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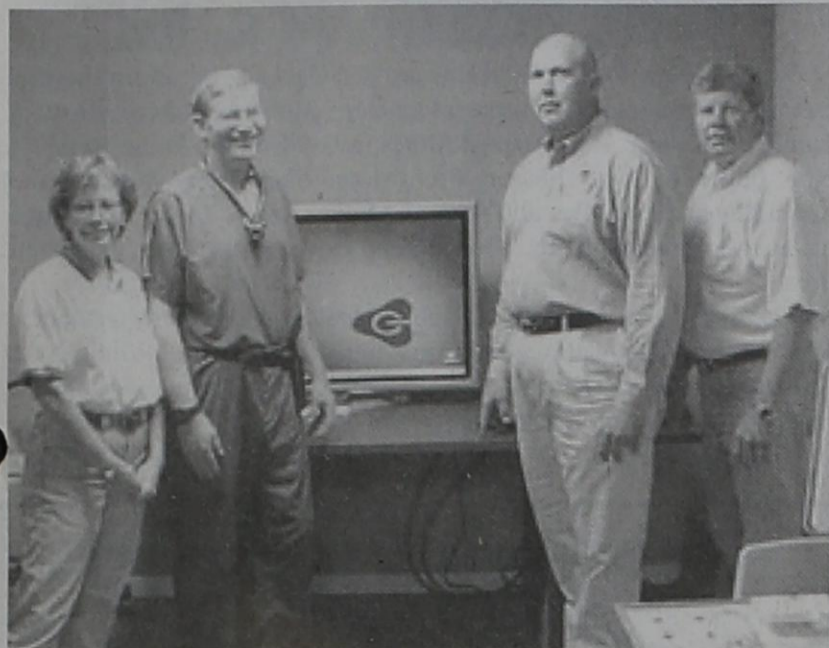
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Pictured here are EDC Director Lori Dodd, Dr. Dan Brudnak, Superintendent Leslie Vann, and Phillip Arther of Arther Business Products in Eastland.

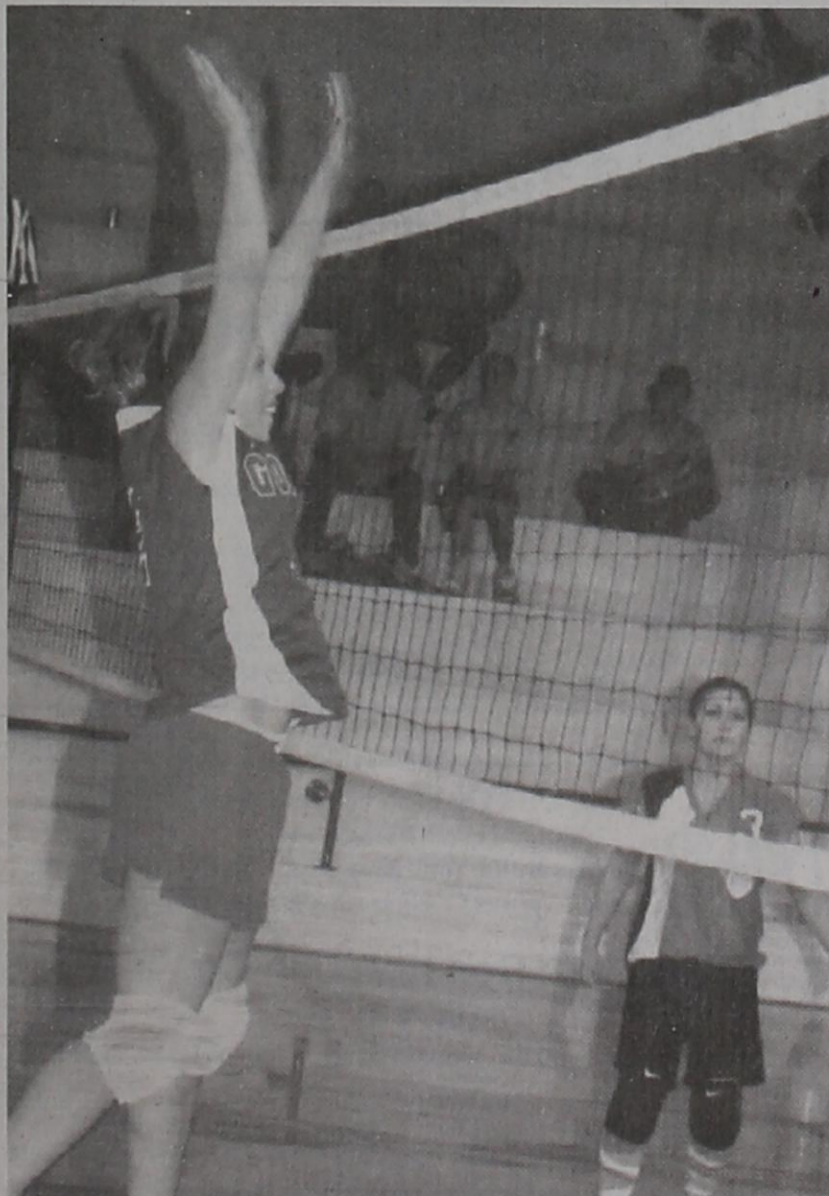
These individuals are proudly displaying our latest purchase for the Computer Access for Texans with Disabilities (CAT-D) grant. This 42" Sony plasma monitor will be used for a variety of things throughout our community. It will be used for health education such as diabetes awareness, nutrition and exercise, etc. for children and adults with special needs. It will also be used for computer training. There will be an assortment of classes beginning in October that will be free and open to the public as well as to those with disabilities.

