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## EX STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Ex-Students Association of Gorman Schools met recently to continue plans for the Homecoming Event which will be held in conjunction with the annual Peanut Festival the second weekend in September. Activities will include a float in the festival and a booth at the event. Class reunions will be scheduled throughout the weekend. A catered dinner and a program will be the highlight of the Homecoming and is scheduled to take place on Saturday evening, September 13. Since this year is 2003, classes that end in "3" are being highlighted at Homecoming. If you are a member of the class of 2003, 1993, 1983, 1973, 1963, 1953, 1943, 1933 or 1923, please contact us. Special recognition and exhibits are planned.

All ex students and friends of the Gorman schools are encouraged to volunteer to help with and to take part in these activities. Would you like to work on the float and/or the booth at the festival, or be involved in some other way? Do you know someone who does? Do you need to update your address so you will receive information concerning Homecoming 2003? Do you have addresses or know of other classmates?

If so, contact us by e-mail at gprogress@txbusiness.com or you can send by mail to Gorman Progress, PO Box 68, Gorman, TX 76454, Attention: Marilyn.

If you would like to be a member of the overall planning committee, you are welcome! The next meeting is Monday March 17 at 5:00 PM at the Board Meeting room of the Elementary school.

## AARP 55 Mature Driving

AARP 55 Mature Driving at the De Leon Senior Center on Mar. 4 and Mar. 6, 1-5 pm both days. To register, call 254-893-6311.

## Early Childhood Intervention

Gorman ISD would like to make parents aware that on February 26, 2003 a developmental screening will be held for young children ages zero to three (0-3). Early Childhood Intervention will conduct this screening at the Center for Life Resources, 301 Pogue Avenue, in Eastland from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

The Denver Developmental Screening, which takes about 20 minutes to complete, tests a young child for four areas; personal/social skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills and language development. If a child is found to have two or more delays in one area, there is further testing available through Early Childhood Intervention or referral to the appropriate agency.

The purpose of Early Childhood Intervention is to identify and correct as many problems as possible for young children. Early detection of young children's delays has proven beneficial to the child, parents, and teachers.

For further information, please contact 1-800-796-2752 or drop by the screening site.

## Gorman Family, Career, and Community Leaders

The Gorman chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America will be attending the Region II Conference to be held in Fossil Ridge, Texas on February 28- March 1, 2003. The chapter members will be among 1100 delegates attending the two-day conference. The youth developed theme, "FCCLA: A Fiesta of Opportunity" will be carried out through workshops and general sessions, members will discover ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues that will be addresses at the meeting will be scholarships, date rape, team building, personality profile, eating disorders, STOP the Violence, community services, depression, stress management, leadership, STAR Events, underage drinking, public speaking, self-esteem, and attitude check.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members will participate at regional meetings. These events will allow members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition. Also, the new officer team for 2003-2004 will be elected to carry the organization forward.

This year we will have two students representing Gorman competing in STAR Events. Mayra Lopez, a senior, will be competing in the Entrepreneur category, and Kent Long, a freshman, will be competing in Illustrated Talk. This year the FCCLA sponsor is Tammy Kellar.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Student leaders of Texas FCCLA are ready to have "A Fiesta of Opportunities" and celebrate with programs related to parenting, child development, management (personal and financial), interior design, entrepreneurship, food services, nutrition, institutional maintenance, hospitality, and career awareness.

Submitted by: Tammy Kellar

## Kokomo Benefit Stew Supper Slated March 8

The benefit stew supper at Kokomo has been set for Saturday, March 8 at the Kokomo Community Center. Serving will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

The benefit is sponsored by the Kokomo Community Club and proceeds will benefit the Carbon and Gorman Fire Departments and the Kokomo Community Center. Mark your calendars and come enjoy a time of good food and fellowship with friends and neighbors and contribute to these worthy causes. Nancy Hendricks will in charge of ticket sales prior to the Stew Supper, or tickets may be purchased at the door.

## Desdemona Monthly Musical

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, February 22 at the Community Center. Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend--another heater has been added to the music room.

## Seventh and Eight Grades Say 'Thank You!'

The seventh and eighth grades would like to thank everyone involved for the wonderful Valentine Ball on February 15th in the Opera House. We had a great time. Thanks to all the parents for the food and decorating. Thank you to Bill Hair for being our DJ. Thanks to Veronica Seaton and Liz Brinegar for two of the door prizes. A special thank you to Shirley Shirley and Shirley's heating and Air-conditioning. Shirley went the extra mile for us with all the time and effort she put into the decorating and the prizes she awarded each hour. You made this a memorable time of us all! Thank You all!

