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## Bradford Makes Statement

I would like to take this opportunity to address the voters of Eastland County before the primary election on March 9. My name is Wayne Bradford and I am seeking re-election as Sheriff of Eastland County.

I am an Eastland County native, born in Ranger, and a former Department of Public Safety patrolman. I was stationed in Abilene approximately eight years before returning to Eastland County to enter into private business.

I have been active in the community in many ways. I am a deacon at First Baptist Church in Ranger. I served on the Ranger Independent School District school board from 1987 to 1995, serving as board member and president for three years. I have been active and am still a member of the Ranger Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Since becoming your Sheriff in 1997 I have devoted my time to my church, my family and my job. My wife Jerre and I have been married 31 years and have two grown daughters, one son-in-law and one precious grandson.

I first joined the Sheriff's Office in March 1994 as a jailer. I was promoted to Jail Administrator, then deputy, warrants/civil process deputy and chief deputy.

The job of Sheriff is diversified and requires experience and training in several areas. The Sheriff is responsible for investigating criminal activity in the county. The Sheriff is responsible for the jail and housing of prisoners. The Sheriff is responsible for the serving of civil process and is the repository of warrants for the county, which must be accessible 24 hours a day. The Sheriff must also have administrative skills which enable him to coordinate and oversee each of these responsibilities. I believe I am qualified based on my experience and training in each of these areas.

Through contracts with other counties, we have brought in, as of last month, \$996,283.00 from other counties by using the few empty bed spaces we had, with out-of-county prisoners.

## Commissioner Underwood Asks For 2nd Term As Your Representative of the Eastland Co. Commissioners Court

Let me express my appreciation to the citizens of Precinct 3 for the honor of serving as your county Commissioner for the last three years. You have allowed me one of the greatest honors of my life.

I have worked for the people of Eastland County since 1991, first as an equipment operator and most recently as your Commissioner.

The office of County Commissioner is multifaceted. I am responsible for maintaining your roads in precinct 3 on a day to day basis. Equally important, if not more so, I am your representative in the County budget process and administration of County Government.

The administration of your tax dollars, more efficient and effective utilization of services and reducing the burden on local tax payers has been the focus of my term in office.

I am proud of the accomplishments during my first term in office. I believe we have improved the roads in Precinct 3, building upon the legacy of L.T. Owens 28 years as Commissioner. Precinct 3 has by far the best roads in Eastland County.

During my term in office, I assisted the County in obtaining in excess of 4.5 million dollars in grants or no interest loans which improved the lives of my constituents and eased their tax burden.

The last legislative session began with a 10 billion dollar shortfall. As such, the State shifted the burden of services back to the County without providing further sources of revenue.

I believe we, (the Eastland County Commissioners Court) have done extremely well over the past three years. We minimized the potential negative impact to Eastland County's Ad Valorem tax payers.

The past three years have been a great learning experience in the importance and complexity of managing County Government.

I have studied hard and committed 100% of my effort to being the best commissioner that ever represented the people of precinct 3. I sincerely ask for your support and vote in the March 9, 2004 primary election. I want to serve you for four more years and pledge my very best effort to continue to represent you, the voters of Precinct 3.

I have been honored by the Texas Association of Counties, in their appointment of me as State Director of the TAC Insurance Committee.

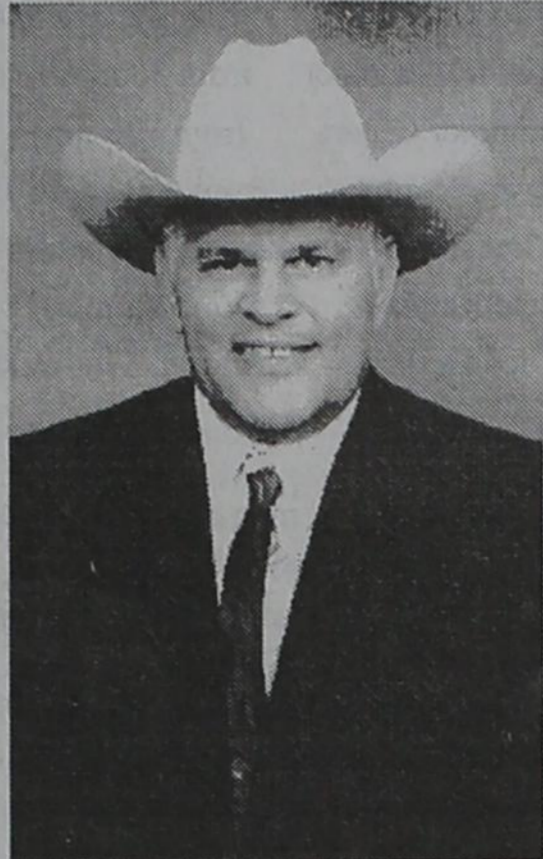
Our County must continue to be heard in Austin and I promise that your voice will be heard.

Have no doubt; I take severe objection to half truths, misleading insinuations and full blown fabrications of the facts and figures that constrain Eastland County Government.

Let me correct some misleading insinuations:

1) The Eastland County Commissioners Court supports your local volunteer firefighters and other beneficial organizations and they work hard to earn State and Federal Grants. These grants must be matched, usually by 10% local funds. I believe 90% federal grants are a huge benefit to our local and rural tax payers which obviously make each of us more safe and secure.

2) Paving rural county roads is expensive. TxDOT says \$433,000 per mile. In Precinct 3, we recently seal coated four miles for \$16,000,



My staff at the Sheriff's Office consists of Chief Deputy, Jail Administrator, three patrol deputies, one warrant/civil process deputy, courthouse security deputy, MHMH/work crew deputy, fourteen jailers, one records clerk and a part-time employee.

My deputies, chief deputy and I, of course, cannot be everywhere and see everything that goes on in the county. That is where we county on the citizens for input. If you see something that doesn't look right, give us a call. You may have valuable information on a case we are already working on, or you might help stop something illegal before it starts.

My door is always open to the citizens of Eastland County. If you have a problem, my staff and I are ready and willing to help you.

My staff is knowledgeable in their jobs and carry out their duties in a fair and equitable manner to all citizens throughout the county.

When I first ran for Sheriff in 1996, my campaign slogan was that I was "the right man for the job." I believe that given my experience and qualifications, I am still the right man for the job.

It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Eastland County as Sheriff since 1997. I appreciate the support I have been shown and ask for your vote in the Republican Primary on March 9.

Political advertising paid for by Wayne Bradford, 2001 CR 335, Ranger, TX

## City of Gorman May General Election

The City of Gorman May General Election will be conducted on Saturday May 15, 2004. Those offices with terms expiring are Mayor, and Commissioners Places 2 and 4. Currently Robert Ervin serves as Mayor, Adam Hampton serves as Commissioners Place 2, and Joe Casey serves as Place 4.

Last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 15, 2004 by 5:00 p.m. at the Gorman City Office. At present time Joe Casey has filed for a place on the ballot.

## Three Positions Open For School Board Trustees

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 Trustees Melinda Harrington and Beth Underwood have filed to run for re-election. Eddie Murphy has also filed for a place on the ballot.

## Old Tire Clean Up Day

The City of Gorman has slated March 13, 2004 as 'Old Tire Clean Up Day.' Each household will be allowed to bring up to 10 vehicle tires. The location of the tire drive is the parking lot next to the Community Center. You can bring the tires starting that morning at 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

We need some volunteers to help on this day. If you are interested in helping, please contact the City office. If you are a member of a club or organization that is interested in helping, your contribution would be appreciated.

For those households who are not physically able to bring the tires or if you simply have no access to transporting the tires to this sight, you may call the City Office and we will try to arrange for pick-up.

Thank you,  
The Code Enforcement Officer

## You Can Make A Difference

I am Jim New a candidate for County Commissioner for Precinct 3 in Eastland County.

This is probably the most important election for County Commissioner this Precinct will ever have. The Democratic Primary on March 9th is more than electing a County Commissioner to maintain roads. It is your chance to vote to have better money management. A vote to have a road paving program and a vote to try getting an Ethanol plant and/or some other type plant and/or plants in Precinct 3.

