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Gorman Fire Department Open House Slated

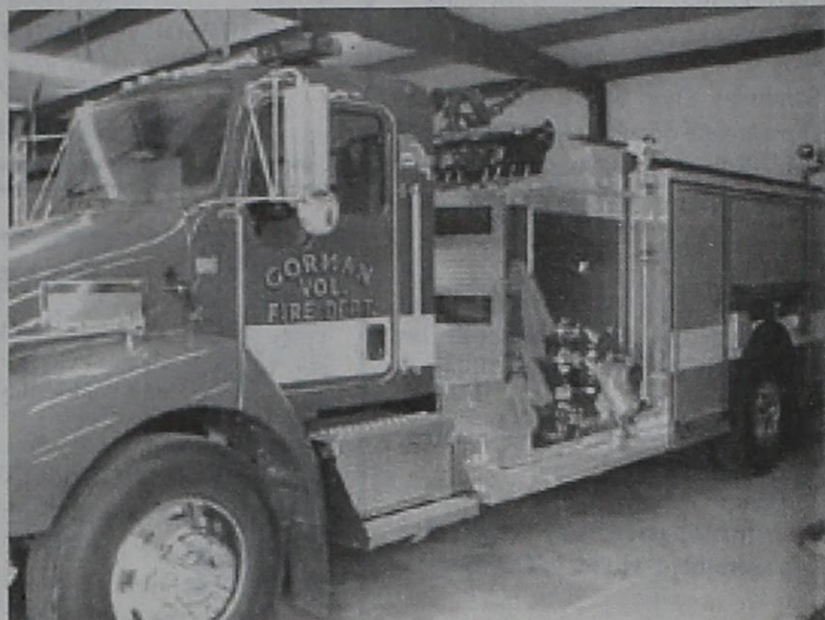
Fire Department Open House is set for November 6th, Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be serving free hot dogs, chips, cold drinks and cookies. We are inviting everyone in Gorman to see our new truck.

This truck was purchased by a 90% grant from FEMA. It is a Pumper-Rescue truck. The pumper we had does not have a pump large enough to qualify as a "Class A Pumper." With this new truck, it will also improve the Key Rate on insurance. Plus it gives us advanced equipment to fight fires.

Some come by the Station on November 6th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for free hot dogs and give us an opportunity to show our new Fire Pumper and Rescue Truck.

Also, a big thank you to Nathan Files for staining and varnishing all the boards inside the compartments.

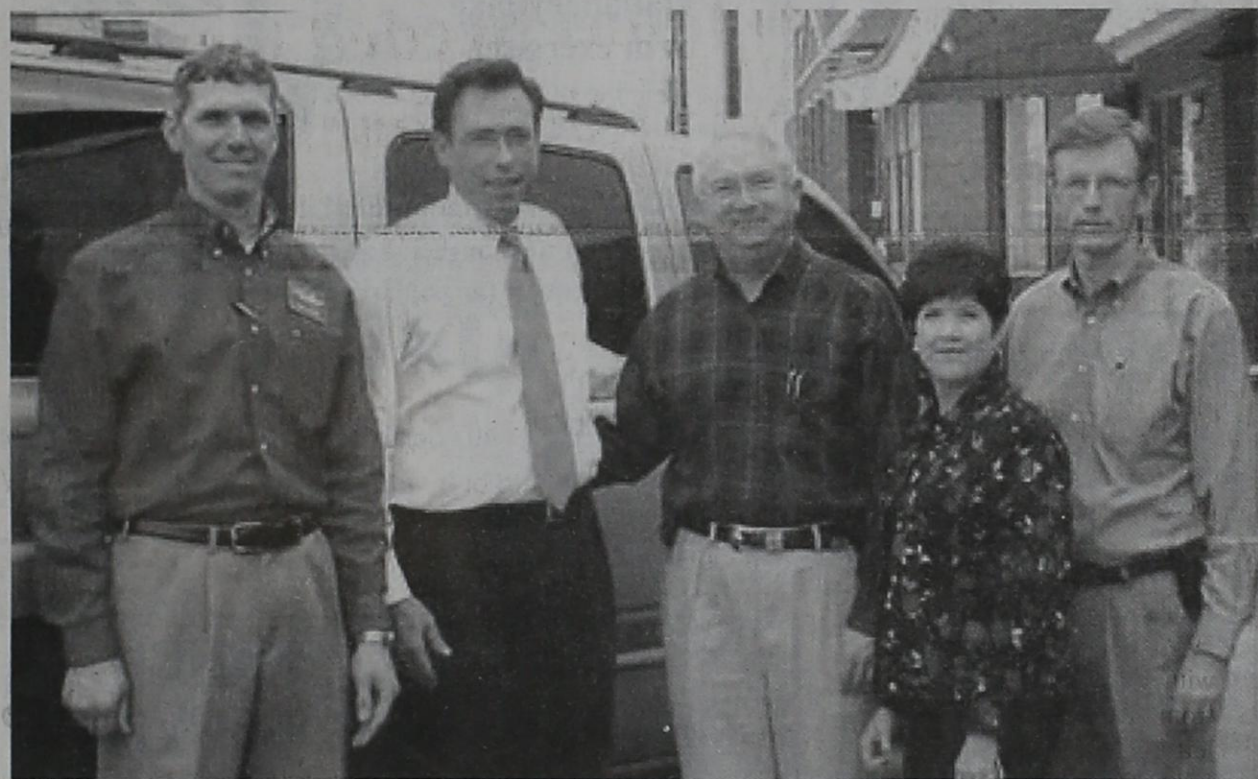
Gene Foster, Fire Chief



More Photos of the Fire Truck inside this issue

Make Plans To
Attend This Open House

Congressman Neugebauer Visited Gorman Last Week



Congressman Randy Neugebauer (center), his wife, Dana, and two members of his staff visited Gorman on Wednesday, October 27. After meeting with senior citizens during their lunch at the Community Center, the Congressman met with citizens from across the community while having lunch at the Whistle Stop restaurant.

In the photo above Dan Hunter and Richard Watson are shown with the Congressman and his wife and one staff member.

From there, the party visited the Gorman Schools, meeting with various members of the administration and faculty and availing themselves of the opportunity to meet many of the high school students who were on their lunch break.

Other stops included Southwestern Peanut Growers Association and Gorman Milling where the Congressman briefly outlined his plans to continue working for strong families, strong businesses, and national security policies to ensure a strong America.

Congressman Neugebauer represents the 19th Congressional District, and if returned to that office by voters on November 2, he will represent Gorman and Eastland County as a part of that district. The Congressman stated that he looked forward to establishing long-standing relationships with constituents in the Gorman area.

Tour of Homes? Yes! Tour of Homes!!

Gorman GROW would like to extend the invitation to homeowners in the Gorman Area to participate in the 5th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. The Tour will be Sunday December 12. If you are interested in either having your home on the Tour or would like to help, please contact Suzan Lipson at 734-4305 or Lori Dodd at 734-3933.



Mr. Boles and his Intro to Ag Science class came and sacked candy for two days in preparation for the annual Halloween Spook Parade. The class was small in number but Big on help! Trey Underwood, Carlos Gutierrez, Jimmy Murphey (not pictured), Daniel Shirley, and Jerry Earles. Thank you for all of your help!

