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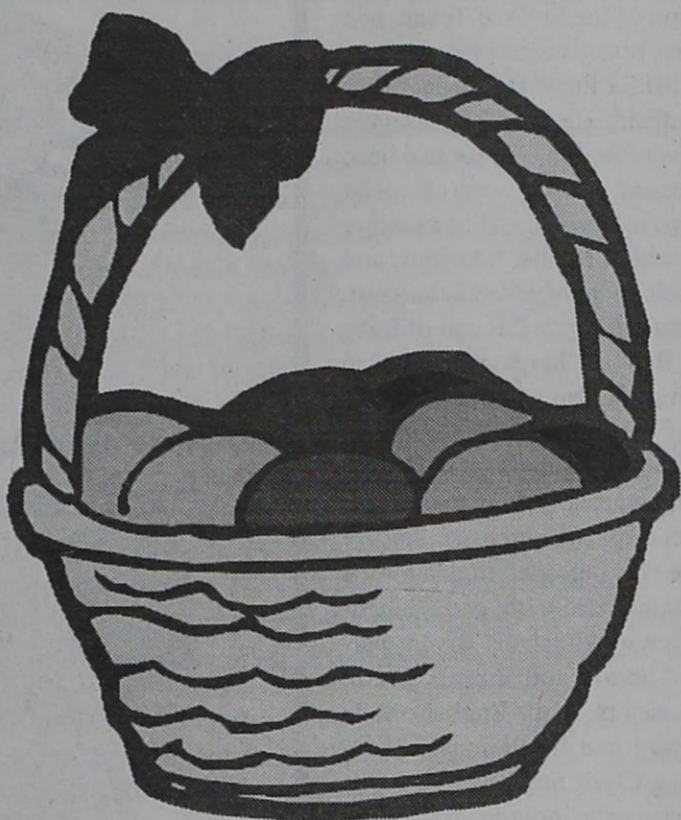
Hippity Hoppity Easter's On Its Way!

Mrs. Bunny wants to remind everyone that Easter is just around the corner and the date for the annual Gorman Easter Treasure Hunt has been set for Saturday, April 10th at the City Park Downtown Gorman at 2:00 p.m.

In case of rain hunt will be postponed until next Saturday, April 17th

For all children ages: 4th grade to infants that can sit alone.

Donations of 'treasures', candy (no chocolate please), eggs, chips, cookies, crackers, etc. or money are needed. Donations may be left at Smith's Service Station, City Gro., Bob's Gro. or Heritage Manor. Donations may also be mailed to Mrs. Bunny, % Ina Smith, Route 1 Box 204A, Gorman, Texas 76454. For more information please call (254)734-2720.



Melissa Koosman and Tom Million Pledged Vows

Melissa Koosmann of Stephenville and Tom Million of Strawn were united in marriage March 20, 2004 at four o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the groom's grandmother, Mildred Million, of Desdemona. Rev. Jim Troutman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Strawn officiated. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed dinner and dancing at the reception in the American Legion Hall in Strawn.

The bride is the daughter of David Koosmann of West Branch, Iowa, and Gail Madden of Stephenville. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Laverne Koosmann of Circle Pines, Minnesota. The bride groom is the son of Laura Million and the late Raymond Million of Strawn.