I have visited with many of you over the last several weeks soliciting your support and vote for County Commissioner. I have published articles detailing some of the things of interest to me and that I believe needs to be answered and corrected. Some of those were in detail and may have been difficult to understand but the simple fact remains that the county finances are being set by one person and slanted to reflect a certain view.

### IN A NUTSHELL:

I believe we should have someone that can recognize these abnormalities in the budget and make corrections accordingly and to spend the Precinct funds in a more responsible way.

We have been grading roads and buying gravel as long as we have had county roads. It is time to start paving the roads. I believe paved roads will be less costly to maintain.

We need to create and bring new industry into our Precinct to sustain the economy and have employment for our citizens.

If you agree with the above and have an interest in the well being of our County and precinct 3 in particular but have not been voting in the Primary elections then this is your change to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I urge you to come out and Vote in the Democratic Primary election on March 9th and vote for JIM NEW to represent you as your County Commissioner.

Thank you,  
Jim New  
Pd. Pol. Adv. by James New, P.O. Box 42, Rising Star, TX 76471

plus fixed cost of labor, machinery and milling contributed by TxDOT. I believe paving, if done correctly can be beneficial and cost effective in certain high traffic areas. However, the paved areas must be supported by adequate tax revenue to maintain or you'll have more problems than we have now. Face the real world; we are not realistically going to afford paving 694 miles of rural county road.

3) A 5% across the board cut in the County budget will obviously have the biggest dollar impact on the largest budget items. For years Precinct 3 has had the largest Road & Bridge budget of any precinct in Eastland County. Accordingly the 5% reduction is a prorate reduction that effects each budget according to its size.

If anyone thinks there was no resistance to budget reductions recommended originally by some of \$100,000 for precinct 3, that person should have taken the time and effort to attend the public budget battle this past year before passing judgment.

4) Promotion of Economic development is important to the future of Eastland County. Over the past three years, I have actively supported projects to create an environment to foster such economic growth and job creation.

These projects must be supported by sound economic decisions after careful analysis of a proposed project and the resources necessary to support such a venture.

Simply fabricating facts and statistics to gain votes and foster false hopes is worse by far than dealing with the real potential of Eastland County.

Again, I ask for your support and vote on March 9, 2004, as we continue to grow and improve Eastland County into the 21st century.

Sincerely,  
Bill Underwood  
Eastland County Commissioner  
Precinct 3

Pd. Political advertisement by Bill Underwood, 1290 CR 350, Gorman, TX 76454

## Powerlifters Compete At Winters and Eastland Meets

The Gorman Panthers/Lady Panthers competed in the Winters Powerlifting Meet (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>) and the Eastland Powerlifting Meet (Feb 28<sup>th</sup>) recently. The Lady Panthers finished second as a team at the Winters Meet. That is the fourth time this year our Ladies have finished runner-up at their meets. These were the last two meets of the season except for those that qualified for regional (see other article).

The following are results from the Winters Meet:

Amanda Naeseth 1 <sup>st</sup> 114lb division	490 lb total
Brittany Shirley 1 <sup>st</sup> 123lb division	445 lb total
Nikki Keith	unable to obtain qualifying lift
Sandra Lara 1 <sup>st</sup> 132lb division	500 lb total
Kendra Swanner 1 <sup>st</sup> 165lb division	605 lb total
Summer Olvera	unable to obtain qualifying lift
Ryan Wright	unable to obtain qualifying lift
Clint Jones 6 <sup>th</sup> 165lb division	745 lb total
Pete Ramirez 3 <sup>rd</sup> 181lb division	850 lb total
Zach Bryan	unable to obtain qualifying lift
J.T. Whitfill 2 <sup>nd</sup> 275lb division	1160 lb total

The following are results from the Eastland Meet: (we did not take all lifters since we had our softball and baseball tournament going at the same time)

Pete Ramirez	unable to obtain qualifying lift
Ryan Wright 4 <sup>th</sup> 114lb division	career best total of 700 lbs
J.T. Whitfill 2 <sup>nd</sup> 275lb division	career best total of 1170 lbs
Amanda Naeseth 4 <sup>th</sup> 114lb division	career best total of 505 lbs
Sandra Lara 2 <sup>nd</sup> 132 lb division	career best total of 530 lbs
Kendra Swanner 1 <sup>st</sup> 165lb division	career best total of 640 lbs

Summer Olvera was injured and unable to lift.

## Regular Season Ends and Regional Around The Corner For Powerlifters



The regular season for powerlifting came to an end this past Saturday in Eastland. We had a very successful year and are very proud of those that competed this year. We are very excited about next year since all our lifters were underclassmen. Each lifter improved a great deal from the first meet to the last here are

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## Heather Keaton and Bobby Cox To Wed



Terry and Karen Keaton of Gorman are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Denise Keaton to Bobby Don Cox, son of Ed and Jalynn Cox of Gorman.

Heather is a 2002 graduate of Gorman High School and the granddaughter of Barney and Joy Strickland of Dublin and Don and LoAnn Keaton of Grundy, VA.

Bobby is a 2001 graduate of Gorman and is employed by Big "L" Collision Center in Stephenville. He is the grandson of the late Harvey and Perlene (Holiday) Dickens and CM Sgt. Ret. Jimmie Don and Jeanne Dorsett of Gorman.

The wedding is planned for April 3, 2004 at the Methodist Church of Gorman. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The couple will reside in Gorman.

## Dump Old Tires with No Cost, Penalty; Health Hazard, Litter Targeted

On Saturday March 13, 2004 Gorman area residents who have accumulated unwanted tires can legally dispose of them at 118 S. Kent (next to the City Park) without charge or penalty.

The free tire disposal is a joint effort between the West Central Texas Council of Governments, the City of Gorman, and Synergy Tire Disposal. The program is aimed at reducing the number of waste tires in the local area that often litter the landscape and pose a health hazard.

"The 'Tire Amnesty Day' program will be good for those folks who have two to four tires in or behind their garage and don't want to pay to dispose of them," said, Wendy Stovall Natural Resources Manager for the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG). We want to get those tires collected because they're a fire

hazard and a major health hazard. Mosquitoes tend to breed in tires faster than in a normal landscape setting.

The idea of the "Tire Amnesty Day" program originated with Synergy as a way of educating the public about the need for proper disposal of waste tires. Tires collected during the event will be recycled into a variety of products, including playground surfacing and horse arena footing. Synergy has agreed to accept any tires delivered to the Gorman City Park and to quote a reasonable price for picking up larger quantities at a later date.

The "Tire Amnesty Day" program will run from 8:00 am to 3:00pm Saturday March 13, 2004 at the Gorman City Park. Limitations to the program include:

- \* No more than 10 tires per vehicle will be accepted for free at

the collection site.

- \* Residents should bring identification to the site to confirm residency within the city limits.

- \* Tires will not be accepted from commercial or not-for-profit businesses.

- \* Tires on rims or foam filled tires will not be accepted for free.

- \* Fees for tires above the 10

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT BFI CAN NO LONGER PICK UP REFRIGERATORS UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN "RED TAGGED" BY A CERTIFIED REFRIGERATION PERSON. IN OTHER WORDS SOMEONE WHO IS LICENSED IN REFRIGERANT OR FREON REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE MUST REMOVE THE FREON COMPRESSOR. ONCE THAT HAS BEEN DONE, BFI CAN REMOVE THE REFRIGERATOR. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT BFI ONLY CAN REMOVE ONE LARGE ITEM PER MONTH ON PICK UP.

free tire limit will be charged as follows: \$0.75/passenger, \$2.50/truck, \$10.00/agricultural or OTR. Tires on rims or foam filled tires will be accepted for triple the above rates.

Contact Abel Saldana at the Gorman PD at 734-2317 for more information.