Panthers Drop Ranger 32-22; Host Goldthwaite Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		
Gorman		Ranger
18	First Downs	7
54/322	Carries/Yds.	25/124
13	Yds. Passing	106
1 of 8	Passes/Comp.	4 of 13
1	Interceptions	0
2-1	Fumbles/Lost	3-3
2/31	Punts/Avg.	5/31
1/10	Penalties	5/50

The Gorman Panthers hit the road to Ranger to take on the Bulldogs on Friday night and come away with a 13A District victory. The Panthers led 10-7 at the halftime mark and added 12 in the third and 10 in the fourth while holding the Bulldogs to 15 points in the last half. The Big Red defense was hurt on a couple of long runs and a couple of long passes.

Gorman hit the score board first in the second period with 5:44 left when Clint Jones booted a field goal of 25 yards after failing to make a first down on the Ranger 15. The drive featured a 14 yard run by Joey Jones, and a 22 yarder by Sanchez.

Ranger came right back on their next possession and after getting the ball on their own 19. Jacob Russell broke through the Big Red defense and raced 81 yards for the score with 4:53 left in the second. He also added the point after and Ranger led 7-3.

Then after exchanging possessions the Panthers got a break after a short punt gave them the ball at the Ranger 8. Reggie Sanchez, got 3 yards on the first down and Joey Jones got 4 on second before John Torres got the TD from the one with 1:16 left in the half. Clint Jones booted the point after and Gorman led 10-7.

During the intermission both bands performed great routines and received praise from the fans.

After holding the Bulldogs on the first possession after halftime the Panthers got the ball on the Ranger 29 on a fumble and scored in 4 plays with John Torres getting the score from 8 yards out on a run with 9:55 left in the third. The kick for point failed and the score was 16-7.

But on the next possession the Bulldogs got the ball on their own 31 and moved to the Gorman 10 before being forced to try a field goal of 20 yards by Jacob Russell which was good and the score was 16-10.

However Gorman was not to be outdone and started a scoring drive

from their own 28 and went the distance in 7 plays with Sanchez getting the honors from 27 yards out with 3:11 left in the third. The drive featured runs of 7, 1 and 10 by Jones, an 11 yarder by Torres and a 9 yarder by Sanchez. The run for 2 points failed and Gorman led 22-10.

The Bulldogs added another score late in the third when they took the ball on Gorman's 36 following a failed 4th down try and in just one big run Russell again got loose and raced the 36 yards for the score with just 53 seconds left. The kick try failed and the score was 22-16.

Again the Panthers fought back and on their next possession they went 66 yards on 9 plays before having the kick another field goal by Clint Jones of 20 yards with 7:52 left in the game. The drive featured runs of 8, 5, and 2 by Jones, and 11 and 4 by Torres and 16 and 2 by Sanchez. Ryan Wright set Gorman up by the Ranger 10 with a 4 yarder. The score rose to 25 to 16.

The Bulldogs came back on their next possession and went 63 yards in 5 plays with Josh Stewart catching a 45 yard pass for the score with 5:03 left. The kick failed and the score was 25-22.

Again the Panthers were not to be denied and got a great run back on the kickoff to the Bulldog 28. They scored in 5 plays with Ryan Wright getting the honors from 6 yards out with just 1:59 left in the game. Clint Jones kicked the point after and Gorman was up 32-22.

From there on the Big Red defense held the Bulldogs on downs to kill the clock.

Reggie Sanchez led the Panthers with 126 yards on 17 carries. John Torres got 86 on 16. Joey Jones had 77 on 15 and Wright had 33 on 6 keepers.

The Panthers will face their toughest test of the season this Friday night when they host the Goldthwaite Eagles at Brogdon Field at 7:30 p.m. So come on out and back the Panthers in this one and shown they we support them all the way.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

Photos on the Panthers On Page Four

Donations Needed for UIL Competition Snack Bar

Gorman Schools will be accepting donations of bottle drinks, chips, and canned chili for UIL competition snack bar. Donations will be accepted through November 22. Take to Debbie Burleson at the Gorman Grade School.

Gorman FFA Fruit Sale

The Gorman FFA Chapter started the Annual Fruit Sale November 2. If you would like to place an order with a chapter member for fruit, ham or turkey and one has not contacted you, please call the Gorman Ag Shop or Shawn Boles @ (254) 734-2505.

The Gorman FFA would like to thank the community for their continued loyal support.

Cash for Cans Begins

The Cash for Cans Contest officially kicks off Tuesday November 2 There have been several local groups take up the challenge. The GISD Elementary School, Middle School and High School will be participating. Also, Gorman GROW and the Gorman 4-H Clubs are collecting cans. If you are a member of the Lions Club or Masons civic clubs, if your church has a large Sunday School class that would like to take part please just set a time and place to collect your cans. Your group could win a CASH PRIZE for the most cans collected in that two week period PLEASE, Aluminum cans only, and crushing is preferred, but not required.

Also, if you are not a member of any of these local organizations, but would like to donate your cans please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or ldodd@gormantexas.us.

Thanks to everyone for helping Texas Recycle and cleaning up our community!

Thank You Tacy

Johnny and I would like to say a Special Thank You to Tacy Warren for making this years Halloween Parade possible.

After I broke my leg, fractured a bone in my ankle and was facing surgery, I just didn't see any way possible for me to go out and collect the donations, bag the candy and all the other things that are involved in putting on the Halloween Parade and I was very upset about it. Then Tacy volunteered to do all of it for me. What a relief. This is the first time since I started the Halloween Parade that I didn't have to do anything and it was also the first time I didn't dress up and I really missed that.

So I ask everyone, when you see Tacy tell her how much you appreciate all she did to make this years Halloween Parade an big success.

Again Thank you Tacy, you will never know how much I appreciate what you did.

s/Ina and Johnny Smith

School News

Monday, November 8th - Jr. High Basketball - 5:00 p.m.-here
Thursday, November 11th - Veteran's Day
Saturday, November 13th - Jr. High & High School Band Clinic

B-B-Q Benefit

For Kendra Lewis

November 6th — 1 to 7 p.m.

Desdemona Community Center

Dinner Includes: BBQ Brisket, beans, potato salad, bread by donation of \$7.00 at least.

Other activities planned - More in next week's issue

ITEMS OF INTEREST

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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

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

FOOD BANK

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m.
Methodist Church

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

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

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. Bob Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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.

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.

Obituaries

Coy Otwell

Coy Otwell, age 87, of DeLeon died on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Thursday, October 28, 2004 at the DeLeon First United Methodist Church with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Otwell was born on October 28, 1916 in Comanche County to the late Rufus Otwell and Lillian Nabors Otwell. He married Alene Pilcher on September 30, 1937 in Comanche. He was owner/operator of Coy's Cleaners for 34 years; resident of DeLeon all his life; and member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Peggy Mitchell and husband Don of DeLeon; one brother Wayne Otwell of DeLeon; sister Marinell Skaggs of DeLeon; three granddaughters, Cathy Benson and husband Bill, Connie McElroy and Kelly Smith and husband Craig; eleven great-grandchildren, Dustin Smith, Mark McElroy, Jr., Crissy McElroy, Kimberly Smith, Russel McElroy, Cari Benson, Brett Benson, Kevin Smith, Mitchell Benson, Brook Benson and Zachary Benson.

Preceded by wife Alene Otwell on December 22, 2003; two brothers, Nathan Otwell and Edward Otwell and twin sisters Nelda and Melba Otwell.