In September of 2003 Gorman ISD was awarded a CAT-D grant from the State of Texas Health and Human Services Commission for \$239,000. This grant was to provide computers and all necessary assistive devices for Texans with Disabilities. So far it has brought 10 new computers with special modifications for the disabled/special needs students at GISD. If you have any questions about public access for this equipment and other items, please contact Lori Dodd, Grant Administrator at 734-3933.

## Lady Panthers Volleyball



Gorman Lady Panther States for October 2. Gorman Vs. Gustine  
Ashlee Hornback 9 serves, 8 assists, 1 save  
Kendra Swanner 3 serves, 5 kills  
Nikki Keith 7 serves, 3 assists, 4 kills, 1 save  
Sharla Perez 2 serves, 3 kills, 1 dig  
Kristy Carlton 14 serves, 3 kills  
Tiffany Perez 21 serves  
Tessia Griffin 1 dig, 1 save  
Kaci Seaton 1 kill, 1 dig



## Important Dates For The FFA

Following are some important dates to keep in mind. Orders for broilers are do on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. The prices of the broilers are still a \$1.00 each and come in boxes of twenty-five. We will be having lamb and goat validation on October 19, 2004 from 4:00 till 6:00pm at the Eastland County Show barn. All FFA and Jr. FFA dues need to be paid by November 1, 2004. Swine validation will be @ the County Barn from 2:00 until 6:00pm on Monday November 22, 2004. Also, if you ordered major show tags please come by my office and pay for them.

## Dorcas Class



Joy Rogers presented the lesson on Wednesday to the Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ. The Old Testament character Miriam was brought to life when Joy assumed Miriam's identity and helped the audience understand this sister of Moses and Aaron. Miriam, the first woman prophet mentioned in the Bible, is also well known for her victory song of what is commonly known as the Exodus. The Dorcas Class meets each Wednesday of the week at the Fellowship Hall of the church at 10:00AM. Visitors are welcome.



Zena Simpson (holding baby Moses) and Christine Hammontree played the role of Moses' birth mother, Jochebed and his adoptive mother, Pharaoh's daughter in a recent lesson of the Dorcas Class. This is part of a series, "Women of the Bible", currently being studied by the group. In addition to educational classes, the group is actively involved in service to the community.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place from October 12-15 at Gorman Elementary School.

Please feel free to come by and see what we are doing!

