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Lap of Hope Begins American Cancer Society Relay for Life

In a nation where one million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year, Eastland County is invited to celebrate life.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a unique fund-raising event in which teams of participants take turns walking or running for 12 hours in an effort to fight cancer. Teams camp-out, eat, and play games. This year's Relay for Life will take place at Eastland High School Track field from 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2004 to 7:00 a.m. on April 17, 2004.

The message of the event is Cancer Can be Conquered! This theme of hope is ignited as the ceremony begins with a cancer survivors lap at 7:00. This emotional lap honors the courage of all who have defected cancer. Each survivor is introduced, and then all will walk, run, or wheel-chair the opening lap---unified in victory and in hope.

The atmosphere of Relay For Life is one of camaraderie and celebration, providing an opportunity for cancer survivors to pass the torch of hope on to those still battling cancer or those that might be touched by cancer in the future.

If you or anyone you know is a cancer survivor, be it 2 days or 20 years, and would like to take part in Relay For Life, please call Valerie Hampton 254-734-2174 or Michelle Byrd 254-639-2762. We would like to invite everyone to come join in this celebration.



You are invited!

American Cancer Society's
Eastland County Relay For Life
2004 Kick-off

Saturday, November 15, 2003
10 am - 11 am
End of the Trail Restaurant
Eastland, TX

For more information contact:
Valerie Hampton at 734-2174



****Come hear what it is all about!**
****Bring your family & friends!**

Desdemona's Thanksgiving Supper - No Turkey

Some two hundred thirty people turned out last Saturday evening to enjoy the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Desdemona Community Center. Turkey, ham, and all the trimmings were served up along with an evening of fellowship and comraderie among friends and acquaintances.

Our thanks go out to the people of Gorman, DeLeon, Stephenville, Eastland, Ranger and outlying areas who attended the event. C. L. Mohon of De Leon stated that he had been attending the event for twenty years and "this one was the best attended, and the food was excellent."

Our thanks also go out to our local people who provided food, cooked, served, decorated, and handled many other chores that made the event a success.

The Community Center uses the proceeds for routine maintenance of the facility and other projects as the community and trustees deem feasible, according to Roy Johnson, trustee president.

Gorman FFA Fruit Sale

The Gorman FFA is currently selling fruit for a fundraiser. The following items may be ordered until November 14th:

Country Fruit Basket, Caramel Peanut Pack, Mixed Fruit Pack, Cheddar Cheese Wheel, Variety Fruit Pack, Washington Red Delicious Apples, Assorted Nut Basket, Sunkist Navel Oranges, D'Anjou Pears, Texas Sweet Grapefruit.

(Prices range from \$8.00 to \$20.00) Contact a member or phone 254/734-2505 for prices and ordering. Delivery will be approximately December 10th. Support your local FFA Chapter.

Eastland Count Singles Game Night

The Eastland County Singles will be having a game night at the First Baptist Church in Cisco on November 15th at 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring soup, sandwiches, a salad, or desert. Anyone is welcome to bring card tables and favorite games as well.

The October meeting was a hamburger cookout held at the Lela Latch Lloyd Museum in Cisco and was attended by approximately thirty people. Dr. Duane Hale spoke briefly to the group about the museum. Board members Robert Fox and Ruth Stewart were also in attendance and gave a few details.

The Eastland County Singles was organized this summer with Reverend Benny Hagan, pastor of the Corinth Baptist Church, as the sponsor. The purpose of the organization is to create opportunities for singles in the area to meet in a Christian atmosphere and to enjoy fellowship.

Panthers Lose Heartbreaker To Baird In Overtime, 6-0

GAME AT A GLANCE

Gorman		Baird
8	First Downs	10
37/122	Carries/Yds.	32/144
30	Yds. Passing	59
3 of 5	Passes/Comp.	4 of 9
0	Interceptions	0
3 - 3	Fumbles/Lost	3 - 3
4/36	Punts/Avg.	4/38
4/40	Penalties	6/65

The Gorman Panthers played the Baird Bears to a 0 - 0 deadlock in regulation time Friday night in a battle for runner-up in District 14A but lost in overtime after moving from the 15 to the 1 yard line but lost the ball on a fumble at the goal line which was picked up and returned the distance by Bear Chance Rodriquez for the winning score. A Panther defender tried running down Rodriquez but couldn't get the tackle that would have held the score at a draw.