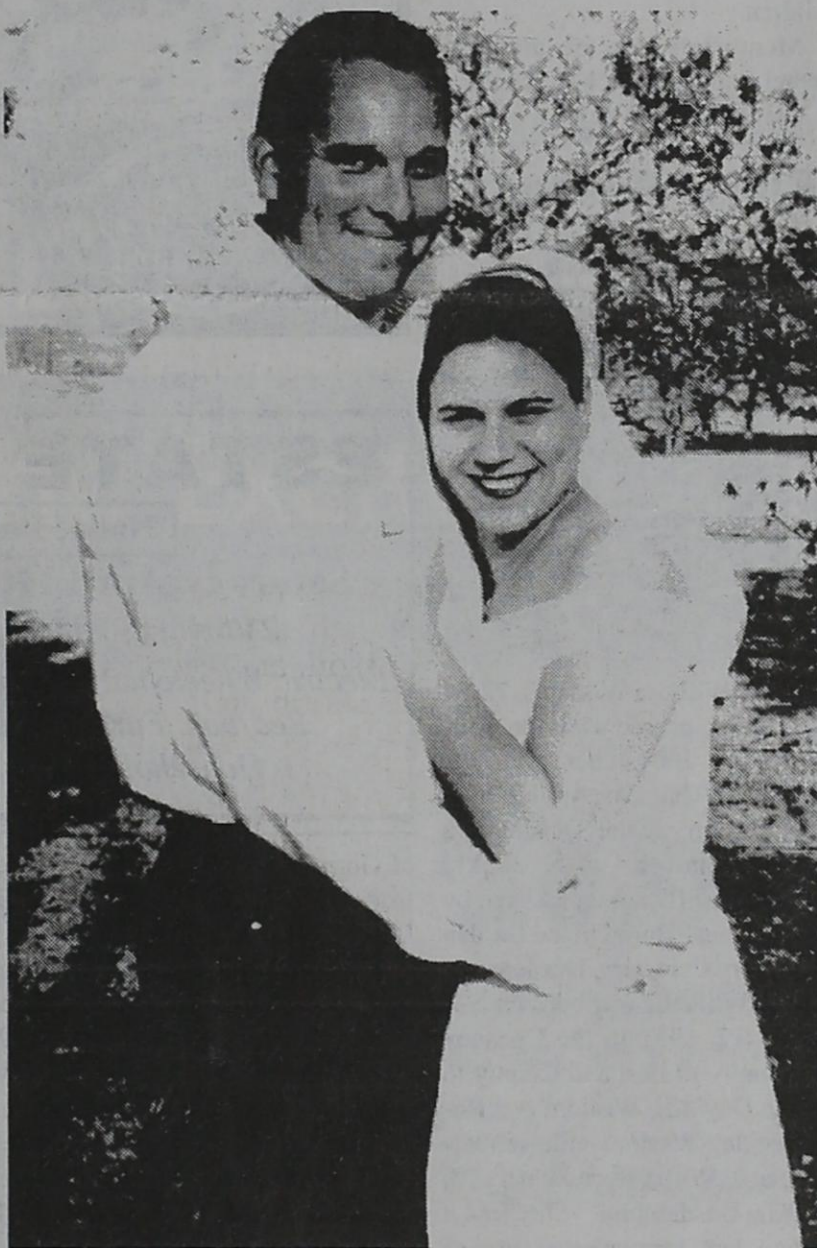
Given in marriage by her stepfather, Dean Madden of Stephenville, the bride wore an off-shoulder princess style gown of diamond white satin with a pearl encrusted waistline. Her gown featured a chapel length train. She carried a bouquet of daisies.

Jessica Koosmann of Stephenville was her sister's maid of honor. Dr. Jack Hittson of Rockwall, uncle of the groom, was best man.

The couple plans to live in

Strawn where the groom is the City Marshal. The bride is manager of Curves in Eastland.

Other guests included Gail Madden of Stephenville, Laura Million of Strawn, Hallie Ray Million of DeLeon, David and Douglas Koosmann of West Branch, Iowa, Elizabeth Hittson of Rockwall, Patsy Troutman of Strawn, Paul and Laverne Koosmann of Circle Pines, Minnesota, Matt, Brandon, Nick, Natasha, Natalie, and Nina Madden all of Stephenville.



April Is Community Clean-Up Month

Several events will be taking place in April that gives residents the opportunity to do some serious "spring cleaning".

April 13, 16 Community Clean-Up - curbside service offered by BFI (no roll-offs)

April 17 Community Garage Sales

Community Clean-up will be during the week of April 12 - 16th. BFI will pick up large items and all household trash. We won't be having roll-offs available during the month of April this year, so be sure and get your "junk" out to the curb before this week. Remember, NO TIRES, PAINT, BATTERIES, OR FREON items.