Thelma Irene Brown

Thelma Irene Brown, age 83, passed away Saturday, October 30, 2004 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman. Services were Monday, November 1, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Bill Campbell officiating. Burial was at the Gorman Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was born April 11, 1921 in Comanche County to Thomas Forrest and Eunis (Woodfin) Forrest. She married Winston Brown on July 23, 1941 in DeLeon. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Winston of Gorman; five sons and their wives, Ronnie and Terrie Brown of Lamesa, Dennis and Debbie Brown of Longview, Stanley and Lisa Brown of Lamesa, Roger Brown of Big Spring and Jerry Brown of Gorman; five sisters, Lavelle Hallmark of Lake Leon, Betty Logan of Lake Leon, Zelma Sharp of Gorman, Brenda Sears of Proctor and Wanda Crenshaw of Lake Havasu City, AR; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Gerry Lynn Brown and two sisters, Tommy Guthery and Avis Painter.

De Leon First United Methodist Church Harvest Festival

The De Leon United Methodist Church celebrates its annual Harvest Festival on November 6, 2004 at the De Leon City Hall. The doors will open to the public at 10:00 a.m. We invite you to come join us for food, fun and fellowship. Howard and Kelly Dickey are this year's chairpersons. The proceeds from the Harvest Festival will benefit and support the various outreach and mission projects including the Jump Start after school program, sponsored by the Methodist Church.

Shop at the Methodist Marketplace, a booth showcasing a wide variety of crafts and gifts made by members of our congregation. If you don't find what you need at the Methodist Marketplace, you will be sure to find something at the Country Store. The ladies of the United Methodist Women will be selling wonderful cards to let those you love know that you care at The Greeting Card Shop. The Country Kitchen, will be selling homemade pies, cakes and other dessert dishes, so come stock up for the holidays. The Frozen Casserole booth will be selling delicious homemade casseroles again this year. The casseroles sell out quickly, so be sure to come by this booth early. What kitchen would be complete without an apron or potholder? The Apron Shoppe will be selling handmade aprons, potholders and other items for your kitchen and home. Jerry Neeley will make sure that your knives and scissors are sharp for your holiday cooking and wrapping at the Knife Sharpening Booth. The MYF will have a booth as well where they will entertain the youngsters with a variety of activities, and sell you some delicious homemade hot sauce.

Lunch will be available at the Sandwich Shop where you can purchase sandwiches, stew, or chili and homemade desserts. The traditional barbeque dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the barbeque dinner will be sold at the door. Live music from the Breath of Life worship team will be provided during supper.

The annual auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. This year we have a baseball signed by Nolan Ryan and a football signed by several former Dallas Cowboys. We also have footballs signed by this year's football teams

Marie A. Files Ross

Marie A. Files Ross, 72, of Pearland, Texas passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2004. Memorial services were held Monday, October 25, 2004 in Pearland.

Preceded in death by her parents, Thaliah and John D. Files, brother John Dewayne Files. Survivors include daughter Debbie Blankinship, son-in-law Jerry D., granddaughter Tammy and Mikaela Blankinship of Pearland, Texas; sister Margaret Kimmell and brother-in-law Darrell of Desdemona.

NOTICE

We would like to apologize for the time it is taking to get all of the new poly carts set. The transaction of the change will just take some time, but we feel it will be worth it. BFI has reminded us that all residents need to be sure and put the cart back out at the edge of the street where it was originally set for the day of trash pick up. If you do not yet have a container, one will soon be delivered. BFI and the City are trying to get everyone a cart delivered as soon as possible. Again we apologize for the inconvenience.

If you already have your poly container please be sure to use it for all of your disposal. Please do not place anything on or beside your container for pick up.

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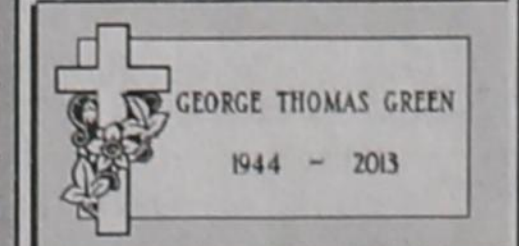
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596 A., 4/2, brick, barns, creek, pasture, wildlife. \$685,000. **SOLD**
512 A. on Sabanna River, 12 ponds, pecan trees, rural water, pasture, hunting. \$740,000. **SOLD**
382 A. large pond & irrig. pit, 4 small ponds, irrig. Wells, good fences, pecan trees, woods, coastal, hunting. \$515,700 **SOLD**
216 A. excellent coastal, 2 tanks, irrig. wells, hwy. frontage. #270,000 **SOLD**
175 A. coastal cropland, 115 A. wooded, well, hunting, \$157,500 **Under Contract**
160 A. cropland, live oaks and mesquite, hunting. \$195,000 **Sold**
157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250
132 A. Hwy. frontage, tank, 4 wells, coastal, cropland. \$165,000 **Under Contract**
99A 5/4, 4300 sf brick, metal barn, 5 water wells, large reservoir, rock drive, and much more. \$477,500
97A 5/4.5, 5632 sf brick, swimming pool, deck with hot tub, metal barn, pecan trees, tanks, corral, and much more. \$582,000
77 A. Palo Pinto Co., Woods, creek, hunting, might divide. \$240,000
66A Near Rising Star, mature pecan orchard, 5 wells, underground mainline, by golf course, good home site. \$108,900
58 A. Tank, water well, good home site. \$95,700
57 A. 4/2 2,340 sf home, small lake, woods. \$149,000. **SOLD**
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LOST DOG - REWARD! White lab, 8 months old, has collar. Last seen north of Desdemona on Ranger Hwy. Call 254-893-6737. 1-11-4-C

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Gorman Delegates attend TMCN Annual Conference

A group of Gorman residents attended the 11th Annual Texas Midwest Community Network Conference in Abilene on October 20th. Those attending were EDC Director Lori Dodd, EDC Board Members Becky Lamnack, Kim Sharp and Cliffa Vaughn, and Rural Texas Access Vice President Suzan Lipson.

There were a number of interesting sessions pertaining to a wide variety of topics. Solution Seminars that targeted Chamber of Commerce issues, Economic Development issues and wider topics such as legislative issues for the upcoming year. There were even seminars on Renewable Energy and Fuel Cell theory.

The luncheon speaker was Tom Copeland from the Texas State Film Institute. He discussed ways to get film industry to visit your community.

It was a great informative day. And if you see any of the ones that attended the seminar, ask them about some of the great ideas they came back with, and ready to put to the test here in our little community. It's a great way to get a new spark of Community Development started.

2004 O'Neal Family Reunion

The O'Neal Family Reunion was held on October 28, 29 and 30, 2004 in Abilene at the Ambassador Suites across from the Mall of Abilene. Departure was on Sunday October 31st. Bob and LaNelle O'Neal of Abilene were hosts for the reunion.

Those arriving early on Thursday October 28th had dinner at El Fenix. On Friday October 29th the noon meal was at the Ambassador Suites. The evening meal was at the Perini Ranch.

On Saturday, October 30th, breakfast was as usual. Lunch was at Casa Herrera Restaurant. About 1:30 they left for a tour of the new Frontier Texas. The City of Abilene spent millions on this and it is really something to see. It took about 2 hours to do this tour.

Later in the evening all went to the Ball Ranch for dinner and live entertainment. The band played and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Nancy Hendricks.

In between all the activities there was time for lots of visiting.

Breakfast on Sunday morning, October 31st was at the Ambassador Suites, and then it was time for the "goodbyes" with plans to all meet again in 2005.

