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## Gorman Chamber of Commerce Powerlifting Teams Compete At Winters; Banquet Slated For March 21 Lady Panthers Take First Place Overall

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been set for March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Z. J.s Steakhouse.

Featured entertainment will be "For By Grace" featuring gospel musical entertainment.

We are having a table-decorating contest this year with a "Texas Fiesta" theme. If you would like to participate, contact Veronica Seaton or Judy Warren. You will enjoy seeing the creative decorations.

Community Service Award and Special Awards will be presented, along with the Academic Awards to the top individuals of Grades 9 through 12.

Tickets will be \$12.00 this year and may be purchased at the following business firms or from any director of the Chamber: Daryl Hirst, G & H Feeds; Veronica Seaton, Seaton Mills; Jim Bursleson; George Simmons, Gorman Pharmacy; Judy Warren; Bob Wilkerson, Bob's Grocery; Ray Daniels; Terry Treadway.

The Chamber invites you to make plans to attend the banquet this year.

## Letter To Citizens Of Gorman and Eastland County

Dear Sir or Madam:

I just wanted to take this time to let the citizens of Gorman and Eastland County know that Tech\*Star EMS Education has been selected by the Texas Department of State Health Services & Safe Riders of Texas as a 2005 Safe Riders Distribution & Education Program site. We have also been awarded the same for Palo Pinto County and the Possum Kingdom Lake area.

Our personnel still have to attend a 4 hour training session, which is in the process of being arranged now by Safe Riders. Once this is completed, we will know how many child safety seats we will be awarded for each site, as this can be anywhere from 10 to 100 car seats.

This program will be open to everyone that has young children still in car seats or may need a replacement seat for a child that has out grown their current seat. As a requirement, each parent is required to complete a 1 hour training program in order to receive the car seat. You are limited to one seat per program. This program is not like the child safety seat checkup stations that you may have seen in other areas. However, this is something that we are looking into doing.

Once all of our personnel have completed the formal training, I will have a training schedule done with the times and locations for the training in Eastland and Palo Pinto Counties, along with a phone number to call to set up a time for a training session. They will be held twice a month in each location.

Sincerely,  
s/Tim Dennis, EMTP, MA  
Director of EMS, Critical Care & Community Education  
Child Safety Seat Technician

### NOTICE

All trash needs to be placed inside the poly cart for pick up. BFI will start using the truck which automatically picks up and empties the poly cart. Anything outside the container will be left.

Remember: Large items are picked up once a month. This is the 1st Thursday of each month.

Thank you, City Office

## Tiger Cubs Visit Gorman Progress On Monday



Visiting the Gorman Progress on Monday afternoon were Garet Vaughn, Hunter Childers and Rylan Laminack.

The Gorman Powerlifting teams competed in the Winters meet this past Saturday. It was the final meet of the season for some lifters (those in baseball or softball that do not have a chance to qualify for regional). Those that are not in baseball or softball or have a chance of qualifying for regional will compete in the "last qualifiers" meet in Strawn on Saturday February 26th.

The Winters Meet was a long day for our lifters as the team left at 4:50 am from the school in order to make it to the 6:30 am weigh-in. But for many it was well worth the effort. The Lady Panthers took the overall team championship for the girls division by dominating the competition and totaling 43 points.

The standings were as follows: Gorman 43 pts, Jim Ned 24, Colorado City 21, Rotan 11, San Angelo Lakeview 8, Winters and DeLeon 7, Forsan 4, Reagan County 4, Irion County 4, Coleman and Rising Star 3, and Ballinger 0.

Individual results for the Ladies are as follows: Tecia Jones took 3rd place in the 105 lb class with a season/career high total of 375 lbs. Amanda Naeseth took 2nd place in the 114 lb class with a season/career high total of 570 lbs. Sharla Perez took 1st place in the 132 lb division with a season/career high total of 565 lbs. Nikki Keith took 3rd in the 132 lb class with a season/career high total of 525 lbs. Sandra Lara finished 4th in the 148 lb division with a season/career high total of 560 lbs. Kendra Swanner finished 2nd in the 165 lb class with a season/career high total of 665 lbs. Rosa Herrera took 1st in the 181 lb division with a season/career high total of 605 lbs. Reba Granado took 2nd in the 181 lb division with a season/career high total of 555 lb total. Summer Olvera finished 1st in the 198 lb class with a season/career high total of 775 lbs.

