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Easter Treasure Hunt Rescheduled Great State Trash Off

Due to the weather, the annual Easter Treasure Hunt was cancelled on Saturday, March 26th. The Hunt has been rescheduled for this Saturday, April 2ndweather permitting—2:00 p.m. at the City Park.

Floy F. Morrison Celebrates Her 105th Birthday

Floy F. Morrison, long time resident of this area before relocating to Lake Fork, continues to astound all concerned. She celebrated her 105th birthday Wednesday, March 30th.

Friends who would like to celebrate this landmark birthday may send cards or notes to 462 County Rd 1554, Alba, Texas 75410.

Floy, widowed twice, nursed in this area 47 years before retiring in 1975. She continues to live alone, near her son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Reta Crenshaw. She spends her time reading, quilting, crocheting, and looking forward to infrequent but cherished fishing trips. Many local residents will remember has and various fishing partners showing up with impressive fish to weigh, caught from locations they were not inclined to

A longtime member of the Church of Christ, she is presently a member of the Alba Church of Christ.

Her children include Norma Clute, Richardson, daughter of Horace Morrison;

Harrington, daughter of Horace Morrison; Jo Underwood, deceased; Herbert L. Crenshaw, deceased; and James E. Crenshaw, Alba, all children of Leslie Felix Crenshaw.

There are seven grandchildren, two of whom are deceased; ten great grandchildren; and ten great-great and eagerly awaits the birth of twin girls, due in June. The great-great grandchildren keep on and on.

So does Floy. An in words that those who know and love her and those great-great grandchildren would applaud: You Go Girl!



Floy Morrison, 105 years old Wednesday, March 30, is pictured with some of her latest quilting.

Can Desdemona First Baptist Repeat Last Year's Revival

years spring revival, April 10th Lubbock, preaching on Wednesday someone else. "We averaged 81 thru April 13th, at Desdemona night, and the music being brought each night and this year we want man Church of Christ will present a First Baptist Church will be even to you all week by the Howard to fill it up. We are pushing to get better than last years revival. "With family from Gorman, this line-up a 95 average every service April Dustin Obanion from Bread of will pack the seats of the church 10th thru the 13th. All we want is Life Ministries in Stephenville, from Sunday at 11:00am til 7:00 for people to realize it's not about preaching on Tuesday night, Trent Wedsneday night. Pastor Gary their past. It's about right now and Lowe from Lubbock Sunday at Hughes will bring the message tomorrow, and at this revival they 6:00, Kent Battenfield from Monday at 7:00." He goes onto say will realize that. Bro. Gary said, Lingleville Baptist on Sunday that last years revival was awe- "Don't change clothes, don't mendous influence one person can Morning, former country and west- some. People got saved, rededi- dress up. Come the way you are make. Class members will also

Happy 50th Anniversary For Donald & Barbara Nowlin

Donald and Barbara Nowlin will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 10th at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church in DeLeon. The couple was married April 8, 1955 in the home of the late Bro. Willie Skaggs in the Rock Bluff Community and have resided in the DeLeon area for most of their married life. Donald is a farmer/rancher and Barbara is a DeLeon Public School retiree. Hosting the event will be their daughters, Brenda Huddleston of DeLeon, Peggy Lewelling of Weatherford, and Donna Georger of Plano. Friends and family are invited. The couple request no gifts, please.



Pastor Gary Hughes says this pastoring a 400 member church in ed to pray for themselves or singer Shane Brooks, now cated lives and so many just want- and don't miss one single night of lead singing and lead the group in be fun and exciting, and we are come to services of the church. gonna be loud!"

> Sunday morning at 11:00 with Kent Battenfield, Sunday night atm 6:00 with Trent Lowe, Monday 7:00 with Bro. Gary Hughes, 7th Boys Tuesday 7:00 with Dustin Obanion, and Wednesday at 7:00 with Bro. Shane Brooks, and the music all week by the Howard family. Other special music will be performed by Annette Cummings on Monday night and Tuesday night, Nelda Bartley on Monday night, and Shane Brooks sings and preaches on Wednesday

Come as you are and don't miss this April 10th thru the 13th at Desdemona First Baptist Church.

