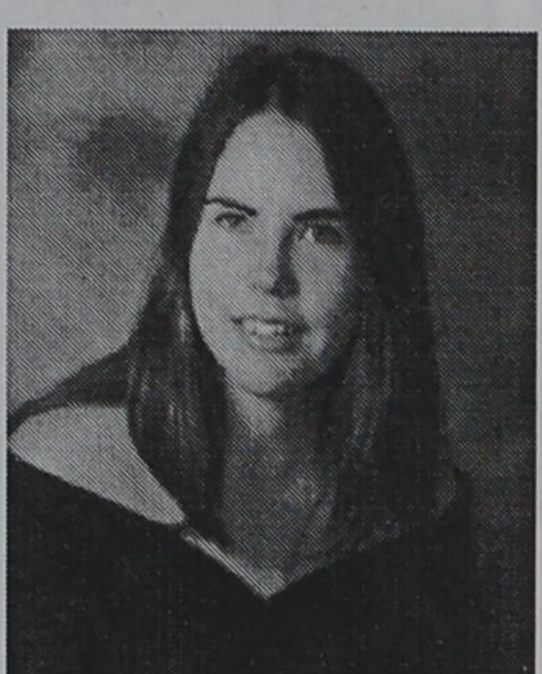


Chad Robertson

Chad is the grandson of Fay and Don Cook. He was born on November 22, 1984 in Cleburne, Texas. He transferred from Burleson High School to the Gorman Schools in 1999. Chad plans on attending school at Mobile Dynamics this summer.

High School honors and activities include: NHS, OAP, Yearbook, FBLA, Football, and Band.

Hobbies are sports and working out. Favorite food is all breakfast foods. All music is his favorite.

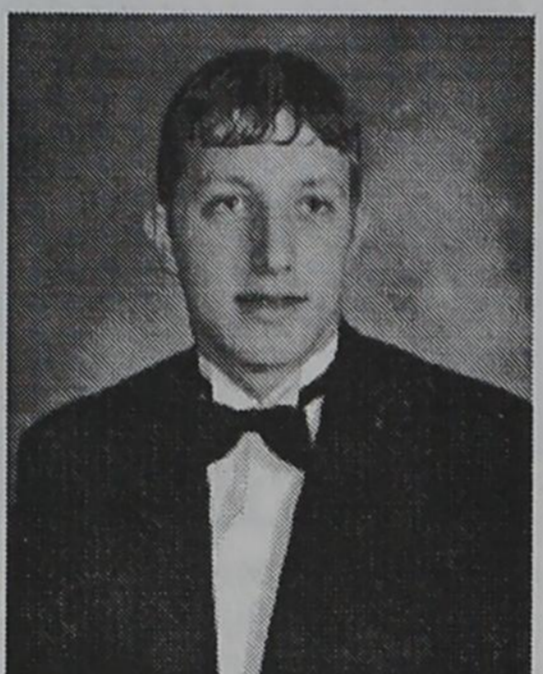


Carrie Marie Shipp

Carrie is the daughter of Ray and Lee Ann Shipp. She was born on January 6, 1985 in Fort Worth. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1991. Carrie plans to attend Cisco Junior College and then transfer to Tarleton in Animal Science.

High School honors and activities include: NHS, FFA Sweetheart, FFA, Volleyball, and OAP.

Hobbies are showing horses, hanging out with friends, and shopping. Favorite foods are chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes. Favorite music is Texas Country or anything available.