## Seniors To Go To Austin

The Gorman ISD senior class will be taking a field trip next Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> to Austin. Representative Jim Keffer has arranged for the students to take a tour of the capitol and to be recognized by the Texas House of Representatives. The seniors will also go to the Texas Museum of History and visit the IMAX Theater. This is an exciting opportunity for the students to experience a legislative session and to learn more about our state's history.



**OUTER WALL OF HOSPITAL** — The photo above shows what Kenneth Good placed at the site of the Old Blackwell Hospital Building site. The section of brick shown was from one of the wall sections of the old hospital. This shows support for the old Blackwell Hospital and the future of the many memories of the hospital.

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**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.

**Community Prayer Meeting** - Monday, February 3rd at 7 p.m. Senior Citizens Center - ( First Monday of Every Month )

**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.

**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

## Panther/Lady Panther Powerlifting

This past Saturday, the Gorman Powerlifting team went to a the 4th Annual Jacksboro Tigers Powerlifting Meet. It was a big meet and we were, again, the only Class A school at the meet. Our powerlifting team has been working hard all year and you can definitely see the results.

The girls usually don't have as many lifters as the guys, but at this meet, there were just as many girl lifters as guys. Kendra Swanner placed 4th in the 148 lb. class with a total of 500 lbs. Summer Olvera placed 3rd with a total of 685 lbs. in the 198 lb. class. Sandra Lara placed 6th with a total of 465 lbs. and Krista Brown placed 7th with a total of 440 lbs. They were both in the 132 lb. class. Sarah Lewis placed 6th with a total 440 in the 105 lb. class. They placed 8th as a team.

The boys were 10th overall as a team. The champion of the 275 lb. class was Brian Hunt with a total of 1,415 lbs. J.T. Whitfill placed 6th in the 275 lb. class with a total of 1,050. Chad Robertson was in the 220 lb. class and placed 4th with a total of 1,010. Ryan Wright placed 4th in the 114 lb. class with a total of 620. Other lifters were Tim Guerra, Zachary Bryant and first time lifter Clint Jones. They were all in the 165 lb. class.

Our next meet is February 22nd in Eastland. The meet should begin around 8:30 a.m., so come and watch our last meet of the year.

Coach Gerick

## School Board Considers a Number of Items

The Gorman ISD met in regular session Monday, February 10, 2003 and considered a number of agenda items. The board approved the minutes of the January meeting and approved the payment of disbursements and payroll before entering into the new business section of the meeting.

The board approved continuing membership in the Region 9 and Region 14 Food Purchasing Coop, which allows GISD the opportunity to purchase, and store commodity food items at a reduced price. Freddie Gilmore made the motion to contract with McCreary, Velselka, Brag & Allan to conduct the appeal of the property values assigned by the state. Leslie Vann reported to the board that the State Comptroller assign values of 2.5 million dollars above the values assigned by the local tax appraisal office. With out the appeal process, GISD would lose 250,000 dollars in state aid.

A motion presented by Jeff Seaton called for an election for two board positions on May 3, 2003. The two positions open are currently held by Bob Powell and Freddie Gilmore who is filling the term for Windell Treadway who resigned this past summer. The board also appointed Sandra Osborne as the election judge. Candidates can file for the position by picking up an application at the Superintendent's office during regular school hours and returning the completed application by March 19.

Mrs. Betty Morris, textbook coordinator, recommended that the board approve all texts on the Social Studies textbook list and the board approved the recommendation. Ronny Wright presented the board with a revised Gifted and Talented plan, which was approved, and the board approved the Technology plan for 2004 - 2006 as recommended by the GISD Technology Committee.

The board discussed the item of purchasing two charter type busses to be used for transporting students on extracurricular and co-curricular trips at length. Mr. Vann reported to the board in October that ABC Bus Sales of Grand Prairie was offering charter type busses for sale at a very reasonable price. Mr. Vann along with Ron Childers, Ronny Wright, and Freddie Gilmore traveled to Grand Prairie to view the busses. Mr. Vann reported that the busses would be reconditioned busses with new paint and decals, new tires, and an auxiliary air system. The busses would also undergo a complete inspection of the brakes, fluids, and air system. After weighing the facts, the board voted to approve the purchase of the two busses for 19,500 each. The price of the bus is less than half of the price of a new school bus. Once the busses arrive in March, the current activity bus will be placed one of the daily routes replacing one of the older busses.