Those attending and enjoying the reunion were Bob and LaNelle O'Neal of Abilene, TX, Don and Lani O'Neal of Houston, TX, Kelly and Tina Buchanan of West Columbia, TX, Lydia and Marv Adams of Abilene, TX, Alma Yvonne Hoover of Ontario, CA, Maria Razo of Pamona, CA, Debra O'Neal of Eugene Oregon, Donald Fallet of Eugene Oregon, Nancy Hendricks of Gorman, TX, Wynell and John Stone of Hico, TX, Holly Hunter of Hico, TX, Sharon (O'Neal) and Roy Davis of Odessa, TX Sylvia Buchanan of Gorman, TX, Barbara Barnett of San Angelo, TX, John L. Barnett of San Angelo, TX, Sherie Metcalf of Abilene, TX, Kristen Metcalf of Abilene, TX, Paula Eppler Knowles of Granbury, TX, Paul & Sue (O'Neal) Hoy, of Conroe, TX, Tara Jones of Abilene, TX, Katelyn Jones of Abilene, TX., Andrew Turner of Abilene, TX, Seth Clymer of Willis, TX and Katy Grothe of Conroe, TX.

First Baptist Church Willing Workers Meet

On Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, the Willing Workers Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met at the hotel for our business meeting and fellowship. We started with a prayer by Lucille Broom. Grace Townley gave report as our Treasurer. We discussed several things that are up coming in our church. We have been very busy so far this year under the leadership of our Lord and our pastor and wife, Bro. Bill and Tootie.

We have accomplished some good things for our church. We celebrated our 120th Anniversary of our church and that was a wonderful day, and we are working on some other projects at this time.

We have also had some sad times as we recently lost one of our Deacons, W.C. Browning; also, Jack Bennett, Era Maupin, and Iris Preston. They are all greatly missed.

Those attending were our teacher, Tootie Campbell; assistant teacher, Linda Gibbs; Billie Bennett, Grace Townley, Winnelle Browning, Lucille Broom, and Irene West.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

What a wonderful 5th Sunday singing we had at the Kokomo Baptist Church as several churches of the area gathered together to sing praises to the Lord. I think the Lord must be pleased when Christians come together to worship.

The singing was under the direction of Woodrow Browning, the music director of Kokomo Baptist Church. There was lots of good congregational singing, specials from the different churches, and the Bell Choir from the New Hope Baptist Church. It does our hearts good to see the children and young people participating. There was also a wonderful testimony from a young man who had just returned from a mission trip to Bolivia.

Following the singing all gathered in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson, gave the benediction and the prayer of thanks for the food.

Our thanks to all who came to worship with us.

Jimmy Little, with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano, directed the music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Oren and Norma Webb visited in Granbury on Friday night with James and Chelsea Webb and attended the football game between Granbury and Mansville to see Jantzen play. He is a member of the

Granbury High School team, and they won their game.

Delmon Eaves spent Friday night and Saturday in Ennis with Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis and attended the Ennis - Athens football game Friday night. Chris is one of the quarterbacks of the Ennis High School team and got to play the entire second half of the game and helped the team score a big win over Athens. Delmon also got to see Jon play football on Saturday. Jon is a 6th grader. He is on the "Lions" team, and though they didn't win, Delmon was happy to be there to see him play.

Vicky Histed and daughter of Ranger and Denise Cleaver and daughters of Eastland stayed with Joyce Eaves while Delmon visited in Ennis.

Bobby and Nina Koonce of Stephenville and Beverley and Bob Pharris of Haskell were recent visitors with Larry and Betty Strube.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Charlie Torrez, Jr., Reid Torrez, lke Torrez, Jonell Torrez,

Lupe and Kathy Torres all of Gorman, Johnnie B.Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

Nancy Hendricks and Sylvia Buchanan were in Abilene during the weekend to attend the O'Neal Family Reunion.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider last week were: Dale, Kathy, Matt and Scott Collum of Huckabay, Isaac and Ella Segura, Mike, Crystal and Rachel Snider of Gorman, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, and Gene and Kay Snider. LaVon visited with Justin Snider of Pierre, SD who was home for a long weekend.

Shorty Treadway of Ranger, Jared and Amy Browder of Eastland and Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday night and enjoyed the domino game of "Mexican Train".

A hard blowing rain came through the community on Sunday afternoon, and then there was more rain on Sunday night and Monday night. Some got over an inch of rain on Sunday.

REAL ESTATE - WELDING SHOP - MISC. ESTATE AUCTION

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Due to the death of V. O. Huff the following will be sold by Public Auction. Mr. Huff operated a welding shop in Gorman for 50 years.

REAL ESTATE

App. 1400 sq. ft. older frame Home w/3 bedrooms - bath - living - dining - kitchen & utility rooms. Home is situated on an entire pipe fenced city block app. 160 x 300 ft. Lot has water well - older welding shop building - app. 6 other buildings - PLUS - livestock pens & shed.

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FURNITURE

Oval top trunk; lg. Dearborn heater; office desk; 2-T V's; recliners; sofas; heaters; stereo; modern brass queen bed; chest; round oak dining table; 4-ook dining chairs; washer & dryer; 3-refrigerators; metal cabinets; quilt boxes; 40's chest; queen bed; PF rocker; sm. Lowery organ; fans; metal bed; office size refrigerator; 8 gun cab.; records.

MISC.

Upright base fiddle-3/4 size; Cortley base guitar; old fiddle; amplifier; dozens of deer antlers; rods & reels; 6 ft. ornamental windmill; elec. motors; lg. lot gun reloading eqpt. & supplies; ammo boxes; pillow lock bearings; roller bearings; pulleys; roller chain; fittings; plumbing supplies; lots of scrap iron & parts.

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Pioneer Annual Quilt Show

The Pioneer Quilting Club will have their Annual Quilt Show on Saturday, November 6th at the Pioneer Community Center.

You are invited to bring quilts for display. This year, machine quilted as well as hand quilted quilts will be accepted.

The best of care will be given to each quilt, but we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage. There will be no entry fee. Quilts should be brought to the clubhouse the morning of the Show...Nov. 6 between 8 and 9:30 a.m. and picked up at 5 p.m.

A card stating the background history or interesting facts may be attached to the quilt if desired. The Quilt of Peoples Choice will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons.