## 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 to 11:00 a.m.  
Second Thursday

**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 WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - OCTOBER 20TH 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.

## Panthers Open District Play Friday At Evant

The Gorman Panthers will open District 13 A play on Friday night when they travel to Evant to take on the Elks, who are sporting a 3-2 record. The Panthers are 2 and 2 on the season following an open date on September 24th, then their game with De Leon on October 1st was cancelled due to weather conditions. It was thought that the weather might move through and let the teams get in their game, but each time the weather would let up and the teams would start on the field another round of lightning and rain would move in and the officials would call the teams off the field. The about 9:45 the game was called off and since it wasn't a district game it was cancelled. With the dangerous weather clouds moving over Brogdon Field the officials decided to not risk getting any players in harms way.

Evant is coming off a 21 to 18 victory over Santo and is expected to give the Panthers some of the toughest competition that they have met this season. But with the two weeks rest the Panthers should be healed up and should make a good battle of it. After all, the Panthers and Elks have always played very competitively and this one is expected to be no different. So follow the Panthers to Evant and back them all the way.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

## City Council Meeting, Thursday, October 7th

A reminder about the City Council Meeting, Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. All interested people with livestock in town, and want to keep those animals in town are urged to attend this meeting.

## Junior High Football Highlights Gorman Cubs vs DeLeon Cubcats Score: 44-14 Gorman

### Touchdowns:

Tyler Johnson, 40 yard run—2 point conversion pass Swanner to Gillen  
Matt Underwood, 50 yard run—2 point conversion pass Swanner to Underwood

Martin Ramirez, 60 yard run—Conversion no good.

Marc Gillen, 60 yard pass from Swanner—conversion no good

Matt Underwood, 30 yard run—2 point conversion Martin Ramirez

Marc Gillen, 40 yard pass interception—conversion Ernie Rodriguez

**Individual Stats**

Tyson Swanner—4 out of 5 passes completed for 124 yards, 1 touchdown and 1 interception

Matt Underwood—7 carries for 123 yards and 2 touchdowns

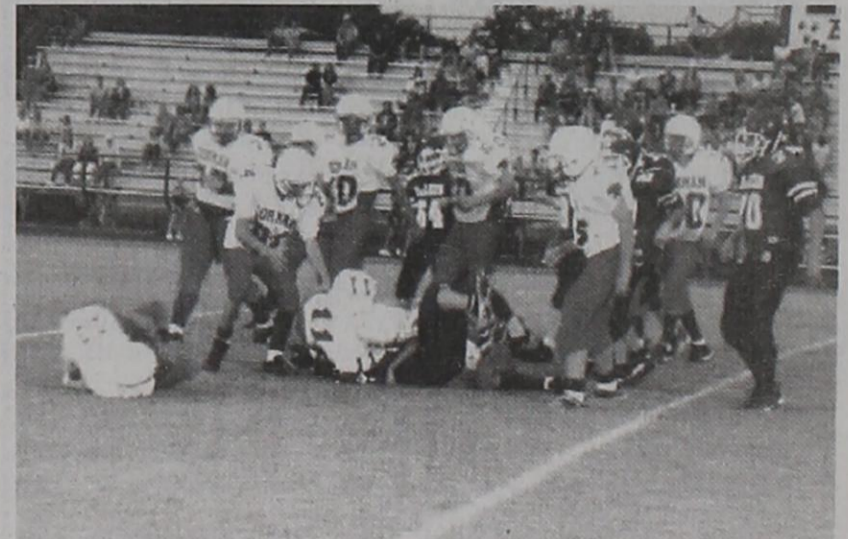
Martin Ramirez—5 carries for 95 yards and 1 touchdown