All our girls set season and career highs with their totals. We are very proud of them. This week at Strawn we will have several lifters vying for a trip to the regional meet in Kermit on March 4th and 5th. To qualify for regional lifters must be in the top 12 lifters of their weight class which includes all schools in Region I and all classifications (1A thru 5A schools). Lifters may also qualify by being the highest ranked lifter in their weight division for their schools' classification (highest ranked 1A lifter in their weight class).

The boys' powerlifting team had quality performances as well. Besides some season and career highs, the boys team finished 6th out of 15 very good teams.

Individual results for the boys are as follows: Ryan Wright took 1st place in the 114 lb division with a season/career high total of 775 lbs. Brian Greer took 3rd in the 123 lb class with a season/career high total of 690 lbs. Daniel Shirley took 5th in the 123 lb class with a total of 600 lbs. Pete Ramirez took 4th in the 181 lb division with a season/career high total of 1035 lbs. Toby Darville totaled a season/career high of 750. David Ibarra totaled a season/career high of 950 lbs. Clint Jones totaled 840 lbs. Seth Johnson totaled 885 lbs. J.T. Whitfill and Zachary Bryan also competed at the meet.

We are very proud of our young men as well. This week at Strawn we will have a few of them vying for a trip to the Region I meet in Lubbock on March 11th and 12th. To qualify for regional lifters must be in the top 10 of all lifters in their weight class in regional I in classes 1A and 2A.

Good luck to those lifters competing to qualify for the regional meet and Congratulations to all other lifters on a fine season full of many successes.  
Coach Tyson



The Gorman powerlifting team took 1st place at Winters 3rd annual powerlifting meet this past Saturday. From top to bottom Tecia Jones, Reba Grando, Kendra Swanner, Sharla Perez, Nikki Keith, Summer Olvera, Rosa Herrera, Sandra Lara, and Amanda Naeseth.



Thursday, February 3rd the local cub scouts enjoyed a trip to Abilene to see the Harlem Globetrotters game. They participated in the Globetrotter University, then pictures and autographs with the players. Everyone had a great time! We wish to thank the people who bought popcorn, the proceeds from that sale paid for this trip. Special thanks to the First Fruits Church for the use of their van to transport the boys to Abilene and Denver Rainey who donated money for the boys to have dinner.

### Three Positions Open For School Board Trustee

Three positions will come open for the May 7, 2005 election for school board trustee. These positions will include two three-year terms to be elected at large, one currently held by Jeff Seaton and one vacated by Glenn Glasson. The third position is an unexpired term ending May 2006, this term vacated by Lance Sharp. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 5, 2005. Deadline for filing will be Monday, March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours. Board trustee Jeff Seaton has filed for re-election. David Freeman has also filed for a place on the ballot.

### Lady Panthers Win Softball Opener 21-2

The Gorman Lady Panthers opened their softball season with a big win against Perrin-Witt last Friday afternoon. The Lady Panthers outscored Perrin-Witt by a score of 21-2, ending the game with the 15-run rule after 3 innings. Outstanding players of the game were Kendra Swanner at pitcher and Sharla Perez at the plate. Other team members playing in the game were Ashley Hornbeck, Megan Lewis, Brandy Carlton, Kristy Carlton, Amanda Regian, Tecia Jones, Reba Grando, Rosa Herrera, Crystal Thackerson, Mindy Boyles, and Nikki Keith. The girls will be playing in the Gorman Softball Tournament this week-end. They open against Perrin-Witt at 10:00 on Friday morning, play Dublin at 3:00 and on Saturday they face Goldthwaite at 3:00.

Coby Tyson



You are cordially invited to share in a Special Occasion as the friends and family of Marge Hudson gather to celebrate her retirement after 25 Years of Dedicated Service to the First Baptist Church of Gorman, Texas Sunday, February 27, 2005 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. First Baptist Church

Cub Scout Pack Meeting  
Thursday, February 24th  
7:00 p.m.  
First Fruits Christian Fellowship



# Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,  
This letter is in response to the letter written by Barbara Tucker and printed in your February 17, 2005 edition.

First, I applaud Mrs. Tucker for taking the time to become involved in her community and being willing to voice an opinion. That takes courage.

