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## The Blackwood Singers Concert

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

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

## Jill Nabors and Shane Torres Pledge Vows



Katie Nabors is happy to announce that her mom, Jill, and Shane Torres exchanged wedding vows in a small ceremony on January 10, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the first Baptist Church of Gorman.

The mother of the bride is Martha Rainey. The grandparents are Iris Preston and the late Doyle Preston, and Wanda Rainey all of Gorman.

The parents of the groom are Louis and Allie Torrez of Ranger. The grandparents are Lupe and Carmen Torres of Ranger and the late George and Era Fraley of Gorman.

The couple will reside in Gorman.

## Gorman Senior Travel Club

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts to be delivered on February 13th. To order please contact a travel club member or call 734-3311 or 734-3496.

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be taking orders for Hugs and Kisses Valentines to be delivered at Maxfield Elementary (display in elementary office). To order or for more information, please contact a travel club member or call 734-3496 or 734-3311.

## Correction - Trophy Donors For Gorman Stockshow

Grand Champion Market Goat-Bobby and Vicki Rich  
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat - James and Ellen Tucker

## Eastland County Livestock Show Schedule

It is beginning to look like Stock Show season. The Eastland County Stock Show is scheduled for February 11-14, 2004 at the Eastland County Stock Show Grounds. Here is the schedule of events:

**Wednesday - February 11, 2004:**

8:00 p.m. - All livestock to be on show grounds, weighed and in proper places.

**Thursday - February 12, 2004:**

8:00 a.m. - Judging Beef Cattle  
10:00 a.m. - Judging Dairy Cattle  
11:00 a.m. - Judging Broilers  
1:00 p.m. - Judging Breeding Swine  
3:00 p.m. - Judging Market Swine

**Friday - February 13, 2004:**

8:00 a.m. - Judging Dairy Goats  
9:00 a.m. - Judging Angora Goats  
10:00 a.m. - Judging Breeding Sheep  
11:00 a.m. - Judging Market Lambs  
2:30 p.m. - Judging Meat Goats  
Followed by Breeding Meat Goats

**Saturday - February 14, 2004**

9:00 a.m. - Judging Market Rabbits  
Followed by Breeding Rabbits  
6:00 p.m. - AUCTION

## City General Election Set May 15, 2004

The City of Gorman General Election will be conducted Saturday May 15, 2004 at the Community Center. Terms which will be expiring will be Mayor, and Commissioners places #2 and #4. Those presently serving in these positions are Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioner Pl. #2 Adam Hampton, and Commissioner Place #4 Joe Casey (filling the remainder of Riley Curb's place).

February 14, 2004 is the first day for filing for a place on the ballot. Last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 15, 2004. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

## Lady Panthers Take Second At Cisco Powerlifting Meet

The Lady Panthers/Panthers' Powerlifting Team traveled to Cisco to compete this past weekend. The Lady Panthers finished second overall and the Panthers finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams. Each lifter for both the boys and girls improved on their personal best lifts. We will be taking the lifters to their limits in the coming weeks since the final qualifying date for regional is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. In powerlifting, each meets total is sent to the regional director that ranks them weekly. After Feb 28<sup>th</sup> the rankings are finalized and the regional qualifiers are determined. The girls qualify by being in the top 12 of their class. The region for girls is made up of class 1A thru class 5A. The boys qualify for regional by being in the top 10 of their class. The region for the boys is made up of class 1A thru class 3A.

Summer Olvera topped her best by totaling 765lbs and taking 1<sup>st</sup> in the 198 division. Kendra Swanner topped her best by totaling 585lbs and taking first in the 165 division. Amanda Naeseth improved her best by totaling 480lbs and taking first in the 114 division. Sandra Lara hit a personal best with 485lb and took second in the 132 class. Brittany Shirley who missed last weeks meet jumped 75lbs for a personal best 415lbs and took third in the 123 division. Nikki Keith topped her best with a 455lb total and she took fourth in the 132 division.