If you are interested in participating in the garage sales, there will be a time and phone number to call after April 1st. Be looking for this information.

Community Wide Garage Sale Saturday, April 17th 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Call 254-734-3933

and Leave the Following Information:

Name - Physical Address - Phone Number

Your Name and Phone Number will not be printed on the map,
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The Gorman Senior Travel Club will Haul Off
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Please Contact Melinda Abbe at 734-3311
or Mary Davis at 734-3496

Community Easter Sunrise Service Set

The Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Community Center at 7 A.M. on Sunday, April 11. The Gorman Ministerial Alliance has planned the service. Regardless of which church you attend, or if you are not attending any church at all, you are encouraged to attend this community-wide service to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Junior High Boys and Girls Track Results

Boys Pioneer Relays Results

8th Grade Field Events—High Jump—Orlando Rodriguez 3rd place with a jump of 5'2".

8th Grade Running Events—400 meter relay—Corey Clark, Orlando Rodriguez, Martin Ramirez, Tony Perez 4th place with a time of 51.62; 110 meter hurdles—Corey Clark 1st place with a time of 19.47; 100 meter run—Tony Perez 2nd place with a time of 12.31; 800 meter relay—Corey Clark, Orlando Rodriguez, Martin Ramirez, Tony Perez 5th place with a time of 1:52.7; 400 meter run—Orlando Rodriguez 6th place with a time of 1:07.57.

The junior high track team finished 5th overall with 38 points. The track team will compete at our district tract meet on April 6, 2004 in Cross Plains.
Coach Gerick

Girls Pioneer Relays Results

April 1st the Jr. High tracksters traveled to Cross Plains for its annual Pioneer relays. There were several schools who attended the meet including: Santo, Ranger, Baird, Christoval, Priddy, Winters, Tolar, Zephyr, Rising Star. 7th and 8th grade divisions were combined at this meet so all 7th grade teams were competing against themselves as well as the 8th grade teams. This week's competitors were as follows: 7th grade; Valerie Longoria, Emily Lewis, Elizabeth Borrego, Veronica Walton, and Barbara Sherman. 8th grade; Reba Granado, Clarissa Glasson, Brandy Carlton, Shanna Hair, Nicole Cogburn, Esther Cruz, Ashley Gonzales, Ashleigh Bush, Mary Powell, and Nancy Velasquez. Managers were Kendra Lewis, Jessica Esquivel, Megan Lewis (could not run due to injuries) and Marcy Gonzalez.

Field Events

Brandy Carlton earned 4th place with a jump of 4'6" in the high jump, which was a personal best for her. Clarissa Glasson took 1st place in the discus with a throw of 81'5" which was also a personal best for her. Glasson also tossed the shot put 30'3 3/4" and placed 2nd. Eshter Cruz threw a personal best as well in the discus 56'11" and narrowly missed placing 6th.

Mary Powell placed 5th in the 2400m Run with a time of 10:38.0, improving almost 12 seconds from the Comanche meet. The 8th grade girl's mile relay ran a time of 2:07.16 to place 6th. Members of the relay are Ashley Gonzales, Brandy Carlton, Clarissa Glasson, and Nicole Cogburn. The 8th grade girl's mile relay also placed 6th in the 1600m Relay with a time of 5:11.5.

The 7th grade girl's teams ran their hearts out and missed out on placing in several events by seconds and 10ths of seconds, but competed well. Congratultaions to all the Jr. High girls on a good meet.

By Coach Sowell

Summer Food Service Program

The Gorman I.S.D. announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided for children ages 1 year old to 18 years of age at the Gorman School Cafeteria, 114 West Lexington, starting each weekday from June 1st through July 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

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.