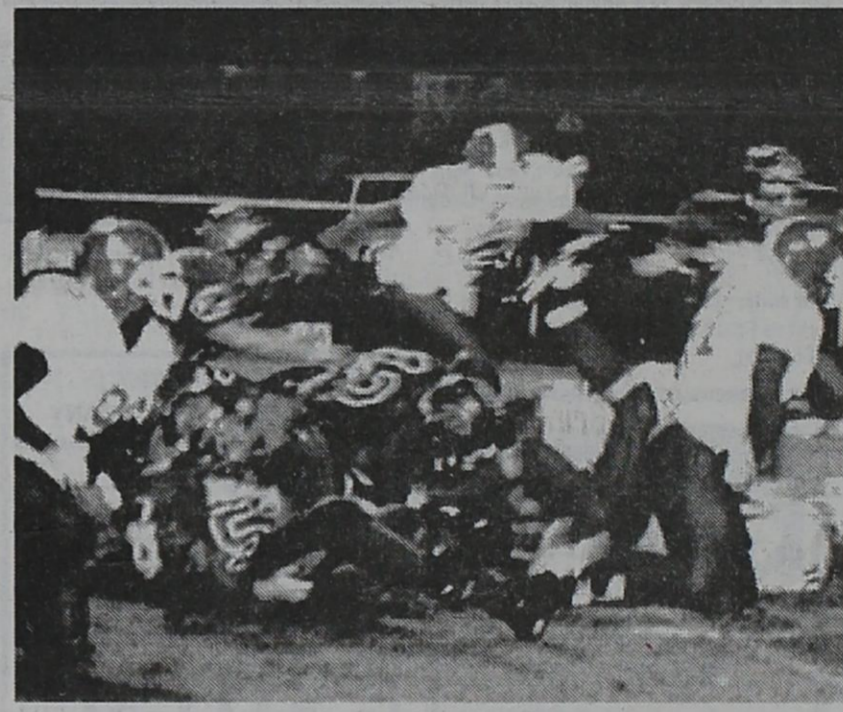
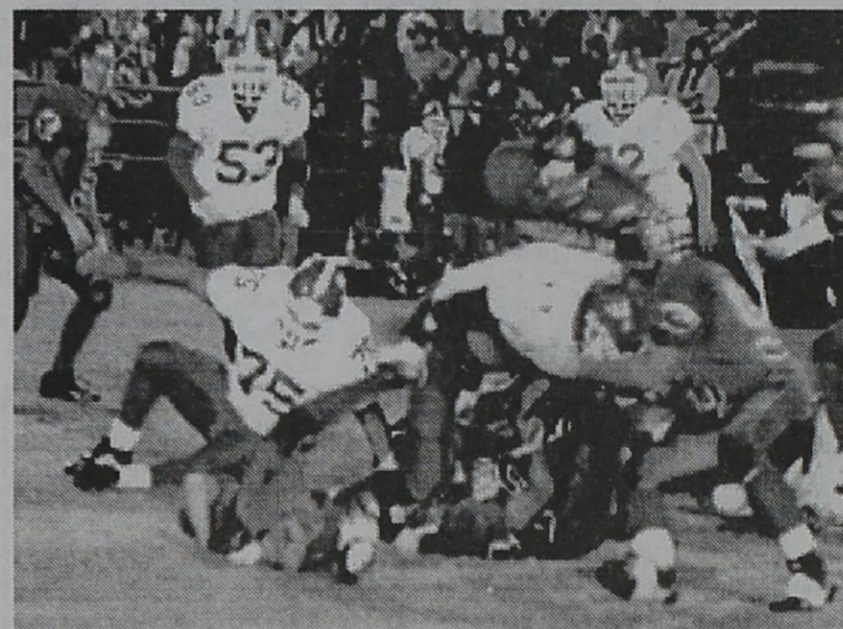
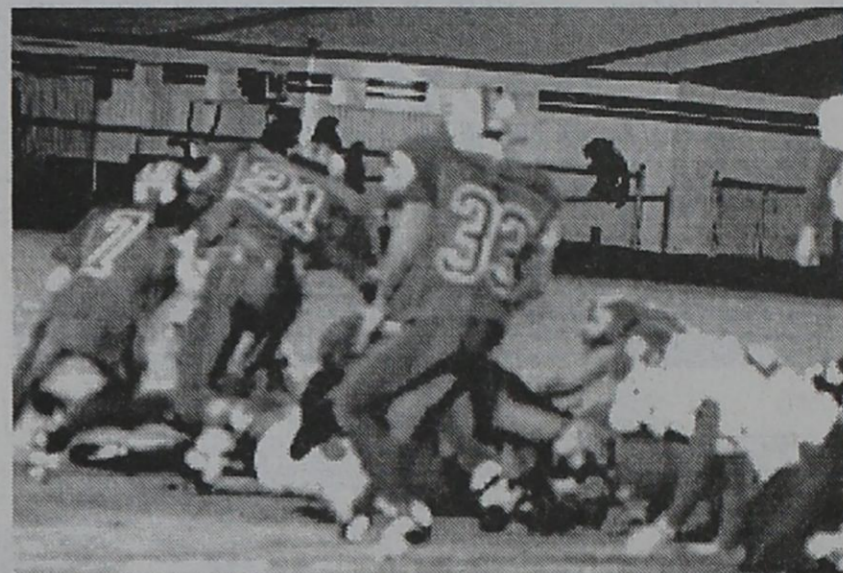
The Panthers held the Bears in check all night, not allowing the Bears to penetrate the Gorman 20 yard line. Gorman moved inside the Baird 20 on at least 2 occasions, but failed to score.

This win put Baird in the playoffs as the runner-up team behind Tolar.

Trent Withers led the Panthers on the ground with 48 yards on 15 carries. Sawyer Wright ran for 38 on 7 tries. Roberto Rodriquez had 26 on 9 totes and Ryan Wright got 10 on 6 keepers. Tim Guerra caught 2 passes for 21 and Sawyer Wright had 1 catch for 9 yards.

Enough cannot be said for the Big Red Defense who played their hearts out all year, especially with the players going both ways due to the lack of players. We are so proud of the Panthers for the unbelievable performance they turned in this season and wish to commend the Big Red and the Coaches on an outstanding season. **Way To Go Big Red!!!!**

See You Next Season!!



GLRA Meet Nov. 18

The GLRA will meet Tuesday evening at 6:30p.m. in the Gorman Ag shop. The purpose of this meeting is for members to sign up for a date to work in the basketball concession stand. If you do not sign up for a date of your choice one will be assigned to you.

Also, anyone who plans to show at any of the major shows, entries must be filled out at this time. Please mark this date and plan to attend. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Boles at 734-2505.

GLRA Drawing \$250 Gift Card

Want help paying for Christmas this year? Want a new TV for yourself? How about groceries for the holidays? Well then we have the answer for you. The Gorman Livestock Raisers are having a drawing for a \$250 Wal-Mart Gift Card. The drawing will be held the 1st week in December. The tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5. For tickets, ask any GLRA member or call Melissa Osborne at 734-2849, Renae Carlton at 639-2211, or Kristi Thompson at 734-3354.

Southern Gospel Music Concert Set Sunday, Nov. 16



Glorify, a southern gospel duet, composed of Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas will present a concert at Kokomo Baptist Church, Sunday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

The Church cordially invites the public to attend. You will hear some great gospel music. A fellowship will follow the concert. We look forward to seeing you Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Gorman Travel Club Drawing

The Gorman Senior Travel Club members are having a drawing for a \$200.00 gift card from Wal-Mart. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Gorman Senior Travel Club Volleyball Game

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be having a faculty vs. students volleyball game in the school gym on Saturday, November 15th at 2 p.m.—admission is \$2.00.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Second Thursday

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

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

DANCE — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

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

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

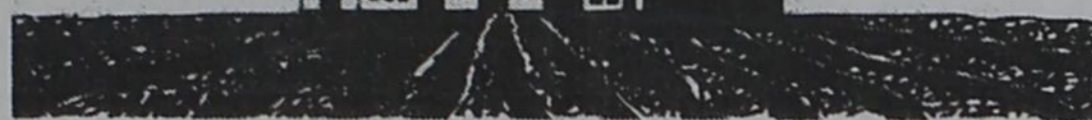
Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - NOVEMBER 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