Gary William Lane Shirley

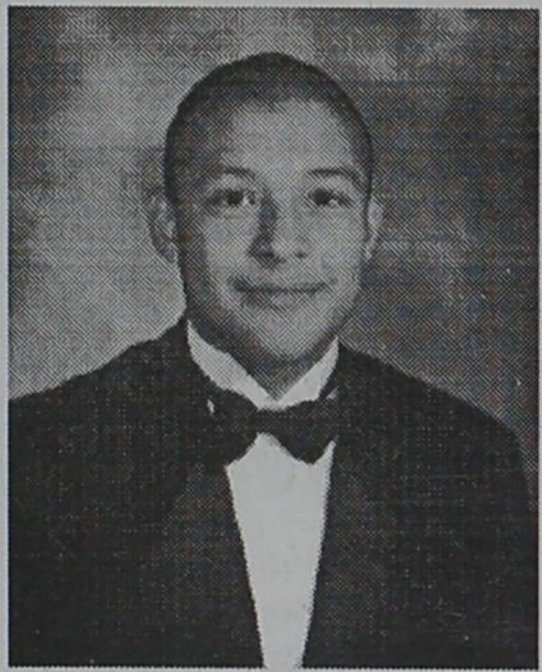
Lane is the son of Gary and Shirley Shirley. He was born on April 12, 1985 in Houston. He transferred from Friendswood to the Gorman Schools in 1996.

He was in the band for 2 years.

Hobbies are playing his guitar, piano, and drums. Favorite foods are anything that fills his stomach. Favorite music is everything except 70's and 80's music.

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Rolando Torres

Rolando Torres is the son of Juan and Emerita Torres. He was born on August 9, 1984 in DeLeon. He entered the Gorman Schools in pre-kindergarten.

High School honors and activities include: First Team All-District Football, All State-LB.

Hobbies are being with friends and playing football. Favorite food is cheese, pizza, hamburgers and Momma's food. Favorite music is Tupac Shakur.



Sandra Denise Snider

Sandra is the daughter of Danny and Dianne Snider. She was born on April 17, 1985 in Stephenville. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1988. Sandra plans on remaining here in Gorman.


High School honors and activities included the Special Olympica.

Hobbies are going shopping, attending plays and concerts, baby sitting nieces and nephews. Favorite music is Mexican, Chinese and Underwood's BBQ. Favorite music is classic rock and country.

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For five generations, oil people who mentioned Desdemona said, "Oh, you mean Hog Town?"

Clint Hanson, who grew up in Hot Town and worked in such places as the North Sea, Algeria, and Iran said he never worked anywhere where Desdemona was unknown. He was a welder who, in the last years of his career, worked offshore. Sometimes accompanying a rig from New Orleans to Nigeria or the North Sea. In the lonely weeks far from land, he began to follow a hobby of genealogy and local history. He discovered a county in far east Texas with a grave of a woman Desdemona was named for. Desdemona Wynn, the daughter of a 19th century postmaster. Hanson died in 1999, one of the last of WWII veterans who attributed his survival in France to his you as "the toughest kid in Hog Town."

In the last few years, such characters as Floyd Moore, wit and operator of the service station at the intersection of Texas Hwy. 16 and FM Road 8, and Compound Clark, the village blacksmith have died. It was Moore who told travelers that the two landmark gasoline tanks between Desdemona and Lingelville, "provide our town with hot and cold running water. The only town in Texas with such a service," he said with such a straight face. Blacksmith Clark, also ran the Democratic Party in the town.

On Thursday, June 5th at 5 p.m., area residents and visitors will have an opportunity to hear the legends and myths of the wild boomtown at a get together at the Community Center in downtown Desdemona, FM 8.

Visitors are also invited to hear brief historical programs and then gather for discussions of the tall-tale and their memories of the old town.

Few who witnessed the fiery gushers that marked the 1918 boom are still alive. Records and files of the history project will be forwarded to libraries and universities. Material and questions regarding the history project can be directed to Mary Ficklen or Roy Johnson of Desdemona.

