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## Four Reasons You Should See 'The Passion'

You've probably been hearing a lot about Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. No doubt any movie release from the Academy-award winning superstar-director would draw the public's interest, but this film is about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Even before the final script was approved, some groups - who'd never actually seen the film - were expressing concern over its portrayal of Jews, and there were Christians concerned about the biblical accuracy of a Hollywood film.

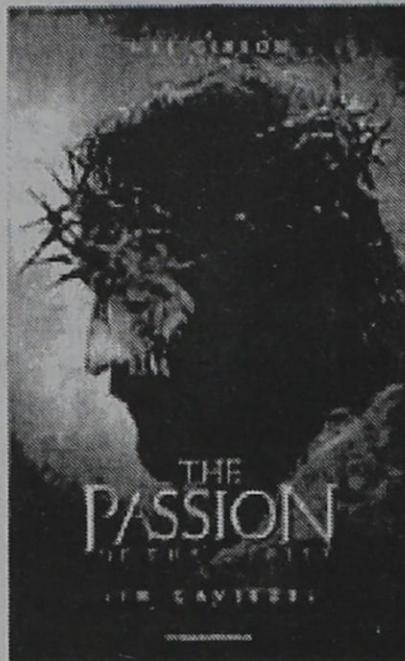
Here are four reasons why you will want to see this movie:

First, this movie is a magnificent work of art; it may very well be Gibson's masterpiece. From the opening frames, you can see that Gibson has taken great care to craft a movie with historical detail and authentic artistry. It's an intimate and personal film that keeps you close to the story. In other

words, this isn't a film full of panoramic Cecil B. De Mille crowd scenes. This is a film that gets in your face, or rather, puts you into the face of Jesus as He wrestles with - but then submits to - the final steps of His mission on earth.

"Passion" is not your average, sometimes cheesy, Bible movie with stilted, King James dialogue between beautiful people following a Mr. Rogers-mystical Jesus. This Jesus is real with sweat and calloused hands, and blood and bruises from the beatings. The entire film is spoken in Aramaic and Latin (with subtitles), giving you a chance to hear familiar conversations in the language in which they were originally spoken.

You cannot be emotionally passive while watching this film; it grabs you by the gut from the very first image and does not let you go even after the credits roll (and so note, the movie is too intense for



anyone under 13, and for that reason it is appropriately rated 'R').

Second, this movie will be a cultural event that will have everyone talking - similar to what happened when the mini-series *ROOTS* was first broadcast or when PBS aired Ken Burns' documentary on the Civil War. This movie will dominate discussions at work, in restaurants, and at church. Your neighbors will be asking about it, and your kids will be wondering about it.

Third, this movie destroys all the sterile stereotypes of a meek and mild Jesus - those myths and caricatures created by the enemies AND the friends of Christ. After seeing this film, you will no longer be able to cling to the fantasy that Jesus was a milquetoast Messiah.

Fourth, this movie powerfully tells the story of the defining moment in world history. In the Western world, we've dated everything according to these last few hours of Christ's life. We time the sequence of history with BC and AD, recognizing that the death of Christ forged a permanent line through the days of Man.

Even if you choose not to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you cannot deny that His life was the most significant one in human history. Why would you want to miss a film that shows you why He is considered so significant?

Article submitted by Dane Gressett and members of First Fruits Christian Fellowship

## Lady Panthers Three Positions Open Named To All-District Team

Co-Offensive MVP - Kalyn Porter  
1st Team All-District-Lydia Royster  
2nd Team All-District-Melinda Leal  
Honorable Mention All District-Ashlee Hornback, Kendra Swanner, Nikki Keith

## Lady Panthers Finish Season

Lady Panthers finished the season with a record of 9-16. We lost a heart-breaker to Cross Plains in overtime 53-54. The girls played with great heart and desire. When the game was over and we were in our dressing room the only thing the girls could talk about was the fans support. Not on how hard they had played or the fact that we lost, it was how much the crowd was yelling for them. Never underestimate your importance at the games. Your support is so very important and believe me they know who is sitting in the stands.

Thank you for all of your support and also to the parents who stood behind us all the way.

We will lose three seniors this year and they were the backbone of our team. Kalyn Porter, Lydia Royster, and Melinda Leal. These girls have given four years to Gorman High School and are girls you can be proud of.

To these girls we say Thank You and you will be missed.....

## Lady Panther Softball

The Lady Panthers won their first game against Hico by the score of 16-7. We had some good fielding for the first game and had some good pitching. The highlight of the game was the inside the park homerun by Lydia Royster and the great catch by Rachel Granada. We will have our softball and baseball tournament this weekend and can use your support.

## Desdemona Monthly Musical

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, February 28th at the Community Center. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who come early to eat supper.

Three positions will come open for the May 15, 2004 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Melinda Harrington, Beth Underwood, and Bobby Rich. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 14, 2004. Deadline for filing will be March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours. Board Trustee Melinda Harrington has filed to run for re-election. Eddie Murphy has also filed for a place on the ballot.

## Revival At First Baptist Church In Desdemona

There is a revival going on in Desdemona. The First Baptist Church in Desdemona has come alive and is growing ever stronger in faith and in attendance. "Things in the church are changing" says Pastor Gary Hughes. "The hearts are changing, the attitudes are changing, and people are starting to realize that church is not just something that we are supposed to attend once a week. It is a privilege that we are allowed to worship and praise the God of mercy and strength that has promised us life. Tradition and religion have changed the outlook of the "Christian" and we have to find our joy and excitement for Christ that the Word talks about, and get it into the church."

Not only that kind of revival is going on at Desdemona First Baptist, but their annual revival will begin this Sunday Feb. 29th at 11:00 a.m. with Trent Lowe bringing the message and Josh Eves with the special music. That evening, they will host the fifth Sunday sing around at 6:00 p.m.. Monday Mar.1st at 7:00 the Desdemona First Baptist Pastor Gary Hughes will bring the message and Nelda Barton and Dan Collum will sing the special music. Tuesday, Roland Williams with the message and former country and western star Shane Brooks with the special music. Wednesday, Frank Tello will bring a special sermon and the Howards will knock your socks off with the special music. Josh Eves and Lane Shirley will lead the praise and worship throughout the week.

