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Bill Underwood Seeks Re-Election For Commissioner Precinct 3

I would like to thank the citizens in Precinct 3 for giving me the opportunity to serve as your County Commissioner for the last three years.

During these three years, we have had flooding in parts of the precinct that caused extensive damage to some roads and bridges. I worked with F.E.M.A. and O.R.C.A. and was able to receive funding from both to help make these repairs.

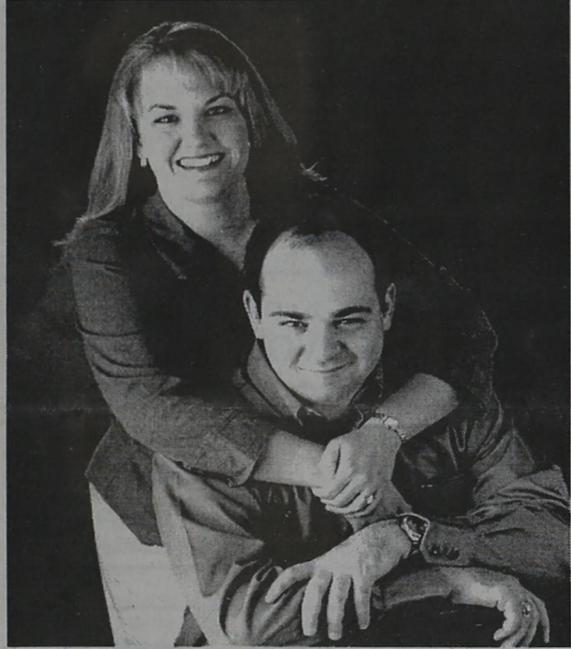
I try to respond to request as soon as possible. The employees of Precinct 3 have helped to make my job easier with their knowledge, experience and dedication.

The Commissioners Court has had a difficult time to maintain a budget that allows services to grow with the needs without having to raise taxes. In the coming year the task will be even greater. The loss of part of Birdsong Peanuts in Gorman will make a significant impact in the future. I believe it is time for all elected officials to prepare realistic budgets, not wish list.

I would appreciate your vote and support on March 9th in the Democrat Primary.

Paid Pol. Adv. by Bill Underwood, 1290 CR-350, Gorman, TX 76454

Sheri Snider and Brandon LaBonte To Pledge Vows



Dr. and Mrs. L. Dwayne Snider of Stephenville, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Sheri LaVon Snider bride elect of Brandon Dana Edward LaBonte of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Sheri is the granddaughter of the late Hazel & C.L. (Pete) Snider, Imolene & Norman Park, and Jenice Park. Brandon is the son of Mr. Eugene LaBonte and the late Mrs. Sylvia LaBonte, of Rochester, Massachusetts.

The bride-elect, a 2000 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law, is employed by Oklahoma State University. The prospective bridegroom holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech University and is also employed by Oklahoma State University.

A wedding is planned for March 13, 2003, at Calvary Baptist Church in Stephenville.

Southern Gospel Music Concert At First Baptist Church



Glorify, a southern gospel music duet, will present a concert at the First Baptist Church in Gorman on Sunday, January 18th at 11 a.m. Daryl Hirst of Gorman and Brenda Thomas of Cisco compose the duet.

The First Baptist Church cordially invites everyone to attend. A love offering will be taken. Come out and enjoy some great gospel music!

Weight Watcher Meeting at Gorman Hotel

The Gorman Community Weight Watchers® are now meeting on Wednesdays at the Gorman Hotel. Weigh in begins at 5 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