Mary Ficklen
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Thank You

I would personally like to thank all the businesses, the citizens and especially the churches and Men's Prayer Breakfast group that have donated to the MUCSMIP grant match. I believe it is a very worthy cause. Many of you have given to the point of sacrifice, and I thank ALL of you. You have sown your seed into good ground.
Lori Dodd

Veteran's Service Office Moved

The Veteran's Service office in Eastland has moved to their new office in the Courthouse as of Monday, May 26, 2003. The new location is on the basement floor, room B-04 (east side entrance) for better access for handicapped individuals. The phone number is still 254-629-6008 and office hours are Mondays 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Lisa DeLynn Snider Graduates From NCSU

Lisa DeLynn Snider graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The ceremony took place on Saturday, May 17th, 2003 in Raleigh. Lisa received a Master of Science Degree in Sociology. She is the daughter of Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville.

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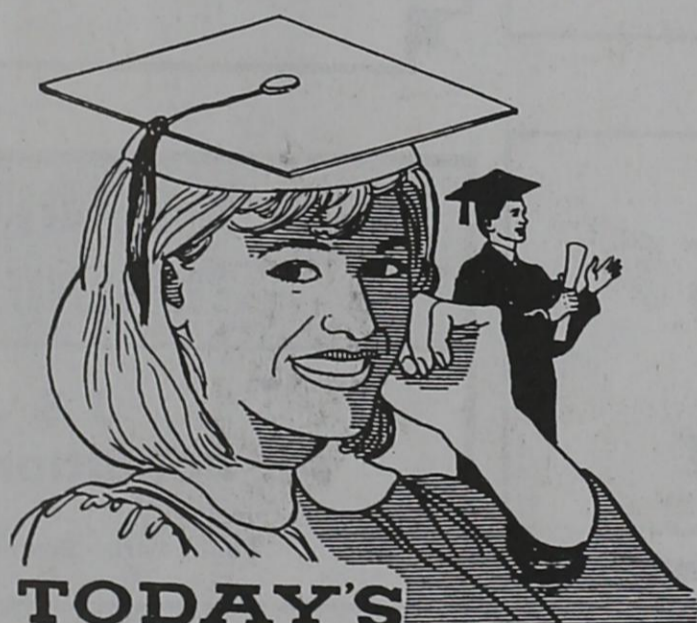
The Gorman Junior Class would like to thank all those who donated to the G.H.S. Prom 2003. Our prom was a great success. Without your generosity and thoughtfulness this would not have been possible. The community plays an important role in many of our school functions and we just want to let you know that we do appreciate your dedication.

Thanks,
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Ten Year Confinement For Burglary Conviction

Diedre Kay Johnson, 34, of Cisco, was convicted and sentenced to ten years confinement by an Eastland county jury for Burglary of a Habitation. The trial in the 91st District Court this week was for A burglary offense which occurred in August of 2001 in the city of Cisco. Judge Steven Herod presided. The investigation was conducted by Chief Larry Wickel and Officer James King. A neighbor had reported the burglary while it was being committed which enabled the officers to apprehend the suspects shortly thereafter.

District Attorney Russ Thomason stated, "This case is an excellent example of citizens getting involved in protecting their community; from the neighbor who alerted the police, to the twelve citizens who sent a message of deterrence to not only Ms. Johnson but also to other would-be burglars."



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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Larry and Gay Moore was in Leaky, Texas over the past weekend to attend the Christian Motor Cycle Rally. Approximately 700 attended each service. They reported a very enjoyable trip.

Ruby (Riggs) Hathaway of Stephenville and Gay (Fox) Moore of Desdemona visited recently in Hawley, Texas with Janice Hooper, daughter of the late Lora Riggs Hooper.

Mary Alice Brown Ficklen of Stephenville celebrated her 80th birthday last Sunday, May 25, at the Desdemona Community Center. Hosting the reception were her children, Molly Godwin of Kyle, Texas (near Austin), Robert Ficklen of Dallas and Jack Ficklen of Port Mansfield, Texas. Mary spent an enjoyable afternoon visiting with her family and friends. Special guests were her sister, Marge Brown Johnson of Amarillo and her brother and wife Robert and Ima Brown of Desdemona. Mary attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1939. Her parents are the late Anse and Polly Brown.

Ann Keith was in Temple one day this week for her doctor appointment. She has lots of allergy problems.