They are inviting every church, every denomination to attend this revival. Come and learn how to beat, conquer, and overcome anything that is in your way of becoming spiritually free. See you there Feb. 29th- Mar. 3rd.

Every Thursday night the Youth is having youth church at 7:00 p.m.. Praise and worship songs, a message by Pastor Gary Hughes, and after each service the youth are riding a mechanical bull, cooking bar-b-que, or are playing some kind of sport. They are having fun and are learning about Christ in the process. All youth from 10-19 yrs are welcome to attend.

## James New Issues Statement

When I signed on to run for County Commissioner of Precinct 3, I published an article telling some of the things I want to do for our county and this precinct in particular. That is to set up a continuous paving program, build an Ethanol Plant in Precinct 3. And better finance management.

Precinct	RECAP OF PRECINCT FUNDING					
	Miles of road	Year 2000/01	\$ per mile	Year 2002/03	\$ Per Mile	Decrease in fun
Precinct 1	112.1	\$ 212,059.18	\$ 1,803.98	\$ 201,567.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 10,500.00
Precinct 2	144	214,254.00	1,487.88	189,562.25	1,316.40	24,500.00
Precinct 3	286.7	369,969.00	1,460.30	315,000.00	1,098.71	55,000.00
Precinct 4	151	231,657.00	1,534.15	218,653.50	1,445.26	13,000.00
						\$ 103,000.00

Note that Precinct 3 has given up more dollars (53.40%) of the total decrease in road and bridge funding than all the other Precincts added together. There should have been one heck of a battle before giving up that much of Precinct 3 funds. Funding cuts should be in all departments on a fair and equitable basis. There are 694 miles of county road. The road and bridge fund should be divided equally according to the miles of road maintained. The \$.54203 tax rate that is now being assessed by the county is in two parts. One rate for R&B fund and one for the general operating fund. The road and bridge tax money should be used on the roads and bridges and not put in the general fund. This is, in part, what I am referring to by MANAGEMENT. If elected I will work to reverse this trend and get a fair and equitable share of the road and bridge funding. It seems to be that precinct 3 has always been on the short end of the stick and with this kind of management the stick is getting shorter.

In this years budget there was a projected tax income increase of \$266,795.00 over last year. With this and the above cuts in the Road and Bridge fund of \$103,000.00 for a total of 369,000.00 put in the general fund, then why does the county still have a \$30,000.00 deficit? What is happening with this money? It is our tax money and we should be informed as to what is happened to it. If I have the opportunity I will find out what is happening to our dollars.

I still believe that we can have a continuous paving program where so many miles of road is paved each year and increasing miles paved each year. IT CAN BE accomplished by getting our share of road and bridge funds as stated above and NOT USE RESERVE FUNDS AND NOT RAISING TAXES but by simple planning, management, discipline and tenacity. PLANNING—choose a road that is not heavily used and serves the most people and pave that road to an end. MANAGEMENT—get our share of funds and after the budget is complete, set aside funds for a years paving. DISCIPLINE—use that set aside funds for paving alone and nothing else. TENACITY—means to stay the course. Do not make a plan and not use it. Tenacity year after year.

To those of you that did not read an earlier article I said that with Birdsong closing a plant and possibly closing more and with the peanut program in the tube I suggested that we try to build an Ethanol plant and/or other type of plant or plants in Precinct 3. The reason for Ethanol is that it can be made out of many different things such as corn, sugar cane, sweet sorghum, potatoes and I suppose even melons. Contract with the local farmers to grow one or two of the above, mainly sweet sorghum cane, not the grain, for feed stock. It will take thousands of tons. My opponent said in his last article that we would have to bring in grain and transportation cost would make it too costly so "we cannot attract an ethanol plant." This decision was made without doing any research. (This is the kind of management and decision making we now have running our county government.) I am proposing to build our own with grant

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## Chamber of Commerce Banquet March 29

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been set for March 29, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Z. J.s Steakhouse.

Featured entertainment will be "Glorify" featuring southern gospel musical entertainment from Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas.

We are having a table-decorating contest this year with a "Gorman- Past and Present" theme. If you would like to participate, contact Veronica Seaton or Judy Warren. You will enjoy seeing the creative decorations.

Community Service Award and Special Awards will be presented, along with the Academic Awards to the top individuals of Grades 9 through 12.

Tickets will be \$12.00 this year and may be purchased at the following business firms or from any director of the Chamber: Daryl Hirst, G & H Feeds; Veronica Seaton, Seaton Mills; Jim Bursleson, Birdsong Peanuts; George Simmons, Gorman Pharmacy; Judy Warren; Bob Wilkerson, Bob's Grocery; Ray Daniels; Terry Treadway.

The Chamber invites you to make plans to attend the banquet this year.

## Jana Miers and Christopher Hughes To Pledge Vows



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miers, of Gorman, are pleased to announce the engagement and impending marriage of their daughter Jana Elizabeth Miers to Christopher Alan Hughes of Springtown, Texas, the son of Mr. Larry Hughes of Springtown, Texas and Ms. Kay Hughes of Poolville, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miers of Gorman and Mrs. Jeanne Brown of College Station, Texas. She is a 2001 graduate of Eastland High School and is currently a junior at Tarleton State University.

The prospective bride-groom is the grandson of Mrs. Stella Hughes of Springtown, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Williamson of Poolville, Texas. He is a 2000 graduate of Springtown High School and is currently a junior at Tarleton State University.