Each February the board makes a decision on renewing contracts for the campus principals and the athletic director. Bob Powell made the motion to renew Betty Morris's contract and Melinda Harrington made the motion to approve Ronny Wright's contract. Both motions passed unanimously. The final action taken by the board was the approval of Coby Tyson as the athletic director for 2003-2004.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2003.

## 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 - MARCH 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.**

# Obituary

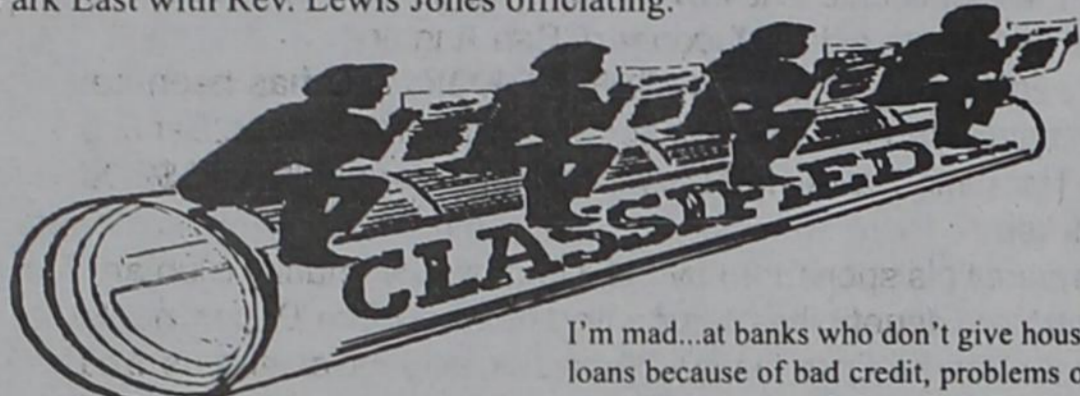
## Paul A. Jones

Paul A. Jones, 92, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2003. Born in Gorman, Texas, on July 8, 1910, Paul was the only son of Ed and Mae (Capers) Jones. Having resided in Groveton, Texas, for the past four years, he previously resided in Houston for over 50 years. Paul was a member of First Baptist Church, Groveton and a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Houston and a fifty-five year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—Local #716 in Houston.

He was the beloved husband of the late Sarah Marie Mayhew Jones and they made their home in the historical Woodland Heights area for over forty years.

Survivors include his sons, Howard of Richmond, Virginia, Gary Sr. and wife Katie of Groveton, granddaughter Debbie Jones of Sugarland, grandson Gary Jr. and wife Dawn, and great grandsons Alex and Michael all of Groveton.

Graveside services were held Monday, January 20, 2003 at Forest Park East with Rev. Lewis Jones officiating.



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# Benefit for Medical Clinic Planned

The Gorman EDC will be hosting a benefit for the medical clinic opened by Dr. Dan Brudnak. The state agency ORCA (Office of Rural Community Affairs) offers a grant to small communities under 10,000 population, to help establish medical services. The grant is for \$15,000 - \$25,000. The community must have at least \$15,000 to apply. If we meet the grant criteria, then we will be able to receive up to \$25,000 from the State of Texas.

There will be a Bar-B-Q brisket dinner on Monday March 10 at the Community Center from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. Minimum donation of \$5 per plate requested. For more information contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or Judy Warren at 734-4254 (9 am - 5 pm).

## State Testing

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades will be taking the TAKS test on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time for the new TEKS based TAKS test to be administered. The third grade will be taking their reading test March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The tests are expected to be challenging so please encourage these students.

## EDC minutes for February 2003

The Gorman Economic Development Corporation met on Monday February 10, 2003. Vice President Judy Warren called meeting to order at 5:55 pm. Board members in attendance were Becky Laminack, Mark Simmons, Alex Granado and director Lori Dodd.

Minutes were read, motion to approve by Mark Simmons, second by Becky Laminack. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to approve bills for payment made by Becky Laminack, second by Mark Simmons. Motion carried 4-0.