Ryan Wright hit personal best of 690 lbs and finished second in the 114 division. JT Whitfill topped his best with a total of 1140lbs and a second place finish in the 275 division. Zach Bryan finished 12<sup>th</sup> out of 25 lifters in the 181 class and totaled a personal best 890lbs. Pete Ramirez who missed last week jumped a good amount to a best total of 780lbs and finished 16<sup>th</sup> out of 25 in the 181 class.

The Powerlifting Teams will be off this weekend, but will travel to Perrin-Whitt for the first Annual Pirate Classic on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the schedule includes Winters (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>) and Eastland (Feb 28<sup>th</sup>). After that rankings will determine if we have any regional qualifiers.

## If You are Interested in the Well-Being of Your Community Then I Believe It will be Worth Your Time to Read this Note

I am Jim New and a candidate to represent you as your county commissioner of precinct 3 in Eastland County.

Precinct three has and for the last several years has had a budget of approximately \$1600.00 per mile of County road for maintenance and improvement. With this kind of money being spent each year it seems to me that the proper planning and management all the roads, or at least a big part of them (especially the main roads that will be a benefit to more of the people) should be paved. If you will elect me as your County Commissioner I will set up a continuous paving program to pave ten, fifteen, twenty or however many miles each year that funding will allow.

There was an article in the paper last August saying we did not have a tax RATE increase. We did have a tax base and evaluation increase and we still have a \$30,000.00 deficit this year. We have had a tax increase the last two years and will have again this year unless County funds are better managed.

For the last several years I have been reading, studying and gathering information on and about ethanol, a renewal fuel additive that can be made from several crops such as sorghum, potatoes, corn or a number of things. With Birdsong closing one plant and the possibility of closing another, Rising Star population and school enrollment dropping and the peanut program gone, it is time to get something else to help sustain our towns and have a marketable crop for the local farmers. I have discussed an ethanol plant with a many people and it is feasible and possible. With the plant closing and the peanut program gone makes this area a prime area for Federal and State GRANTS. Some colleges like A&M and Texas Tech have funding for this type of program.

If you will vote for me and help me to be elected as your County Commissioner, I will work to improve and pave precinct roads, maintain better budget control to keep taxes down, but most of all I will work to build an Ethanol plant and/or some other type plane in Precinct three.

If you are NOT a registered voter and would like to have an ethanol plant or some other plant built in this area, go by the tax collector's office in the courthouse or call 629-1564 and they will mail you an application to register to vote. It takes about 3 minutes to fill in.

Also, if you have an idea about some kind of business, or would just like to discuss this or any other county business please call me at 254-643-1591.

Please vote for Jim New on March 9th to represent you as County Commissioner.

Thank you,  
s/ James (Jim) New  
Pd. pol. adv. by James New, P.O. Box 42, Rising Star, TX 76471

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

## FOOD BANK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Gorman's "The Messengers" On Ballot for Dove Awards



On January 9th, the Gospel Music Association announced the Eligibility List (first ballot) for the 35th Annual Dove Awards. The twelve nominees for the Country Album of the year include The Messengers, for their "Children of Light" album. The statuette is awarded to both the artists and the producer in this category. All twelve first ballot nominees are listed below:

1. "Always Hear the Harmony" - Englebert Humperdinck, The Blackwoods Brothers Quartet, The Jordanaires, The Light Crust Doughboys, Art Greenwood producer, Greehaw Records.
2. "Children of Light" - The Messengers, Tommy Clark Producer, Lamor Records.
3. "Colors" - The Oak Ridge Boys, Michael Sykes & Duane Allen Producers, Spring Hill Music.
4. "Forever And A Day" - Jeff & Shari Easter, Michael Sykes Producer, Spring Hill Music.
5. "It's My Life," Mike Bowling, Mike Bowling Producer, Daywind Music Group.
6. "Love Never Fails" - Connie Smith, Sharon White, Barbara Fairchild, Ricky Skaggs Producer, Daywind Music Group.
7. "Refuse to be Afraid" - Lord Song, Wayne Haun Producer, Daywind Music Group.
8. "Stand By the River" - Dottie Rambo, Michael Sykes Producer, Spring Hill Music Group.
9. "The Christmas Guest" - Andy Griffith, Marty Stuart Producer, Sparrow Records.
10. "The Gospel Collection" - George Jones, Billy Sherrill Producer, BNA/Hendricks.
11. "The Other Side" - Billy Ray Cyrus, Billy Joe Walker, Jr. Producer, Word Records.
12. "Worship & Faith" - Randy Travis, Kyle Lehning Producer, Word Records.