Stan and Rhonda Harvey of Ranger was supper guest last Thursday night in Desdemona with Dixie Pack and James.

Robert Alton Brown and children, Preston and Julie of Fort Worth visited the past weekend in Desdemona with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown.

Louella Trice of Lingleville spend several days this past week in the DeLeon Hospital.

Wayne and Karen Eaves and Lorin hosted a Hamburger cook-out at their home on Monday. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and friend all of Desdemona, Roy and Angela Powledge and children Colin, Kaley and Lane of Cisco.

Thought for today-- "Look to this day-for yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow is only a vision."

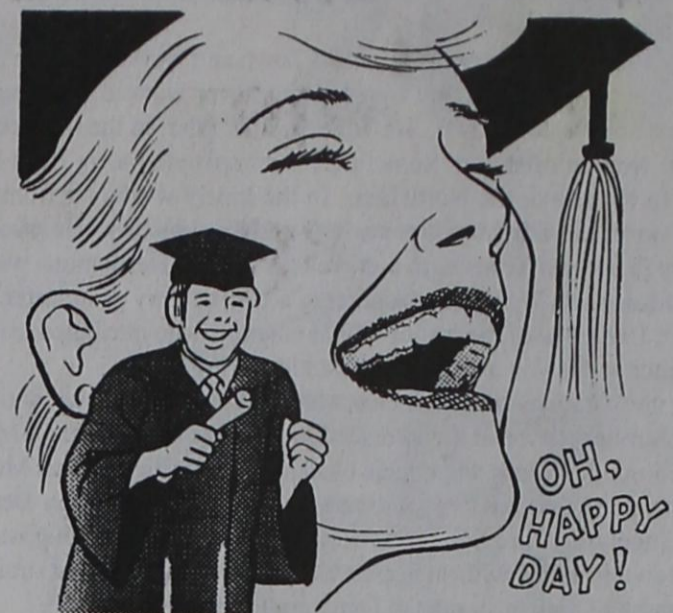
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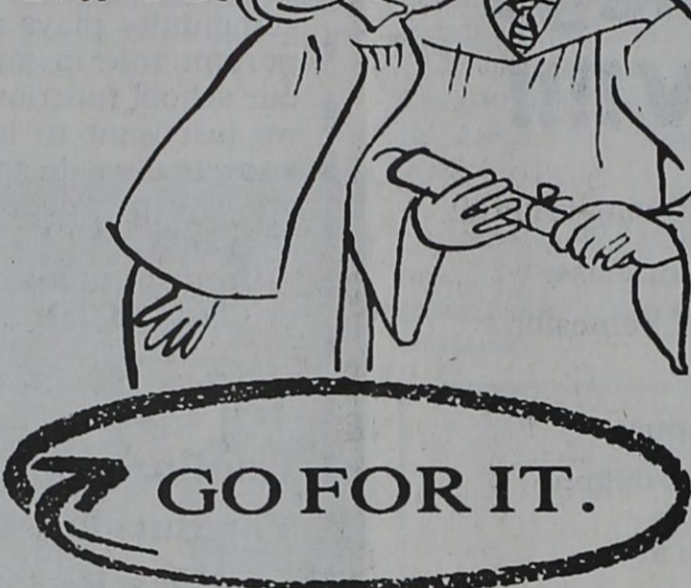
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A Military Strategy for the 21st Century

As the recent military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq have illustrated, the Cold War concept guiding the overseas basing for the U.S. military is obsolete. Yet the number, structure, and scope of our overseas bases are still largely aligned for the threat of Soviet aggression.

The process of when, how and why we base troops abroad is in need of a thorough examination to assure that our basing structure is adequate for the new security environment. As Chairman of the Senate Military Construction Subcommittee, I have proposed legislation to assess every overseas installation.