Lori Dodd gave an update on Stewart Parnell coming back to Gorman. The City Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday Feb. 20 regarding his application for Capital Improvement funds from the State of Texas, and vote on a resolution supporting that assistance.

CN2 update: Lori wrote a letter to the President of Microwave Networks Inc. regarding the continued increase in expenses and stated that it was unacceptable and that the price in the contract was what Gorman would pay. They have a conference call next week. The Web Portal was awarded to a company called ClickFind and should be up in 60 days. The equipment contract was awarded to Gateway and to Arthur Business Products in Eastland. The equipment should be arriving by end of March. She also had some unfortunate news that Gorman's webmaster Norma Dennis will be leaving in the spring for a job in Houston. Efforts are underway to find a new webmaster.

TMCN Day in Austin will be February 19. Lori will be attending for Gorman. She will also be staying over to attend the ORCA Summit. Her plans are to discuss health care and telecommunications with ORCA staff members.

Plans were finalized to host a benefit BBQ dinner for the medical clinic. Lori will check with the school calendars to make sure there are not major conflicting events and will arrange for the Community Center. It was discussed to ask the Chamber of Commerce and Gorman GROW to help with the costs. Judy will check with the Chamber and Lori will check with GROW. Karen Pena will check into securing donations for silent auction items. Becky Laminack will do a flyer. Alex will secure homemade tortillas. Menu will include brisket, beans, potato salad, cobbler, tortillas, relishes, and a drink. Price will be a minimum \$5 donation per plate.

There was no further business to discuss. Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Simmons, second by Alex Granado. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. Minutes submitted by Judy Warren.

## Weight Watchers®

### In Gorman?

Several people have expressed an interest in starting Weight Watchers® meetings here in Gorman. We must have a certain number of people willing to commit before one can be established. If you are interested, call Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or 734-3637.

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You can call Social Security toll-free any weekday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

## School Menu Week of February 24

### Breakfast

- Monday--Cereal, toast, milk, juice
- Tuesday--Sausage & pancake on a stick, banana, milk, juice
- Wednesday--Eggs, biscuits, milk, juice
- Thursday--Cinnamon rolls, milk, juice
- Friday--Biscuits, sausage, gravy, milk, juice

### Lunch

- Monday--Burritos w/chili & cheese, Spanish rice, salad
- Tuesday--Chicken nuggets, cr. potatoes, gr. beans, gravy, hot rolls
- Wednesday--Taco salad, Spanish rice, pears
- Thursday--Corn dog, pinto beans, cornbread, pineapple
- Friday--Hamburgers, fries, peaches

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GORMAN TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing at 5:00 PM on February 20, 2003, at the Gorman City Hall (located at 116 S. Kent) in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture /Office of Rural Community Affairs for Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grants. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the Mayor Robert Ervin, at the City Hall. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary, Tacy Warren (254-734-2317) to arrange for assistance.

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

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Jeff Roberts of Dallas visited the past weekend with his mother, Dorothy Roberts. Then on his way home, he visited Emily Williams and Kena in Granbury.

Robert and Ima Brown was in Temple last Monday to attend the funeral of their friend who was killed in that awful bus wreck on Friday near Waco.

Violet Watson is a new resident in Heritage Manor Rest Home in Gorman. She has been a widow for several years. We wish her much happiness in her new home.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Patsy Bays Moon who was buried last Sunday in the School Hill Cemetery.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. This is very important. Thanks and have a nice day, Coon.

## Drug Offender's Probation Revoked

The presiding judge in the 91st District Court revoked the probation of BILLY SHANE Pockrus, 37, Wednesday afternoon after hearing testimony.

previously been placed on six years probation on December 9, 1996 for a felony drug offense. The Court sentenced Pockrus to 6 years in prison for violating the terms and conditions of his probation. Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason stated: "Probation Officer Kathy Swift made extraordinary efforts to rehabilitate Pockrus, which he failed to take advantage of, leaving her no choice but to seek his imprisonment."

## Felony Probation Revoked

Judge Steven Herod revoked the probation of SABRINA GAIL MADDOX, 23, Thursday afternoon after hearing testimony in the 91st District Court. Maddox, formerly of Ranger, had previously been placed on four years probation on August 29, 2000 for felony theft. After hearing testimony that Maddox had violated the terms and conditions of her probation, which included drugs, Herod sentenced Maddox to prison for the maximum term allowed by law. Juli Wyatt of the 91st District Community Supervision Department had requested revocation of Maddox's probation.

# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Sunday, February 16, 2003 was a very special day at the Kokomo Baptist Church as it was declared as "Johnnie B. Day" as members, friends and Johnnie B.'s family expressed their love and appreciation for Johnnie B. Griffith for what she has meant to the church and the community through the years since she and her late husband, Ottis, moved to Lake Leon, and became active in the church and community.

The service began with special music by the choir under the direction of Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano. Those in the choir were Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Sylvia Buchanan, Donna Gatlin, Lesley Gatlin Garrett Gatlin, Oren Webb and Joe bond. Congregational singing followed and then the many visitors were recognized, and there were many wonderful stories told by the friends and family about their relationship with Johnnie B. The visitors were Ken and Janie Riley of Midland, Lara Jane and Jared Cooper of San Angelo, Chad Griffith of Lubbock, Bill and Dorothy Mims of Eastland, Joe and Elizabeth Vaughn of Lake Leon, Earl and Niles Trout of Lake Leon, Floyd and Joy Williams of Eastland, Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, Lowell Wilson and his fiancée, Kimberly Pack of Stephenville and Aline Garrett of Gorman.

Daryl Hirst sang one of Johnnie B.'s favorite songs, "One Day At A Time", followed by a timely message by Bro. Clarence Wilson. Durwood Burgess offered the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the food that awaited us in the fellowship hall.

The tables were beautifully

decorated in the Valentine theme, with a red and white carnation floral arrangement in a red basket with white hearts and a pink carnation arrangement in a vase that were presented to Johnnie B. following the meal.

Aline has known Johnnie B. the longest of anyone attending the service as they attended the same high school and played basketball on the same team during their school years and have remained friends through the years. Donna Browning Gatlin and Lowell Wilson were in the Sunday School class taught by Johnnie B. and her late husband, Ottis, in their growing up years at Kokomo. Others who came for the dinner following the service were other former students in the Sunday School class, Angela Burgess Buckley and her family, Jeff, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona and Kathy Snider Collum and her family, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay., and dear friends and former neighbors, J.W. and Glenna Davis of Dublin.

Visitors with Johnnie B. Griffith during the weekend were her family, Ken and Janie Riley of Midland, Chad Griffith of Lubbock and Jared and Lara Jane Cooper of San Angelo.

**THE BENEFIT STEW SUPPER AT KOKOMO** has been set for Saturday, March 8 at the Kokomo Community Center. Serving will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

The benefit is sponsored by the Kokomo Community Club and proceeds will benefit the Carbon and Gorman Fire Departments and the Kokomo Community Center. Mark your calendars and come enjoy a time of good food and fellowship with friends and neighbors and contribute to these worthy causes. Nancy Hendricks will in charge of ticket sales prior to the Stew Supper, or tickets may be purchased at the door.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham on Monday with Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning.

Woodrow and Helen Browning attended the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for her uncle, Aubrey Patton in Comanche on Saturday.

Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham spent the weekend with Helen and Woodrow Browning.

Earl and Betty Little, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Charles and Carolyn Little were in Stephenville on Friday night for family visitation time with the family of a cousin, Travis Hallmark at the Stephenville Funeral home. Mr. Hallmark passed away on Wednesday. His funeral was Saturday and he was buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. We extend our sincere sympathy to this family.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of Patsy Moon of the School Hill Community who passed away on Saturday. Oren and Norma Webb and Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson attended the funeral service on Sunday afternoon at the School Hill Cemetery.

Nelda and Jarad Fails and Tim Breeden of Arlington visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Saturday. Others coming for a visit and supper together were Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon. There were telephone visits with Emily Little of Lubbock and Cody Fails of Nacogdoches. Jimmy Dale Hendricks of Eastland visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee on Sunday afternoon.

Sylvia Buchanan, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Zelda Jordan joined Jimmy and Maggie Nelson, of Fort Worth, David and Cassie Brasher of Carbon and Richard and Ann Thorne of Dublin for dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night to celebrate Valentine's Day and David and Cassie's 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which was on Feb. 13.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Earned Income Tax Credit

The Texas economy would get a \$3 billion boost if nearly two million Texas families who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) claim the credit on their federal income tax returns.

EITC refunds vary, depending on family income and the number of qualifying children in the family. To claim the credit, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires families to meet specific eligibility requirements and have a valid social security number for every qualifying family member.