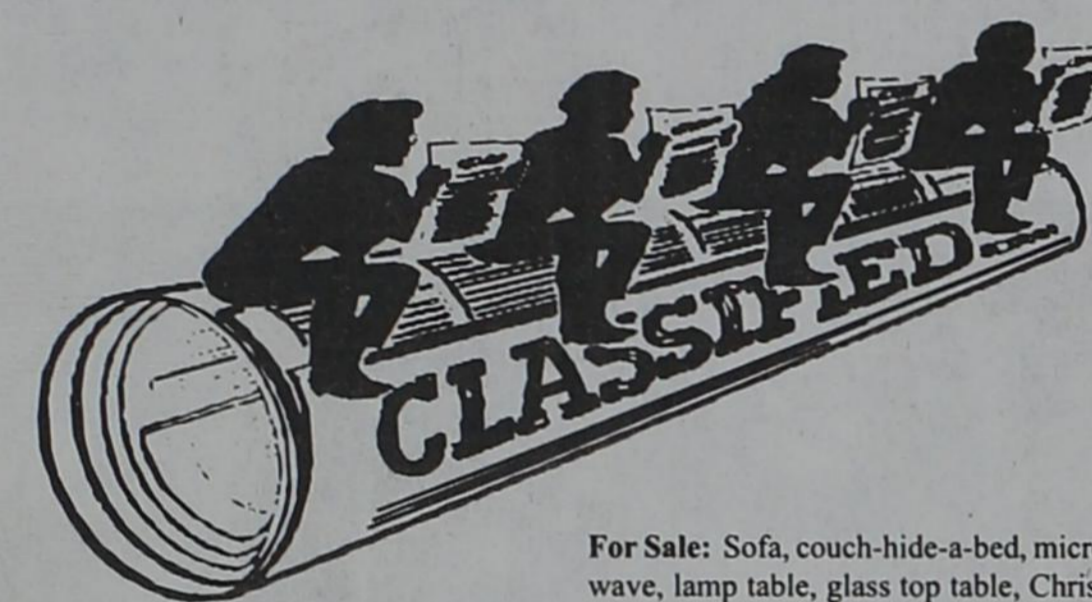
Gorman EDC Update

- 1 Evidence of community pride.
- 2 Emphasis on quality in business and community life.
- 3 Willingness to invest in the future.
- 4 Participatory approach to community decision-making.
- 5 Cooperative community spirit.
- 6 Realistic appraisal of future opportunities.
- 7 Awareness of competitive positioning.
- 8 Knowledge of the physical environment.
- 9 Active economic development program.
- 10 Deliberate transition of power to a younger generation of leaders.
- 11 Acceptance of women in leadership roles.
- 12 Strong belief in and support for education.
- 13 Problem-solving approach to providing health care.
- 14 Strong multi-generational family orientation.
- 15 Strong presence of traditional institutions that are integral to community life.
- 16 Attention to sound and well-maintained infrastructure.
- 17 Careful use of fiscal resources.
- 18 Sophisticated use of information resources.
- 19 Willingness to seek help from the outside.
- 20 Conviction that, in the long run, you have to do it yourself.

20 CLUES TO RURAL COMMUNITY SURVIVAL



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1-11-13-C

Garage Sale: 802 Lubbock, Sat. 8 a.m., weather permitting. No early sales. Furniture, antiques, bed linens, X-mas items, detailed list posted downtown.
1-11-13-P

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4-11-20-C

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Pig Validation November 20

Pig validation will be November 20, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Eastland County Show Barn. Those who plan on showing a barrow at any major stockshow, or in the market class at county needs to mark this date.

If you have any questions or need assistance you may contact Mr. Boles at 734-2505.

American State Bank Holds "Treats But Not Tricks For You!"



Pictured left to right: Peanut Queen Kaci Seaton, ASB representative Brice Fowler, Mayor Robert Ervin, Miss Gorman Rachel Granado and Little Miss Gorman Kourtney Seaton.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks were served by these girls at American State Bank's "Treats (But not Tricks) For You!" on October 31, 2003

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NEW: 48A. west of Sipe Springs, wooded, creek, travel trailer, electricity and coop water, great hunting. \$1,250 acre.

NEW: 193 A. Oakland Cemetery, 140 a. cul. 50 a wooded, ponds, fenced, great hunting/cattle place. Smaller tracts available. \$710 acre.

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NOTICE

City of Gorman failed to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring the water distribution system during August, 2003. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523. Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. Our water system is required to submit a specific number of samples each month. Failure to collect all of the samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation. If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact Glenn Scitern at 734-2317.
2-11-20

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Probation Revoked In Felony DWI

Presiding Judge Steven Herod revoked the probation of MARTIN DAVID SHARP, 44, Thursday afternoon after hearing testimony in the 91st District Courtroom in Eastland. Sharp, a former Eastland resident, had previously been placed on seven years probation on December 5, 2001 for Driving While Intoxicated - Third Offense. Judge Herod sentenced Sharp to eight (8) years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

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Greeting:
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 8th of December A.D. 2003, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21st day of October, 2003 in this cause numbered CV-03-39450 on the docket of said court and styled W.G. Arnot, Jr., Plaintiff vs Carl J. Sittinger, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Petition for appointment of receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil and gas and mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land:

Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Block 2, B.B.B. & C. Ry Co. Survey, Abstract No. 32, Eastland County, Texas

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness: *Felipa M. Pineda* Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2003.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona History -- Woodard-Bailey Families

The following article was written in 1987 by Max Bailey. Max passed away this past week and this reporter wanted to share this "History" with all the ones who reads the Desdemona News in memory of Max. Hope you enjoy it.

In 1876, James Henry Woodard, a veteran of the Civil War and his young wife, Elizabeth Catherine Culp Woodard, with their three sons, Bill, John and Bob, searching for a better life than they had in Clark County, Arkansas, they came to Texas and settled on a small farm about three miles north of the village (which was later named Desdemona) in Eastland County. They later became my grandparents.

There were farmers as were most of the people in that area at that time. In 1880 the census shows that Desdemona had twenty-three families in the area.

A few years later they moved and in 1886 they bought 160 acres from J.S. Dickey, located about 1/2 mile east of Desdemona (known as the present Stephenville road). This was to become the "Old Homeplace."

Besides the three boys who were born in Arkansas, nine more children, seven boys and two girls, were born to this couple, two of whom died as infants.

Among these children was my mother, Minnie Bell, who was born in 1882, and like all of her brothers and sister grew up on the "Old Homeplace."

In 1901, Minnie married my father, Mitch Bailey, who had come to Texas with his widowed mother, four brothers and one sister from Georgia in 1885 and had settled just across the county line in Erath County near the Armstrong Community.