Tyler Johnson—2 carries for 48 yards and 1 touchdown

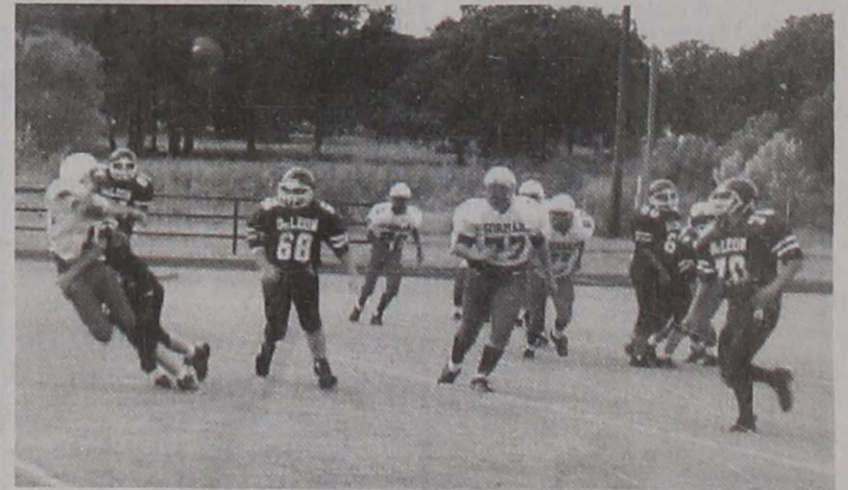
Marc Gillen—3 pass receptions for 118 yards and 1 touchdown, and 1 touchdown on an interception.



Matt Underwood #30 - On TD Run



Group of Cubs in game action.



Tyson Swanner #11 - Pass completed for TD



# School News

Monday, October 11—No school—Staff Development for teachers  
Band Practice 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 12—Morning band practice—7:00-8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, October 13—Morning band practice—7:00-8:00 a.m.  
Thursday, October 14—Morning band practice—7:00-8:00 a.m.  
Jr. High Football—6:00 p.m.—here  
Friday, October 15—Gorman Panthers-Cross Plains Buffaloes—  
7:30 p.m.—there  
Saturday, October 16—Volleyball  
Band Contest at Burleson,  
Performance at 12:00

# School Menu

Week of Oct. 11  
Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, milk, juice  
Tuesday--Eggs, biscuits, milk, juice  
Wednesday--Waffle stixs, syrup, milk, juice  
Thursday--Cinnamon rolls, apples, milk, juice  
Friday--Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Chicken pot pie, salad, peaches, milk  
Tuesday--Tuna or cheese sandwiches, peach crisp, vegetable soup, milk  
Wednesday--Chicken nuggets, green beans, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, milk  
Thursday--Hamburger macaroni/cheese, fried okra, jello, milk  
Friday--German sausage, potato salad, ranch beans, milk

## Gorman ISD Earns Recognized Rating

Annually the Texas Education Agency (TEA) publishes the annual ratings for the 1227 School Districts and Charter Schools governed by the Texas Education Agency. Gorman ISD received a rating of RECOGNIZED which is the second highest possible rating. Campuses were also rated. The Maxfield Elementary was awarded RECOGNIZED status while the High School received ACADEMICALLY ACCEPTABLE status.

The ratings are based on data from several areas. Testing results is the primary form of data used to determine the ratings. Students in grades 3-11 take either the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) or the State Developed Alternative Assessment (SDAA), a test designed for students with special needs. Additional items evaluated are the district and campuses Drop-out Rate and Completion Rate in grades 7-12.

Gorman ISD and the two campuses ratings were among the top in the region. The ratings for the Region XIV included nineteen recognized districts and twenty-four academically acceptable districts. At the campus level sixteen campuses received the highest possible rating, exemplary. Sixty-one campuses were recognized and fifty-four were Academically Acceptable.

State wide, the ratings were lower than in the past several years due to the increased passing levels assigned to the TAKS test. Only nineteen of the 1227 districts in the state received an Exemplary rating. Three hundred and seventy four districts were awarded recognized status. Fifty-eight per cent (715) of the districts were academically acceptable. Only twenty-six districts were academically unacceptable. A small percentage of the districts were not rated because they are labeled as alternative educational districts.

A detailed report and publication will be made available to the public at the regular board meeting held in December. The administration is proud of the recognized rating and compliments the students and staff.