Secondly, I must correct the misrepresentations in Mrs. Tucker's letter. Unfortunately she got many of the facts confused or at least partially wrong. Mrs. Tucker has the EDC and the Gorman G.R.O.W. Committee confused, as many people do. Gorman G.R.O.W. is a civic club made up of members of the community. It was born out of a recommendation made during the strategic planning meetings that were held several years ago. It is a private entity, not affiliated with the City or EDC, with its own funding sources. Gorman G.R.O.W. has not pursued any grant money from the state or any other source. Any monies the Gorman G.R.O.W. committee has obtained were through donations and/or fund raising activities. Therefore it would seem reasonable that if residents, elected officials and business people in the community were willing to donate funds for a project, they must have felt compelled to do so for the benefit of the greater community and not just one group or another. Some of the projects taken on by Gorman G.R.O.W. were the clean-up at Bass Lake, highway trash pick-up along Highway 6, repairing and cleaning up the community pool and yes, the dreaded basketball courts. The EDC is overseen by the City Commissioners and answers to them.

Third, Mrs. Tucker seems to be implying that Gorman G.R.O.W. has complete control over the elected officials in this community and their spending habits. While I wish it were so, sadly it is not. Gorman G.R.O.W. receives ABSO-

**LUTELY NO MONEY FROM SALES TAX.** The statement made in her letter may have inflamed the emotions of readers erroneously. The EDC oversees the money from the sales tax and oversees its spending under the guidance and control of the City Commissioners. On page three of the February 17, 2005 edition of the Gorman Progress there is an overview of the grants received to date. When you compare the money received versus the money spent, one would have to admit it was money well invested. The proposed increase in sales tax would place Gorman at the same level of surrounding cities. It would not go to Gorman G.R.O.W. as claimed by Mrs. Tucker, but would go to the city so that they might pursue additional matching grant monies for continued civic improvements.

Fourth, the location of the court was decided on after the first location was found to not be feasible. The City Commissioners were involved and felt the lot next to the Community Center presented the best alternative for several reasons. Restrooms are being built on site for the use of all community members and for the patrons of the Peanut Festival. Plates were donated and have been installed so that in the future a roof can be installed over the entire area to make it useful year round. This is a prime location for vendors during the Peanut Festival so the improvements were a benefit to those bringing business into the community. The basketball courts will be half court to reduce the risk of a ball traveling out onto Kent. Lastly it is never money poorly spent when you invest in your community's children.

Finally, Gorman's decline is not due to money being invested in Gorman G.R.O.W. as implied. I refuse to use the term dying as was stated by Mrs. Tucker and others in our city. We have obstacles to be

## Gorman Residents Named to TSTC Honor Roll

Catie Davis and Charla Davis of Gorman have earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Texas State Technical College Waco. They are students in Dental Assistant, and are among those recognized with a scholastic achievement of a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

## Thank You

Our sincere thanks for cards, prayers, visits and concern of our relatives and friends during the time of surgery and thereafter. Your friendship is appreciated more than words can express.

George & Frankie Stacy

I agree with Mrs. Tucker in that our community needs civic improvements. I am not here to state whether I am for or against an increase in sales (not property) tax. I can see arguments on both sides and I have not made my decision yet. One very strong argument for a sales tax increase is that it has a minimal affect on each resident. However, the extra money could/should be spent on pursuing grants as our EDC has already done.

There is a great deal of money available for small, financially challenged communities such as ours. Some require matching money from the community, all require close accounting. I have looked into some of these grants and found ones for downtown restoration and road improvements (just to name a few).

Change is inevitable, we can choose to be involved or sit on the sidelines and let others make the change for us. I invite any resident or business person of our area to attend a Gorman G.R.O.W. meeting. They are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Community Center. Find out the truth about who we are, what our goals and objectives are and what we are attempting to do.

Respectfully,  
s/John F. Keeping

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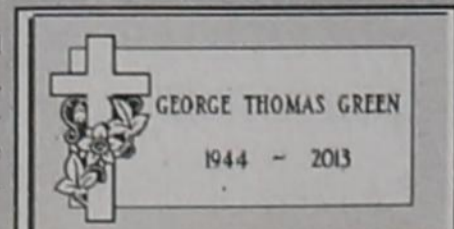
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# LETTER FROM SOLDIER IN IRAQ

February 5, 2005

Department of the Army  
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Dear Citizens of Gorman,

Thank you so much for your support of our troops as they mobilize and prepare for deployment to Iraq. The care packages you provided have been a blessing to the troops, providing our soldiers with some basic necessities and some items to make life more comfortable. More than that it has given them the knowledge that there is a community that has taken the time to show they care.