Gorman Livestock Show Results

SWINE

Breeding Division

Grand Champion
McKenzie Osbourne
Reserve Grand Champion
Nathan Ettinger

Berk Class

Champion / 1st Place
Kaci Seaton
Reserve Champion / 2nd Place
Alli Little

3rd Place - Courtney Carlton

Chester Class

1st Place / Champion
Nathan Ettinger

Duroc Class

1st Place/Champion - Miles Vann

2nd Place / Reserve Champion
Courtney Seaton

3rd Place - Donnelle Strawbridge

4th Place - James Brown

5th Place - Nathan Ettinger

Hampshire Class

1st Place / Champion
Nathan Ettinger

2nd Place / Reserve Champion
Stetson Thompson

3rd Place - Ben Burgess

4th Place - Courtney Carlton

5th Place - Nathan Ettinger

6th Place - Bailey Underwood

7th Place - Justin Little

8th Place - TJ Trevino

Spot Class

1st Place / Champion
McKenzie Osbourne

2nd Place / Reserve Champion
Miles Vann

3rd Place - Wade Carriker

4th Place - Stetson Thompson

5th Place - Kourtney Seaton

6th Place - Kimmy Seaton

7th Place - Amanda Brown

8th Place - Ally Little

Poland Class

1st/Champion - Courtney Carlton

2nd/Reserve Champion
Kimmy Seaton

3rd Place Alli Little

York Class

1st Place/Champion - Miles Vann

2nd Place / Reserve Champion
Miles Vann

3rd Place - Justin Little

Cross Class

1st Place / Champion
Stetson Thompson

2nd Place / Reserve Champion
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7th Place - Jonathan Flores

Market Division

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Pee Wee Showmanship
Bailey Underwood

Jr Showmanship Clarissa Glasson

Sr Showmanship Kaci Seaton

MARKET LAMB DIVISION

Light Weight Division

1st - Miles Vann

2nd - Marc Gillen

3rd - Marc Gillen

Medium Weight Division

1st - Miles Vann

2nd - Nathan Ettinger

3rd - Miles Vann

Heavy Weight

1st - Nathan Ettinger

2nd - Nathan Ettinger

Grand Champion Market Lamb

Nathan Ettinger

Reserve Grand Champion

Market Lamb
Miles Vann

Jr. Showmanship

Miles Vann

GOAT DIVISION

Class #7

1st - Audrey Johnston

2nd - Marc Gillen

3rd - Kaci Seaton

4th - Cody Self

5th - Chance Underwood

Class #8

1st - Marc Gillen

2nd - Cody Self

3rd - Sheldon Fenley

Class #9

1st - Madison Warren

2nd - Justin Willey

3rd - Jonathan Fenley

4th - Jaime Johnston

5th - Thomas Hurd

Class #10

1st - Rachel Tucker

2nd - Madison Warren

3rd - Nathan Ettinger

4th - Nathan Ettinger

Class #11

1st - Nathan Ettinger

2nd - Rachel Tucker

3rd - Nathan Ettinger

Grand Champion Goat

Nathan Ettinger

Reserve Grand Champion Goat

Rachel Tucker

PeeWee Showmanship

Madison Warren

Junior Showmanship

Audrey Johnston

Senior Showmanship

Kaci Seaton

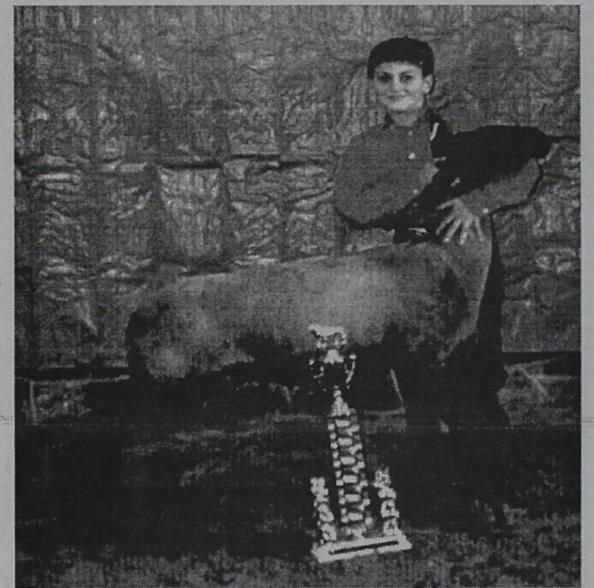
Gorman Senior Travel Club

Cinderella Contest

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be hosting the annual Cinderella Contest on Saturday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium, admission is \$2.00 each.



Grand Champion Breeding Gilt - McKenzie Osborne



Grand Champion Market Lamb - Nathan Ettinger

More Photos Later

Notice To Parents and Guardians

Re: Unlicensed, underage drivers

This department has received several complaints in reference to unlicensed, no permit drivers driving to school and around town. Officers will start issuing citations to these offenders and parents for allowing unlicensed drivers to operate motor vehicles.