## Gorman High School Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

For a student to be on the Distinguished Honor Roll, the student must have a 4.0 or better grade point average. For a student to be on the Honor Roll, the student must have a 3.75 or better grade point average.

**7th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Taylor Chew; **Honor Roll**--Jarrett Blankenship, Jonathan Flores, Eric Ryon

**8th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Emily Lewis, Matt Underwood, Miles Vann, Perla Velasquez; **Honor Roll**--Marsela Gonzalez, Sonia Hipolito, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Tyson Swanner, Veronica Walton

**9th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Ashley Burkeen, Brandy Carlton, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Yhdira Garcia, Tecia Jones, Kendra Lewis, Megan Lewis, Mary Powell; **Honor Roll**--Kathryn Deel, Reba Granado, Kennon Hornback, Aaron Keith, Jimmie Murphy, Nancy Velasquez

**10th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Kristy Carlton, K'Ann Howard; **Honor Roll**--Maria Oronia, Crystal Thackerson

**11th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Zach Bryan, Kent Long, Cindy Lopez, Kendra Swanner; **Honor Roll**--Nikki Keith, Sharla Perez

**12th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll**--Martha Cruz, Christian Esquivel, Maria Garcia, Ariana Giles, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback, Clinton Jones, Frances Lewis, Amanda Naeseth, Laura Roygoza, Jazzminde Reeves, Joseph Whitfill; **Honor Roll**--Kendra Bailey, Rachel Granado, Scott Lewis

## Kendra Lewis Surgery Postponed Until December 30, 2004

If you were wondering about the fate of Kendra Lewis lately, the surgery was postponed due to reasons beyond our control. 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.

It is difficult to explain her condition. 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.

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 and reset this bone 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, 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 one 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, jars have been set up in several towns nearby Desdemona and an account has been set up American State Bank in Gorman.

## Carbon High School Classes Enjoy Reunions

It was a great time of fellowship and reminiscing as members of the Carbon High School Classes of 1943, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 met at ZJ's Steakhouse in Gorman for their class reunions on Friday evening, October 1, 2004. Each class had their own table set for them to enjoy their meal, but all could visit with each other. We missed the 1947 Class as none of them were able to attend.

Those from the 1943 Class were: Arl and Margie Lasater, Royce and Hope McGaha, Truman and Wanda (Donaldson) Bryant all of Carbon and Elmer Ruth Bethany Guy of Eastland.

Those from the 1945 Class were: Ruby (Rice) Norris of Carbon, Waida Lea (Fields) Medford of Abilene, Betty (Hastings) Sims of San Antonio, S. L. and Helen Craighead of Odessa, Bill and Frankie (Broom) Eakin of Wichita Falls, Bill and Juanita (Norris) Zahn of Lovington, NM, Clarice (Gregg) Cunningham of Midland and her sister, Janice Gregg Bennett of Roswell, NM, Dwain Jackson of Fort Stockton, and Zelda (Lewallen) Jordart of Gorman. We missed the classmates that couldn't be there and Dwan Jackson's wife, Doc, who passed away a few months ago.

Those from the 1946 Class were: Joan (Foster) Mosley of Buchanan Dam, Walter and Winnette (Norris) Maynard of Eastland, Bill and Ome Lee (Hogan) Carlton of Eastland, Richard Vann of Ranger, Ken Rogers of Eastland, Joe Vaughn of Eastland, Ted R. Medford of Abilene, Dor Martin of Odessa, Clay Caudle of Bridgeport, and Jake Donaldson of Eastland.

Those from the 1948 Class were: Christine (Rhyne) Self and her daughter, Cecilia Hirst of Gorman, Milton and Doris (Dover) Brown of Granbury, Ruby Whitehead of Hawley, Lou Ann (Jackson) Griffith of Midland, Bill and Gladiola McFall of Houston, and Marjorie (Hines) Adair of Sugar Land.