Thank you for your time and effort to provide these gifts for the troops. One soldier came through and her face lit up with a smile since one of the packages had a pink ribbon attached. She asked me to express her thanks for thinking specifically of the women that are mobilizing. The sunflower seeds were a big hit with all the young men who received a care package. I hope that you will continue to support our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

David Ward - Chaplain, 674th ASG  
Mobilization and Deployment Operation Center  
Fort Bliss, TX 79916

## Thank You Desdemona Monthly Musical

I would like to thank the Gorman Fire Department for coming to my aid when I called 911. Tommy Campbell, Billy Don Simpson, Ricky Rone and Gene Foster really did a great job. I am giving the department a donation.

Thanks again,  
Jim Adams

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, February 26th at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who come early for supper. Sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks will be served. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Dorothy Roberts serves as Chairman of the concession stand.

## School Menu

Week of Feb 28

- Breakfast**  
Monday--Cereal, yogurt, milk, juice  
Tuesday--Waffle stixs, apples, milk, juice  
Wednesday--Cinnamon rolls, oranges, milk, juice  
Thursday--Eggs, biscuits, milk, juice  
Friday--Sausage, gravy, biscuits, milk, juice
- Lunch**  
Monday--Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, fruit, garlic bread, milk  
Tuesday--Chicken pot pie, salad, peach crisp, milk  
Wednesday--Pizza, salad, corn milk  
Thursday--Hotdogs/chili cheese, pork-n-beans, chips milk  
Friday--Hamburgers, fries, cookie, milk

## School News

- Tuesday, March 1st - Lady Panthers vs Golthwaite - there, 4:30 p.m.; Panthers vs Gordon - here, 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 2nd - High School Band Contest - Hamilton  
Thursday, March 3rd - Jr. High Track Meet - Cross Plains  
Friday, March 4th - Panthers vs Covington - there, 4:00 p.m.; Girls Region 1 Powerlifting Championships - Kermit  
Saturday, March 5th - High School Track Meet - Cross Plains; Girls Region 1 Powerlifting Championships - Kermit



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- Gifts to a political organization for its use  
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**Jury Convicts Eastland Man of DWI**

Last week, Leroy Bob Warren, formerly known as Leroy Bob Sappington, age 28, of Eastland, was found guilty of Driving While Intoxicated by an Eastland County petit jury. Presiding Judge Brad Stephenson sentenced Mr. Jenkins to 180 days confinement in the Eastland County Jail probated for a period of two years with a condition of probation that he spend ten days in the Eastland County Jail and a fine of \$1,500.00. Following the sentencing for DWI, Warren also plead guilty to Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor as a result of a separate arrest incident. Warren was represented at trial by attorney Gary Peak of Eastland.

Warren was stopped by Officers of the Gorman Police Department on January 17, 2004, when he ran a stop sign at the intersection of Fisher and Highway 6 while traveling at a high rate of speed. Two passengers in the vehicle were also arrested for Public Intoxication. Although Warren had refused to tell the officers how much he had to drink and refused the intoxilizer test and all of the field sobriety tests, the jury found the evidence was sufficient to convict him.

Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason was grateful to the citizens who served on the jury and commented, "It is my hope that this jury verdict and the judge's sentence will send a serious message of deterrence to others who drink and drive while intoxicated in Eastland County." Thomason further commented "Those who believe that they can beat the system by refusing to cooperate with the officers and the law, should be aware that jurors are also free to consider their refusal to cooperate as evidence of guilt."

**Tax on Child's Investment Income**

Part or all of a child's investment income may be taxed at the parent's rate rather than the child's rate, according to the IRS. Because a parent's taxable income is usually higher than a child's income, the parent's top tax rate will often be higher as well. This special method of figuring the federal income tax only applies to children who are under the age of 14. For 2004, it applies if the child's total investment income for the year was more than \$1,600. Investment income includes interest, dividends, capital gains, and other unearned income.

To figure the child's tax using this method, fill out Form 8615, Tax for Children Under Age 14 With Investment Income of More Than \$1,600, and attach it to the child's federal income tax return.

Alternatively, a parent can, in many cases, choose to report the child's investment income on the parent's own tax return. Generally speaking, this option is available if the child's income consists entirely of interest and dividends (including capital gain distributions) and the amount received is less than \$8,000. Eligible parents can choose this option by filling out Form 8814, Parent's Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends, and including it with their tax return. However, choosing this option may reduce certain credits or deductions that parents may claim.