The couple will exchange vows May 15, 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

## FOOD BANK

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

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

**Oakland Cemetery Association** is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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

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

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

**SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - FEBRUARY 18TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.**

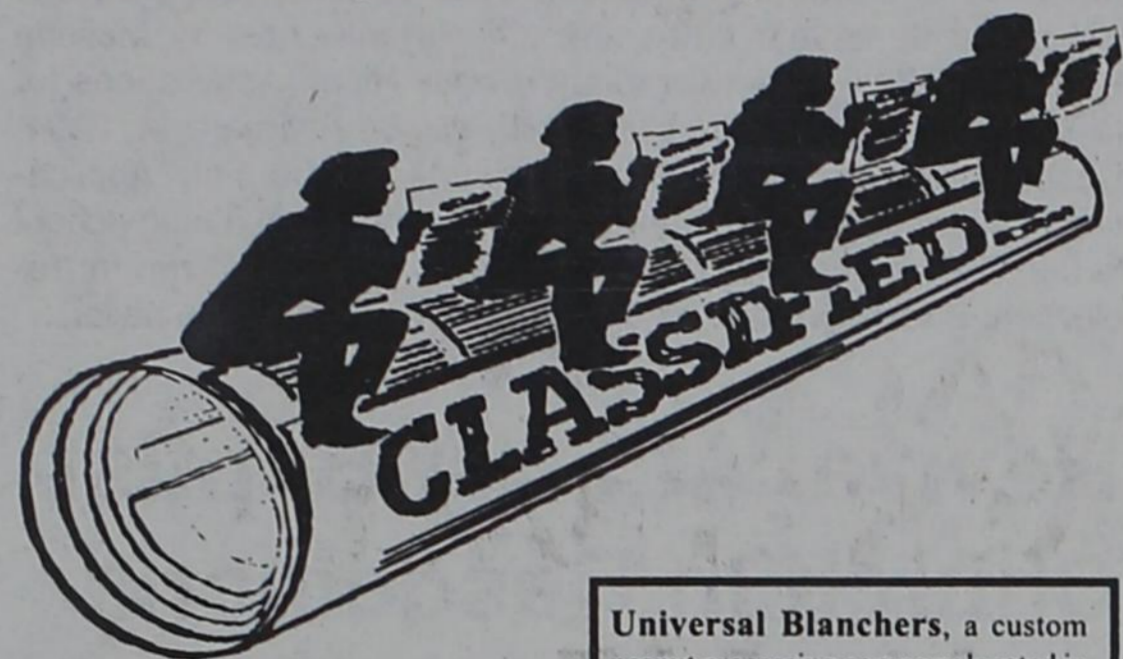
# Obituary

## Dan Nelson Harper

Dan Nelson Harper, 77, of Arlington, passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at a Dallas hospital. Services were Friday, February 20, 2004 at Moore Funeral Home-Bowen Chapel in Arlington.

Mr. Harper was born on October 10, 1926 in Gorman. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces and served his country during World War II. He was the owner of Arlington Office Supply. He was a member of the Haltom City Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Lynn Harper of Arlington; son, Burl Harper and wife, Patti of Marble Falls; sister, LaDola Mount of New Jersey and Nelda Foster of Washington; grandchildren Jennifer Harper, Melissa Stebleton and Melinda Wessel; stepchildren Dan Sessions, Richie and Robert Campbell; and grandchildren, Angela Pouncy, Jennifer Rounsaville, Richie Campbell Jr., Courtney Dougharty and Trey, Jennifer, Paul, Andrew, Stephanie and Natasha Campbell.



# The NHS Inducts New Members

On February 19, 2004, the National Honor Society officers inducted nine new members. The following students worked very hard and we would like to congratulate them once again. They are Lupita Garcia, Ariana Giles, Joanna Esquivel, Kendra Swanner, Cindy Lopez, Zachary Bryan, Amber Ervin, Sharla Perez, and Kent Long.

With these new inductees there are now a total of 25 members—11 Seniors, 8 Juniors, 6 Sophomores. These students have earned a grade point average of a 3.0 or higher and represent the four standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The NHS is involved with many community activities such as Meals on Wheels, Adopt a Highway, and the Food Drive for Gorman and Abilene. The current officers are Lacy Howard, Marcie Davis, Kalyn Porter, Andrea Files, Melinda Leal, and Lydia Royster.

We are all proud of our new inductees and would like to thank the parents and friends that came to support these students at the NHS ceremony.

## Gorman EDC Talk

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Center representatives will be in Gorman March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Community Center to present several items of interest to the employers of Gorman and the surrounding

area. Representing the Center will be Robert Puls and Steve Collins who will cover such items as: Workforce Investment Fund, Work Opportunity Tax Credit for Employer, Work in Texas and other related subjects for employers.

It is an open meeting for the community with a special invitation to all chamber members and business owners. Business owner—did you know that if you hire someone who is currently receiving government assistance in any form, you could be eligible for up to \$2500 in a tax credit, *per employee*? There are more interesting facts to be discussed at this meeting, so please make an effort to attend.

The West Central Texas Workforce Center System covers a 19 county region to include Eastland and Comanche Counties. The purpose of the System is to provide an effective local delivery system to place Texans in jobs, assist employers and foster economic development, with the two-pronged approach in delivering workforce services.

You can reach the Workforce Center at (800) 457-5633 or (325) 795-4200. Or you can call Lori Dodd, Gorman EDC at 734-3933.

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Week of March 1 Breakfast

- Monday**--Cereal, toast, milk, juice
- Tuesday**--Muffins, milk, juice
- Wednesday**--Cheese toast, hash browns, milk, juice
- Thursday**--Eggs, toast, milk, juice
- Friday**--Biscuits, sausage, gravy milk, juice

Lunch

- Monday**--Hoagie sandwiches, veg. soup
- Tuesday**--Roast beef, cr. potatoes, gr. beans, hot rolls, gravy
- Wednesday**--Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, taco bowl, fruit
- Thursday**--Oven fried chicken, cr. potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls
- Friday**--Hamburgers, fries, fruit

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Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 PM, March 8, 2004, to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and OMB Circular A-102.

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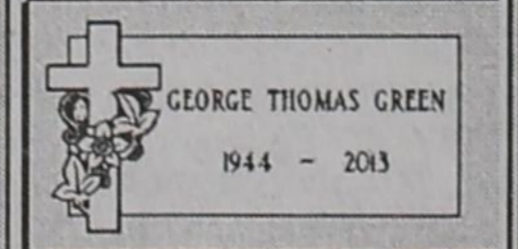
The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the Primary Election, March 9, 2004.