Those from the 1949 Class were: Troy and Betty Cross of Eastland. Those from the 1950 Class were: Bobby and Mary Jane Little of Eastland, Burl Caudle of Conroe, Bryan and Jolene Johnson of Eastland, Ken Gilbert of Mountain Home, AR., Elvenor (Adair) Johns of Westerville OH, and Mary Lee Jones of Sunrise Beach, TX.

Those from the 1951 Class were: Edith (Foster) Kelley of Hobbs NM, Jean (Walsh) Hernandez of Hurst, TX, and Jack and Vera Clack o Moran.

As the "goodnights" were said all hoped that they would be able to be back next year for another reunion. It is really great to see former classmates and remember all the good times we had in school.

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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Congratulations" to Wayne and Wilma Faye (Davis) Iley, Howard and Georgia Ann (Burleson) Iley, both couples of Desdemona. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 9, 2004 at the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona. The reception will be hosted by their children, Richard and Sharon Iley of Stephenville; Fred and Laura Iley of Stephenville; Eddy Iley of Desdemona; Toby and Julia (Iley) Morris of DeLeon and their grandchildren.

James Ryon remains a patient in a Fort Worth hospital. Latest report that his condition has improved some. Friends in Desdemona send their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Several in our community are on the sick list, several residents are in the local rest homes. Remember them with your cards and prayers.

Bobby Joe Honeycutt of Port Isbell spent a few days this past week at the old Honeycutt Homeplace in the Jakehamon Community. Bob, his brother James Ed and his sister Virginia attended school in Desdemona.

Thought for today—"Don't let your mind become so busy that your heart can't respond."  
Have a nice day, Coon.

Wilma and Georgia have been friends all through the years, their families lived as neighbors, they were classmates all through school, they graduated together with the Class of 1954 from Desdemona High School, they married brothers in a (double) double-ring ceremony on October 9, 1954 in the home of Bro. Buel and Doris Bryan in Gorman, Texas.

Family and friends are invited to attend the reception at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No gifts please—your presence is their gift.

Larry and Gay Moore spent the past weekend at the gib Flea Market in Canton, Texas. They reported a good trip with excellent weather.

Rudolph "Humpty" Duke is having some health problems at this time. He spent several days this past week in Baylor Hospital having several tests, etc. Friends in Desdemona sends "Humpty" best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Dorothy Roberts spent the past weekend in Granbury with her granddaughter, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena. Dorothy enjoyed watching Kena do her cheerleader routine at the football game on Friday night.

Eddie and Dawna Martin and daughter, Darcy of Millsap visited last Sunday in Desdemona with his daughters, Lee and Sonja Hornback and son, Kennon; Donal and Kandice Cogburn and son, Dylan.

Burney and Helen Olivo spent the past week visiting in Florida with her sister who is having some health problems.

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# 2004 Round-Up For Rehab

**Friday, October 29 - Dublin - 1:00 p.m.**

West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a private, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1953 in Abilene, Texas. Today, the Center is a nationally respected organization with approximately 200 full-time staff in three facilities providing out-patient rehabilitation care each year to more than 21,000 children and adults.

The organization's mission since inception has been to improve the quality of life of those we serve regardless of their financial circumstances. **No One Is Denied Service For Lack Of Ability To Pay.**

The Rehab Center's outpatient medical rehab program is accredited by the internationally recognized rehabilitation Accreditation Commission (CARF).

**Specific Programs and Services Available At WTRC**

Physical Therapy - Parent Case Management - Speech/Language Pathology - Audiology (Hearing Services) - Home Medical Equipment - Orthotics / Prosthetics - Retired & Senior Volunteer Program - Occupational Therapy - Pediatric Services - Hospice Care-Abilene - Industrial Rehab - Diagnostic Clinics - Sports Medicine-Abilene

Heading Up the Dublin Livestock Round-Up are Dale and Marla McKinney

Ways Ranchers and Supporters Can Help Include:

- Donating animals, baked goods, hand-made and other speciality items.
- Attend one of the sales and join in the bidding
- Make a cash gift to Rehab

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