Taxpayers who expect to qualify for the EITC in 2003 and have at least one qualifying child may sign up at work to receive part of the credit in each paycheck, instead of waiting for a tax refund.



Source: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. <http://www.window.state.tx.us/news/20131eitc.html>

## Felony Drug Probation Revoked

The presiding judge in the 91st District Court revoked the probation of KRISTAL JUNE VINSON, 30, Wednesday afternoon after hearing testimony. Vinson, formerly of Ranger, had previously been placed on six years probation on December 9, 1996 for a felony drug offense. The Court sentenced Vinson to prison for five years for violating the terms and conditions of her probation. Eastland County Probation Officer Kathy Swift requested the Criminal District Attorney's Office to seek the revocation.

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'00 Ford 1/2 Ton Reg. Cab	V6, 5 Spd., only 33K	\$10,500
'98 Chevy S-10 X-Cab	Auto, V6, 78K	\$ 8,750
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# Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Friday, February 21st at 2:00 p.m. will be the February Birthday Party honoring Ollie Halcomb, R.L. Sharp, Patti Whitehorn, Lucille Johnson and Clara Mae Frossard. Ruth Campbell will entertain. Friends and relatives are invited.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Vera Henderson were E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Chester and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Jimmy Little, Nancy Hendricks, Dee Smythy, Christine Self of Carbon, Johnnie B. Griffith.

On Sunday morning Ann Warren of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Modess Self, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Darrell Dossey, Dorothy Beaty, Ethel Weaver, Inez Rogers, R.L. and Lavona Sharp. Visiting Lucille Johnson were Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Doyle Johnson of Desdemona.

Guests visiting R.L. and Lavona Sharp were Kim and Eric Ryon of Desdemona, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Ann Warren, Lyndon Shipman, Mayvis Lasater, Dorenda Minton of Lake Buchanan.

Sunday afternoon those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy Little, Ruby Lee Kinser, Joe Bond and Nancy Hendricks, and guests Clyde and DeSha Johnson, Doyle Johnson. Residents were Hope Joiner, Inez Rogers, Ethel Weaver, A.V. Seay, Margie Lane, Darrell Dossey, Lucille Johnson, Lavona Sharp, Mary Tobin, Evelyn Rippetoe, Roy Lee Whitlock, and Mary Lou Landers.

Clara Mae Frossard guests were Dee Smythy, Christine Self of Carbon, James and Vickie Campbell, David and Kathi Reed of Brownwood, Floydene Gilbert, Carolyn Gilbert, John and Teresa Gilbert of DeLeon.

On Sunday afternoon, Melinda Walker of Desdemona brought Chesley and Haley Buckley, Selena and Scott Walker and Letisha Abby to give everyone a Valentine.

Visiting Hope Joiner and Mary Tobin were Jimmy Little, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe Bond, Nancy Hendricks, Ruby Lee Kinser, Ennis and Nina Beth Joiner, Lucille Joiner, and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks.

Guests visiting Jewel Snider, Roy Lee Whitlock and Gladys Dennis were Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Garry Owens of Abilene, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider, Ann Warren, Howard and Pat Hagood, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Johnnie B. Griffith.

Heritage Manor regrets to announce Margie Lane is in an Abilene hospital.

Karen Guthery gave Ollie Halcomb a new permanent.

Visiting Modess Self and Irene Heathington were Christine Self of Carbon, Dee Smythy, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Veno Hale and Stella Files guests were Jimmy Little, Howard and Pat Hagood, Dee Smythy, Christine Self.

Sorry to report Euna Porter is in the DeLeon Hospital.

Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty guests were Howard and Pat Hagood, Diana Snider and Ima Brown.

Visiting Buster and Louise Brown were Dee Smythy, Christine Self, Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Ima Brown, Diana Snider, Johnnie B. Griffith, and Nancy Hendricks.

### Carl McKinsey New Resident

Heritage Manor is happy to have Carl McKinsey, widower of Joy McKinsey of Rising Star, to be a new resident. His children are Mary Nixon, Charles McKinsey, Dale McKinsey, Luke McKinsey, Nona Alvarda, Emma McKinsey, Reba Turner and Vonda Beal. A daughter, Mary Nixon, and two granddaughters, Lydia and Mandy Nixon, are employees of Heritage Manor. May you enjoy your new home.