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Cubs Whip Bulldogs 27-8

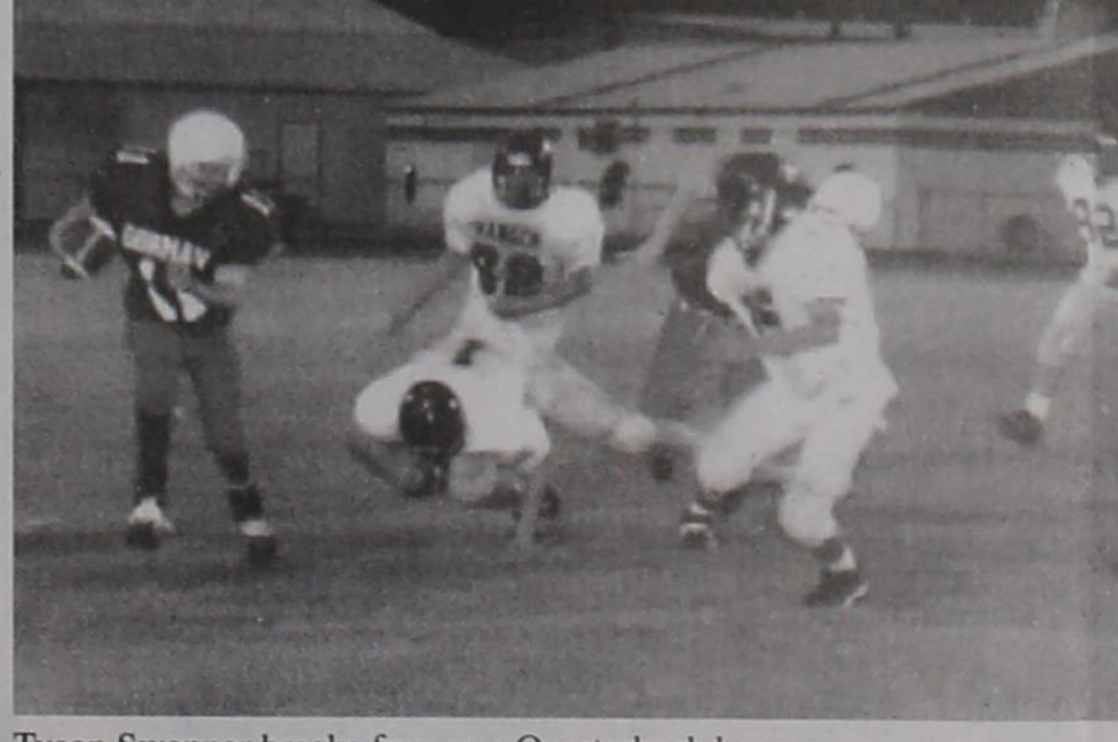
The Gorman Cubs hosted the Ranger Bulldogs Thursday night. Gorman started off the scoring in the 1st quarter when Tyson Swanner connected with Marc Gillen on a 20 yard touchdown pass. Swanner found Gillen for another touchdown of 15 yards in the same quarter. In the second quarter Martin Ramirez got into the scoring on a 40 yard T.D. scamper. The Cubs went in at half-time leading 19-0. Swanner and Gillen hooked up for another passing touchdown just after halftime giving the Cubs a 27-0 lead in the 3rd quarter. The Bulldogs managed a touchdown in the 4th quarter to end the scoring for both teams. Again, the Cubs came up with a great defensive performance, not allowing many yards or 1st downs throughout the game. Defensively Matt Underwood with 6 tackles, Miles Vann 5 tackles, Martin Ramirez 5 tackles (3 behind the line of scrimmage), Tyler Johnson 4 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Gabriel Burt 3 tackles and a quarterback sack. Tayler Chew, James Brown, Matt Cogburn, Marc Gillen, Ernest Rodriguiz, Clifton Lipson and Alex Giles also contributed on the great defensive performance. Players contributing on offense included Matt Underwood 6 carries 54 yards, Tyler Johnson 6 carries 29 yards, Martin Ramirez 2 carries 64 yards 1 T.D., Tyson Swanner completed 3 passes for T.D.s to Marc Gillen, and kicked a point after conversion. The offensive line consisting of Tayler Chew, Miles Vann, James Brown, Nathan Wilson, and Jessie Rodriguez did a great job blocking for the backs. Alex Giles, Jonathan Flores, Clifton Lipson, and Skyler Jones also contributed on the offensive line. Special teams did a great job throughout the game; Matt Underwood recovered a fumble and Jose Valasquez performed great. The Cubs travel to Goldthwaite this Thursday to take on the Eagles; this will be an exciting game, both teams are 7-1. The kick-off is set for 5:00 p.m. Please come out and support your Cubs on a very successful season.



#33 Martin Ramirez and #26 Ernie Rodriguez stop the Bulldogs for little gain



Defense holds the Bulldogs for loss of yardage. #26 Ernie Rodriguez, #30 Matt Underwood, #42 Tyler Johnson, #33 Martin Ramirez, #62 Miles Vann and #77 James Brown.



Tyson Swanner breaks free on a Quarterback keeper.

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Panthers Defeat Ranger



Joey Jones shown scampering through the line in game action friday night.



Panther defense about to sack Ranger Quarterback in game action Friday. Shown are David Ibarra, Zach Bryan and Reggie Sanchez.



Reggie Sanchez is shown trying to break free during game action friday night with Ranger

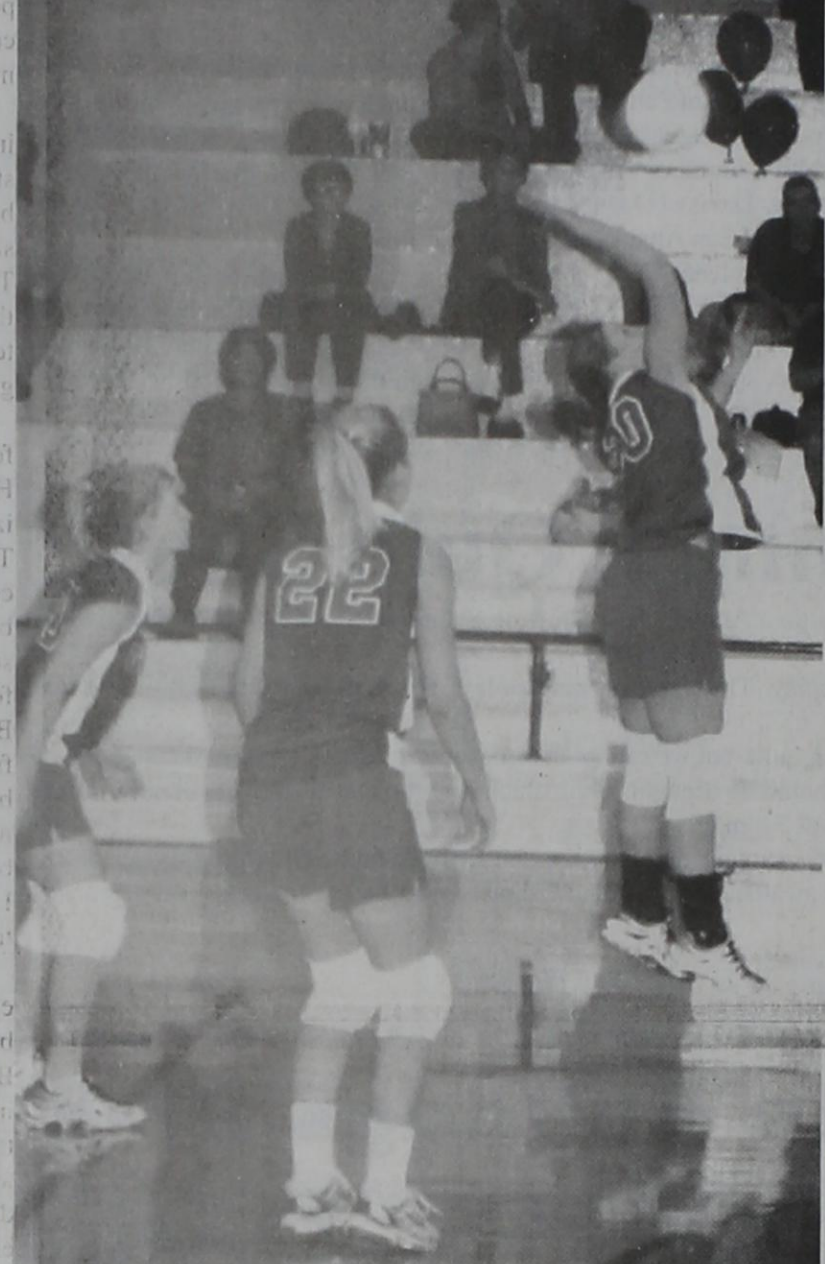


Eight Grade Class wins the Door Decorating Contest during Red Ribbon Week.