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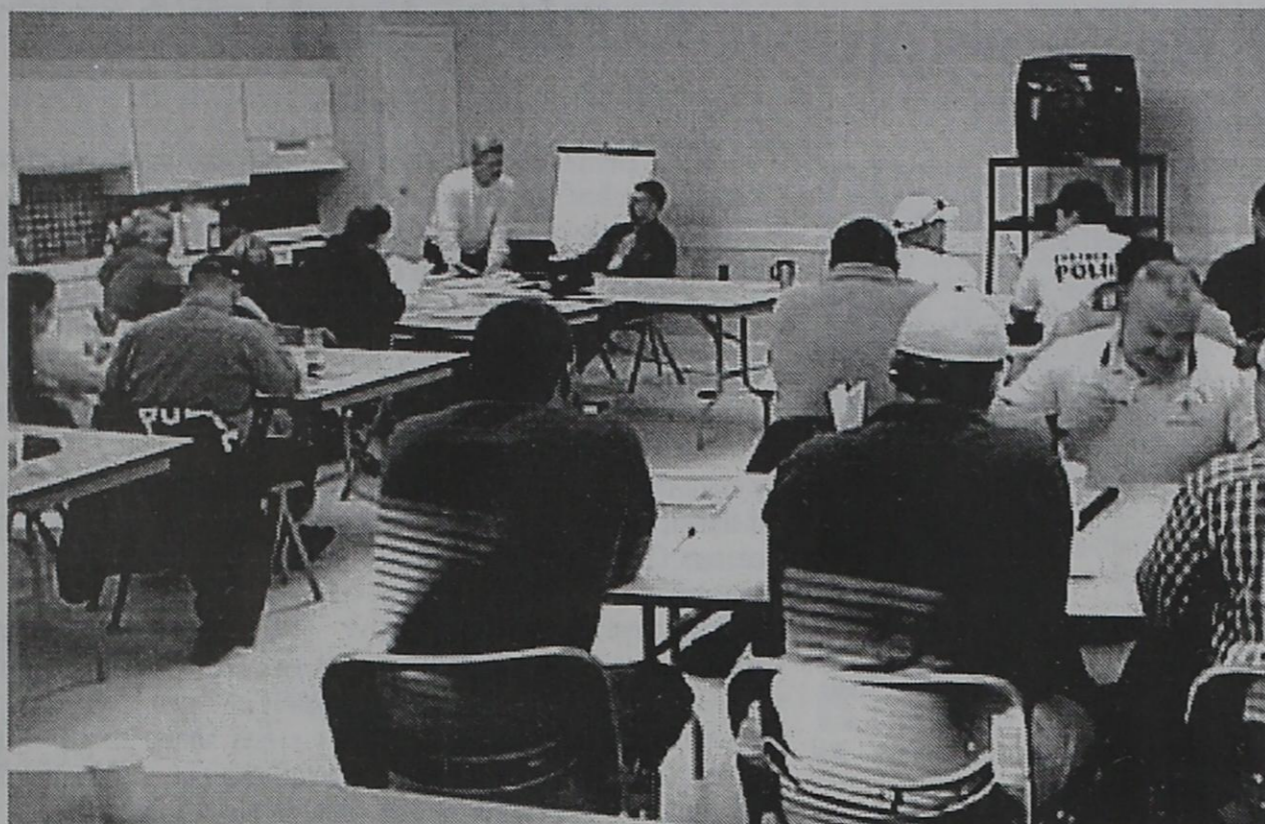
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# D.A.'s Office Sponsors Field Sobriety Testing Course



The Eastland County District Attorney's Office together with the Texas Engineering Extension Service—Law Enforcement and Security Training of Texas A & M University are sponsoring a course for law enforcement officers in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, on February 17 – 19, 2004 at the Joe Wheatley Center in Hillside Village, located in Cisco. Approximately thirty-one officers are attending and will receive 24 credit hours from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education. Tuition for the course was free for all officers involved in the area of DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) enforcement. Course Instructor is Richard Bryan of San Antonio.

Officers from within the County attending are from the cities of Cisco, Eastland, Gorman and Ranger. Others attending were from Gustine, DeLeon and Wichita Falls.

The ultimate goal of the District Attorneys Office in bringing this course is to increase deterrence of DWI violations in Eastland County, thereby reducing the number of crashes, deaths and injuries caused by impaired drivers. This

is the second in a series of courses offered to local law enforcement officers by and through the D.A.'s office.

Special thanks goes to Don Wallace and the Hillside Village for the use of their conference facilities. The Cisco Chamber of Commerce and Brookshire's Grocery provided lunches for the officers with Wal-Mart and Ted & Rex's One Stop providing soft drinks and paper goods. Thanks also to Donna White and the Eastland County Extension Agent's Office for the use of their laptop computer and projection equipment.

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MAR 16	RANGER	T	4:30
MAR 23	GRAFORD	H	4:30
MAR 30	ALBANY	T	4:30
APR 9	RANGER	H	4:30
APR 20	ALBANY	H	4:30

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Athletic Director: Coby Tyson  
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Superintendent: Leslie Vann

## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank our Gorman Fire Department, also DeLeon and Desdemona firemen for the great job they did putting out the big grass fire at my house last Tuesday evening. Also, thanks to Robert Ervin and others that showed love and concern for me. May the Lord richly bless each of you with His Love.

Thanks again,  
s/ Gearldene Wright

## Weaver Cemetery Being Transcribed

We are in the process of transcribing the names of people buried in Weaver Cemetery near Gorman in Comanche County. We would love to know the history of this cemetery. If you have any information or names of anyone buried there who does not have a marker, please contact one of the following as soon as possible:  
Edna Powell—phone (254)734-3135 or  
Deann Powell—phone (254)734-3322



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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, February 28th at the Community Center. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who come early to eat supper. Sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks will be served. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Pug Guthery will be the MC. Dorothy Roberts is chairman of the concession stand with Bobbie McKillip, Vonnie Guthery and Gay Moore as helpers.

Robert Alton and Jana Brown and children Preston and Julie of Fort Worth visited the past weekend with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown in Desdemona. The grandchildren enjoy their visits to the country.