Doug Caffey
Chief of Police

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 - JANUARY 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Obituaries

Bobbie Joe Barnett

Bobbie Joe Barnett, age 83, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2004 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman. Services were Saturday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Campbell officiating. Burial was at the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Barnett was born December 17, 1920 in Comanche County to George Roscoe Sanders and Etta Adelle Hirst Sanders. She married R.A. (Arvel) Barnett on November 25, 1939 in Carbon. They had celebrated sixty-four years of marriage. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, R.A. (Arvel) Barnett of Gorman; son, Larry Barnett and wife Colene of Wylie; daughter, Kay Lynn Laster and husband Emmett of Eastland; four grandchildren, Pam Wheat and husband David of Possum Kingdom Lake, Treva Keith and husband Brad of Allen, Lori Akers and husband Miley of Charlotte, North Carolina, Whitney Crews and husband Jeff of Lindale; and five great grandchildren, Jake Keith, Miley and Kaylee Akers, Kelsey and Makenna Crews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Georgie Fae Skaggs.

Amos Bryan Thiebaud

Amos Bryan Thiebaud, 79 of Dublin, passed away on January 2, 2004 in Dublin. Services were Friday, January 9, 2004 at the Community Baptist Church in Dublin with Rev. Steven Parker and Jerry Miller officiating. Burial was in the Round Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Thiebaud was born on July 28, 1924 in the Highland Community of Erath County to John L. Thiebaud and Julia Corbell Thiebaud. He married Johnnie Belle Mills on February 12, 1946 in Stephenville. He was a rancher and retired postal employee, served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by two sons Robert Bryan Thiebaud and John L. Thiebaud and by one daughter Rebecca Thiebaud.

Survivors include his wife, Johnnie Belle Thiebaud of Dublin; daughter, Kathy Everton of Gorman; sons, Jody Thiebaud of Mineral Wells, Ricky Thiebaud of Carrollton, and Monte Thiebaud of Dublin; twelve grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Lou Crockett of San Marcus and Joyce May of Ft. Worth; and aunt, Jessie Rippitoe of Dublin.

Note To Subscribers

We have been receiving numerous complaints that some of you have not been receiving your paper in a timely manner.

Papers are taken to the Post Office on Wednesday. The process from that point is out of our hands. The Post Office assures us that here in Gorman the papers are processed in a timely manner, but when they leave Gorman then it is out of their hands.

If you are having a problem receiving your papers, please let us know and contact your local Postmaster.

We appreciate your loyal readership and apologize for any problem you may be having.

Thank You

The family of Bryan Thiebaud cannot express enough their appreciation for all the kind words and deeds shown toward us before and during our loss.

There are not enough words to express our gratitude for the food, flowers, and support while we celebrated Bryan's life and grieved his passing.

- Johnnie Belle Thiebaud
- Jody Thiebaud & Family
- Ricky Thiebaud & Family
- Kathy, Sheryl & Kristina Everton
- Monte Thiebaud & Family
- Ruby Thiebaud

Gorman High School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

8th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Brandy Carlton, Clarissa Glasson, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis; **Honor Roll**--Ashley Burkeen, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Kathryn Deel, Reba Granado, Kennon Hornback, Aaron Keith, Kendra Lewis, Jimmie Murphy, Tony Perez, Mary Powell

9th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--K'Ann Howard, Maria Oronia; **Honor Roll**--Kristy Carlton, Tiffany Perez, Rejinaldo Sanchez, Brittany Shirley, Matthew Smith

10th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Krista Brown, Zach Bryan, Amber Ervin, Nikki Keith, Kent Long, Cindy Lopez, Kendra Swanner; **Honor Roll**--Krista Brown, Timothy Guerra, Sandra Lara, Esteban Leal, Amber Lewis, Sharla Perez

11th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Kendra Bailey, Martha Cruz, Christian Esquivel, Rachel Granado, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback, Clinton Jones; **Honor Roll**--Frances Lewis, Doniel Strawbridge

12th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Casondra Cooper, Marcie Davis, Andrea Files, Lacy Howard, Lance Jones, Melinda Leal, Kalyn Porter, Lydia Royster, Emily Thornton, Crystal Williams; **Honor Roll**--Holly Abbe, Brett Hagood, Thomas Hurd, Roberto Rodriguez, Christopher Smith, Trenton Withers, Sawyer Wright

Gorman Senior Travel Club

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts again in the first part of February.