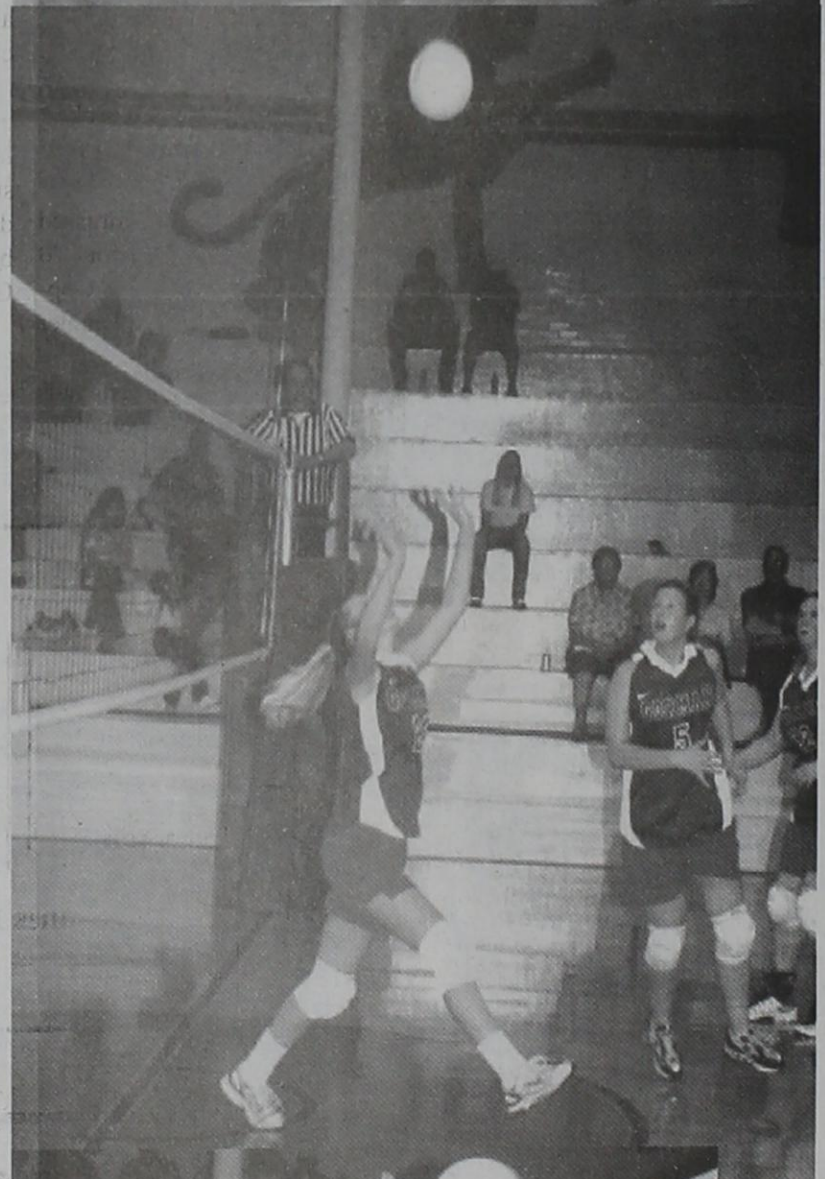
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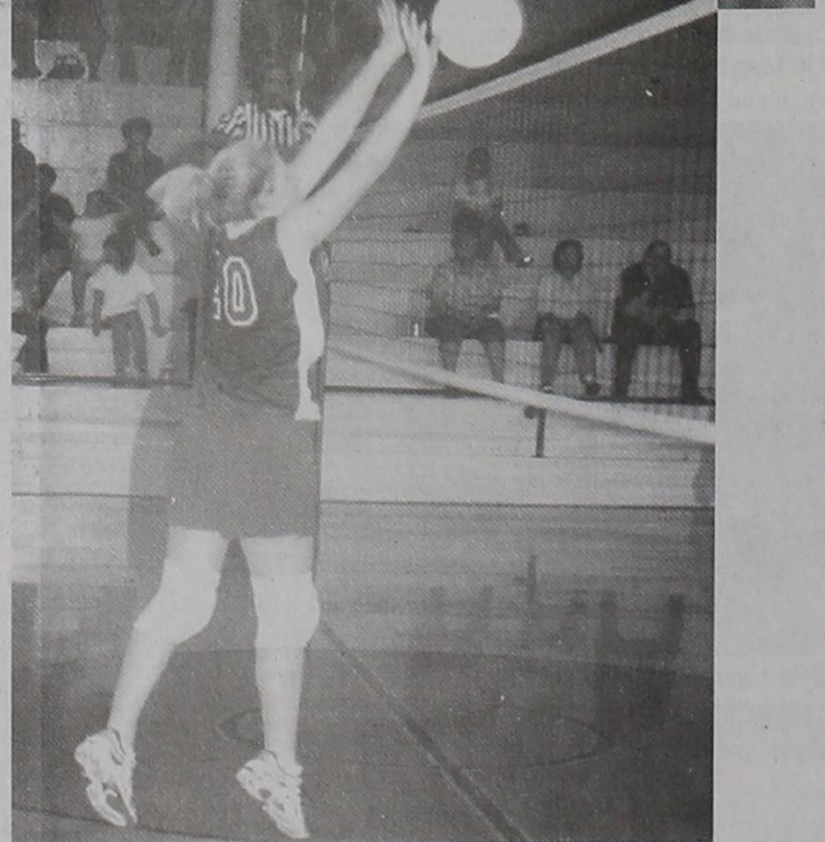
Lady Panthers Volleyball Team Coach Miranda Spear



Kendra Swanner Spikes Again To Roll Up the Score On Mullin



Senior Ashlee Hornback makes a Beautiful Set for another assist



Nikki Keith uses the Soft Touch to Score Points on this tip

Hunter - First Deer and Hog

Saturday morning Oct. 30, Hunter Childers (6 years old) shot his first deer. The buck had 7 points and weighed about 125 lbs. The shot was about 100 yards. He made the shot using my .22-250. I was very proud that the only thing I helped him with was taking the gun off safety. After the shot, the deer only ran about 32 yards.

We were hunting with friend Randall Gibbs, formerly of Gorman. Randall his wife Shellie and daughter Haven now reside between Brownwood and Brady.

The afternoon before, Oct 29th, I was going to bow hunt. I (Ronson Childers) decided to put Hunter in an elevated blind 80 yards away from where I would be hunting where we could see each other. I left him with my sony video camera and told him if he saw any deer to push the record button and film the deer. I didn't expect such a big deer to walk, but when it did, all I could think about was if Hunter was filming this and when could I try to make the shot. It all worked out great, Hunter filmed the deer and I shot it. This was the first time for Hunter to run the video camera and the next morning was his first time to shoot a deer.

A couple of months ago he shot a wild hog with my ruger .204



Hunter and Ronson with Hunter's first deer



Hunter and Ronson with Hunter's first hog



The deer, Ronson shot, had a 21" inside spread, 10 pts, field dressed about 155 lbs. The shot was about 15 yards and the deer ran about 70 yards before expiring. My bow hunting equipment Bowtech bow, Copper John sights, Hypershock Broadheads, Mossy Oak Camo, & Danner boots.

Currently I've been filming my hunts using Hypershock Broadheads for a hunting video to be shown at the 2005 Shot Show promoting Hypershock Broadheads.

Kendra Lewis To

Have Surgery

December 30, 2004

Kendra is a 15-year-old from Desdemona that attends Gorman High School. She is the daughter of Bit and Lori Lewis of Desdemona and Gina Alexander Roberts of Morgan Mill.