These special tax rules do not apply to investment income received by children who are age 14 and over. In addition, wages and other earned income received by a child of any age are taxed at the child's normal rate.

More information can be found in IRS Publication 929, Tax Rules for Children and Dependents.

**BASKETBALL PHOTOS**



Seniors Ashlee Hornback, Clint Jones, Ryan Wright and Scott Lewis honored their families at their final home game.



#11 Tyson Swanner gets ground Albany on the baseline in order to score two points.



Matt Underwood shoots to score two more after bringing down another of his numerous rebounds for the night.



Clint Jones drives the lane to pick up two points



#3 Ryan Wright drives in for a lay-up and two points. #5 Scott Lewis is prepared for a rebound if necessary.



Kaci Seaton signals she is open for a pass on the girl's final district game

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## Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

### The Art of Living

There's a special art to living,  
And you need a frame of mind  
That can overlook the showers,  
'Til the sun begins to shine.  
To develop to the fullest,  
You have got to understand,  
That things don't always function  
In the way that they were planned.  
There's a special art to living,  
And the challenge must be met.  
But the longer that you try it,  
Why the better it will get.  
Don't waste your time in waiting  
For the world to come to you.  
You have to climb the mountain,  
To appreciate the view.

On Monday, the Gospel Singers came and sang. It was time for the Heritage Manor Valentine Party for residents. There were four married couples who were named the 'sweethearts.' A total number of years married were 258. They each were given a chocolate candy bar. A Queen and Princess each got a lovely crown and three beautiful red roses. A King and Prince were presented crowns and white roses. Red punch in red cups and beautiful heart shaped Valentine cookies on white were served to twenty residents and guests Pat Hagood, Elizabeth Vaughn, Nelda Mauney, Johnnie B. Griffith, Marjorie Treadway, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton and Nancy Hendricks.

Recent guests were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield; Irene West, Bonita Richards of Fort Worth and Glenn Glasson of Brownfield.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, Frances Warren, Vicki Seay and Bobby Rich. Bobby taught the lesson, "How Much Does Sin Cost?" Life question, "if I'm forgiven for my sins, why does it matter what I do?" Background passage, Hosea 4:1-9, 5:13-15, key verse Hosea 4:6. A resident gave the opening prayer and another the closing prayer. Twenty three residents were present.

Some visitors were Marie Cook, Sylvia Estes, Marjorie Treadway, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth.

Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Nancy Hendricks. Bro. Wilson's message, "Valentines and Gift of God." John 3-16. There were fifteen residents present.

Some guests were Bonnie D. Stewart, Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Pam Childers, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles.

On Monday morning, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for eleven residents. Pat and Judy brought Valentines, treats and juices for all.

Recent visitors were Mozelle Boucher of Stephenville, Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mary Jeffs, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, Frances Warren, Fred McMullen, Larry Stogsdill, and Durward Webb.

Residents were happy for Karen Guthery to come on Monday and open the beauty shop for hair do's.

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Zelda Jordan, Nell Files of Carbon, Elizabeth Vaughn of Eastland, Joe Bond and Ruby Lee Kinsler.

It was nice of Rose Hamilton to fix residents fingernails. They looked so pretty.

Visitors were Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Harold and Tody Zink, Estelle Craddock, Mary Margaret Hudson, Kay Ann Craddock.

On Tuesday morning, Ina Smith had 'alphabet bingo' for residents. They loved the bingo prize treats.

Some visitors were Billie Bennett, Tootie Campbell, Winelle Brown, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Rachel Snider, Marge Hudson, Ruthie Porter, Ima Brown, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks, Sue Seaton, Pat Graham.

Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing. Ten residents present and guests Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting were Thomas and Vicki Seay, John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown, Bobby Rich, Wilbur Overstreet, Daisy Slaton, and E.G. Henderson of Eastland.

Residents appreciated the good magazines that were donated.

Recent visitors were Winston Brown, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Levi Roberts and Shaylor Roberts.

Residents send "Get Well Best Wishes" to Annie Fay Foster. They miss her visits. She fell and broke her foot and ankle.

Some guests were Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Sue and Lee Pettigrew of Desdemona, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Diana Snider, and Kenneth Welch.