Bearing a rich history, the Dove Awards is the longest running, most prestigious awards show in gospel music in which the gospel music industry recognizes its peers for their accomplishments. The Dove Awards are voted on by the professional members of the Gospel Music Association. After the first ballot has been returned to GMA's accounting firm, the five entries in each category which receive the highest numbers of votes will be announced at a February 10th Dove Award press conference as the final nominees. The 35th Annual Dove Awards show will take place at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville on April 24, 2004.

The Messengers' music is now being distributed worldwide by the DLAB Music Group. Group members are: Tommy Clark, Jeff Clark, Jeff Seaton, and Glen Clement.

## Lady Panther Basketball

The Lady Panthers are back on the winning track. After dropping two hard games to Cross Plains and Albany we got our Mojo back and defeated Ranger 61-49. This put us with a record of 2-3 in district. We still have a chance to make the playoffs if we can win out in the second round. We will play Cross Plains here Friday the 6th and finish the season at Albany on Tuesday the 10th

Ranger Scores:	Kendra Swanner—4pts
Melinda Leal—9 pts	Rachel Granado—3pts
Ashlee Hornback—10 pts	Kayln Porter—29pts
Lydia Royster—6pts	Coach Whitfill

Alumni Scrimmage on Saturday, February 21st against the High School team.



# Obituaries

## Jackie L. Harrison

Jackie L. Harrison, 55, passed away on Friday, January 30, 2004 at his home in Fort Worth. Memorial services were Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at the Moore Funeral Home Chapel.

Jackie was born in Gorman and was the loving son and brother, beloved husband and devoted father. He also loved spending time with his family of co-workers and riding his Harley. He was the general manager of sales for Amy Lynn Inc. Jackie was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Harrison.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Harrison; daughters, Carissa Sierra and husband Chris, Amanda Harrison and boyfriend Mark Moore; father Jack Harrison; sister Patricia Phillips and husband Jimmy; nephews Jim and Billy Jack Phillips and his wife, Nik-e; brother-in-law, Gary Jacob; mother-in-law Doris Jacob; great niece Addison Grace Phillips; and a host of friends.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society of North Texas.

## Murl Pittman

Murl E. Pittman, 94, of Gorman, died Monday, February 2, 2004 in Ft. Worth. He was born September 2, 1909 in Gorman, Texas to John and Annie Fuller Pittman. He married Lilia Espinosa in Manila, Philippines on June 12, 1971. He was a welding supervisor for Chicago Bridge & Iron Co.

Visitation was on Wednesday, February 4th at the DeBerry Funeral Directors. Funeral services Thursday, February 5th at the DeBerry Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Harvey Garvin officiating. Pallbearers being Perry Lee Lemons, Joe Paul Pittman, Victor Rendon, Danny Rendon, Danny Svab, and Christian Pittman. Burial at the Roselawn Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife Lilia Pittman of Denton; daughters Viviane and husband Perry Lemons of Anchorage AK, Geraldine Oraegbu of Brooklyn, NY, and Heavenly Ryan of Burlington, VT; sons Joe Paul Pittman of Austin and Christia Pittman of Gorman; five grandchildren; favorite nieces and nephews Janie Anderson of Great Bend, KS, Pat Morgan of Abilene, Jerry Pittman of Plano.

He is preceded in death by a son, Edward Pittman.

# Tired of Them Old Tires?

The City of Gorman Commissioners has designated March 13, 2004 as Amnesty Day. Bring up to 10 tires next to the Community Center on this day and they'll be taken from you. Let's cleanup Gorman.