Miss Gorman, Gorman Peanut Queen and Little Miss Gorman Appearing at the West Texas Rehab Telethon

Miss Gorman Rachel Granado, Peanut Queen Kaci Seaton, and Little Miss Gorman Kourtney Seaton will be representing Gorman when they make their television debut at the West Texas Rehab Telethon in Abilene on Saturday, January 17, 2004.

The girls are scheduled to appear at approximately 8:32 p.m. The Telethon will be televised on KTAB-TV (channel 10). The girls will be making the rounds this week collecting donations in order to present a donation to the Rehab on behalf of Gorman.

The girls have done a great job representing our town, so please help them continue to do so by making your pledges when they arrive at your door.

This years entertainers are singers Joe Nichols, Red Steagall, radio host Charlie Chase, actors Brad Maule and Bill and Susan Hayes.

And remember to watch for Rachel, Kaci, and Kourtney as they represent our town by presenting a check to the Rehab 2004.

The Blackwood Singers Concert

De Leon Hospital Auxiliary is again sponsoring "The Blackwood Singers" in concert, Thursday, February 12, at the De Leon High School Auditorium. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at De Leon Hospital, 254-893-2011, and prices are \$15.00 for VIP seating; Adults-\$12 at the door, \$10 in advance; Children (6-12) are \$6.00 at the door, \$5.00 in advance. Proceeds from this inspiring and entertaining event are to be used to purchase equipment for the De Leon Hospital, which in turn will be used in the soon-to-be constructed County Hospital.

Through the years, members of The Blackwood Family have sold 40 million albums, have won 8 Grammy Awards, 27 Dove Awards, and 5 All American Music Awards. Their music has touched millions. Experience the excitement, the sound, the legacy...The Blackwoods!

Gifted Learner Program

Dear Parents, Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-6 during the coming school year.

Any child in our school whom you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. The program will specifically be for those students who score extremely high on Achievement Tests, Intelligence Tests, and Creativity Tests.

If you wish to nominate your child, please do so by going to the elementary office and complete the proper forms. Any nominations should be made before January 19, 2004.

Finally, please be aware that if your child is nominated by you or a teacher, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process. In order to make the screening process move more quickly, you will be asked to grant your permission for that testing at the time you place your nomination.

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s/ Kristin Matteson
GT Coordinator

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YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of February, A.D. 2004, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of December, 2003, in this cause, numbered 39,499 on the docket of said court and styled W.G. Arnot, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Harry C. Lord, et al, Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Petition for appointment of receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil and gas and mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land:
The Southeast one-quarter of Section 3, Block 2, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 32, Eastland County, Texas.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Witness: *Janeth A. Key*, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 23rd day of December, A.D. 2003.
Janeth A. Key Clerk, 91st District Court, Eastland County, Texas
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December EDC Minutes

The Gorman EDC held its monthly board meeting on Monday December 15, 2003. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Vice President Judy Warren. Board members present were Joe Casey, Mark Simmons, Kim Sharp, Robert Ervin, Becky Laminack, Judy Warren and EDC director Lori Dodd. Also attending the meeting was Mr. Mike Brudnak.

Kim Sharp read the November EDC minutes. Mark Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Robert Ervin. Motion carried 4-0.

Board reviewed the bills. Robert Ervin made a motion to pay the bills, second was Joe Casey. Motion carried 4-0.

Under old business, we had four signage recipients:

1. Texas Creations
2. Whistle Stop Café
3. Texas Barber Shop
4. Bob's Grocery

Motion was made by Mark Simmons to issue reimbursement for signs, second by Robert Ervin. Motion carried 4-0.

Under new business, Heritage Manor of Gorman won the "Salute to Texas Workforce", within a 26 county area. We congratulate them!

We received the application for the WCTCOG grant for the Code Enforcement Officer.

CN2 update: Currently selling subscriptions for service, (CCTC/TXOL) online service. (Offering FREE CPE for the first 40 people.)

As of yet, there is no news pertaining to the AED grant.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Joe Casey, second by Robert Ervin. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Minutes submitted and typed by Kim Sharp.

Robertson Graduates

Basic Combat Training

Army Pvt. Chadwick J. Robertson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Robertson is the grandson of Don Cook of Gorman, Texas.