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some examples:

Amanda Naeseth	from 440 lbs to 505 lbs
Brittany Shirley	from 340 lbs to 445 lbs
Sandra Lara	from 440 lbs to 530 lbs
Nikki Keith	from 440 lbs to 455 lbs
Kendra Swanner	from 560 lbs to 640 lbs
Summer Olvera	from 725 lbs to 765 lbs
Ryan Wright	from 650 lbs to 700 lbs
Clint Jones	from 700 lbs to 745 lbs
Pete Ramirez	from 685 lbs to 850 lbs
Zach Bryan	from 825 lbs to 890 lbs
J.T. Whitfill	from 1080 lbs to 1170 lbs

These young men and women worked very hard all year long and it showed by the way they competed. Congratulations on a fine season.

Several lifters still have at least one meet left and a possibility of one more if they qualify for state. The girls qualified 3 lifters for the Regional Meet to be held in Kermit, Tx on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Amanda Naeseth qualified in the 114lb division in her first year of competing in powerlifting. Kendra Swanner qualified in the 165lb division and is currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in State for class A lifters and she is in her second year of competition. Summer Olvera qualified in the 198lb class and is currently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State for class A. Summer is the defending Bronze medalist at State for her weight class. Summer suffered an injury in our softball tournament on Friday of last week and may not be able to compete and repeat her trip to State this year. We hope she recovers in time, but if not she still had a good season.

The boys qualified two lifters for regional this year with Ryan Wright qualifying in the 114lb division and J.T. Whitfill in the 275lb division. They will be traveling to Lubbock on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to compete in the Regional Meet.

Congratulations Lady Panthers and Panthers!!!!

## 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 Burleson, 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.

## Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be Saturday, March 6th, at the Sipe Springs Community Center, starting at 6 p.m. Musicians and the public are invited to attend.

## Kent Long Chosen to Serve As Region II VP

The region II FCCLA conference was held February 27th & 28th in Weatherford. Kent Long, a sophomore, from Gorman was chosen to serve as the Region II VP of Star events for the 2004-2005 year. Kent had to present a speech to the House of Delegates, who then voted and chose 17 of the candidates for the new year. After the candidates were selected they had to go before an executive council, which was comprised of past state and national officers. The executive council then appointed the candidates to the office that they felt would be the best. During Saturday's second general session the new 2004-2005 officers went through the installation ceremony. Kent will be attending a leadership training this summer in Austin to help him learn all the roles and responsibilities that are needed to fulfill his office.

### Red Beans & Ham Lunch

Friday March 5th  
at the Methodist Church  
11:00am to 1:00 pm

**\$5.00 per plate with Ham, Beans & Potato Salad.**  
Dine In or Carry Out.  
Delivery available by calling 734-2547 between 10:00 & 1:00 on March 5th.

Sponsored by the Gorman Masonic Lodge  
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Saturday, April 3rd

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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.

<b>Eastland Co. Sheriff:</b> Wayne Bradford - (R) (Incumbent)	<b>County Commissioner: P3</b> Bill Underwood - (D) (Incumbent) James New - (D)
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PERFECT PLACE FOR A BUSINESS! This lot in Gorman on Hwy. 6 would be great place for any business. Drive by & take a look. 04

BARGAIN PRICED! 2 BR, 1 bath, large utility, large kitchen, DACP. Great starter home. 02

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NEW : 5-3 frame, 2 story, partially remodeled, app. 4000' living area, app. 3/4 A. lot. \$38,000.

NEW : 2-1-1 brick, CH/A, 1745' L.A, fenced backyard, corner lot, 24x40 shop w/cement floor, nice home. \$39,500.

3-2 Brick, central A/Ht, carport, water well, fenced, large lot. \$52,500

NEW In De Leon: 2-2-2 Brick, 1683' L.A., all electric, CA/H, woodburning fireplace, covered patio, water well, 76 x 138 lot. Nice neighborhood of similar type homes. \$62,500

NEW: 15a M/L edge town, nice remodeled 2 - 2 brick, central a/h, carpeted, fireplace, large game room, 24 x 60 metal garage - cement floor, guest house, water well + city water and sewer, peccans, pavement. Reduced \$130,000.

19 A, 3/4 mile Cooperas Creek front, incomplete underground home, electricity, well & septic. Great fish and wildlife place. \$37,500

23A, East of Gorman: Sandy land with 2 ponds, 2 acres of stock pond, 2 - 3 acres wooded. \$1,250 A.

28A, 6 Miles East of Gorman on FM 2921: 10 acres coastal, 15 acres cult., 2 stock ponds, electricity available, good fences. \$1,250 Acre.

37 A, N/W of De Leon, good sandy land, app. 5A coastal, stock pond, 3 water wells, pavement access, great building spot. \$1,250 per A.

47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good deer area, \$1,050 acre.

NEW: 160 A., western Comanche Co., 3-2-1 brick, 1700', ch/a, 2 tanks, creek, wooded, hilly, lots deer & birds. \$192,000.00

50 A. Gorman on FM 2921: 15A coastal, 10A wooded, 25A native. Water well, make good cattle place, lg oaks - homesites. \$1600 acre.

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596 Acres, 4-2.5, 2,400 sq. ft. brick home with creek, lake site, 6-tanks, coastal fields, woods, hunting. \$695,000

**Comanche Co.:**  
175 Acres, pasture, cultivation, 115 acres wooded, water well, hunting, \$202,000  
160 Acres, woods, 40 acres cultivation, corral, 5 tanks, rural water, hunting, Hwy. 587 frontage. \$195,000  
34 Acres, two irrigation wells, 16 pecan trees, nice home site, irrigation tank. \$68,000  
2 Acres, with 2-septic system, water well, carport, large oak trees, and Hwy. frontage. \$25,000

**Gorman:**  
510 E. LEXINGTON: 3-1 3/4, 1,342 sq. ft. Frame home with screened porch, central h/a. 70' x 210' lot. \$33,750  
Service station on Hwy. 6 with service & wash bays, auto lift, large lot. \$22,500  
711 S. Pershing, 3/2, 1,750 sq. ft. brick home, fireplace, covered patio, storage bldg. \$56,500

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## Gorman EDC Talk

### LET'S TALK ABOUT GORMAN

That is exactly what we did at the strategic planning meeting held at the community center on February 23 — talk, talk, talk about the future of our town. The turnout was great (lots of citizens plus several city officials) and we heard some good strategies from Ronnie Boston on how to move Gorman into a future of our imagining. If you recall, Ronnie Boston was a part of the Gorman, Eastland County Resource Team.

Sometime in early 2000 the City of Gorman requested a community assessment from the Texas Rural Development Council. The Resource Team toured the city and interviewed 125 individuals over a three-and-one-half day period in late April, 2000. The team interviewed representatives from all segments of the Gorman community. Each participant was asked to respond to three questions designed to begin communication and discussion, and to serve as a basis for developing an action plan. Out of these interviews came the TRDC'S final report that was presented to the citizens of Gorman at a community meeting on April 27, 2000. Approximately 65 people were at this meeting including many of the citizens who participated in the interviews.

The meeting last week is the continuation of the conversation started by us all back in 2000. A lot has happened to our town since then, but the challenge is still the same — how are we going to create a better future for ourselves? How can we grow our town? How can we grow our economic base? How can we all prosper? How can we provide opportunities for our young people? How can we identify and make use of our assets? Tough questions, but we all have ideas and each idea is a good one.

On March 22 at 6:30 p.m. the group that met last week will meet again at the community center to take the next step in this process. We are going to throw our ideas in a hat and pick three or four projects that we can get started on right away. We are going to eat and drink and be in fellowship with each other as a community and get working on some of the challenges that face us today.

Everyone is invited to this meeting and that means all of you who are reading this right now. Your input is needed — necessary to any success that this process might bring. If you would like more information about these meetings, or if you would like to see the material from the assessment done in 2000, please call me, Suzan Lipson at 734-4305 or Lori Dodd at 734-3933

### WCWorkforce Representative To Be In Gorman March 15th

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.