Mary Joyce (Read) Quinn recently moved from her home in Ranger to a rest home in Bangs, Texas to be near her daughter, Dana. The late W.E. "Buck" and Mabel (Huddleston) Read family are former residents of Desdemona where their daughters attended school. Mary Joyce was in the Class of 1943, the late LaFreda (Read) Hammond graduated with the Class of 1945 and Regena (Read) Cooper of Whitewright graduated with the Class of 1949.

Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter Robyn recently moved from their home in Paris, Texas to Crescent, Texas near San Antonio. Bill will serve as pastor of the Baptist Church in this area. Tami is the daughter of Bernard and Ann Keith in Desdemona. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Several from our area attended the Strawn Monthly Musical last Saturday night. These musicians attend the Desdemona musical as often as possible. We appreciate all these musicians.

Bethel Clark Jones is having some serious health problems at this time. She lives in the Stephenville Rest Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with her during this time.

There are several in our area on the sick list. Some with bronchitis, flu and recovering from surgery. There are some still taking chemo.

Thought for today—"Worry pulls tomorrow's clouds over today's sunshine."

Have a nice day, Vonnie,

## Another Pays For His "Poison" With 20-Year Prison Sentence

Benjamin Scott Nicks, 28, of Eastland County, now joins other inmates awaiting transfer to state prison. In August of 2003, Nicks was placed on community supervision when he admitted that he possessed anhydrous ammonia with the intent to unlawfully manufacture methamphetamine. Approximately 4 months later, on Christmas Eve, Nicks was arrested on charges that he had violated numerous terms and conditions of his community supervision. The Court denied bond pending trial.

On February 13 Nicks appeared at trial with his attorney and admitted that all the charges were true — including that in December he was arrested for evading arrest or detention, he used both amphetamine and methamphetamine, he failed to avoid injurious or vicious habits, and he failed to avoid persons of disreputable or harmful character including known felons since being placed on community supervision in August. After receiving evidence in this phase of the trial, the Court requested the Community Supervision Office to prepare a pre-sentence investigation report to be utilized by the Court with other evidence to determine what punishment to assess. Nicks was returned to jail.

On February 20 the trial resumed and Nicks took the stand. He admitted among other things that he and other individuals he called by name had on numerous occasions manufactured methamphetamine in this County. In addition, although Nicks had previously received the benefit of approximately two years of drug treatment, he admitted that he continued to manufacture and use illegal drugs, mainly meth. Nicks testified he was afraid of going to prison and requested to remain free. That request was denied. Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Nicks to 20 years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

During the sentencing phase of the trial, Judge Herod was very complimentary of the Community Supervision Officer for the detailed presentence investigation report. In addition, Judge Herod referred to methamphetamine as "poison" and the manufacture of methamphetamine as "making poison." District Attorney Russ Thomason expressed gratitude for the joint efforts of the Community Supervision Office, the Eastland Police Department, and the Eastland County Sheriff's Office for their roles in bringing yet another poison maker to justice.

## Felony Conviction For Hitting A Peace Officer

Last week an Eastland County jury in the 91<sup>st</sup> District Court of Eastland convicted STEPHEN PAUL PATEL of the felony offense of Assault on a Public Servant.

The offense occurred on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002, when Patel was being arrested by a Gorman Police Officer. During the arrest, Patel resisted arrest and struck the officer in the head.

After the jury returned the guilty verdict, Presiding Judge Jerry Ray, sitting by assignment, set punishment at four years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended and probated for a period of four years and a fine of \$2,000.00. Among the many terms and conditions that Patel must adhere to while on probation, is a curfew from 8 p.m. each evening until 7 a.m. the following morning and confinement for ten days in the Eastland County Jail.

William C. Dowell prosecuted the case. Patel was represented at trial by Gary D. Peak.

## James New Issues Statement

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money. Using locally grown feed stock would not require any more, if as much, transportation cost as peanuts. Put a lot of people to work in the plant and employ people to process the by-product that could possible be used for range cubes, silage for dairies or composted for organic fertilizer. The peanut program gone and a high rate of unemployment makes this area prime for a Government Grant, Federal and/or State or a number of other sources. There are plants from California to Kentucky. One on the drawing board in Waco. There is a bill now in congress that if passed should dramatically increase the usage and demand of ethanol. It is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor so to speak.

A year or so ago the county hired a man for about \$35,000.00 plus office etc. to develop county growth. He is no longer here. You now have the opportunity to elect someone that will work for economic growth.

My major in college was accounting and business law. I was head of the accounting dept. of a concrete block and prestress concrete co., foreman on a large petrochemical construction job, head of the purchasing and parts warehousing for a fertilizer plant in Idaho, administrator for a Coal Mining Co. in Rock Springs, Wyo. I have a dozer, small dump truck and an eighteen wheel dump, do custom hay baling, I have run several types of heavy machinery, can and will physically work on roads when needed.

If you will elect me to be your County Commissioner I will represent you fair and honest and will represent all parts of the precinct equally.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

James (Jim) New

Pd. Pol. Adv. by James New, PO Box 42, Rising Star, TX 76471

## HEALTH

### Low Carb Meals Now Available at Restaurants

NewsUSA

(NU) - Dining out is a great way to get together with family and friends. But folks who want to be able to enjoy their controlled carbohydrate lifestyle in their favorite restaurants feel that finding menu items that are truly "low carbohydrate" is difficult and confusing.

Fortunately, for the millions of Americans who follow the Atkins Nutritional Approach, eating a satisfying and delicious meal without excessive carbohydrates has just gotten easier. New partnerships forged by Atkins Nutritional Inc. with T.G.I. Friday's and Subway Restaurants allow people who have chosen to follow the Atkins Nutritional Approach to benefit from the convenience and quality of several great low carbohydrate options.

For example, Subway Restaurants are now offering a new line of low carbohydrate, Atkins-friendly wraps. With two great choices — the Turkey and Bacon Melt Wrap and the Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap — people craving a fast and delicious meal can now get exactly that.

"We do not lend the Atkins name lightly," said Matt Wiant, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Atkins Nutritional.

"Just as Atkins is dedicated to the science of a controlled



Familiar restaurants give diners new choices.

carbohydrate lifestyle, T.G.I. Friday's and Subway Restaurants have proven their dedication to the health and needs of their customers. As partners, we are making it easier for Americans to maintain their controlled carbohydrate goals, while enjoying the convenience and familiarity of dining at a favorite restaurant."