In 2003, the soldier graduated from Gorman High School.

School Menu

Week of January 19

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, toast, milk, juice

Tuesday--Cinnamon Rolls, milk, juice

Wednesday--Eggs, biscuits, milk, juice

Thursday--Blueberry muffins, milk, juice

Friday--Biscuits, sausage, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Hoagie sandwiches, veg. soup, fruit

Tuesday--BBQ chicken, corn on cob, Ranch style beans, hot rolls

Wednesday--Burritos w/chili & cheese, salad, Spanish rice, fruit

Thursday--Chicken nuggets, cr. potatoes, gr. beans, hot rolls

Friday--Steak sandwiches, fries, fruit

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Eastland County

What: The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is the Society's version of relay with a new twist. Teams of 10-15 walking and running enthusiasts from area companies, organizations and neighborhoods raise money to support the fight against cancer. Members of each team stay on the track for the entire event. Others, not on the track will participate in fun activities happening throughout the 12 hour-hour period.

When: April 16, 2004

7:00 p.m. Relay start and Cancer Survivor Lap
9:00 p.m. Luminaria ceremony or other activities
7:00 a.m. April 17, 2004 Closing

Where: Eastland High School Track Field

Why: An estimated 150 RESIDENTS in Eastland County will develop cancer in 2004. Funds raised from this event will support the American Cancer Society's programs to provide services to Eastland county cancer patients, continue education and risk reduction programs in schools and businesses and to fund valuable cancer research.

How: To register a team, purchase a luminaria, or to participate as a cancer survivor, contact Valerie Hampton at 254-734-2174 or Michelle Byrd at 254-639-2849.

Heritage Manor of Gorman Receives Recognition

The West Central Texas Workforce Center System in Abilene recently recognized Heritage Manor of Gorman for their outstanding contributions to their employees and to the communities they serve. Heritage Manor was recognized at an award ceremony and reception along with other businesses in Abilene on December 17, 2003. Heritage Manor of Gorman was recognized for their community involvement which includes providing Meals on Wheels to their community as well as hosting weekly blood pressure clinics for the Senior Citizens Center. They were also recognized for their tremendous growth in census as well as their excellent compliance record the past few years. Facility Administrator Brent Hagood stated that "he wanted to thank all of the employees of Heritage Manor of Gorman for their dedication to the residents that we serve." Heritage Manor was nominated for this award by Lori Dodd and the Gorman Economic Development Corporation.



L-R: Representative Bob Hunter, District 71; Ron Lehman, TWC Commissioner Representing Employers; Brent Hagood, Heritage Manor of Gorman Administrator; Gary Edwards, Public Relations Director for Pyramid HealthCare; and State Representative Jim Keffer, District 60.



L-R: Lori Dodd, Gorman EDC Executive Director; Brent Hagood, Heritage Manor of Gorman Administrator; and State Representative Jim Keffer, District 60.



Relay for Life Meeting

Relay For Life Eastland County will be holding a Team Captains meeting at Eastland National Bank Community Room on Sunday, January 18, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. A.. Team captains and members and those interested in forming a team please try to attend. We will be discussing fund-raising ideas and picking your camp site, first come first serve. We will also be having a committee meeting from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., those interested in serving on the committee, please stay. For more information, contact Valerie Hampton at 254-734-2174.

To all Eastland Memorial Hospital Employees

The hospital sponsored Relay for Life team would like to express our sincerest appreciation for all the donations of money and baked goods that the employees donated for our Bake Sale held in December. The bake sale was a resounding success and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

We are so very excited about the upcoming "Relay for Life" event to be held this coming April in Eastland. We hope to see everyone there to honor our Cancer survivors and remember those that have lost their fight.

Thanks again. If you would like

information about Relay for Life, please contact Trish Garrett at 629-3203, Devonny Norris at 62903166, Telitha Bush at 442-1256, Tracy Casey at 647-1807 or Carol Lewis at 734-3344.