### School Menu

#### Week of March 8 Breakfast

**Monday**--Cereal, toast, milk, juice  
**Tuesday**--Sausage, pancake on a stick, milk, juice  
**Wednesday**--Oatmeal, toast, milk, juice  
**Thursday**--BK pizza, bananas, milk, juice  
**Friday**--Biscuits, sausage, gravy milk, juice

#### Lunch

**Monday**--Ham or bologna sandwiches, chips, baked beans  
**Tuesday**--Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, corn, garlic bread  
**Wednesday**--Corn dogs, pinto beans, fried okra  
**Thursday**--Enchilida casserole, refried beans, Spanish rice  
**Friday**--Hamburgers, fries, fruit

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### 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

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**WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING** — The Weight Watchers Meeting will be held at Gorman Hotel on Wednesdays. Weight-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 - MARCH 18TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.**

### Eunice Love Publishes Her Collection

By Patricia Roberson

Nothing short of remarkable! This seems to paint a picture of Eunice Love of Seminole, formerly of Gorman. Now in her nineties, at a time when most people seek the comfort of retirement, Eunice, along with her daughter, Joy Campbell, have embarked on a new journey. The journey is in all actuality a culmination of a lifetime of thoughts and writings which have only recently been gathered together as a book.

The book is a collection of poems and songs written by Mrs. Love during the course of her life. The publication is entitled "Ironing Day Meditations." A year before Eunice made her move to Seminole to be near her children, Joy began collecting the many works from bureau drawers where they had been hidden away, stowed for safe keeping these many years. Joy found journals filled with the precious writings of her mother along with individual scraps of paper folded neatly which expressed the thoughts and words of this remarkable woman.

Eunice Love was born on November 23, 1911, to David Cisero Weekes and Julia Mae Martin Weekes. She married Melva Love on February 22, 1939. Growing up during the Great Depression, as many of her generation discovered, there were few organized activities, few places to go and even transportation posed a problem. Therefore, much of her time was spent at home where she had to create her own entertainment.

When Eunice and her three sisters were growing up they lived on a farm in Alameda Community in Eastland County. She remembers running out to see the first automobile each time it drove by their house. Listening to the radio and reading the newspaper, and especially the funnies, were some of the entertainment enjoyed by the family. They worked hard picking cotton, shaking peanuts, hoeing, and other jobs typical of farm life in the 1920's.

Perhaps this is where she developed her gift for the written word. She said, "This was the time when I began to write my first poems."

One of the first poems she wrote was "A Wish" which was penned in the Memory Book of one of her best friends, Juanita McGaha, while they were still in school in Alameda. The two young girls worked for a local family, the Shelly's. Juanita worked at Shelly's Variety Store and Eunice kept house for the Shelly's and their adopted son.

Following her marriage to Melva, the young couple lived on a farm in the Chaney Community near Alameda. During those early years, they didn't even own a vehicle. Their team of mules had been traded in on a John Deere tractor and it was their only mode of transportation.

A true farmer's wife, Eunice raised turkeys, hens and fryers and grew vegetables and fruit to sell in the nearby towns. She enjoyed sewing and also had an upholstery and drapery business.

The couple raised two children on the farm, Ronnie Neal who married Barbara Ann Jobe, and Joy Rita who married Larry Neil Campbell. The legacy of farming and the agriculture industry is still very evident two generations later. The couple remained on the farm until Melva's death in 1992 following 53 years of marriage.

In addition to being a gifted writer, Eunice, affectionately known as "Granny" to her six grandchildren, has been a great influence on their lives as well. Eunice tells a story of when in her eighties she was enjoying time with her grandchildren. They had a tire swing which the grandchildren were enjoying. One of the youngsters was encouraging her to swing saying, "Granny, you can do it." While another was cautioning, "Granny be careful." Eunice, never one to let opportunity pass her by, heeded the encouragement and mounted the swing. Perhaps the saying is true, "You're only as old as you feel."

Eunice Love is a marvel. Her tenacity for life is impressive to say the least! A faithful member of the Church of Christ for all of her life, she continues to influence others with her kind and loving nature. While most of her poems are from an earlier time, her most recent was written in 2003. She hopes to share her songs and poems not only to entertain but to encourage and inspire others through her experiences. At ninety-two, she is a remarkable woman with a lot yet to give.

Through her collection, "Ironing Day Meditations", Eunice and daughter, Joy, hope to visit women's groups and share experiences while



creating a wonderful experience for themselves and enjoying their time together.

For information regarding the book you may call 432-758-3772 or email Eunice at [larryjoy@midtech.net](mailto:larryjoy@midtech.net).

### Pennies For Patients

The "Pennies For Patients" campaign benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was a great success.

The seventh grade through the twelfth grade participated in donating their extra change in order to raise money for this great cause. The winning class will be rewarded with a pizza party.

The twelfth grade contributed \$239.48. The seventh grade came in second with \$124.59. The eighth grade earned \$41.59, ninth earned \$37.50, eleventh earned \$31.37 and the tenth grade contributed \$14.61. Overall, Gorman ISD raised \$489.14 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Not only will this money go to support children with blood related cancer, but this has been a great experience for our students. It is wonderful to see cheerful giving in our future leaders.

### Eighth Grade Visits Ranger College

The eighth grade traveled to Ranger College on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. In spite of the snow, it was a great trip. The students were able to tour the college facilities and observe a welding class while in session.

The welding professor visited with the students and discussed technical fields as well as academic majors. The recruiter, Gena Camacho visited with the students about vital college information. The students participated in a scavenger hunt in the computer room and were rewarded with excellent prizes. Sandra Cunningham talked to the students about careers related to computers. The students were also treated to lunch at the cafeteria. They seemed to think the free Blue Bell ice cream was the highlight of the trip.

The students at Ranger College were very friendly and the basketball team took a few minutes to talk to our students before leaving for an out of town game. We had the opportunity to meet the dean and the president of Ranger College.

The students seemed very impressed. It was an exciting and a rewarding way to generate student interest in career planning.

### DWI DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR EIGHT YEARS

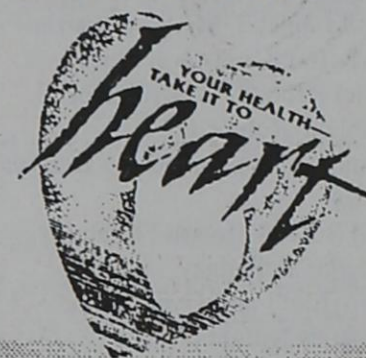
Darrin Keith Wilson, 39, formerly of Carbon, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (8) eight year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated. Mr. Wilson was apprehended on October 14, 2003 by a City of Gorman Police Officer upon a routine traffic stop.

Mr. Wilson had been previously convicted three other times for DWI, in Erath County in 1997 and in Eastland County in 1988 and 2000.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91<sup>st</sup> District Court sentenced Wilson. Jason Johnson and Jim Parker of Comanche represented Wilson at his hearing.

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18950 - '01 Chevy Tahoe LS	Auto, loaded, cd, 42K	\$21,500
29121 - '01 Chevy Tracker	Auto, 4X4, loaded, cd, 14K	\$ 9,995
18647 - '01 Ford Escape 4WD	Auto, leather, loaded, 20K	\$16,500
20291 - '98 Ford F150XL RC SWB	5 Spd., T / C, 34K	\$ 7,995
20524 - '96 Chevy S10 Blazer	Auto, loaded, cass, 78K	\$ 6,995
20149 - '01 Chevy S10 RC SWB	5 Spd., AC, cass whls, 37K	\$ 7,995
20587 - '02 Chevy Avalanche	Auto, loaded, cd, 33K	\$22,500
19488 - '01 Chevy 1500 EC SWB LS	Auto, loaded, cd, 54K	\$15,990
16317 - '00 Ford F250 XLT-SD	Powerstroke, auto, loaded, 64K	\$19,990
19499 - '01 Chevy 3500CD LWB	Dually, 5 spd., t/c, cass, 27K	\$19,990

### Payment Special Examples

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18353 - 2002 Olds Alero Coupe	\$11,990 <sup>total</sup>	\$235 Mo. ***

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# DWI: Woman Receives Last Opportunity

In court proceedings on Monday, SHELLY KAY VALENTINE of Cisco received an opportunity to assist her in overcoming her alcohol addictive behaviors through a prison-based treatment program — a substance abuse felony punishment facility (SAFP). Valentine admitted that in 1996 and 1998 she was convicted in Parker County of driving while intoxicated. In January 2003 Valentine was arrested by a DPS Trooper in Eastland County for DWI and, before that case could be reached trial, was arrested for DWI in May of 2003 by another Eastland DPS Trooper. In open court Valentine admitted she was guilty of both Eastland County DWIs and requested that she be given the opportunity to enter an intensive substance abuse treatment facility to assist convicted felons in overcoming their addictive behaviors.