My father was a small time rancher and cattle trader, around Eastland and Erath Counties and especially around Desdemona, all of his life.

During the Oil Boom in Desdemona in 1919 and the early '20s, the "Old Homeplace" was in the area of oil production and at one time there were thirteen producing oil wells on this Homeplace. At this time, almost seventy years later, oil is still produced from some of these wells. It would be interesting to know just how much oil has been produced from this 160 acre lease. I know the Woodard Well #1 was drilled and came in at 1,500 barrels a day.

During the boom my mother, Minnie, ran a rooming and boarding house built on the southwest corner of the "Old Homeplace."

It was named Twin Oaks Hotel because there were two large oak trees grown close to each other in front of this Hotel.

This house was a two story, box type, shotgun building with rooms upstairs and downstairs. Most of the roomers were drilling contractors, drillers, and tool dressers from the rigs. One roomer I have heard my mother speak of often and he stayed there for quite some time, was a man named Myron Kinley.

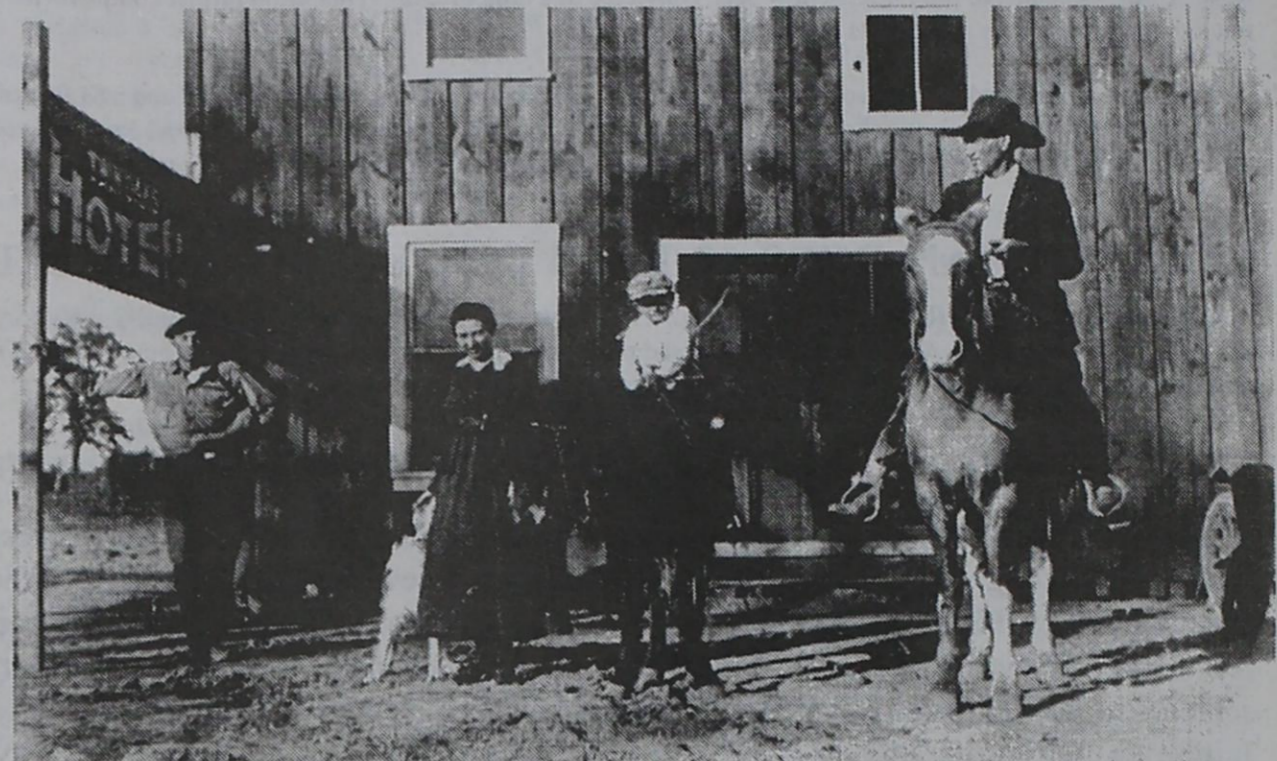
At that time, Mr. Kinley was experimenting and perfecting a method of extinguishing oil well fires of which there were many in those days. That method that he perfected is still in use today and one of Mr. Kinley's proteges who still uses it is the famous oil well fire fighter, "Red" Adair.

This house was my birthplace on January 9, 1924. In my family there were two girls, Thelma born in 1902, Lucille born in 1907, and two boys, Rex born in 1912 and myself, Max born in 1924. All of us were born, grew up and went to school in Desdemona. I graduated from Desdemona High School in 1941 and left shortly after that. All the Woodard children left the area over the years.

My father, Mitch passed away in 1959 and my mother, Minnie passed away in 1962. My brother, Rex wound up owning all of the "Old Homeplace" by buying out all of the heirs over a long period of time. Rex lived there until he sold it in 1964 and moved to Brownwood.

This ended an era that lasted almost a century. Today none of the Woodards or Baileys live near Desdemona, having scattered all over the country, as have so many of the other families whose roots are deep in Eastland County.

My wife, Bell and I go back to visit Desdemona several times a year because I have many dear friends and lots of wonderful memories there and Desdemona will always be my hometown.



L-R: Daniel Seals, father of Waylan ("Pud") Seals, father of Dan Seals--country and western entertainer; Minnie Woodard Bailey; young son-Rex (on horse "Cabe"); Mitch Bailey



Desdemona, Texas Twin Oaks Hotel-east of town. Minnie Bailey and daughter Lucille. Boom Days 1919



Home Improvement Loan:

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JURY CONVICTS MAN OF MARIHUANA POSSESSION

This week a petit jury in the Count Court of Eastland found MATTHEW RAY BARRY guilty of possessing marihuana in an amount less than two ounces. Barry, 28, of Fort Worth, had been apprehended by a D.P.S. Trooper.

This case began as a routine stop of a speeding car in which Barry was a passenger. District Attorney Russ Thomason stated "The Trooper did an outstanding investigation and should be complemented for his alertness." Both occupants of the car have now been convicted of a drug offense. Thomason further complemented the jurors for their time and efforts in reaching the verdict.

Presiding Judge Brad Stephenson sentenced Barry to 180 days in the Eastland County Jail and a \$1,000.00 fine suspended with Community Supervision for a period of two years, with one of the terms and conditions of probation being that Barry spend 30 days in the Eastland County Jail immediately.