If you have a non-running, non-registered vehicle on your property, you need to do something with it or call the City and they will.

A reminder, you are entitled one major appliance to be removed by BFI per month, if you need help contact the City.

## Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, February 7th at the Sipe Springs Community Center beginning at 6 p.m.

We would like to invite all area musicians and the public to come out and enjoy the good music.

## Eastland County Commissioners' Court Lifts Burning Ban

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in regular session, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2004, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to **remove the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN** in Eastland County **with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact their nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!**

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

## Note of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who were so good to visit mother during her illness in the nursing home. Thank you for your prayers, flowers, donations, cards, phone calls, and food that was brought. Thanks to the ladies of New Hope Baptist Church who came and served the food. We appreciate you so much.

We are so grateful for the good treatment and care mother had during her three years at Heritage Manor. Thanks to Brent, Janet, Ina, Kathy, all the nursing staff, and all who helped her in any way.

We express our gratitude to Dr. Wilson and Hospice for working together and helping her in so many ways.

Thank you to Bro. Richard Watson, Rachel Watson, Daryl Hirst, Higginbotham Funeral Home and Foster Floral for the beautiful service.

God Bless All of You,  
The Ethel Weaver family

## Tarleton Fall 2003 Graduates

Tarleton State University recently released the names of students receiving degrees during winter commencement exercises held in December.

Gorman students named to this list were:  
Jamie Lee Gilder--BS-Manufacturing Engineering Tech.  
Toby James Gilder--BS-Manufacturing Engineering Tech  
Jennifer Rose Rice--BS-Animal Production



## Gorman Students Help Win The Race Against Drugs

Sonia Hipolito, seventh grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anastasio Hipolito, won first place in the Level 2 division with her entry for the Race Against Drugs Poster Contest. The contest was sponsored by Texas Motor Speedway and Newspapers in Education/Fort Worth Star Telegram.

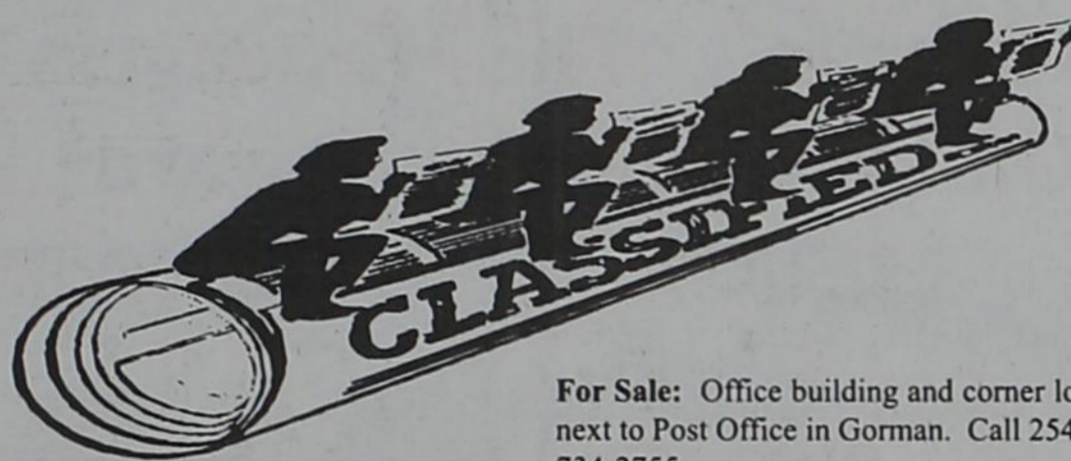
Sonia's poster was selected over all entries from sixth and seventh grade students throughout the Star Telegram circulation area and will now be submitted to the National Race Against Drugs poster contest to compete for nationwide recognition.

Trey Underwood, eighth grade son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Underwood, won second place in the Level 3 division with his poster entry. Trey's entry was selected from all posters submitted by eighth and ninth grade students throughout the metroplex and areas where the Star Telegram is circulated.