Thank You

The American Cancer Society would like to recognize the following businesses for their sponsorship and support of the upcoming Relay for Life event scheduled for April 16, 2004 in Eastland: Edwards Funeral Homes--Eastland & Strawn, Texas; and Dr. William F. Simpson, Jr. D.O., P.A.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Let's Set Our Eyes on the Unchanging God

Abraham Lincoln once told of a farmer who was teaching his son how to plow a straight furrow. The farmer directed the boy to keep his eyes upon some object at the other end of the field. "Over there is a cow," he said. "Now that will do." When the farmer returned, he was shocked to find that the boy had plowed a furrow that looked something like a question mark. The son had obeyed his father, but the cow had moved.

There is a great moral lesson in this story. We often fix our eyes on something tangible but of no everlasting value, such as money, education, beauty, or power, to mention just a few. Those who place their hopes on short-lived things are soon disappointed. Many earnest people who truly love God and desire to spend eternity in heaven fix their eyes upon man-made dreams and fanciful ideas.

If you wish to know that the path which you are now following will ultimately lead you to heaven, why not place the object of your sight on the Lord Jesus Christ, who is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13.8).

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for nineteen residents. The topic was, "God Chooses and Equips." Bible passage 1 Samuel 16:1-13 with key verse 1 Samuel 16:7. Tootie with residents recited their memory verses Romans 3-23-6:23 and John 3:16-17 and sang, "This World is Not

My Home." A resident led the closing prayer. Howard and Pat Hagood were guests.

Some guests were Jessica and 6 1/2 month old son, Michell Kaimimoku.

Residents sent get well wishes to Frankie Jo Shipman. Hurry and get well!

Some guests were Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Ryan Campbell, Shannon Hare of Abilene, Kelly Moss, Don Landers of Springtown, Mark Sanders of Boyd.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Ann Warren, June Dosssey, Louise Hall, and Nelda Mauney. Bro. Bill led singing accompanied by June Dosssey on the piano. A resident brought the special, a worship chorus-text Deuteronomy 8:1-2. Message, "Remember the Lord Thy God." Looking back on 2003-the things we were unable to do. There were fourteen residents and guest Nancy Hendricks.

Some visitors were Ron and Mary Ann Prewitt of Edman, Oklahoma, Johnnie and Pattie Waters of Amarillo, Durward Webb, Larry Stogsdill, Jimmy Little, Ann Warren, and Alpha Mae Andry.

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

Guests were Paul Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Brad Johnson of Granbury, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland, Howard and Pat Hagood.

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

Some guests were Chris Schetz of Dallas, Heidi Forbes of Virginia, Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Marie Cook and Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Diana Snider, Ann Warren, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the Gospel singing were Ernestine Campbell, Ann Warren, Daisy Slaton, Marjorie Treadway and Nancy Hendricks. In all there were thirteen residents.

Guests were Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Rodney and Vickie Roberts, Shalor Roberts, Winston Brown, Levi Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Tootie Campbell and Kendra Roberts.

Residents appreciated the Family Bible Church bringing sacks of candy and fruit for every resident.

On Tuesday, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for ten residents.

Guests were Emma Jane Skaggs, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, Stanley Porter, John and Georgie Lee Hopper of Dallas, Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmett and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland, Milley Lorin and Kaylee Akers of Charlotte, NC, Jeff and Whitney Crews of Lindale, Arval Barnett, Trevor, Brad and Jake Keith of Allen.

Visitors were George Rodgers, Jim Rodgers, Tim Dennis, Ronnie Standridge, Larry Stogsdill, Durward Webb, Carla Jones of Stamford, Mary Lee Crackrell of DeLeon.

Residents appreciated the pillows and lap spreads that the Church of Christ of Desdemona gave residents for Christmas.

On Tuesday afternoon, residents enjoyed Concentration with Ina Smith and enjoyed the surprise gifts.

Gena Rone and Glenn Glasson were visiting.

On Wednesday, Dorothy Roberts came and styled hair.

Visiting were Kelly Henderson of Garland, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Vickie Seay, Ella Reeves of Irving, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel. Subject "An Enlarged Heart: The Bible passage, Psalms 119:32-33. There were twelve residents present. A resident voiced the closing prayer.

Some guests were Elmer and Rebecca Morgan of Dallas, Sherry Williams of DeLeon, Annie Fay Foster, Jewel Morris of DeLeon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Rachel Beal and Landon Beal of May, Pamela Childers, Johnnie B. Griffith.

Residents enjoyed "Crazy Bingo" with Ina Smith on Wednesday afternoon. They enjoyed the surprise bingo gifts.