GORMAN MAN DOES 30 DAYS FOR EVADING ARREST

On November 5, 2003, JUSTIN BABU PATEL, 23, of Gorman, was convicted by an Eastland County Jury for the offense of Evading Arrest. The jury assessed punishment at 30 days in the Eastland County Jail and a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00. Patel was represented by Eastland attorney Gary D. Peak.

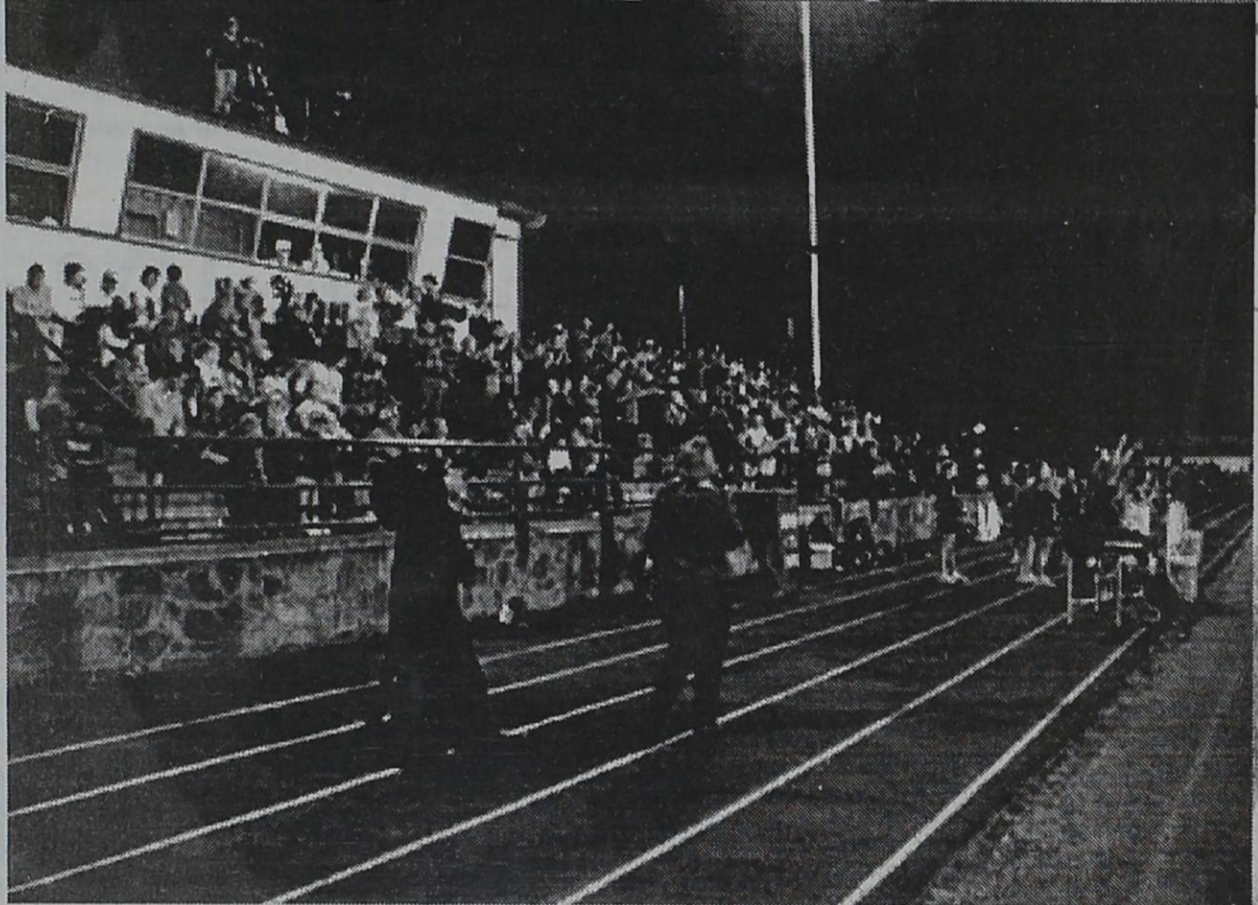
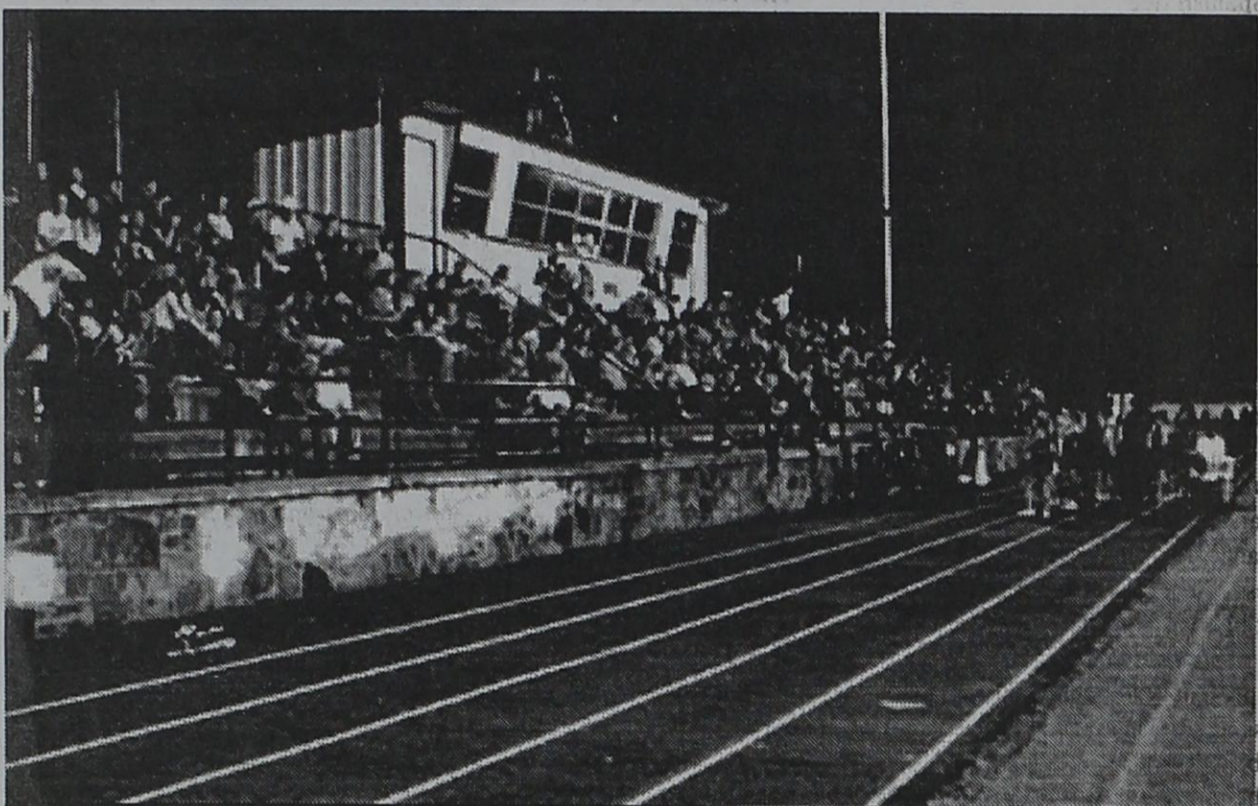
JURY CONVICTS MAN OF DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Last Tuesday, a petit jury in the County Court of Eastland found Jerry Don Reeves, Jr., 37, of Cisco, guilty of Driving While Intoxicated. Reeves was initially stopped for speeding by a DPS Trooper on Texas Highway 6. Abilene Attorney Lynn Ingalsbe represented Reeves at trial. Presiding Judge Brad Stephenson assessed punishment, sentencing Reeves to one hundred eighty (180) days confinement in the Eastland County Jail and a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00. Since Reeves had not been previously convicted of a crime, Judge Stephenson suspended the sentence and placed Reeves on community supervision for a period of eighteen (18) months.