Sonia and Trey will receive four tickets each to the NASCAR races at Texas Motor Speedway in April and each will be recognized in the Race Against Drugs Poster Contest.

## Senior Travel Club Garage Sale

The Senior Travel Club is taking donations for a garage sale. If you would like to donate, please contact Melinda Abbe at 734-3311 or Mary Davis at 734-3738.



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

**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, pecans, pavement. Reduced \$130,000.  
**NEW:** 19 A, 3/4 mile Cooperas Creek on a complete underground home, electricity, well & septic. Great fish and wildlife place. \$37,500

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

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

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# KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Seems that the thunderstorms are starting early this year. The one that came through our area on Sunday evening left only a sprinkle here, but I heard reports of some pea size hail in Gorman and Ranger. We don't need the hail, but we sure could use some rain or even some snow.

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 Daryl Hirst at the piano were Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Norma Webb, Leona Wilson, Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, Jimmy Little, Oren Webb and Joe Bond. "Happy Birthday" was sung

to Dianne Snider and to Brian Bond. Brian, of Houston, wasn't with us in the service, but he grew up in this community and church, and his birthday was acknowledged. A Happy Anniversary was wished to Oren and Norma Webb.

Tommy McFall of Alden and Gail McFall of Houston visited during the weekend with Larry and Betty Strube. Tommy and Gail's dad, Bill McFall of Houston is a former resident of Kokomo.

LaVon Snider was in Stephenville on Thursday to eat lunch with Dwayne and Connie Snider and do some shopping.

On Sunday, LaVon Snider ate lunch with Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider.

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

Nancy Hendricks visited with Estelle Craddock in Gokman.

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

Oren and Norma Webb, Sylvia Buchanan and Johnnie B. Griffith visited with Zelda Jordan.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little on Sunday afternoon.

Betty Little and Karen Patterson of Eastland visited Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

Zelda Jordan enjoyed dinner with a nephew, Jimmy Nelson of Ft. Worth and Carbon, at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night. Jimmy will be leaving next week for a mission trip to Cuba. Please remember him in your prayers.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan enjoyed lunch in De Leon on Sunday.

I just learned tonight (Monday) that Harvey Lynn Weaver's wife,

# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Thunder in February—Frost in April." That old saying has been around for a very long time. On

Sunday, February 1, 2004 there was lots of thunder, some rain and small pieces of hail in our area. So mark your calendar for April 1 to see if this old saying is true or false.

Ruby (Riggs) Hathaway and daughter, Diane Miller of Stephenville and Gay Moore of Desdemona visited last Saturday in Hawley and Abilene with Janice (Hooper) Walker, Amber Walker and daughter, Heaven Lea. Janice is the daughter of the late Lora (Riggs) Hooper.

"Hello" to our friend, Evelyn Hammond, who lives at Lake Brownwood near her son, Gerald Hammond and wife. Evelyn, a former resident of Desdemona still considers "Hogtown" has her home.

Dorothy Roberts returned home on Tuesday from Fort Worth. She spent several days with her daughter, Ulenda Weaver, who is recovering from recent surgery. Get well wishes to Ulenda.

Thought for today—"Anger is the wind that blows out the light of reason."

Have a nice day, Vonnie.

## Gorman Represented On Regional Council

The Texas Midwest Council convened in Abilene last week for its first meeting of 2004. Representatives from cities throughout the region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

Lori Dodd serves as Gorman's official delegate on the Council. Kim Sharp of Sharp Imaging is the associate delegate.

Texas Midwest Community Network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to approach community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 41 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

For more information about TMCN check the web site [www.texasmidwest.com](http://www.texasmidwest.com).