In each case, the presiding judge of the 91st District Court sentenced Valentine to 10 years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended with 10 years of community supervision with one of the numerous conditions of community supervision being intensive substance abuse treatment. In addition, Valentine's driver's license was suspended for 2 years and she must pay fines in the amount of \$3,000.

Among the numerous conditions of community supervision imposed by Judge Herod is that Valentine must "successfully" complete the entire substance abuse treatment continuum [treatment while incarcerated in a SAFP and post-release after-care]. Further, during her 10-year probationary period, Valentine must abstain from consuming any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage and cannot operate a motor vehicle without an interlock device — a deep-lung breath analysis mechanism designed to make impracticable the operation of a motor vehicle if alcohol is detected in her breath. Immediately following the guilty pleas, Valentine was taken into custody by the Eastland County Sheriff's Office to serve jail time in the Eastland County Jail and thereafter to remain confined in the County Jail until the Sheriff's Office is notified by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice that a bed is available in a SAFP. At that time, Valentine will be transported directly from the Eastland County Jail to a SAFP designed to house women who are convicted felons.

District Attorney Russ Thomason expressed gratitude for the continued teamwork among the DA's Office, Probation Office, and all of law enforcement in Eastland County. He explained that Valentine will be under the watchful eyes of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department of the 91st Judicial District Court for 10 years and, should Valentine violate any term and condition of her community supervision, could be sentenced to prison on each DWI for 10 years. Further, Mr. Thomason acknowledged the vigilance of the DPS Troopers of Eastland County in freeing our roads of impaired drivers.

## Taken from Abilene Reporter News—Saturday, February 28, 2004

# Eastland County Junior Livestock Show Results

**Breeding Meat Goats**  
 Kid Does — 1. Kathryn Kelly; 2. Levi Cagle; 3. Madison Warren  
 Two-Tooth-and-Over Does — 1. Ariel Rabb; 2. Colby LaRue; 3. Ashlynn Robinson  
 Grand Champion Doe — Kathryn Kelly  
 Kid Buck — 1. Ariel Rabb; 2. George McKinney  
 Two-Tooth-and-Over Bucks — 1. Amanda Knight  
 Grand Champion Buck — Ariel Rabb  
 Junior Showmanship — Ariel Rabb  
 Senior Showmanship — Amanda Knight

**Market Goats, Division 1**  
 Class One — 1. Audrey Johnston; 2. Zach Bowles; 3. Meghan Preston  
 Class Two — 1. Kathryn Kelly; 2. Kaci Seaton; 3. Ariel Rabb  
 Class Three — 1. Kathryn Kelly; 2. Marc Gillen; 3. Ashley Mitchell  
 Division 1 Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goat — Kathryn Kelly

**Market Goats, Division 2**  
 Class Five — 1. Levi Cagle; 2. Justin Willey; 3. Thomas Hurd  
 Class Six — 1. Dalas Vaughn; 2. Trevor Honea; 3. Ben McAfee  
 Class Seven — 1. Jacob Tucker; 2. Garrett Arnold; 3. Candy Reihle  
 Division 2 Champion Market Goat — Dalas Vaughn  
 Division 2 Reserve Champion Market Goat — Jacob Tucker

**Market Goats, Division 3**  
 Class Nine — 1. Kathryn Kelly; 2 and 3. Chelsi Arnold  
 Class Ten — 1 and 2. Nathan Ettinger; 3. Ally McGaha  
 Class Eleven — 1. Chelsi Arnold; 2. Garrett Arnold; 3. Rachel Tucker  
 Division 3 Champion Market Goat — Kathryn Kelly  
 Division 3 Reserve Champion Market Goat — Chelsi Arnold  
 Grand Champion Market Goat — Kathryn Kelly  
 Reserve Champion Market Goat — Chelsi Arnold  
 Junior Showmanship — Ariel Rabb  
 Senior Showmanship — Megan Mitchell

**Market Hogs**  
 Lightweight Berks — 1. Ashley Mitchell; 2. Kaci Seaton  
 Heavyweight Berks — 1. Lindsey Herring; 2. Kayce Ingram; 3. Ally Little  
 Champion Berk — Lindsey Herring  
 Reserve Champion Berk — Ashley Mitchell  
 Lightweight Durocs — 1. Dalas Vaughn; 2. Colton Herrera; 3. Brian Broyles  
 Middleweight Durocs — 1. Morgan Johnson; 2. Raime Preston; 3. Geani McGinn  
 Heavyweight Durocs — 1. Nicole Wilson; 2. Brian Broyles; 3. Brandy Gann  
 Champion Duroc — Morgan Johnson  
 Reserve Champion Duroc — Nicole Wilson  
 Lightweight Hamps — 1. Lindsey Kendall; 2. Kaden Carson; 3. Kaycee Long  
 Middleweight Hamps — 1. Tylan Long; 2. Chisholm Spruill; 3. Lauren Adams

**Heavy Middleweight Hamps — 1.** Jordan Sorrells; 2. Miles Vann; 3. Jonathan Flores  
**Heavyweight Hamps — 1.** Nathan Ettinger; 2. Courtney Carlton; 3. Megan Mitchell  
 Champion Hamp — Nathan Ettinger  
 Reserve Champion Hamp — Courtney Carlton  
 Polands — 1. Kimmy Seaton; 2. Ally Little; 3. Ashley Mitchell  
 Champion Poland — Kimmy Seaton  
 Reserve Champion Poland — Ally Little  
 Lightweight Spot — 1. Rowdy Bond; 2. Kaci Seaton; 3. Amanda Brown

**Middleweight Spot — 1.** Stetson Thompson; 2. Kimmy Seaton; 3. Trevor Honea  
 Heavyweight Spot — 1 and 2. McKenzie Osborne  
 Champion and Reserve Champion Spot — McKenzie Osborne  
 Lightweight White OPB — 1. Justin Sellers; 2. Lindsey Herring; 3. Jamie Young  
 Middleweight White OPB — 1. Lindsey Herring; 2. Bonny Dove; 3. Cody Young

**Heavyweight White OPB — 1.** Bray Eddleman; 2. Nathan Ettinger; 3. Amanda Watts  
 Champion White OPB — Bray Eddleman  
 Reserve Champion White OPB — Nathan Ettinger  
 Lightweight York — 1. Malcolm Johnson; 2. Lindsey McGaha; 3. Skylar McGinn  
 Middleweight York — 1. Miles Vann; 2. Brady McCormick; 3. Trevor Honea

**Heavyweight York — 1.** Billy Bob Orsagh; 2. Evan Boyd  
 Champion York — Miles Vann  
 Reserve Champion York — Billy Bob Orsagh  
 Lightweight Cross — 1. Shana Gann; 2. Brandy Gann; 3. Brady McCormick  
 Middleweight Cross — 1. Billy Bob Orsagh; 2. Justin Little; 3. Ally Little  
 Heavy Middleweight Cross — 1. Nicole Wilson; 2. Megan Mitchell; 3. Stetson Thompson  
 Heavyweight Cross — 1. Collin Ethridge; 2. McKenzie Osborne; 3. Andrew Branham  
 Champion Cross — Nicole Wilson  
 Reserve Champion Cross — Megan Mitchell

**Grand Champion Market Hog —** Nathan Ettinger  
 Reserve Champion Market Hog — Nicole Wilson  
 Junior Showmanship — Miles Vann  
 Senior Showmanship — Megan Mitchell

**Market Steers**  
 Lightweight British — 1. Ashley Mitchell; 2. Chance Eckert  
 Mediumweight British — 1. Tyler Hart; 2. Tylan Long  
 Heavyweight British — 1. Reed Vestal; 2. Michael Wright  
 Champion British — Reed Vestal  
 Reserve Champion British — Ashley Mitchell  
 Lightweight American Cross — 1. Jacob Henson  
 Heavyweight American Cross — 1. Kayla Vestal  
 Champion American Cross — Kayla Vestal  
 Reserve Champion American Cross — Jacob Henson