HALLOWEEN PARADE PHOTOS

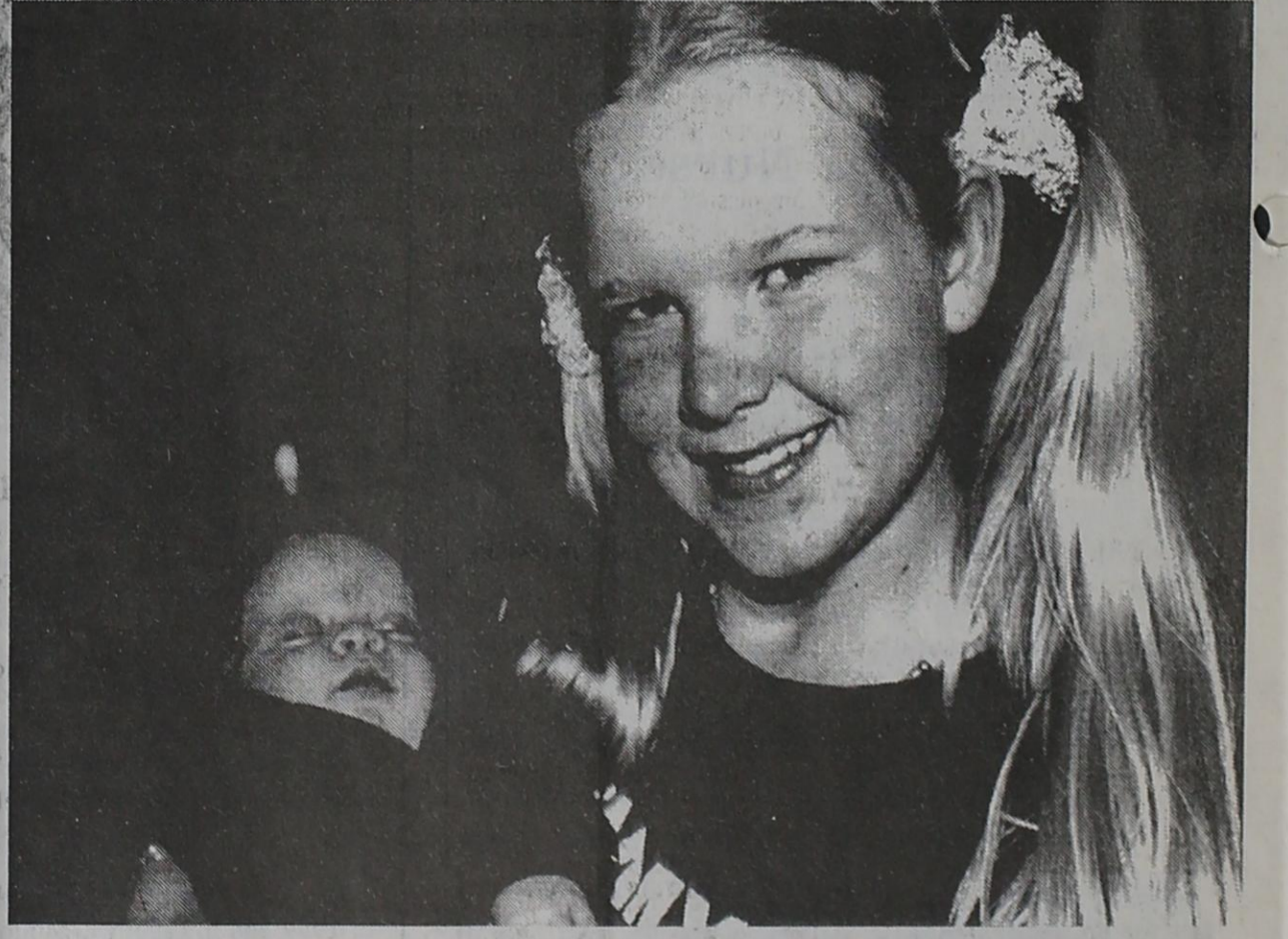


Football Game Photos



November 15 is Texas Recycles Day!

You can help Texas reduce waste, save energy, conserve natural resources, and use less landfill space by remembering the four Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rebuy. To participate in events or learn more about recycling, go to www.texasrecyclesday.org. And remember, Texas Recycles Every Day.

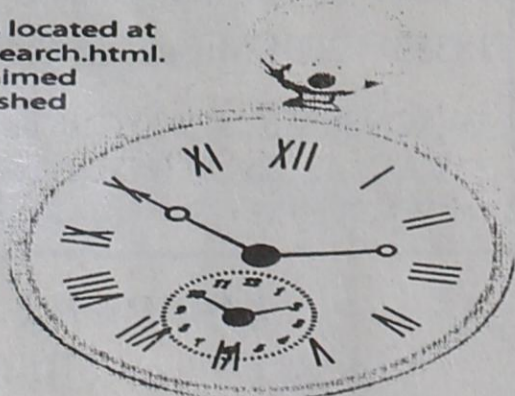


Keeping an Eye on Texas

Unclaimed Property Fund Hits \$1 Billion

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently announced that the state's unclaimed property fund has now reached an incredible \$1 billion.