Although many "mom and pop" style eateries, diners and upscale restaurants are including low carbohydrate meal choices in their menus, these establishments are not endorsed and approved by Atkins.

Atkins offers a free newsletter with product updates, low carbohydrate tips and recipes. For great low carbohydrate recipes, look for "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" (Avon, Quill) and "Atkins for Life" (St. Martin's Press) or visit [www.atkins.com](http://www.atkins.com).

## FOOD

### Five Tips to Keep Your Children Eating Healthy

NewsUSA

(NU) - In the last three decades, the number of overweight young Americans has tripled. An estimated one-fourth of all school-age children are overweight, and one-eighth are obese. Because of these alarming statistics, parents are looking for ways to establish healthy eating habits for their children.

"It is important for parents to serve as good role models when teaching children about healthy eating habits," said Dr. Naomi Neufeld, medical director and founder of the KidShape Foundation. KidShape is a not-for-profit organization, which emphasizes awareness and adoption of healthy eating habits, increased participation in physical activity, self-appreciation and realistic goal setting.

Here are some tips for developing healthy eating habits:

- Limit television viewing to one hour per day. Family activities should encourage exercise at least three times a week for 30 minutes each. Children who spend the most hours watching television have the highest incidence of obesity.

- Prepare healthy meals and snacks in advance so you're not tempted with fast food and unhealthy choices. Hectic schedules make healthy eating a challenge. Prepare balanced meals when you have time, vacuum pack and freeze them. That way, you will always have fresh homemade dinners on-hand, even when you're too tired to cook.

- Vacuum pack meals to save time and cook less often. Vacuum



Vacuum-packed foods can go straight from the freezer to the microwave.

packing with a FoodSaver appliance removes air to keep food fresh three to five times longer and to prevent freezer burn. FoodSaver Bags are boilable and microwaveable, so they're easy for reheating.

- Eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day, as recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Guide Pyramid. Fresh fruits and vegetables can easily be vacuum packed while in season to enjoy all year long, and they will taste as if they were just picked.

- Serve your children appropriate portions. Look for information on appropriate serving sizes in recipes or on food packaging. Encourage the habit of eating one serving per person. Portion control is easier when you vacuum pack one serving per bag. You can also vacuum pack and freeze meals right on a microwave-safe plate.

For more information on vacuum packing, call 1-888-233-5001 or visit [www.foodsaver.com](http://www.foodsaver.com).

## HEALTH

### Tips to Help Adults Control Portion Size

NewsUSA

(NU) - Healthy portions are a key part of a healthy eating plan. This is particularly true for many older adults who may need less food — and fewer calories — than they have been used to eating.

Consuming more calories than needed can lead to weight gain, which can increase your risk for weight-related diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. Gaining excessive weight can also restrict mobility, turning a simple physical activity, such as walking, into a laborious task.

Knowing how to manage your calories while giving your body what it needs to stay healthy can be tricky. The experts at the National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases suggest controlling your portion sizes to help control calories — and your weight.

Portion control is particularly important at restaurants. When your food arrives, remember these tips:

- Share your meal.
- Order a half-portion.
- Order an appetizer as a main meal.
- Request that half of your meal be boxed up to take home before you start eating.
- When you begin to feel full, stop eating.

And who says you have to wait until you visit a restaurant to eat in moderation? Follow these suggestions for controlling food portions when dining at home:

- Eat slowly so your brain can get the message that your stomach is full.
- Avoid eating while you're busy with other activities. Pay attention to what you're eating and fully enjoy your food.
- When cooking large batches, freeze food that won't immediately be eaten.
- Eat snack foods from a small plate or napkin, not right out of the box or bag.

For more information about portion control, healthful eating and physical exercise for older adults, call the Weight-control Information Network at 1-877-946-4627 or visit [www.niddk.nih.gov/health/nutrit/nutrit.htm](http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/nutrit/nutrit.htm). WIN is a national information service of the NIDDK of the National Institutes of Health, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The National Institute on Aging also offers information about healthy eating and physical activity for older adults. Log on to [www.nia.nih.gov](http://www.nia.nih.gov).

## HEALTH

### Nine Tips to Promote Weight Loss

NewsUSA

(NU) - Sticking to a diet is difficult. Temptations are everywhere. From fatty fast food to greasy potato chips to dairy-rich ice cream, it seems impossible to escape diet-breaking foods.

Thus, it's common for dieters to give up after just a few days or weeks.

Here are a few tips to help you stick to your diet and meet your goals.

- Decide on a realistic final weight and stay with it. If you set your goal too high, you will be disappointed with anything less than perfection. However, do not pick a goal that is too easily attainable or does not achieve the type of appearance or health benefits you seek.

- Keep a journal. Write down the foods you eat and the times you eat them throughout the day. After a few days, you will be able to see a pattern. For instance, you might find out that you tend to snack most often in the afternoon. Identifying the patterns in your food habits will help you conquer temptations.

- Eat slowly and enjoy your food thoroughly. By eating slowly, you can savor your food. This way, you'll eat your meal in your usual amount of time, but at the end, you will have eaten less food.

- Keep foods you are trying to avoid out of your house and workplace. It's easy to munch on snacks when they are easily

accessible. If you don't see them, you won't eat them.

- Don't starve yourself. If you do, you will want to eat too much later and, consequently, lose some of your progress. For the same reasons, don't deprive yourself too much. Once in a while, have a meal that consists of any food you want to eat.

- Substitute. Learn to enjoy healthier alternatives. Choose pretzels instead of candy, chips and cookies; frozen yogurt or fruit bars instead of ice cream; and Canadian bacon in place of regular bacon or sausage. Choose broiled or grilled foods instead of fried foods.

- Drink water. It will help keep you full. When you want variety, choose unsweetened herbal tea instead of alcoholic drinks and soda, which are loaded with calories.

- Don't get discouraged. If you break the rules, get back to your diet with the next meal.