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

MARCH 9, 2004 (9 de marzo de 2004)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE (Preferencia para un Candidato Nominado para Presidente)

George W. Bush  
 Uncommitted

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 James L. (Jim) Keffer

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Terry McCall

District Judge, 91st Judicial District (Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Num. 91)

Sтивен R. Harrod

Sheriff (Sherife)

Wayne Bradford

Travis Griffith

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**Lightweight Exotics — 1.** Miles Vann  
 Middleweight Exotics — 1. Colton Vestal; 2. Blaize Scott  
 Heavy Mediumweight Exotics — 1. Colton Vestal; 2. Lindsey Herring; 3. Megan Mitchell  
 Heavyweight Exotics — 1. Tylan Long; 2. Skylar McGinn; 3. Geani McGinn  
 Champion Exotic — Colton Vestal  
 Reserve Champion Exotic — Lindsey Herring

**Grand Champion Market Steer —** Colton Vestal  
 Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer — Reed Vestal  
 Junior Showmanship — Blaize Scott  
 Senior Showmanship — Megan Mitchell

**Breeding Sheep**  
 Medium Wool Ewe Lambs — 1. Alicia Cunningham; 2. Zoey Tucker  
 Champion Medium Wool Ewe Lamb — Alicia Cunningham  
 Reserve Champion Medium Wool Ewe Lamb — Zoey Tucker  
 Medium Wool Ram Lambs — 1. Alicia Cunningham  
 Medium Wool Two-Tooth Rams — 1. Alicia Cunningham  
 Champion and Reserve Champion Medium Wool Ram — Alicia Cunningham

**Junior Showmanship — Zoey Tucker**  
 Senior Showmanship — Alicia Cunningham

**Dairy Goats**  
 Junior Does — 1. Zach Nall  
 Champion Junior Doe — Zach Nall  
 Senior Does — 1. Zach Nall  
 Champion Senior Doe — Zach Nall  
 Junior Showmanship — Zach Nall

**Broilers**  
 Broilers — 1. Aubrey Lawrence; 2. Justin Little; 3. Cody Terry  
 Grand Champion Broiler — Aubrey Lawrence  
 Reserve Champion Broiler — Justin Little  
 Junior Showmanship — Aubrey Lawrence  
 Senior Showmanship — Kelsie Terry

**Market Lambs**  
 Lightweight Finewool — 1. Brady McCormick; 2. Kasey Guidry  
 Heavyweight Finewool — 1. Katherine Kelly; 2. Caden Eckert  
 Champion Finewool — Katherine Kelly  
 Reserve Champion Finewool — Brady McCormick  
 Lightweight Finewool Cross — 1. Lindsey McGaha; 2. Tiffany

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EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

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J.R. Molina

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**Mediumweight Finewool Cross — 1.** Ally McGaha; 2. Megan Mitchell; 3. Katherine Kelly  
 Heavyweight Finewool Cross — 1. Ariel Rabb; 2. Amanda Knight; 3. Brady McCormick  
 Champion Finewool Cross — Ally McGaha  
 Reserve Champion Finewool Cross — Megan Mitchell  
 Lightweight Southdown — 1. Ashley Mitchell; 2. Trevor Honea; 3. Lindsey Kendall  
 Heavyweight Southdown — 1. Cody Knight; 2. Ashley Mitchell; 3. Lindsey Kendall  
 Champion Southdown — Ashley Mitchell  
 Reserve Champion Southdown — Trevor Honea  
 Lightweight Medium Wool — 1. Miles Vann; 2. Ally McGaha; 3. Marc Gillen  
 Medium Weight Medium Wool — 1. Megan Mitchell; 2. Ashley Mitchell; 3. Billy Bob Brown  
 Heavy Medium Weight Medium Wool — 1. Cole Mollroy; 2. Megan Mitchell; 3. Meghan Preston  
 Heavyweight Medium Wool — 1. Kathryn Kelly; 2. Nathan Ettinger; 3. Meghan Preston  
 Champion Medium Wool — Kathryn Kelly  
 Reserve Champion Medium Wool — Megan Mitchell

**Grand Champion Market Lamb —** Kathryn Kelly  
 Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb — Megan Mitchell  
 Junior Showmanship — Ariel Rabb  
 Senior Showmanship — Lindsey McGaha

**Breeding Swine**  
 Heavyweight Berk Gilts — 1. McKenzie Osborne  
 Champion Berk Gilt — McKenzie Osborne  
 Middleweight Duroc Gilts — 1. Mindi Ledbetter; 2. Nathan Ettinger; 3. Brian Broyles  
 Heavyweight Duroc Gilts — 1. Miles Vann; 2. Brian Broyles; 3. Grandle Thompson  
 Duroc Sows of any Age — 1. Wade Cariker  
 Champion Duroc Gilt — Mindi Ledbetter  
 Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt — Miles Vann  
 Lightweight Hamp Gilts — 1. Kaden Carson; 2. Stormy Harrison; 3. Candice Fisher  
 Middleweight Hamp Gilts — 1. Nathan Ettinger; 2. Raime Preston; 3. Justin Sellers  
 Heavyweight Hamp Gilts — 1. Megan Ledbetter; 2. Debra Johnston; 3. Sierra Spruill

More Next Week

# The NHS Inducts New Members



New members inducted into the National Honor Society are: Zachary Bryan, Lupita Garcia, Joanna Esquivel, Kendra Swanner, Ariana Giles, Cindy Lopez, Amber Ervin, and Sharla Perez

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## NOTICE:

The Eastland County Clerk's Office will be open only for Election Business on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. We will re-open Wednesday for regular business. Thank You for your cooperation in this matter and I apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

Cathy Jentho, County Clerk

# Republican Primary March 9

The Gorman Republican Precinct Convention will be held at the polling place immediately after the polls close at 7 PM. Everyone who votes in the Republican Primary is encouraged to attend as a delegate to the Precinct Convention.

There are seventeen races on the Republican Primary ballot this year including a contested race for Eastland County Sheriff. Primary elections are very important as they select the nominees for the general election to be held in November.

Exercise your privilege and responsibility as a citizen and vote on March 9.

# Eastland County Primary Election Dates

\* MARCH 9, 2004

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 7:00-7:00

If you would like to receive a ballot by mail please call 629-1583 the office of Cathy Jentho, County Clerk to see if you qualify for this procedure.

## American Cancer Society Relay For Life Eastland County Cancer Survivor Recognition

Cancer survivors from Eastland County area are invited to walk the first lap of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event to celebrate their victory over cancer. The event and survivor's lap will be held at Eastland High School Track field at 7 pm April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Each cancer survivor will receive a free T-shirt and ribbon to wear while walking the track. There is no cost to participate, Cancer survivors need to call Valerie Hampton at 254-734-2174 to register and request their T-shirt size. Families are welcome to come and join us.

## Cancer Research Saves Lives

Do you know a child who survived leukemia? Do you have a mother, sister, or aunt whose breast cancer was found early thanks to mammogram? Do you have a friend or coworker who quit smoking to decrease their risk of lung cancer? Each of these individuals benefited from the American Cancer Society's research program.

Each day scientist supported by the American Cancer Society work to find breakthroughs that will take us one step closer to a cure for cancer. The American Cancer Society has long recognized that research holds the ultimate answers to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer.

As the largest source of non-for-profit cancer research funds in the United States the American Cancer devotes approximately \$100 million each year to research, with less than 5% of that going toward the operating expenses of the research program.

Since 1946, the year the American Cancer Society awarded its first research grants; they've invested more than \$2 billion in research. The investment has paid rich dividends; in 1946, only one in four cancer patients was alive five years after diagnosis; today almost 60% live longer than five years.

Investigators and health professional in universities, research institutes, and hospitals throughout the country receive grants from the American Cancer Society.

Of the more than 1,300 new applications received each year, only 11% can be funded. If the American Cancer Society had more money available for research funding, nearly 200 more applications considered outstanding could be funded each year.