## Eastland County Courthouse News

### January Indictments 91st District Court

Robert Eugene Fletcher-aggravated assault (felony)

James Robert Noble-forgery by making

Stephen Paul Patel-aggravated sexual assault

Dustin Lee Keith-assault

Robert Eugene Fletcher-arson

Terry Don Boyd-credit card abuse

Bradley Lynn Pence-manufacture of control substance, methamphetamine

Jason Eugene Miller-evading arrest or detention-vehicle

Troy Jefferson Williams-retaliation

Wesley Marshall Hogue-unauthorized use of motor vehicle

Charles David Whitehead-retaliation

Troy Jefferson Williams-criminal mischief

Wesley Marshall Hogue-manufacture of control substance, methamphetamine

Daniel William Forcier-indecency with a child

Phillip Joseph Lee-possession control substance, methamphetamine, less than 1 gm

Carlos Arturo Morgan-theft, \$1500 >but< \$20,000

James Paul Beasley-theft, 20K>but<100K

Brittany Jade Davis-forgery by making

## Eastland County and District Clerk Take Part in Seminar at College Station



Cathy Jentho, County Clerk and Loretta Key, District Clerk joined over 400 clerks for the 32nd Annual County and District Clerks Continuing Seminar at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center on January 12-15, 2004.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas Cooperative Extension. The institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

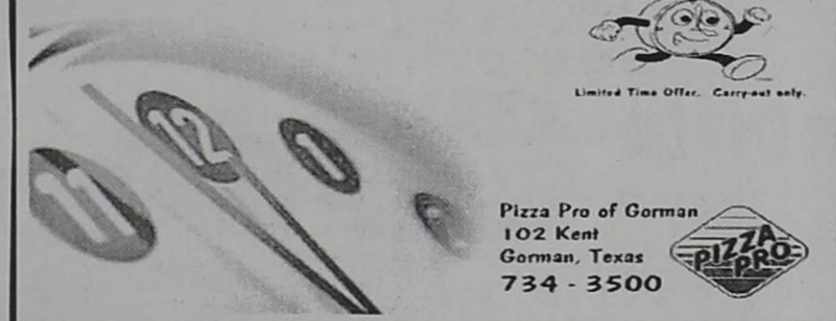
The theme of this year's seminar was "The Voice of Experience...A Priceless Treasure." Included in the program were workshops on the appeals process, bond forfeitures, confidential records, unusual processes and filings and ethical behavior for county officials and much more.

Clerks who attended the session could earn 17 hours of credit.

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20310 - '00 Chevy 1500EC LS	Auto, loaded, cd, 45K	\$14,990
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# Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

## In Grave Danger

Anyone who professes to be a Christian is in grave danger:

1. When he rejects the clear states of the Bible because "They don't speak to me."
2. When he substitutes the opinions of human beings for the revelation of God as found in the Scriptures.
3. When he thinks he can receive Christ but reject what the Bible teaches about his person and work.
4. When he thinks it is possible to have Christianity without Christian doctrine--the content on which the Christian faith is built.
5. When he substitutes activity in the church and its programs for personal spiritual nurture.
6. When he gets so busy with the affairs of the world that regular prayer and bible study are pushed aside by his heavy schedule.

Ina Smith and the Art Class have made beautiful Valentine holders for each resident's door. Residents will enjoy getting Valentines.

Henry Lenz of Carbon and Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood were visitors.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for twenty residents. The lesson was "God Works in His Time." Background passage 1 Samuel 26:1-25. The key Bible verses were 1 Samuel 26:23-24. Mrs. Campbell led the songs and memory verses. A resident led the closing prayer. Howard and Pat Hagood were visitors.

Some visitors were Jason and Ruth Killebrew of DeLeon, Ace and Ruth Goates, Anita Goates, Janice Goates of Abilene.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Church of Christ were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Dubbie Truitt and Mary Webb. Bro. Larry led singing and then his message was from John 1:1-10. Several residents were present. Bro. Truitt led the closing prayer. Two guests were Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks.

Recent guests were Randy Rainey of Proctor, Mintie McCoy of Rising Star, Tim Carter, S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland, Esther Cannon of Conroe, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery opened the beauty shop for hair styling.

Visiting were Billie Jean Grisham and Taylor Hope Mahan of DeLeon, Lucy Joiner and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville, Don Joiner of Houston, Howard and Barbra Joiner of Arlington, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Robert and Becky Moore, Randy and Leslie Green, and Emily Green of DeLeon.