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 - APRIL 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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Second Thursday

Obituaries

Verlan Overstreet

Verlan Overstreet, age 86, of Gorman, passed away Sunday, April 4, 2004 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home. Services were Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Durward Webb officiating. Burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

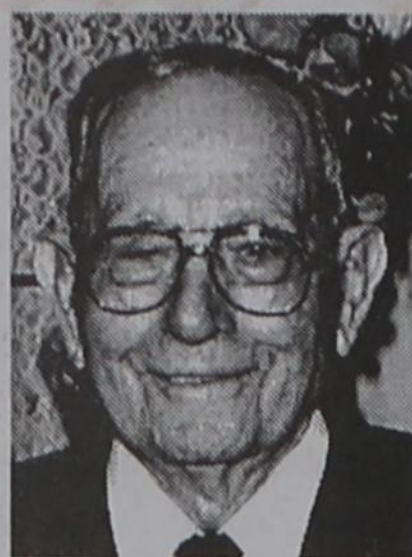
Mr. Overstreet was born May 6, 1917 in Gorman to Earnest and Addie (Todd) Overstreet. He married Faye Locke on December 23, 1937 in Gorman. She preceded him in death on November 28, 1992. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Church of Christ. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his son, Jerry Overstreet and wife Betty Jo of Gorman; daughter, Barbara Morrison of Gorman; two grandchildren, Cheri Troutman and husband Chuck of Gorman and Ricky Morrison and wife Shanda of Gorman; three great grandchildren Tiffany Troutman, Dakota and Russell Morrison; and two great-great grandchildren Allie and Kaylee. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

James C. "Jack" Smith

James C. "Jack" Smith, 86, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2004. Services were Saturday, April 3, 2004 at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Andrews officiating assisted by Rev. Jim Wright and Rev. Richard Watson. Interment was in the Eastland City Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born November 29, 1917 in Sipe Springs to Thomas B. and Eunice (Everitt) Smith. He married his wife of 68 years, Ethel Beatrice Allcock, on May 18, 1935, in Rochester, TX. He was a



Trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety for 30 years, retiring in 1977. In 1979, he became the County Judge for Baylor County. In 1987, he was commissioned by the Public Safety Commission of the State of Texas, as a Special Texas Ranger. He was later a Bailiff for the 91st District Court in Eastland. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He had been a Deacon of Calvary Baptist Church in Seymour. He was active in Southern Baptist Missions, and had helped build several churches. He was a Charter Deacon of Lake Leon Baptist Church, where he led the singing. He had been a member of the First Baptist church in Eastland, Mangum Baptist Church, and was currently a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, James H. Smith; granddaughter, Tammy Hutchens Bryan; parents, Thomas and Eunice Smith; three sisters, Ruth English, Veda Vineyard and Estell Jones; and a brother, Clyde Smith.

Survivors include his loving wife, Ethel "Bea" Smith of Carbon; a daughter-in-law, Sonja Smith of Longview; two daughters, Patricia Ann Boone of Gorman and Joyce Hutchens of Cisco; two brothers, Thomas B. Smith and Beuford Smith, both of Nocona; a sister, Melba Jones of Comanche; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church in Eastland or The Salvation Army.

Eloise Wisdom Williams



Eloise Wisdom Williams, 72, of Desdemona, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2004 at her residence. Services are Thursday, April 8, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. at the Desdemona Baptist Church with Jackie Auvenshine officiating, assisted by Gary Hughes. Burial in the Garden of Memory Cemetery, Desdemona.

Mrs. Williams was born on November 17, 1931 in the Cheaney Community in Eastland County to the late David E. Wisdom and Hazel Buckley Wisdom. Eloise married Leo C. Williams on January 23, 1949 in Desdemona. She was a homemaker, former employee of First National Bank of Grafrod, worked for the City National Bank of Mineral Wells, worked for Eastland National Bank, and also worked for Birdsong Peanut Company of Gorman and Seaton Mills