- Get help. Speak with your doctor about various options available to you. Some people find supplements helpful. For instance, Sleep-N-Slim, a dietary supplement from Eurobotanicals ([www.eurobotanicals.com](http://www.eurobotanicals.com)) can help you lose weight by stimulating the pituitary gland, according to its manufacturer. It's taken before bed on an empty stomach and works while you sleep.

For more information, call 1-800-593-4701.

## PARENTING

### For Some Family Fun, Play Pranks on Your Kids

NewsUSA

(NU) - Parents often become used to one or more of their children being a prankster on April Fool's Day. However, parents can turn the tables and have some family fun all year long.

With the proper arsenal of pranks under your belt, the whole family can have a laugh together.

Instead of the old "your shoe is untied" trick, consider something craftier. There are dozens of excellent ideas out there for you to choose from, especially at the Web site [www.familyfun.com/aprilfools](http://www.familyfun.com/aprilfools).

Here are a few to try: Consider placing a rubber band around the sink sprayer so that when you unsuspecting victims turn on the sink faucet, they'll end up washing a little more than they had originally anticipated.

If you're willing to invest a little more time and effort, there are even better pranks to play. Some of the best pranks use food.

One of the simplest is to put a few drops of green food coloring into your carton of milk. It is harmless fun, and it sure will get some looks when the milk is



Surprise your family with this plate of spaghetti made with frosting, strawberry sauce and malt balls.

poured in the morning. Send your kids to school with a lunchbox surprise. Cut a hole in their apple and insert a gummy worm.

For dinner, creative substitution is the key. Serve foods that don't look or taste the way they are supposed to. From fake spaghetti made with frosting, strawberry sauce and malt balls, to vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce substituted for mashed potatoes, the only limit is your artistic ability.

For directions for these and other "foolish" recipes and more family fun prank ideas, check out [www.familyfun.com/aprilfools](http://www.familyfun.com/aprilfools).

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Sales tax collections confirm that Texas had a green Christmas

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently reported that the state collected \$1.32 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 5.9 percent compared to January 2003.

Also, Strayhorn sent Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts February sales tax allocations totaling \$477.8 million, up 7 percent compared to a year ago.

"When I sent local governments their sales tax allocations last November, I promised that 'this year the Grinch isn't going to steal Christmas,' and that was exactly right," Strayhorn said. "With the economic turnaround, sales tax collections have risen for five consecutive months. Like Dr. Seuss said in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, 'It started in low. Then it started to grow.'"

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)).



# Great American Weigh In

Great American Weigh In, an American Cancer Society event working with Weight Watchers to make a difference, is Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

The focus of this event is to create awareness of what a healthy body weight is. Measuring body mass index (BMI) can help a person if their weight is within a healthy weight range. (A healthy weight range is a BMI of approximately 19-25.)

On Wednesday, March 3, you can participate in this event and weigh-in free and learn your BMI at the Weight Watchers Meeting in Gorman beginning at 5 p.m. at the Gorman Hotel.

## Eastland County Primary Election Dates

- \* FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 5, 2004  
EARLY VOTING IN PERSON (COURTHOUSE) 8:00-5:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY
- \* FEBRUARY 28, 2004  
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(SATURDAY) ORDERED BY COUNTY CLERK
- \* FEBRUARY 27, 2004  
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- \* MARCH 9, 2004  
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## The Busy Bee Scrapbook Club

Have you always wanted to start scrapbooking and weren't sure where to begin? Do you just need a place to spread out without the constraints of home-life? Join The Busy Bee Scrapbook Club of Stephenville. It's a group of ladies who share ideas, talents, supplies, and food too!

We have opened membership, so join today. It's \$5 to join and \$5 a month (first time visitors are free). A year's membership is \$50. We meet the last Saturday of each month at the Stephenville Senior Citizens Center and crop from 10 a.m.--10 p.m.

Our club has a die cut machine, tons of dies, light box, and a computer for your use as a member. We also have a library for those to browse when scrapper block hits. We hope to see you there this month.

For more information: Carie Vandeberg 968-6041 or Renee' White 965-6059.

## Wrangler Bell Auditions

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Sunday, February 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group will be recipients of an activity grant ranging from \$1,600.00 to \$2,000.00 per year.

Next year, the Wrangler Band and Belles plan to travel and perform in California. This is a wonderful experience for our area seniors who make the choice to audition for the Wrangler Band and Belles.

The Cisco Junior College dance group is a close-knit organization with an emphasis placed on positive attitude and individual growth. The small, friendly campus provides a family atmosphere that the girls truly miss as they depart for large universities, for beginning a career, or for pursuing their personal educational goals.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self-esteem. Any young woman that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College, (254) 442-2567 ext. 140, to confirm an appointment for the audition. Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition at another time.

## Letter to the Editor

Mr. President,  
Does It Bother You?

That you have unlimited health coverage while 40 million Americans have none?

Does it bother you that prescriptions from Canada are one half price or less than the same prescriptions in the USA by the same companies?

Does it bother you that our Corporations are outsourcing millions of dollars of labor, avoiding taxes, while we have two or three million USA citizens who can't find jobs?

Does it bother you that you have misled the American public and Congress regarding eminent threats and weapons of mass destruction and plunging us into a war that may never be won?

Does it bother you that you are charging your opponents of changing their minds on the issues when you have deliberately misled them with unsubstantiated facts?

Mr. President, there is an old adage that a "wise man will change his mind, but a fool never does."

Think about this, Mr. President.

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## Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

### You Can't Heat a Church with Snowballs!

There is just no way to make Christianity exciting if "going to church" is all there is. Churches that try to exist totally on what goes on inside the building will never amount to much. There must be first of all some warm feeling about God. He must be real...powerful and personal! It must be understood that Scriptural worship is an outpouring of our internal feelings about our God. If we love Him and are excited about what He has done in our lives, worship will live.

There must be a feeling about those with whom we worship. You see, we are the family of God...brothers and sisters in Christ. Now if we never meet together outside the building, we even hardly work up much emotion about each other. But suppose we have prayed together...what if we've eaten in each other's homes? What if we have agonized over each other's problems? Or worked to lead souls to Christ? Then there is warmth! The congregation is stimulated and will never be accused as "COLD."