You can help fund more of these applications by participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, a team event to fight cancer. More funding means

More cancer breakthroughs and more lives being saved. To learn more about the Relay For Life in Eastland County call Valerie Hampton at 254-734-2174.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour cancer hot line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

## Drug Offender's Probation Revoked

The presiding judge in the 91<sup>st</sup> District Court revoked the probation of ANTHONY PAUL ROSE, age 39 of Ranger, for violating the terms and conditions of his probation that included his continued use of methamphetamine. In April 2002 Rose was placed on eight years probation for the first-degree offense of possession of methamphetamine with the intent to manufacture and the second-degree offense of possession of methamphetamine. In the revocation proceedings, Rose was facing a maximum period of confinement of 8 years. After Rose admitted his continued use of meth, the Court sentenced Rose to 6 years in prison for violating the terms and conditions of his probation. District Attorney Russ Thomason stated that Rose, like so many others, failed to take advantage of the programs designed to rehabilitate him during his probationary period.

## Desdemona News

By Vonnice Guthery

Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn of Liveoak, Texas (near San Antonio), Keitha Robinett of Amarillo, De and Vicki Robinett of DeLeon visited last Friday night with Bernard and Ann Keith. They enjoyed having supper at the local cafe. Bernard and Ann have been sick for a week with allergies, bronchitis, etc.

Cory White spent the past weekend with his grandparents, Larry and Gay Moore. They attended the monthly musical last Saturday night at the Community Center.

"Happy Birthday" to our friend, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley in Sealy, Texas (near Houston) on March 8th. Alla Rae and this reporter were classmates all through school with the Class of 1951. Alla Rae and Pete attends the annual Desdemona Homecoming as often as possible.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Bethel Clark, 85, of Stephenville. She is a former resident of Desdemona. Burial was on Monday, March 1st in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnice.

## Desdemona Highways and Byways

Highways and byways surrounding Desdemona, Texas, will be the topic for a special meeting of the Desdemona History Project. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, FM8, on Main Street in Desdemona.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Marc McEndree, PE, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Stephenville, Texas, area office (Erath/Hood/Somervell County). Mr. McEndree will discuss FM8 construction and the Trans-Texas Corridor being planned in this area.

FM8 right-of-way properties have been visited and property appraisals are underway in advance of the purchase of easement. Acquisition of new right-of-way and construction schedules are pending.

A new statewide network of roads, rail and dedicated utility zone called the Trans-Texas Corridors will be built at locations across Texas, including south of IH20. construction will be funded over several decades through tolls, bonds, and other innovative financing tools.

Eventually the 1200-foot wide corridors could include separate lanes for cars and trucks; separate passenger, commuter, and freight rail lines; as well as a dedicated utility zone that includes water, electricity, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optics, and telecommunications.

Maps of corridor routes and concept drawings may be viewed by visiting the TxDOT home page at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/ttc/images>.

The discussion will be augmented with maps and a video presentation. A question and answer period will close the program. Informal discussion will follow the presentation.



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#### 8th Grade-Distinguished

**Honor Roll**—Brandy Carlton, Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Clarissa Glasson, Reba Granado, Kennon Hornback, Kendra Lewis, Megan Lewis, Mary Powell; **Honor Roll**—Ashley Burkeen, Ashley Burkeen, Kati Deel, Jessica Esquivel, Ashley Gonzales, Brandon Greer, Carlos Gutierrez, Jose Guzman, Shanna Hair, Trey Holdman, Aaron Keith, Jimmie Murphy, Tony Perez, Trey Underwood, Beau Williams

#### 9th Grade-Distinguished

**Honor Roll**—Kristy Carlton, K'Ann Howard, Maria Oronia, Tiffany Perez, Amanda Regian, Rejinald Sanchez, Brittany Shirley, Matthew Smith; **Honor Roll**—Christina Garcia, Michael Marin, Leland Rainey, Pedro Ramirez, Kaci Seaton, Crystal Thackerson, Chance Underwood, Mindy Voyles

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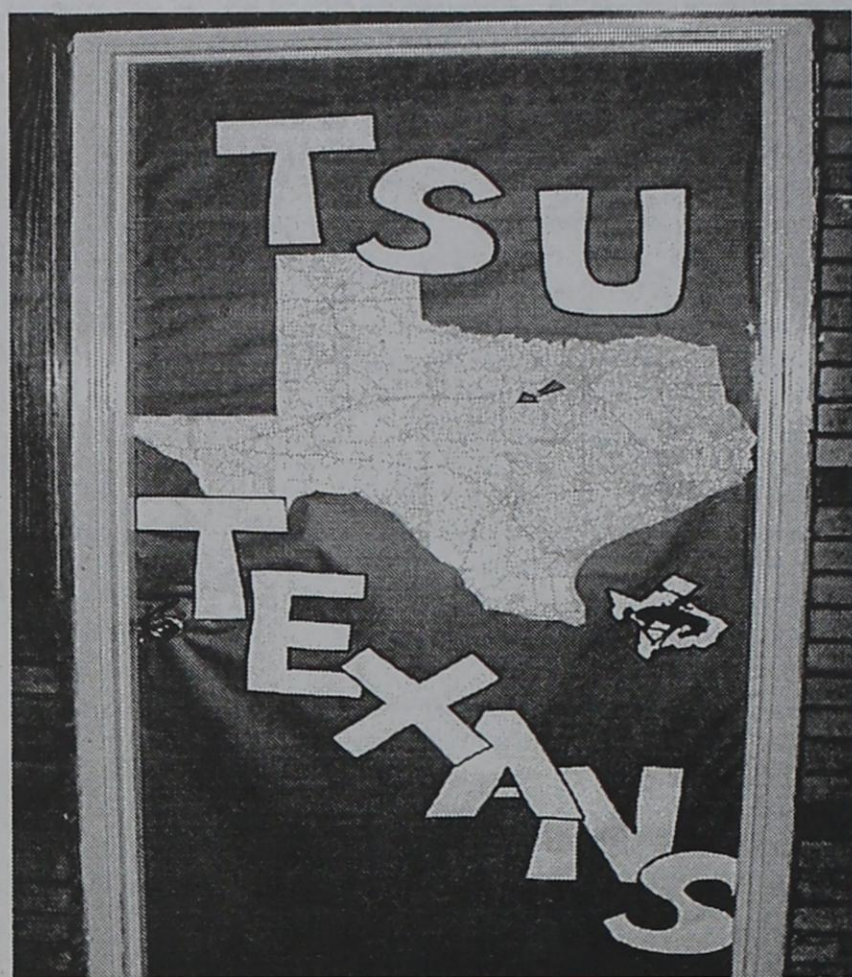
**Honor Roll**—Zach Bryan, Amber Ervin, Brandon Hale, Nikki Keith, Sandra Lara, Kent Long, Cindy Lopez, Sharla Perez, Kendra Swanner; **Honor Roll**—Cindy Garces, Armando Giles, Patricia Gutierrez, Esteban Leal, Amber Lewis, Summer Olvera, Tim Patel, Justin Willey

#### 11th Grade-Distinguished

**Honor Roll**—Kendra Bailey, Martha Cruz, Christian Esquivel, Rachel Granado, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback, Clint Jones, Frances Lewis, Amanda Naeseth, Doneil Strawbridge, Ryan Wright; **Honor Roll**—Amanda Boyd, Michael Grissom, Scott Lewis, Ivan mader, Adam Spivey, Joseph Whitfill

#### 12th Grade-Distinguished

**Honor Roll**—Holly Abbe, Casandra Cooper, Marcie Davis, Andrea Files, Lacy Howard, Thomas Hurd, Lance Jones, Melinda Leal, Kaly Porter, Roberto Rodriguez, Lydia Royster, Emily Thornton, Crystal Williams, Trenton Withers, Sawyer Wright; **Honor Roll**—Jose Caldera, Sascha May, Christopher Smith



Gorman High School teachers participated in a College Awareness Day on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The teachers had the opportunity to decorate their door and wear their college shirts. The students were encouraged to discuss college life and discuss the different colleges with teachers. The seniors judged the doors and declared a tie between Mrs. Rainey and Mr. Wright. As a faculty, it is rewarding to see our students plan for their future.