The Comptroller's online database is located at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/up/search.html>. The site contains the names of unclaimed property owners on this year's published list and from previous years. The online database also includes unclaimed property owners who have less than \$100 in unclaimed property, whose names are not published on the newspaper list.



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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Glorify, featuring Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas, will present a Gospel Music Concert at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday evening, November 16th at 6:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy the program. A time of fellowship and refreshments will be held in the fellowship hall following the program.

The choir of the Kokomo Baptist Church rendered the special music at the Sunday morning service. Those in the choir directed by Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano were: Aletha Burgess, Crystal and Rachel Snider, Kay Snider, Norma Webb, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, and Joe Bond. Visitors at the morning service were Myrtle Martin of Ranger, Odene Savage and Trisha Savage of Gorman.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman on Sunday afternoon for the church service were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks.

Dena Roy Cornelius of Lake Palo Pinto and Beverley and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Wednesday.

Oren and Norma Webb were in Brownwood on Saturday to see the 5th and 6th grade football team, coached by their grandson, Jacob Webb of Tarleton University, play in their "Super Bowl" game in Gordon Wood Stadium. They won the game. Congratulations to Jacob and his team. Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga of Comanche also attended the game.

Roy and Sharon Davis of Odessa, Darlene Hampton of Carbon, Joe and Glynda Bond, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Norma Webb and Maxine Huddleston visited with Zelda Jordan.

The Thanksgiving Dinner at the Kokomo Baptist Church has been set for Sunday, November 23, following the morning worship service. Visitors are welcome.

The "Kokomo News" will be put on "hold" for a short time while I recuperate from knee surgery.

I'm a little early, but I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. May we be thankful not only that day, but every day for all the blessings that God gives to us each day. Just this past week we received some much needed rain. What a blessing that was.

City Minutes, Unapproved

November 6, 2003

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Mayor Pro-Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Durward Webb, Joe Casey, and Adam Hampton. Others present were Chief Doug Caffey, Chris Teal, Chief Morphew, Glenn Scitem, Rodney Ford, Katherine Eaves, Abel Saldana, Gary Lively, Maribel and Sergio Garcia, and Lori Dodd.

Nathan led the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to Texas.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Durward made a second. The motion carried 4-0. Time was 5:33 p.m.

Adam made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and convene back into Regular Open Session. Joe made a second and the motion carried 4-0. Time was 6:25 p.m.

Joe made the motion to allow the police department to donate / transfer their sick leave to Chief Caffey. Durward made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Durward made the motion that the Evergreen Contract noted in the October 21, 1999 minutes, not be renewed effective as of the renewal date 2004. Adam made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Adam also made the motion that Chief Caffey no longer has to use the time clock, as no other officers have to. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

With regret at the loss, Nathan made the motion to accept the resignation of Officer Gary Lively. Gary had the opportunity to a salary increase and opportunity of advancement with another department. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Gary's last day will be November 15, 2003.

Adam made a motion to hire John Longoria as police officer to replace the position of Gary. Joe made a second. Motion carried. John will be on a ninety day probation period, wages will be the same as Officer Lively's, and insurance benefits will be available upon satisfactory performance of probation period.

Resuming back with regular agenda order:

Durward made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Rodney Ford, Sergio and Maribel Garcia were present under Citizen In Put. Rodney was present to discuss property clean up, and some questions about his property line, and expressed interest to the EDC. The Garcia's were present to address the Commission about the number of fowl that may be kept per residence, and to express some concerns about complaints made about them by their neighbor. Each of these citizens

present expressed their view as to make all clean up actions, and noise factors fair "across the board".

Chief Morphew, of DeLeon, was present to discuss the Clean Up process taking place over the past two years in DeLeon, and how DeLeon is enforcing and acting upon City ordinance as well as the state and environmental laws that support this process. He is the Code Enforcer for the City of DeLeon. Abel requested that he give a briefing to the Gorman City Commission.

Lori Dodd and Glenn Scitem were present to present department head reports. Lori reported that the wireless internet is up and going. Should be available for customers by December 01, 2003.

Also at this time Durward made the motion to appoint Joe Casey to the EDC Board. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0. **Adam had to leave at 6:50 p.m.**

Nathan made the motion to continue with the process of Adverse Title filing by Gary Peak on the Key Estate Property. Durward made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion to have Burns Ag to Auto replace the block in

Desdemona History & Humor Program

Desdemona History & Humor Program on November 13, 2003 will be "Neglected Texas History." The program will start at 6 p.m. at the Desdemona Community Center. Eddie Lindley will serve as MC and Charles Chupp will present readings from *The Nth Reader*--including a bit about Desdemona, and Pug--and book signing.

Refreshments will be provided.

School Menu

Week of November 17

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, toast, milk, juice

Tuesday--Pancakes, syrup, banana, milk, juice

Wednesday--Breakfast burritos, oranges, milk, juice

Thursday--Oatmeal, toast, milk, juice

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

Lunch

Monday--Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, corn

Tuesday--Taco salad, refried beans, cake with icing

Wednesday--Chimichanga, salad, Spanish rice

Thursday--Steakfingers, Cr. potatoes, green beans, gravy, hot rolls

Friday--Chicken breast burger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, fries, ice cream

"A Special Thank You"

We, as fans would like to say how proud we are of our GHS football team, coaches, cheerleaders, and band. GHS football team were winners when they ran on the field and when they left the field because they earned the respect of every team they played. These young men played with pride, "Panther Pride," this was due to their coaches and the heart they played with.

We, as Grandparents would like to say how very, very proud we are of our special young man, "Trent."

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Texas Tech Law Team Wins National Championship

A Texas Tech University School of Law moot court team comprised of students Chad Edgington, Steven Anderson, and Shannon Goss, earned first-place, national championship honors by winning the John Marshall National Moot Court competition in Chicago on October 16-18. In addition, Anderson, from Lake in the Hills, Illinois, won the writing award for the Nation's best legal brief. Edgington, a native of Bedford, Texas, and Goss of Panhandle, Texas, rounded out the team that brought home the highly-coveted National Championship Team trophy.

"The Texas Tech University School of Law's traditionally strong student advocacy program has achieved a new high by winning this competition," Law School Dean Walter B. Huffman said. "The Marshall competition is the most prestigious of the nation's moot court competitions, and although we have won other national titles in the past, this is our first time to win the "big prize."