On Wednesday morning, residents enjoyed watching a movie. Recent visitors were Steve Estes of Sanger, Freddie Rodgers, Marty Sandoval, and Junior Sandoval of Lingelville, Maria Sandoval of Austin.

On Wednesday afternoon, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had 'crazy bingo.' Winners received treats and at 3:00 p.m. was social time for everyone.

Some guests were Don Landers of Springtown, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Juanita Spence of Little Elm, Glenn and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon.

Thursday morning, residents enjoyed 'current events' with Ina Smith.

Thursday morning was also 'reminiscing' which brought back many happy memories of yore.

Some visitors were Jerry majors of DeLeon, Steve and Derenda Minton, George Rodgers.

Thursday afternoon, residents enjoyed 'fruit bingo.' The prizes were choices of fresh fruits. Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson were guests.

Recent visitors were Melba Carter of Eastland, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew of DeLeon.

On Friday morning, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew

## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful warm sunny day today as the weatherman tells us that cooler, rainy weather is on it's way for tonight or tomorrow.

"He Paid A Debt that He Didn't Owe" was beautifully sung by Helen and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Gary and Janet Setliff of Sweetwater, and Judy Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin visited with Norma and Oren Webb.

Gene and LaDell Jumper of Midland visited and ate lunch with LaVon Snider on Wednesday. Dan Snider visited with them in the afternoon.

On Friday night Dwayne and Connie Snider, and Kelly Parham of Stephenville met LaVon in Gorman for supper.

LaVon Snider and Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum ate Sunday dinner with Gene and Kay Snider.

Last week LaVon received news of the death of a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, Jack Neill of Oregon. Jack was the son of the late Leona (Jumper) Neill and Gaines Neill who grew up in the Kokomo Community. Our sincere sympathy to LaVon and the family.

Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks visited in De Leon with Avie Taylor.

Zelda Jordan was in Abilene on Tuesday for a check up on her eye and visited with her daughter, Glenda Black and they had lunch together and visited with a friend, Shelby Boles who was a patient at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Ken and Mary Rogers of Eastland and Shorty Treadway of Ranger visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday and enjoyed games of "Train".

### A CRUISE TO COZUMEL

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Bobby and Mary Jane Little enjoyed a cruise to Cozumel and Calica-Play Carmen last week. They spent Friday night in Galveston and sailed from Galveston on the Carnival ship Ecstasy on Saturday morning February 12 and returned on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. They report a very good trip with lots of good food and shows on the ship and visiting the islands. Of particular interest was the water of many beautiful colors.

and Ina Smith had bingo for eleven residents. Breakfast juices were enjoyed.

Some guests were Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater and Connie Cate of Eastland, Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Bill Campbell and Wilbur Overstreet.

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, February 26th at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who come early for supper. Sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks will be served. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Dorothy Roberts serves as Chairman of the concession stand.

Clyde (Wilhite) Paul is in the Stephenville hospital recovering from recent hip surgery. Jo Ann Good of Topeka, Kansas is with her mother at this time. Clyde and Jo Ann attended school in Desdemona where Clyde graduated with the Class of 1928 and Jo Ann was in the Class of 1949.

Bernard and Ann Keith spent a few days visiting their daughter, Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn in Love Oak, Texas. They attended a Valentine Sweetheart Banquet at the First Baptist Church in Converse, Texas where their son-in-law, Bill, serves as pastor. They reported a good trip, but Ann came home with the 'bug.'

Larry and Gay Moore spent the past weekend in Fort worth to celebrate their wedding anniversary and do some shopping.

Karen Eaves was in Eastland last Saturday morning to attend a basketball game that her grandson, Colin, was playing. His team won the morning game to advance to an afternoon game where his great grandparents, Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended. Also attending this game were his father, George Garcia and friend of Whitney. Colin's team won the tournament. His parents are Roy and Angela Powledge of Eastland.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended the Strawn Monthly Musical last Saturday night. There were several groups of musicians and singers to attend. Everyone enjoyed the good music.

Hallie Million spent the past weekend with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. Mildred looks forward to these visits with her only great grand.

James Ryon and Louise Maltby are having some health problems at this time. Remember all of our sick folks with your cards and prayers.

George and Dawna Martin and daughter, Darcy of Millsap visited last Sunday eve with his daughter, Donal and Kandice Cogburn and son, Dylan.

Thought for today—"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

Have a nice day, Vonnie

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