She has a Chiari 1 malformation of the cerebellum of the brain. This is an extra growth of brain tissue, extending into the spinal canal to the back side of the brain stem. The Chiari pushes the brain stem forward. What makes Kendra's condition so unique is that she also has a malformation of the odontoid process, on the front of the brain stem. This bone is formed at a backward angle, pushing into the brain stem. It is working like a mass, not allowing cerebral spinal fluid to pass. It touches and stimulates the area of the brain stem that controls respiratory and heart rate.

She is not in any pain or sick in any way. We just live in constant fear that she will pass out at any time, for any reason, and be at the mercy of people who know nothing about her condition, and she could have permanent nerve damage.

When she passes out, there are no interventions that will help her. She struggles to regain control of her breathing but cannot, her heart races, she is in and out of consciousness. These fainting episodes last five to thirty minutes at times. The only intervention that will help her is surgery.

Dr. Menezes, in Iowa will be performing this surgery in December. He is a neurosurgeon, who specializes in this type, called a transoral. To reach this bone, the odontoid process, he will have to go through the back of her mouth. There is not a surgeon in Texas who is able to perform this specific type of surgery. Basically she will then have a C1 fracture of the neck. Thus, she will be in a halo traction for three to six months until the bone heals. She will be in the hospital for three weeks, in Iowa, then home bound schooled for the rest of the year.

Insurance has agreed to cover the expense of the surgery, which has been estimated at 150,000 dollars. Both, the mother and father are asking for help to cover the expenses of traveling to Iowa, staying for almost a month, and not being able to work during this time. In addition one parent will stay home for the six months after surgery to take care of her special needs.

The community has been wonderful to assist with the expenses so far and we do greatly appreciate your support. If you would like to make a donation to Kendra an account has been set up American State Bank in Gorman.

Jr. High One-Act Play

The Junior High One-Act Play will be hosting a Dessert Matinee on Sunday afternoon, November 14, 2004 at 3:00 in the High School Auditorium where they will be performing scenes from *The Small World of Millie McIvor*, the slap-happy comedy from the 1930's. The admission is \$1 for Senior Citizens and Children under 11, and \$2 for all others. This year's play showcases Audrey Johnston as Millie, Miles Vann as Jonathan Crooker, Justin Little as Toby Ebers, Kimmy Seaton as Miss Lucy, Veronica Walton as Mrs. Gifford, and Brittany Henderson as Mrs. Hornbuckle. The Crew features Valerie Longoria as Stage Manager, Chance Williams, Taylor Chew and Tyler Johnson as technical staff. The troop will compete at District competition November 18th at Mineral Wells High School. Other Junior High schools competing at the District level are Graford, Perrin-Whitt, Santo, and Tolar. Gorman is the third school to perform with plays beginning at 1:00 and running back to back.

Doris Richeson Honored By Dairy Queen Corporation



PHOTO: International Dairy Queen Regional Manager Brad Davis presents 35-year Appreciation plaque to Doris Richeson

Grahamite Doris Richeson was honored recently by International Dairy Queen Corporation for 35 years in the business, during which Richeson has served several terms on Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council (TDQOC) and on International Dairy Queen's National Marketing Council in Minneapolis.

During the years Richeson has participated in Dairy Queen activities, she has developed a 49-store company, the largest group in the system, and worked on both Texas and national marketing and purchasing programs, providing leadership roles in integrating the franchise's efforts.

Richeson has served during the years in several offices, as TDQ's president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, as well as chairing several committees. Richeson Companies group provides over 600 jobs for Texans, and has an executive nucleus of long-time staffers. Doris Richeson has been joined in the company recently by her granddaughter, Amity Tillman LaNoy, an OU graduate, and grandson, Joe Tillman.

The award was presented by Brad Davis, IDQ's Regional Manager for West Texas. The presentation occurred at a managers' seminar held at Richeson RallyWorks in Graham, where topics included facility image, customer service and new food products.

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Texas far exceeds the national averages for rates of overweight and obesity in schoolchildren. Poor nutrition and poor exercise habits will rob our children of a bright future and cause them to suffer from illnesses that are preventable. That could force Texas taxpayers and Texas employers to pay an overwhelming cost.

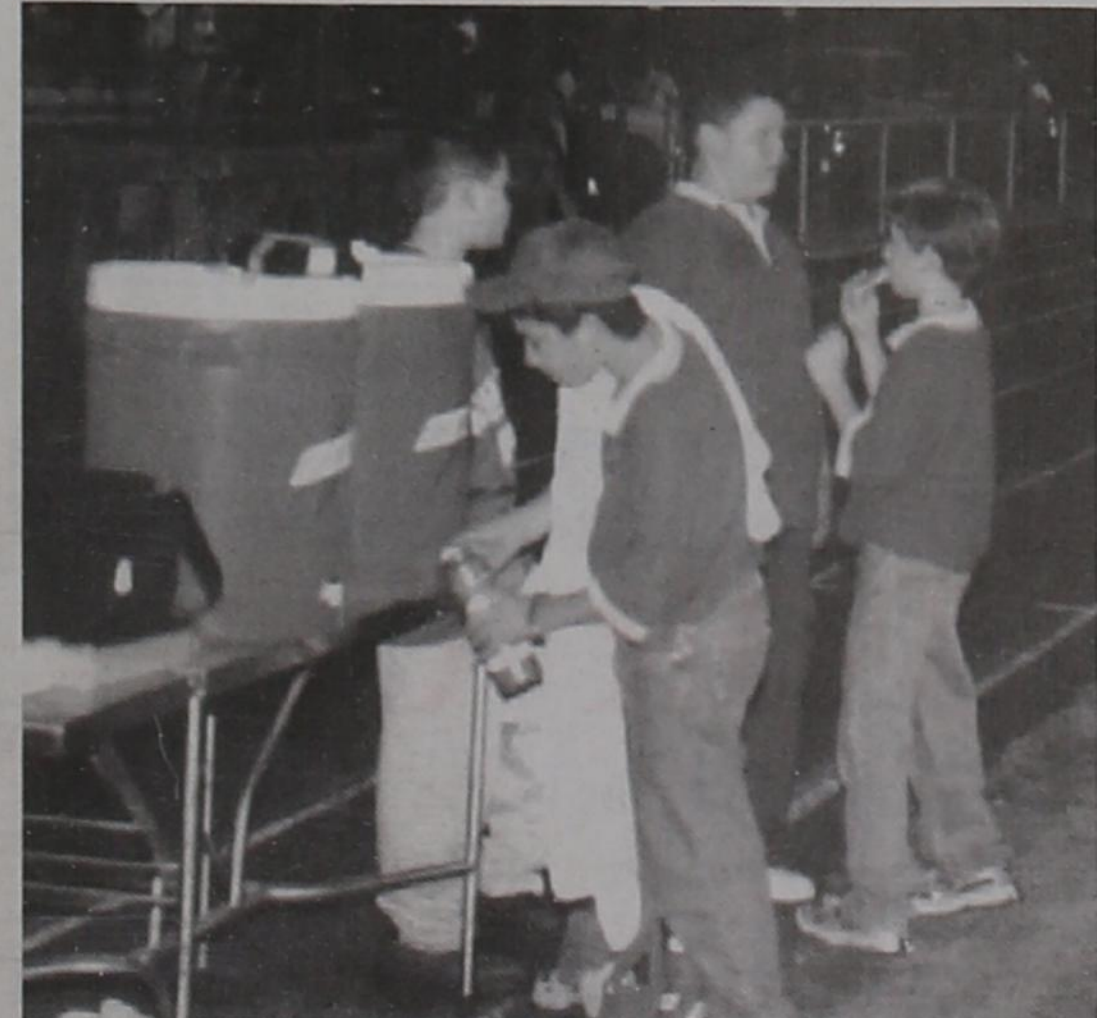
I recently chaired the Governor's Conference on Childhood Obesity in Texas, and we had candid discussions throughout the day on everything from exercise to the impact of obesity in the workplace. The conference brought together a broad-based group of experts from the health industry, business and industry, schools and state government to bring a Texas perspective and to develop Texas solutions to the growing obesity epidemic.