Residents enjoyed the good magazines that were donated. Some guests were Marie Cook and Sylvia Estes of Carbon, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for a large group of residents.

Some guests were Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Annie Fay Foster, Martha Overstreet, Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains.

Ina Smith has decorated for Valentines with ivy, hearts and lights. It sure looks pretty.

Visitors were E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Eastland, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Tootie and Bill Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Thomas and Vickie Seay.

Monday afternoon those coming for the Gospel Singing were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Daisy Slaton, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Johnnie B. Griffith. There were 13 residents present. Woodrow voiced the prayer.

Some guests were J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Snider and Bill Moll of Cisco, Gary Owens of Abilene, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Diana Snider, Kenneth Welch, Larry and DeLinda Snider.

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

Recent visitors were Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Levi Roberts, Shannon Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Pat and Howard Hagood, Shaler Roberts.

Tuesday, residents were happy to have Ina Smith help with bingo.

Visiting were Bonnie Croft, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel of Stephenville, Irene West, Don Landers of Springtown, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel. The subject was "Christian Rest." Biblical passage was Hebrews 4:1-9. There were 11 residents present. A resident voiced the closing prayer.

Some guests were Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Don and Jo Carey of Midlothian, Durward and Mary Webb, Irene West, Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Ima Brown, Ruthie Porter, Ann Warren, Wilburn Overstreet.

Wednesday afternoon Ina Smith had "Crazy Bingo." Prizes and treats were enjoyed by all.

Visiting were Jennifer Harper of Lampasses, Kim Ryon and Kelli Williams of Desdemona, Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Steve and Dorenda Minton of Buchanan Dam, Karen Guthery.

On Thursday morning resident enjoyed "Word Games" with Ina Smith.

Some guests were Stanley Porter, Tootie Campbell, Jerry and Sherry and Mason Parrish of Comanche, Gena Rone, Jimmy Little.

On Thursday afternoon residents enjoyed the Art Class with Ina Smith.

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

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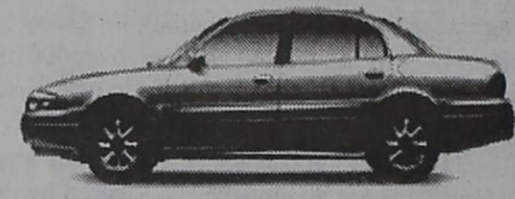
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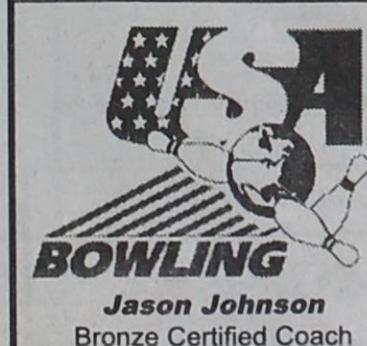
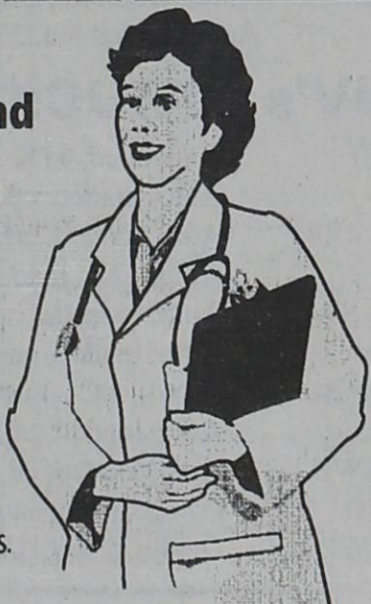
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For more information about careers in nursing, go to:  
<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/careers/nursing.html>.

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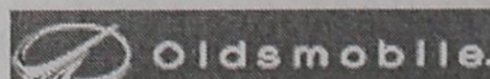
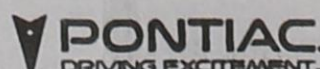
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