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## Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

### Barely Time for Me

I haven't time to teach right now. I am busy can't you see! You will have to look for someone else. I've barely time for me.

I would like to help and fix that pie, the family is bereaved. But you will have to talk to someone else because I have barely time for me.

Our bible classes and Sunday night worship services are such a disgrace, hardly no one comes you see! I would come more often, but then I have barely time for me.

There is so much good that I need to do. Like Christ, I need to be! But life is so hectic, and after all I barely time for me.

Were Christ to come today, I fear to think what He might see—a hurried harried gadabout with "barely time for me."

Lord please help to rearrange my life and put my eye on Thee. And then I will find the time I need to serve you faithfully each and every day.

Yesterday is gone forever; Tomorrow never comes; God places the emphasis upon the Now of Today.

Some guests were Lucy Joiner, Joyce Bramlett and Cliff Bramlett of Stephenville, Don Joiner of Houston, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Nancy Hendricks, Shanna, Taylor Hope and Alyssa Mahan, Emily Green, Randy and Leslie Green, Robert and Becky Green of DeLeon.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for eighteen residents. The less was "Disciplined Giving." Bible passage Malachi 3:6-12 and First Corinthians 16:1-4. Biblical Truth: God expects His people to be disciplined in giving. Key verse: Malachi 3:10. One resident sang "I Just Heard From Heaven," another resident sang "Amazing Grace," and another resident voiced the closing prayer. Guests were Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Monday morning, residents eagerly awaited for Karen Guthery to open the beauty shop.

Visitors were J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Lee and sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider.

Those coming from the Church of Christ were Dubbie Truitt, Durward Webb and Don Underwood. Dubbie Truitt brought the message, "The Lord's Prayer," Don Underwood led the singing, and Durward Webb voiced the prayer. There were about 8 residents present.

## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

We've had snow, thunderstorms, rain and windy conditions in our community during the past week. So, maybe everyone was pleased at one time or another.

The music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning was directed by Daryl Hirst with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Norma Webb, Kay Snider and Cecilia Hirst.

Several members of the Kokomo Baptist Church attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday singing at the Desdemona Baptist Church on Sunday night. A large crowd attended the singing and enjoyed worshipping our Lord with the congregational singing and all the special music. A time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed following the singing.

Larry and Betty Strube visited in Stephenville on Wednesday afternoon with Bobby and Nina Koonce. Bob and Beverly Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty on Thursday.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little met Jerry and Lavell Hallmark, Earl, Debbie, Ashton and Heagan Braddock, of San Angelo, Greg and Becky Ethington, and Shane of Sterling City, and Shane, Amy, Taner and Rylee Shott of Eastland in Brownwood on Friday night for supper at Underwood's and then all attended the basketball game between Mertzon and Meridian. Ashton is a member of the Mertzon team. They reported that it was a real good game.

Jerry and Lavell Hallmark, Greg, Becky and Shane came on to Eastland on Friday night for a weekend visit with Shane, Amy, Taner and Rylee Shott, and they along with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades basketball tournament at Eastland on Saturday. Ashley was on the Eastland 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team and Taner was on the Eastland 4<sup>th</sup> grade team. Ray Neal and Melissa Little also got there in time to see Taner play. They had lunch at Amy and Shane's home. They all went back to watch Taner play in the 6:00 p.m. game, and then all enjoyed supper at Pulido's on Saturday night. Ashley and Taner also played in games on Thursday night.

Those attending a dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night were Dwayne and Connie Snider, Franklin, Jeanne, Conner, Brooke, and Chloe Baker; Phillip, Shawna, Ethan, and Emma Martin; Dan and Connie DeVivo; and Kelly Parham all of Stephenville; Sheri Snider of Stillwater, OK, Wendall and Terry Treadway; Gene and Kay Snider and LaVon Snider all of Gorman. After dinner everyone enjoyed a birthday "cookie" cake with Dwayne Snider whose birthday was February 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

Clifford and Doris Graham of Eastland and Bill and Uvonne Graham of McAlester, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Oren and Norma Webb, Kenneth Eaves of Eastland and Verda Eaves of Carbon visited with Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

Durwood and Aletha Burgess had a visit and lunch with a granddaughter, Alissa Burgess in Bryan on Friday and then went on to Washington County for a cattle sale. They returned home on Sunday.

Betty Little and Karen Patterson spent the weekend in Aspermont with Toby, Sandy, Laura and Rebekah Mullen and enjoyed the birthday party on Sunday honoring Laura on her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. The party had an Egyptian theme and the beautiful birthday cake was baked by Laura's grandmother, Karen Patterson, and had a pyramid and an Egyptian Lady in the decorations on the cake. The cake was served with ice cream to the many friends and relatives attending.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Oren and Norma Webb, Darlene Hampton of Carbon, Johnnie B. Griffith, Zelda Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan.

Martha Wood of Carbon, Linda and William Whitley of Palestine, Daisy Slaton, Oren and Norma Webb, and Johnnie B. Griffith visited with Zelda Jordan.

### JOE AND GLYNDA BOND ENJOY TRIP TO HAWAII

Joe and Glynda Bond flew from DFW airport to the island of Kauai, Hawaii on Friday, February 20, 2004 for several days of sightseeing on the island. They attended church on Sunday morning at the Lihue Baptist Church, a small Southern Baptist Church. On Wednesday they flew to Oahu, and went to Honolulu, Pearl Harbor, the Arizona Memorial and took a tour of the battleship Missouri, and walked on Waikiki Beach.

They flew back to Kauai on Thursday. They visited a National Park, a lighthouse, botanic gardens with beautiful flowers and scenery, a coffee plantation, Waimea National Park that is called the Grand Canyon of Hawaii, saw the Whales and Dolphins, and visited a place where they bought pineapple and passion fruit jellies.

Due to some bad weather their flight home was delayed for a while. They left Kauai at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and were routed via San Jose, CA and arrived back at DFW on Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. They reported that they had a wonderful time.

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

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

Residents were happy to get the magazines that were donated. Those visiting were Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Ron and Nina Skiles, Irene West, Wilbur Overstreet.

There is no way knowing who all brought and sent Valentines. Each Valentine was appreciated and residents are still enjoying looking and showing their many Valentines.

Some guests were Barbara Morrison, Ricky and Shanna Morrison, Rex Kinser, Chuck and Cherry Troutman, Norma Merworth.

Monday morning, residents enjoyed games of bingo with Pat Graham and Ina Smith. Hot chocolate, coffee and orange juice was enjoyed by thirteen residents.

Visiting were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Those coming for the Gospel Singing on Monday afternoon were Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Daisy Slaton, Johnnie B. Griffith, Betty Moore, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell and Nancy Hendricks. Woodrow and Helen Browning and Ruby Lee Kinser brought two specials. They were "That's Him" and "God's Calling the Prodigal." There were 14 residents and guest Winston Brown.

Some guests were Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Adora Hamilton and Dawn Hamilton of Cisco, Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona,

Shaylor Roberts, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shannon Roberts, Winston Brown.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric organ and led singing for 10 residents.

Some visitors were Annie Fay Foster, Jewel Morris, Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Bill and Tootie Campbell.

On Tuesday afternoon, residents enjoyed "Horse Races" with Ina Smith.

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

Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel. His topic was "Blood of Christ." Biblical passage was 1 Peter, 1:19-21. There were 11 present and a resident voiced the closing prayer.

Some visitors were Jerry, Sherry and Mason Parrish of Comanche, Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, M/M McGill Gomaz of Houston.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith had "Crazy Bingo" for a happy group of residents.

Guests were Wesley and Sue Spivey, G.W. and Emily Gilmore of Ranger, Billy Joe and Evelyn Hair of DeLeon, Oleta Blair of Eastland.

At 2:30 on Thursday afternoon several residents attended a resident Council Meeting.

Some guests were Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Irene West, Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kelli Williams and Kim Ryon of Desdemona.

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

On Friday the residents enjoyed an "ice cream cone" party. Several guests enjoyed the party with residents.

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