The John Marshall competition, established in 1981, is one of the largest and most highly respected of all moot court tournaments. Students from around the globe gather annually to argue challenging and unresolved issues of technology law. The John Marshall Law School Center for Information technology and Privacy Law hosts the competition. The Competition is funded by an endowment from the Estate of Carl W. Carlson a 1933 alumnus of the John Marshall Law School. The panel of jurists assembled for the Competition each year includes state supreme court justices, federal district court and appellate judges, and distinguished law professors and practitioners.

Championship team member Chad Edgington is the husband of Melissa (Clark) Edgington and the son-in-law of Tommy and Michaelyn Clark of Gorman.

501's patrol car. Nathan made a second.

Joe made the motion to adopt the resolution recognizing November 3 - 7 as Municipal Courts Week. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

With no further business for discussion Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 3-0. Time was 7:50 p.m.



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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Framed!

Senate Bill 439, passed during the 2003 regular legislative session, dealt with altered or obscured license plates.

Under the legislation, some types of license plate frames and/or covers could be rendered illegal, if the state name or the license numbers and letters are even partially obscured.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials said troopers will most likely issue warnings for the next 90 days.

But, DPS officials warn that DPS policy and interpretation are not binding on law enforcement agencies around the state, so interpretation and enforcement of the new law may vary from agency to agency.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Lost...Four Souls

Something important came up; he does not remember what, but he decided it would not hurt to miss church this once. He had been taught differently, but he missed anyway. She hated to go without her husband. The two children were difficult to manage without help, so she missed too. Their conscience worked on them, but to no avail.

A short time later, they decided to go on a Sunday out-of-town trip and missed again. Conscience spoke again, but its voice was softer this time.

With each succeeding absence their spiritual appetite diminished. Fellow Christians were concerned and came to call. At first they were excuses—out of town, didn't feel well, etc.—and then resentment because such concern made them uncomfortable.

It has been many years now since they have been active in the Lord's work. Their hearts are stirred occasionally by nostalgic memories of a better yesterday, but their interest was not welcome. They are now left alone in their sin and their darkness.

Their loss is sad enough, but the loss of the two children, now teenagers, is even more tragic. They never had a chance. The mother and father did have the privilege of knowing the Lord, but they rejected Him. The children never knew Him.

It is a tragic story. The story is of four lost souls on a one-way street to somewhere they don't want to go. The parents are driving—the children are being taken for a ride. It all began with the mistaken idea that it wouldn't hurt to miss "just once!"

On Sunday morning at 9 a.m., Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for twenty residents. A resident voiced the opening prayer. The lesson was "Experiencing the Gospel's Power." Bible passage was Acts 3:1-26 with key verse Acts 3:16. Howard Hagood led the dismissal prayer.

Guests were Don Joiner of Houston, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Joyce Bramlett, Lucille Joiner, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Nancy Hendricks, and Johnnie B. Griffith.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 those coming from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Louise Hall, Brent Lasater, Anna Rush, Gearldine Wright, Estell Erwin and Ann Warren. Brent Lasater led singing. Rev. Campbell message was "God's Last Love Letter," taken from Revelations 3:14-22. A total of twenty four were present.

Visiting were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Irene West, Glenn Glasson, Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Leta Loudermilk of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Anna Rush, Gearldene Wright and Estell Erwin.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had 'bingo' for 8 residents. Visiting were Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Don Landers of Springtown, mark Landers of Boyd, Ima Brown, Todd and Nikki Forbus, Wesley and Linda Warren, Ann Warren.

Monday afternoon at 2:30, those coming for the Gospel Singing were Ernestine Campbell, Ann Warren, Zelda Jordan and Nancy Hendricks. Fourteen residents came to sing and enjoy the singing.

Some guests were Gena Rone, Joan Miller of Ft. Worth, Larry Barnett of Wylie, Emmitt Lasater of Eastland, Orvil Barnett.

On Monday, Karen Guthery came and styled residents hair.

Visiting were Jo and Don Carey of Midlothian, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Fred McMullen of Melrose, NM, Alpha Mae Andry, Durward Webb, Betty Williams of California, Christine Self.

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

Visiting were Jerry and Sherry Parrish and Mason of Comanche, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood and Henry Lenz of Carbon.

Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith had 'concentration' for seven residents. Some guests were Wesley and Sue Spivey, Jimmy Gilmore, G.W. and Emily Gilmore of Ranger, Oleta Blair of Eastland, Marie Cook and Sylvia Estes of Carbon, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene.

On Wednesday afternoon, the G.A.s and R.A.s of First Baptist Church came and made little straw men with straw hats out of straw. Attached to each one's left hand were white pages containing the "Lord's Prayer." The residents were real proud of their little straw men.

Visiting were E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Merlene Herring of Mineral Wells, Addie Fay Collins of Eastland, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Vicki Seay, June Dossey, Kathy Ervin, Ellen and James Tucker, Rachel Tucker, Bobby and Ashley Rich.

Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel. Subject was "Christ Delivering Purpose" taken from Hebrews 2:5-18. Ten residents were present.

Guests were Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Husband, Bill Moll of Cisco, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider, Edith Belyeu of Breckenridge, J.B. and Burylene Hamilton, Cecil and Diana Hamilton of Garland.

Residents send "Get Well Wishes" to Doris Bradshaw, who is now at Hendricks Center for Rehab at Abilene.

Visiting were Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kim Ryon, Eric and Josh of Desdemona, Neldon and Billie Shipman, Lendon and Frankie Jo Shipman, Kelli Williams.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had "trivia" for a happy bunch of residents. Guests were Vicki Hallmark of Stephenville, Mike and Nancy Grisham of Georgetown, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Winston Brown, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Levi Roberts.

On Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith had a new game for residents. It is called "Find It" which kept everybody hunting.

Visiting were Lyndon and Shelly Morgan of Garland, Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles.

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

Recent visitors were June Carruth of DeLeon, Tim Porter, Rex Kinser, Wilbur Overstreet, Louise Hall and Brent Lasater.

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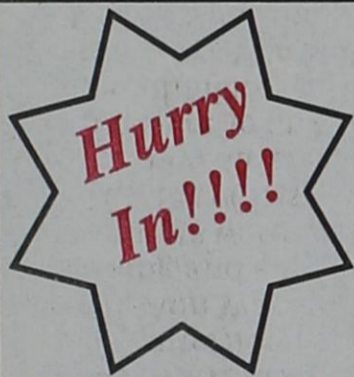
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