Ethel Beatrice "Bea" Smith



Ethel Beatrice "Bea" Smith, age 86, of Carbon, died Sunday, April 4, 2004 at her residence, one day after her husband's funeral. Services were Monday, April 5, 2004 at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rex Boggs, Jim Andrews, and Rev. Richard Watson officiating. Interment was in the Eastland Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was born August 28, 1917 to Martin and Josie Robbins Allcock in Arlington, Texas. She

married Jack Smith on May 18, 1935 in Rochester, Texas and had been married for 68 years. Jack died on March 31st, just 4 days prior to her passing away. They have been apart just a short while. Jack was a DPS Trooper and they had lived in several towns, mostly in Seymour where Bea worked as a Clerk for Ferguson Drug Co. and was active in Calvary Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School. In 1981, they moved to Eastland where she was active in the churches where she was a member: First Baptist of Eastland, Mangum Baptist Church, a Charter member of Lake Leon Baptist Church and current membership of Bethel Baptist Church. She has taught Sunday School for 30 years of which she was very proud.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Harvey Smith; granddaughter, Tammy Hutchens Bryan; parents, Martin and Josie Allcock; two sisters, Oleta Autrey and Juanita Oliver; five brothers, Billy Ray Allcock, Elred Allcock, Allen Allcock, Ezra Allcock, and Preston Allcock.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Ann Boone and husband Roger of Gorman and Joyce Hutchens and husband Lewis of Cisco; a daughter-in-law, Sonja Smith of Longview; three brothers, Harold Allcock and Joe Earl Allcock both of Fort Worth, Denver Allcock of Bastrop, Texas, a sister, Wanda Sue Peters of Olton, Texas; 9 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

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This is open to the Parents of Eastland County to bring their child/children to enjoy not only the food and entertainment but to serve as a reminder of the value of children.

State Representative Jim Keffer will be the Guest Speaker. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

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of Gorman. She had resided in the Desdemona area 32 years, coming from Grafrod, TX. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Desdemona.
Survivors include her husband, Leo Williams of Desdemona; son, David Clayton Williams of Cache, OK; three daughters, Donna Moore of Strawn, Delores Helms of Hico, and Enid Williams and husband Paul Yanko of Akron, Ohio; brother Bobby D. Wisdom of Desdemona; sister, Patsy Kincaon of Hico; 6 grandchildren, Kirk, Kevin and Mark Siler, Kelly Massie, Jessica Miniaci and Lindsey Helms; and 4 great-grandchildren, Brooke Siler, Layton Massie and Peyton and Bennett Siler.
Also preceded by sister, Joyce Thornhill.

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KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

"Happy Easter to everyone. I pray that we will all be in church on Easter Sunday to worship Jesus Christ who was without sin, but gave His life on the cross for our sins, and then was resurrected from the dead that we through Him may be reconciled to God the Father and have eternal life. I wish for everyone a happy day with family and friends.

The Kokomo Baptist Church family invites you to come and worship with them. Sunday School begins at 10:00 A.M. and worship at 11:00. Following the worship service, there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. Easter is a time of homecoming at Kokomo as those whose grew up here like to come back and bring their children and grandchildren.

In the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church Woodrow Browning directed the music with Helen Browning at the piano and Ruby Lee Kinser at the organ. The special music was rendered by Ruby Lee Kinser, Crystal and Rachel Snider, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Aletha Burgess, Helen Browning, Jimmy Little and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano. Mark Eaves also played his trumpet. Visitors were Mark Eaves of Charlotte, NC, Roy and Sharon Davis of Odessa, Delinda Snider of Gorman, Lisa Fields of Kokomo, James Thomas of Gorman, and Chelsea Buckley of Desdemona.

Roy and Sharon Davis of Odessa, Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Mark Eaves of Charlotte, NC visited with his parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves. Others visiting in the Eaves home were Nancy Hendricks and Johnnie B. Griffith and Oren and Norma Webb.

Joe and Glynda Bond spent the weekend in Copperas Cove with Shannon, Stephanie and Raegan Bond, and attended the Easter Pageant of the First Baptist Church at the High School on Saturday night. Stephanie was one of the singers in the pageant.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Bernard and Ann Keith spent last Thursday through Monday visiting with their daughter, Bill and Ami Sanders and daughter, Robyn Leann, in Liveoak, Texas. Also they visited with Ann's sister, Betty Brooke and a niece, Diane Dawsey, both of San Antonio.