Visiting were Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of DeLeon, Guy and Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood.

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

Some guests were Howard and Barbra Joiner of Arlington, Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Lucy Joiner and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Robert and Becky Moore, Randy and Leslie Green, Emily Green of DeLeon.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Billy and Nikki Febinger and children Christopher and Allison of Stephenville visited last Saturday night with her grandparents Bernard and Ann Keith.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery was in Stephenville last Saturday, January 10th to attend the birthday party for their friend, Ellen Dale (Hicks) Magee who celebrated her 75th birthday hosted by her daughters Lana, Sandra, and Sherry. This event was held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Ellen Dale is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school with the Class of 1946.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of "Jessie" Varner, 91, of Aledo who passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2004. Burial was in the Lowell Cemetery east of Desdemona in Erath County. Survivors are four sons, Delmar Varner of North Richland Hills, "Tobe" Varner of Fort Stockton, Dennis Varner of Houston, and Dwayne Varner of Weatherford; one daughter, Deborah Smallwood of Aledo. Preceded in death by her husband, C.H. "Chess" Varner. The varner family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. They lived south (about 3 miles) in the Jakehamon Community.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Bro. Jim Tilley of Ranger was the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday December 4th. His wife, Faye, rendered the special music with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Durwood Burgess. Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson were not feeling well and were unable to be there.

We are glad Bro. Clarence and Leona were able to be back with us this past Sunday. We were blessed with special music twice as the choir sang at the beginning of the Sunday morning service, and Woodrow and Helen Browning, with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano sang a beautiful song for us. Those in the choir were Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst, Joe Bond, Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Our visitors were Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin and Lenora Preston of Anchorage, Alaska.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman for the Sunday afternoon church services were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy Little, Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks.

Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning visited with Woodrow and Helen Browning on New Year's Eve night and New Year's Day.

Jimmy and Verna Little spent Tuesday night in Arlington with Nelda and Jarad Fails. Jimmy and Verna were in Abilene on Thursday for a medical check-up for Jimmy, and he reports that he got a good report.

Zelda Jordan and Norma Webb were in Abilene on Thursday for Zelda's check-up with her knee surgeon and she got a good report.

Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin visited with Oren and Norma Webb during the weekend.

Zelda Jordan visited with Sylvia Buchanan on Saturday.

Nancy Hendricks attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration honoring Albert and Jo Ann White in Gorman on Sunday.

Betty Little and Karen Patterson visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

JIMMY AND VERNA LEE LITTLE CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little, Nelda, Jarad and Cody Fails and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little were hosts for a reception honoring their parents and grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at the Kokomo Baptist Church fellowship hall on Sunday, December 14, 2003.

Jimmy and Verna Lee were married on December 19, 1953 in the home of her parents, the late Vern and Dora Garrett. Jimmy's parents were the late, John and Mamie Little.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with net over blue cloth and small clear Christmas lights. The "bride's" white cake and the "groom's" chocolate cake were served with punch, mints and nuts.

Pictures depicting their lives through the years were displayed for all to enjoy. A very large crowd attended, and they received many beautiful congratulation cards and gifts which they really appreciate. They had a wonderful day and they thank everyone who were a part of it.

RENDALL FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Bobby and Mary Jane Little were hosts in their home for the Rendall Family Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 28th. Those enjoying the joyous occasion were Lenora Preston of Anchorage, Alaska, Beverley and Dwight Maxwell and Gayla and Peyton Cox, Dee, Billy and Breanna Maxwell all of Cleburne, Gerald and Judy Ervin of Odessa, Rudy and Pat Rendall and Robert and Jackie Rendall all of Midland, Margaret Rendall of Austin, Elizabeth Rendall of Bryan, Amanda and Anna Lee of Midland, Judy Hall of Cleburne, Aleisha Hall of New Orleans, Brad, Melanie, Baileigh, and Mckenna Hall of New Jersey, LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, and Terry, Arlene, Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler.

Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler spent several days with their grandparents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little during the Christmas holidays.

Aunt Mary Carey and Jean Richardson of Alaska and Houston visited from Monday until Wednesday with Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Lenora Preston of Anchorage, Alaska, who was visiting with her sister and brother-in-law.

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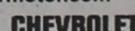
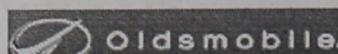
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