Visiting Mildred Roberts were Tommy Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Rodney Roberts, Dee Smythy, Christine Self of Carbon, Ima Brown, Howard and Pat Hagood, Diana Snider.

Mary Lou Landers guests were Don Landers of Springfield, Marjorie Treadway, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks.

Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for Veno Hale, Modess Self, Irene Heathington, A.V. Seay, Margaret Helms, Evelyn Rippetoe, Dorothy Beaty, Stella Files, Olin Helms, Lovena Sherrod, Muriel Prewitt, Ollie Halcomb, Birdie Hogan, Mildred Roberts and Dalton Wayne Bond.

Zadie Terry guests were Leta Loudermilk, Glenn and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Howard and Pat Hagood. Rose Marie Allen of the Bride of Christ Church came and read the Bible for A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Dalton Wayne Bond, Roy Lee Whitlock, Hope Joiner, Ethel Weaver, and Veno Hale.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Margie Lane, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Margaret Helms, Veno Hale, Evelyn Rippetoe, Lavona Sharp and A.V. Seay.

Visiting Buddy Winn and Darrell Dossey were Laverne and Russell Neefe, June and Gladene Cate of Big Spring, Becky Simpson, Tracey Spivey and June Dossey, Harvey Winn of Carbon.

Guests visiting Ethel Weaver and Inez Rogers were Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Marie Cook of Carbon, Christine Self, Dee Smythy, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Lugenia Morris of DeLeon and Joy Rogers.

On Monday evening, those coming for the singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Marjorie Treadway, and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Ethel Weaver, A.V. Seay, Mary Lou Landers, Margie Lane, Lovena Sherrod, Lavona Sharp, Mary Tobin, Inez Rogers, Darrell Dossey, Evelyn Rippetoe, Roy Lee Whitlock, Olin and Margaret Helms, Dalton Wayne Bond.

Visiting Gladys Chambless and Bea O'Neal were Glenn Glasson, Gena Rone, Howard and Pat Hagood, Dee Smythy, Christine Self.

Some of Birdie Hogan and Lovena Sherrod guests were Virgil Miller of Ft. Worth, Elton Hogan of Weatherford, Donna Deluca, Kaleb and Courtney Hanson of Eastland, Faye Tucker of Carbon, Linda Ogle of Granbury, Elnora Lindley of Desdemona.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church brought chapel for Veno Hale, Buddy Winn, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Darrell Dossey, Birdie Hogan, Ethel Weaver, Hope Joiner, Ollie Halcomb, R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Lucille Johnson, Dalton Wayne Bond.

Thursday morning Ina Smith had 'Concentration' game for Lavona Sharp, Ethel Weaver, Patti Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Lovena Sherrod, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Muriel Prewitt, Inez Rogers, Mary Tobin and Dalton Bond.

Recent guests of Muriel Prewitt were Ron and Mary Ann Prewitt of Edmon, OK, Christine Self of Carbon, Dee Smythy, Durward Webb, Eunice Love, and Amy Fraley.

Dalton Wayne Bond guests were Betty Rogers of Dangerfield, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood.

Sorry to report Carl McKinzie is in the DeLeon Hospital.

Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith treated with 'Muffin Mania' and let residents enjoy the muffins. They were Ethel Weaver, Inez Rogers, Margie Lane, Lovena Sherrod, Mary Tobin, A.V. Seay, Lavona Sharp and Darrell Dossey.

Olin and Margaret Helms visitors were Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Euna Porter were Ima Brown, Diana Snider, Stanley Porter, E.G. Henderson, John and Georgie Lee Happer of Dallas.

On Friday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Margie Lane, Ethel Weaver, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Lavona Sharp, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Mary Tobin, and L.M. Wooten.

Margie Lane guests were Debra King of Abilene, Christine Self of Carbon and Dee Smythy.

Guests visiting Evelyn Rippetoe and Sara Rodgers were Ima Brown, Diana Snider, George Rodgers, Durward Webb.

Mary Williams guests were Ima Brown, Freda and Harrell Harrison of Combine, Dee Smythy, Christine Self, Ann Warren, Irene West, Anna Rush and Fred McMullen of Melrose, NM.

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Factor Rebate ..... 2,500  
Sale Price ..... **\$29,052**

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Six Way Power Driver Seat, Cruise Control, AM/FM Stereo with CD



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