Robert Ficklen and son, Jack, of Dallas; Dona Ficklen and daughter, Whitney of Port Mansfield visited recently with Mary Ficklen at their Desdemona home. This group enjoyed the Monthly Musical at the Community Center. Mary enjoys eating homemade pie each time she visits the musical.

David and Vivian Menzel and daughters, Kristin and Kelsey, Dixie Pack all of Desdemona were in Dallas over the past weekend to attend the wedding of Katie Pack and Aaron Wham. Parents of the bride are Lelan Pack and Luann McCormick both of Lubbock.

Evelyn Hammond is in the Brownwood Rest Home. She is having some health problems and needs 24 hour care at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she adjusts to her new home.

M.W. "Bud" Anderson, 85, of Leawood, Kansas passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2004. Survivors include his wife Beverly Anderson, one son, one daughter, two sisters, Faye Walls of Stephenville and Dorothy Greenhaw of

Desdemona. Preceded in death by his mother Sallie Hammond Huffman, three brothers-Raymond Anderson, Elmer Lee Anderson, and Dalton Anderson. "Bud" attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1937. Burial was in Leawood, Kansas.

Bennie Dean White, 73, of Corpus Christi passed away on Tuesday, March 30, 2004. Survivors include a brother Donald White of Ballinger, two sisters--Loraine White Woods of Big Sandy and Rosetta White Carlton of Carbon, two daughters--Christy and Debra of Corpus Christi. Preceded in death by his parents, Ernest "Tad" White and Sylvia Lewis Hodges, brother Robert White, two sisters-Genelle White Brumlow and Diantha White Dennis. Bennie Dean attended school in Desdemona in the Class of 1949.

Corrine Keith Clements, 93, of Vivian, Louisiana was buried on Thursday, April 1, 2004. Survivors include two sons, Donald Clements and wife, Gladene of Longview and Rodney Clements and wife, Rae of Houston; three sisters, Mattie Keith Newton of DeLeon, Avie Keith Taylor of DeLeon, Vonnie Keith Guthery of Desdemona. Preceded in death by her husband, Paul Clements; her parents, Major J. Keith and Emma Sadberry Keith; two brothers, Cagie Keith and Mack Keith; two sisters, Velva Keith Clements and Leura Keith Partain. Burial was in Vivian, Louisiana.

Avie Taylor of DeLeon and her daughter, Lennis and Jean Cearly of Fort Worth was in Vivian, Louisiana to attend the funeral of Corrine Clements, a sister of Avie.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to these family who have lost their loved ones. Remember them with your cards and prayers.

Mary Evelyn (Putty) Stafford is in the Cleburne Rest Home at this time. She is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1944.

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Woodrow and Helen Browning visited recently in Austin with her brother and sister-in-law, Dwain and Jane Lesley. Jane has been very ill and is in the hospital there. Helen reports that Jane is doing some better.

Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham spent Friday night and Saturday with Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Melanie Gatlin of Graham spent Sunday night with her grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning, and Helen and Woodrow took Melanie shopping in Abilene on Monday in celebration of her 11th birthday. In the afternoon they took Melanie home and visited with Gary, Donna, Lesley and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning. Monday was Donna's birthday so they enjoyed a birthday visit with her.

Chelsea Buckley of Desdemona visited with her grandparents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess.

Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene with Glenda and Leon Black, and Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell. Glenda and Zelda went to Lubbock on Wednesday to be with Zelda's sister, Barbara Bell of Denver City, who underwent hip surgery on Thursday at a Lubbock hospital. Others there to be with Barbara were her husband, Bo Bell of Denver City, her daughter, Lanette Leasure of Amarillo, another sister, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe and a brother, Arvel Lewallen of Denver City, and a niece, Cindy Jordan of Lubbock. Barbara came thru the surgery fine and is back home now. Glenda and Zelda also visited with Cindy and Kayla Jordan while in Lubbock.