During the Cold War, our primary military mission was to defend our nation and our allies from the symmetric Soviet threat of aggression, and "boots on the ground" in Europe and Asia allowed us to do just that. But even though the Cold War has been over for a decade, our nation still has 112,000 troops in Europe, 37,000 in Korea and 45,000 in Japan, largely in installations designed, devised, and intended for the threats of an earlier era. Training constraints are evident in many of these bases.

The threats we face today, however, are largely asymmetric, such as terrorists groups or rogue states gaining weapons of mass destruction. Events of the past decade, especially since 9/11, have taught us that we need not only to maintain a military presence abroad, but also to be in a position to support contingencies where we have no permanent bases, such as in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Africa, and throughout the Middle East.

In the final analysis we may need more troops based overseas, not fewer, but clearly the needs are different than they once were, and it is critical that the United States move beyond the Cold War basing concepts.

This is not simply a matter of security — although that is sufficient concern — but also of assuring that taxpayer dollars are well and wisely spent. The Defense Department has requested \$174 million for Korea and \$284 million for Germany for new military construction next year, a large bill for a model in transition.

In South Korea, our soldiers often serve on the same patches of ground U.S. troops occupied when the Korean War ended in 1953. In Grafenwoehr, Germany, our troops train on tank and artillery ranges used by the Bavarian Army more than a century ago. The Army has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the complex in the past decade, even though the best training area consists of only 18,000 acres of land, a postage stamp compared to the 400,000 acres of maneuver area and ranges available at the National Training Center in California, or the more than one million acres at Fort Bliss' McGregor Range on the Texas-New Mexico border.

Further complicating matters, the Defense Department is preparing for another round of domestic base closures in 2005. As we scrutinize stateside military installations, we must take a look at our world-wide structure as well.

The legislation I introduced with my colleague Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), which has already been approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee, will create a congressional commission to take an objective and thorough look at our overseas basing structure.

The commission will consider a host of criteria to determine whether our bases are prepared to meet our needs in the 21st Century. It will be comprised of national security and foreign affairs experts who will provide a comprehensive analysis of our worldwide base and force structure to the 2005 domestic Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission.

Such a review is timely. Some in the Pentagon have suggested the 2005 BRAC could result in the closure of nearly one out of every four domestic bases. But, if after a careful review, we reduce our overseas presence, we will need stateside bases to station returning troops. It is senseless to close bases on U.S. soil only to later realize that we made a costly, irrevocable mistake — a painful lesson we learned in the last round of closures.

Our national security strategy is shifting to take on the new threats facing our nation. The position of U.S. troops around the globe must reflect that thinking.



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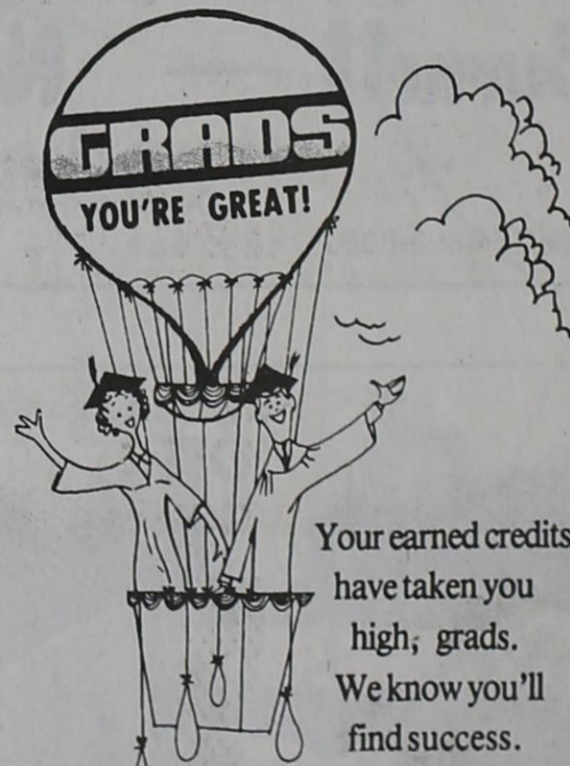
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