Eating habits are established early in life, and it is more important and cost efficient to prevent obesity than to treat it. It's important to change the environments our children are exposed to by encouraging walking and exercise programs, and this environmental change should occur within our communities. TDA has created some innovative ways to communicate this message, including the creation of our Square Meals Web site at www.squaremeals.org, providing schools with information on non-food rewards and fundraisers and creating meal planning and cooking guides.


It's clear that everyone agrees that the obesity epidemic sweeping the nation is urgent and real. And we in Texas are working to make sure we combat the problem with the help of our schools, parents and the farmers and ranchers who grow our nutritious food.



Junior High Cheerleaders - Lindsey Laminack, Kimmy Seaton, Elizabeth Borrego, Audrey Johnston, Brittany Henderson and Barbara Sherman



Outstanding Managers Team for the Junior High Cubs are Eric Ryon, A.J. Vaughn, Jonathan Fenley and Ben Burgess.



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Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

When We Die

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- Old skiers never die, they just go downhill.
- Old optometrists never die, they just lose their looks.
- Old salesmen never die, they just lose their line.
- Old tennis players never die, they just lose their bounce.
- Old podiatrists never die, they just lose their souls.
- Old postmen never die, they just lose their zip.
- Old gardeners never die, they just spade away.
- Old realtors never die, they just become listless.
- Old hunters never die, they just stay loaded.
- Old teachers never die, they just lose their class.
- Old opticians never die, they just lose their contacts.
- Old doctors never die, they just lose their patience.
- Old architects never die, they just change their plans.
- Old secretaries never die, they just lose their touch.
- Old plumbers never die, they just drain away.
- Old cooks never die, they just go to pot.
- Old farmers never die, they just get plowed under.
- Old banders never die, they just lose their interest.
- Old dentists never die, they just get down in the mouth.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

A Benefit Bar-B-Que dinner will be served on Saturday, November 6, 2004, at the Community center (former school building) in Desdemona for Kendra Lewis. Serving will begin at 1:00 p.m. Kendra is the daughter of Bit and Lori Lewis, granddaughter of Manford and Ruth Lewis all of Desdemona. Kendra, age 15, will have extensive brain surgery late in December and the family needs your help with expenses.

This reporter received a surprise phone call on Friday from Helen Craig in Denver, Colorado. She likes to stay "in-touch" with family and friends. The Craig family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Helen graduated with the Class of 1949 from Desdemona.

Clyde Wilhite Paul received shoulder injury recently during an accident at her apartment at Stephenville Good Tree. She spent a few days in the Stephenville hospital. Jo Ann Good of Topeka, Kansas is with her mother at this time to help with recovery. This family are former residents of Desdemona where Clyde graduated with the Class of 1928 and her daughter was in the Class of 1949.

Agatha Lee Hendriksen and husband of Wilmington, North Carolina visited several days this past week with her mother, Agatha Nance who lives in the Stephenville Good Tree Apartments. The Nance family are former residents of Desdemona. Agatha (Genoway) graduated with the Class of 1934 and her late husband, Morris Nance, graduated with the Class of 1935. Their children attended school in Desdemona.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Thelma Forrest Brown, 83, of Gorman. Burial was in the Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery on Monday, November 1, 2004. Survivors include her husband, Winston Brown of Gorman; five sons, five sisters, Zelma Sharp, Lavelle Hallmark, Betty Logan, Brenda Sears and Wanda Crenshaw. Preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Eunis Forrest, one son Gerry Brown, two sisters Avis Painter and Tommie Guthery.

The Forrest family are former residents of the Desdemona are where all their children attended school. Thelma graduated with the Class of 1938 from Desdemona.

Have a nice day, Vonnie.

Public Service Announcement

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, it is the largest provider of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). This program, funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act, enables the organization to help thousands of low-income individuals, age 55 and older, throughout the United States. Experience Works collaborates with nonprofit organizations and community-service agencies to provide paid work experience and training to seniors prior to transitioning into the workforce. Participants are placed at eligible training site for which they are paid the minimum wage for an average of 20 hours per week.

Experience Works mission is to put the experience of older individuals to work. Mature workers bring with them diverse talents, integrity, common sense, a strong work ethic and expertise acquired during their careers. Experience Works is currently recruiting individuals 55 and older, with limited income, who want to learn new skills, gain job experience, and ultimately work full- or part-time in their local communities.

Experience Works is holding an application and interview session at Ranger City Library, 718 Pine Street, Ranger, Texas on November 9, 2004 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. For more information call 254-734-3275 or 254-629-0909.

Some guests were Bonita Richards of Ft. Worth, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, James Ray and Arla Felts of Memphis, TX, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville.

On Sunday morning, those coming from First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, Bobby Rich, Vickie Seay, and Winston Brown. Tootie led the singing and Bobby taught the lesson, "Reaching for Real Life," and "How Can I Experience Real Life?" Bible passage Matthew 19:16-30, key verse, Matthew 19:26. A resident voiced the opening prayer and another led the closing prayer. There were twenty six residents present.

Visiting recently were Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Church of Christ were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Done and Delores Underwood, Louise Smart and Durward Webb. Don led the singing. Bro. Larry's topic, "Having Faith in the Gospel." Bible passage 2 Timothy 1:8-14. There were twelve present.

Visiting were Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth, Fay Cook, Marie Cook and Sylvia Estes of Carbon.

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

Guests were Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Levi Roberts, Shaylor Roberts and Kendra Roberts, Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine.

Residents appreciated the good magazines that were donated.

Visitors were Howard and Pat Hagood, Dale and Bess Curb, Bill Hagood, Bob Hagood, L.T. Hagood of Comanche, Matthew Brockman of Cisco.

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

Visiting were Dwayne Ervin of Hamilton, Anna Rush, Gearldene Wright, Don and Delores Underwood, Larry Stogsdill, Durward Webb, Louise Smart, Johnnie B. Griffith, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Ray and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock.

Monday afternoon Gospel Singers were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Winelle Browning, Ernestine Campbell, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Frankie Jo Shipman, Anna Rush, Johnnie B. Griffith, Gearldene Wright, and Nancy Hendricks. Billy Joe voiced the dismissal prayer. There were fourteen residents present.

Some guests were Vickie Seay, Stanley Porter, Bobby Rich, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Amber, Jordan and Weldon Dean Scitern.

On Tuesday afternoon, residents enjoyed cheese squares and ginger ale with Shanna Bass.

Visiting were Don Landers of Springtown, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Ernestine Campbell of Carbon, Steve and Derenda Menten, Frankie Jo Shipman.

On Wednesday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came for chapel. Her topic was, "God is Trustworthy." Bible passages from Psalms 56 and 57. Tootie showed a video by Bill and Gloria Gaither, "Ryman Gospel Reunion." There were twelve residents present.

Some guests were Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers, Henry Lenz of Carbon, Jason Kilbrev, Judy Kilbrev, Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Ruth Goates, Janice Goates and Anita Goates of Abilene.

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