On Friday night Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell, Glenda Black and Zelda Jordan attended the Easter Pageant "This Man, Jesus" presented by the Lytle South Baptist Church Music Ministry. Ryan and Kody were members of the children's choir in the pageant which was presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. We all enjoyed the pageant very much.

On Saturday afternoon, Glenda, Sheri, Emily, and Zelda enjoyed an afternoon of shopping.

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Airman Stephanie A. Michael Arrived For Duty at Minot, N.D.

Air Force Airman Stephanie A. Michael, the daughter of Krista Michael of Lubbock and Mark Michael of Eastland, arrived for duty at Minot Air Force Base, ND. She is a security apprentice with the 791st Missile Security Forces Squadron.

Workshop To Be Held At Womack's Nursery

Home garden or commercial fruit and nut tree growers will not want to miss the unique opportunity of attending a special budding and grafting workshop to be held at Womack's Nursery in DeLeon on Wednesday, April 14th, at Womack's Nursery beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending around 4:00 p.m. Womack's Nursery is located on Hwy 6 between DeLeon and Gorman; look for the signs on the north side of the highway. If you want to participate or need additional information, please call the Comanche County Extension office at 325/356-2539. Handouts will be prepared for participants that reserve a spot.

Those attending the workshop will have a chance to see up close, different techniques for budding and grafting as well as actually doing some of their won. Larry Jim and Larry Don Womack will be the instructors and both have years of experience with all kinds of fruit and nut trees. A special part of the workshop will be a tour of the nursery operations to learn how fruit and nut trees and bushes are grown from little seeds or roots to great trees.

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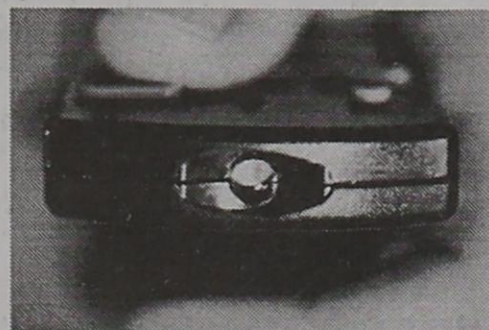
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Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

There's always a lot to be thankful for...

For example, isn't it wonderful that wrinkles don't hurt? When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog, that barks all the time, run to the end of his chain and gag himself. The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he really is in trouble. You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person. Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once. Don't cry because it's over but...smile because it happened. We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all have to learn to live in the same box. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open. I know God won't give me more than I can handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much. You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing. Dogs have owners. Cats have staff. We cannot change the direction of the wind...but we can adjust our sails.

Birthdays Party—On Friday, March 26 was the March Birthdays Party. Three residents were honored for having March birthdays. Mary Minor led singing. Ruth Campbell played the electric keyboard for Gospel Hymns. Kelly Carruth brought the beautiful Birthday Cake that was served with punch. Over twenty people were present. Some recent guests were Paulette Nabors, Peggy and Autry Andress of DeLeon, Ann and Stanton Anders, Cindy, Jayde and Baylor Nabors of Comanche, Sandy and Bruce Gould of DeLeon. Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Johnnie B. Griffith, Howard and Pat Hagood, Ann Warren.