"...love one another fervently with a pure heart," 1 Peter 1:22. "Be kindly affectionate to one to another with brotherly love..." Romans 12:10. "I have you in heart," Philemon 1:7. These verses show emotion. And religion without emotion is dead as religion with "all" emotion and no fact.

I plead for a "kindling wood" church. Let each catch aflame with love for Jesus; then one another fan that into a roaring fire that will sweep the world with Christ's loving message.

On Sunday morning, James Tucker and Tootie Campbell from First Baptist Church came. James taught the Sunday School lesson. The lesson was "Disciplined Bible Study." The background passage was Joshua 1:6-9, Psalms 1:1-6, 2 Timothy 2; 14-6. Key Bible verse was 2 Timothy 2:15. There were eighteen residents present. A resident voiced the closing prayer.

Some guests were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon.

Sunday afternoon those coming from the First United Methodist Church were Rev. Victor Pena, Howard and Pat Hagood, Joe and Kathi Williams and Robbie Dodd. Residents enjoyed the singing and message.

Visiting were Georgia Lee and John Hopper of Georgetown, Stanley Porter, Howard and Pat Hagood, Don Landers of Springtown, Margie Treadway.

Some guests were J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Bill Moll, Maudie Husband, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Kenneth Welch, Wilbur Overstreet.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and styled residents hair.

Some visitors were Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Glenn Glasson, Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo. Residents enjoyed the prizes and breakfast juices.

Some guests were Charlene Rider of Cisco, Stephanie Long and two sons of Dublin, Rex and Trudy Long of Rising Star, Dorothy Whiteside of Sipe Springs, Tony and Barbara Long, Chesley Long, Carey Long of Rising Star.

Monday afternoon those coming for the Gospel Singing were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Alpha Mae Andry, Johnnie B. Griffith, and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting were George Rodgers, Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kelli Williams, Kim Ryon of Desdemona, Steve and Dorenda Minten of Buchanan Dam, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood, Joe and Kathi Williams, Victor Pena.

Visiting were C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Vicki Seay.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing. There were 10 residents present.

Recent guests were Lucy Joiner, Cliff Bramlett and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham, Shanna, Taylor Hope and Alyssa Mahan of DeLeon, Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Randy and Leslie Green, Emily Green, Robert and Becky Moore of DeLeon.

Tuesday afternoon residents enjoyed "shake and make" homemade ice cream.

## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

We had thunderstorms rumble through the community on Monday morning that left .7 of an inch of rain in my gauge. I thank the good Lord and praise His name for every drop that falls.

Joe Dickerson of Ft. Worth and Margaret Perry of Keller were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Mary Jane Little. Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Jimmy Little and Woodrow Browning, with Daryl Hirst at the piano, rendered the special music.

The Sunday night service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on February 29th will be dismissed so the members can attend the 5th Sunday night singing at the Desdemona Baptist Church. The singing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin, Scarlett and Amanda Porter of Austin, James and Chelsea Webb of Glen Rose, Stacy Webb, Renee Fox, James Webb, Alice Bergmark, Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga all of Comanche met at the home of their parents and grandparents, Oren and Norma Webb on Saturday for an early celebration of Norma's birthday. Jantzen Webb of Glen Rose was unable to attend due to a school activity. They brought a beautiful birthday cake and decorations for the home, and cooked the birthday dinner that everyone enjoyed so much. Judy, Sarah, Scarlett and Amanda remained for an overnight visit.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider were Ted Snider and Dan Snider, Belinda, Isaac, Ella, and Audri Segura.

LaVon ate lunch in Stephenville with Dwayne and Connie Snider. LaVon visited by phone with Gene and LaDell Jumper of Midland and learned about their new great-grandson. LaVon also visited by phone with Justin Snider of Pierre, S.D., and Kathy Collum of Huckabay, TX.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Glynda Bond, Johnnie B. Griffith, Zelda Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan.

Durwood and Aletha Burgess visited in Jourdanton with Glenn and Donna Burgess, Reba and Seth. They report that Seth is doing fine following his tonsillectomy.

We wish Seth a speedy recovery.

Hello to my friends Glenn and Joye Donaldson in Artesia, NM. Joye has just undergone knee replacement surgery and is home now, and doing well we hope. Our prayers and get well wishes go out to Joye.

"Happy Birthday" on March 3 to my daughter-in-law, Cindy Jordan in Lubbock.

Some visitors were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Steward of DeLeon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers and Edith Grumbles.

Residents send Joyce Eaves "Get Well Good Wishes." Joyce is a patient in the Eastland Hospital. Residents remember the beautiful cakes she used to bake for the home.

Recent guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Fred McMullen of Melrose, NM, Irene West, Larry Stogsdill, Durward Webb.

### Sue Littlejohn New Nurses Aid

Heritage Manor is happy to have Sue Littlejohn of DeLeon to join the staff. She has two sons, Chris and Cody. Her mother is Frances Leach of DeLeon. Bess Curb is her aunt.

On Wednesday morning, those from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell. Topic was "The Joy of the Lord." A

resident led the closing prayer. There were 18 residents present.

Visiting were G.W. and Emily Gilmore of Ranger, Oleta Blair of Eastland, Billy Joe and Evelyn Hair of DeLeon, Wesley and Sue Spivey. It was a delightful time for residents to play "crazy bingo" with Ina Smith.

Some guests were Clyde and DaSha Johnson of Stephenville, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Tim Carter, S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland, Randy Rainey of Proctor, Minten McCoy of Rising Star.

On Thursday morning, several enjoyed the game "snowball fight" with Ina Smith.

Some visitors were Barbara Morrison, Ricky and Shanna Morrison, Cherry Troutman, and Norma Merworth.

On Friday morning, residents enjoyed bingo with Pat Graham and Ina Smith.

Visiting were Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon and Henry Lenz of Carbon.

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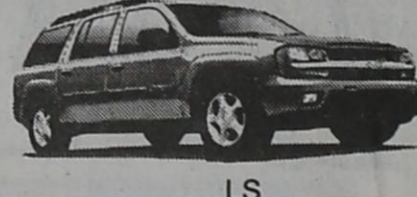
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