On Friday morning, Christine Routh (band director) brought the 6th grade band students and gave a concert. The students that performed were: Kimmy Seaton-flute, Perla Maldonado-flute, Elisa Lobo-flute, Laura Herrera-clarinet, John Flores-saxophone, Jarret Blankenshi-saxophone, Taylor Chew-baritone, AlexGiles-snare drum, Ben Burgess. Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell from First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson, 'Acting Decisively,' and 'How Should I Respond When God Calls Me to Action?' Background passage, Esther 1:1-2-18, 3:1-17, 7:1-8 and 8:17. Key verse, Esther 4:16. A resident voiced the opening prayer. Howard and Pat Hagood were guests. There were 18 residents present. Some guests were Bobby and Joan Baker of Desdemona, Sterling Baker, Thomas Baker, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Wilbur Overstreet. On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Church of Christ were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Dubbie Truitt, Durward and Mary Webb. Br. Larry's message was "Walking in the Light." Text, John 8:1-12. Eight residents attended. Recent visitors were Gladys Rhyne and Darlene Rhyne of Dumas, Parilee Grisham of Amarilli, Mary Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon. Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop for residents. Some guests were Janice Grice of Brownfield, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks, Kenneth Good, and Irene West. Monday afternoon, those coming for the Gospel Singing were Paulette Nabors, Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Ann Warren, and Nancy Hendricks. The quartet Billy Joe, Ruby Lee, Woodrow and Helen brought the specials. There were 11 residents present. Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for 12 residents. Some guests were Vickie and Rodney Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Winston Brown, James Kinser, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shaylor Roberts and Shannon Roberts. Recent visitors were Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Bill Moll, Maudie Husband, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, J. B. Hamilton of Garland, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider. The magazines that were donated were greatly appreciated by residents. Visiting were Denver Rainey, Jeanne Taylor of Ft. Worth, Howard and Pat Hagood, Dearel and Kathy Belyue of Ft. Worth, Marla Matthews, Freddie Saddy, Bessie Shupp, Christie Claude of DeLeon. On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and led singing and played the electric keyboard for 11 residents. Tuesday afternoon, Heritage Manor had a Resident Council Meeting. Recent visitors were Larry and Shelly Mangam of Garland, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Bonnie D. Stewart and Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers. Residents extend "Deep Sympathy" to the Bruce Hirst family. Some guests were Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Joyce Bramlett, Lucille Bramlett and Cliff Bramlett of Stephenville, Robert and Becky Green,

Billie Grisham, Taylor Hope Mahan, Shannon Mahan, and Alyssa Mahan of DeLeon, Mike and Livy Skaggs, Carter and Abbie Keller Skaggs of Granbury.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had Bible Study. The main subject was "When God Blesses His People." Background passage Psalms 1/15:13-15. There were 16 residents present and one guest, Joan Parker.

Wednesday afternoon Ina Smith had "Crazy Bingo" for a large number of residents.

Some visitors were Don Landers of Springfield, Jerry majors of DeLeon, George Rodgers, Lenden and Frankie Jo Shipman.

On Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith had 'alphabet bingo' for residents.

Some guests were Jerry, Sherry and Mason Parrish of Comanche, Stanley Porter, Barbara Overstreet, Ricky and Shanda Overstreet, Chuck and Cheri Troutman.

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

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Gorman EDC Talk

Some of you may have recently received a notice in the mail, and hopefully some of you have seen information on flyers around town, regarding a Network Luncheon for our area. It boldly calls for *Community Stakeholders* to join neighboring communities to gather and 'network' (new term for meeting new people and sharing ideas).

I would like to invite each of you reading this to one of these luncheons. If you pay taxes, have children in this school, or even earn your paycheck here in Gorman, YOU are a Community Stakeholder! We will be discussing legislative issues regarding our area for the upcoming 79th Legislative Session.

If we combine the coffee shop politics of all our small towns, we can make a difference with a louder voice in Austin, but this would be an excellent opportunity to voice your opinion without any politicians around to argue. Do you have an opinion about Water districting issues? Rural Economic Development? Rural Health Care? School Finances? Property Taxes and other taxation? The purpose of this luncheon is to gather the ideas and needs assessed by the residents of our region and put them in a format and deliver it to Austin this coming session.

These luncheons are hosted by Texas Midwest Community Network member cities. Gorman hosted one last year, and DeLeon the year before. This year luncheons will be:

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| April 14 | Hen House Café | Hamilton |
| April 15 | First Bapt. Church | Coleman |
| April 28 | Easterling's Pit & Grill | Haskell |
| April 30 | Shady Oaks Country Club | Clyde |

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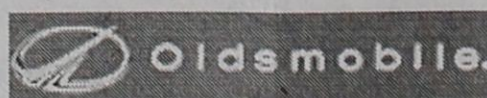
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