Needs Help With Clean Up

The Gorman G.R.O.W. Comdents with the annual clean up along Highway 6 this Saturday, April 2, 2005.

Center at 8 a.m. and then proceed to the area we clean up, just west

If you can assist, pleae come and help!

Saturday, April. 2nd

It's that time of year again! The Great State Trash-Off sponsored by Keep Texas Beautiful will be held Saturday April 2.

Every spring the State of Texas and KTB encourage affiliates to get out and enjoy the spring air and clean up the highways of our great state! Gorman is fortunate in that there are nine organizations in our little community that have pledged to help do their part in keeping Gorman Beautiful! Those organizations are FFA/Livestock Raisers Assoc., First Baptist Church Youth, Birdsong Peanuts, Masons, Lions Club, GHS National Honor Society, Gorman GROW, 7th & 8th grade Science classes, and the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

If you know someone in one of these organizations, tell them THANK YOU and better yet, offer to help on the clean-up! It leaves a good feeling to help your community. Not to mention-some people have been known to find some pretty large sums of money!

If your group or organization cannot meet on that Saturday, please be sure and set another time either the week before or immediately after to do your section of highway. And please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 with the number of bags of trash you collected.

Eastland Co. Commissioners Court Called Meeting Slated

A called meeting of the Eastland County Commissioners' Court, has been called for April 5, 10 a.m. at the Eastland County Commissioners' Court Room. Discussion will be the County Judge's proposal for the Unit Road System. Public is urged to attend.

Lady Panther Track News

Track season is up and running, and for the Lady Panthers it is going very well. The first meet of the year was one of victory. That is correct the ever so small, but well trained group of girls took home a championship from Cross Plains and did Gorman proud. The second meet of the year at Goldthwaite was also a giant success. The Lady Panthers took a second place finish home from a combined 2A/1A meet. The Panthers just this last Friday competed at Munday, Texas. This extraordinarily large meet was a great chance for the Lady Panthers to test themselves and to really drive them to push hard for district. "There are so many reasons we are having success this year, but the number one reason is that there is a desire to destroy mediocrity and reach for greatness," said Coach Tooley.

Girls Jr. High Track News

The Gorman girls junior high track team has had many obstacles in their way this season, from injuries to grandchildren. She recently traveled to Rio Vista to spend the day with her most recent great-great grandchild running with a small track team. "I would rather have the people that are willing to work out there, than to have a large group of people that take time away from those wanting to better themselves", said Coach Tooley.

Many of the team have found themselves in events that they would not have thought they could participate in, but belief has been born in many of the hearts of those trying. With only the district meet track meet left (April 5) in Cross Plains the Lady Cubs are sure to be giving their all in everything that they are a part of.

Support is a great thing to have, especially from the ones close to you, so come see the Lady Cubs in their final meet of the year.

Gorman Church of Christ Youth Group News

The Youth Group of the Gorspecial program on Wednesday night, March 30 at 7:00PM. The subject will be "Living With the Choices We Make." The lesson will center on the Old Testament character King Solomon. They will show through his life what a trethis life changing revival. It will prayer. Visitors are always wel-

Again, this revival is at Desdemona First Baptist starting Jr. High Boys Track **Meet Results**

Shot Put - Cliffton Lipson - 4th place with a throw of 31'6.5", Taylor Chew - 6th place with a throw of

High Jump - Ernest Rodriguez - 4th place with a jump of 4'4", Taylor Chew - 6th place with a jump

400 Meter Relay- Taylor Chew, Clifton Lipson, Ernest Rodriguez, of 53.15 sec.

13.18 sec.

400 Meter Dash- Ernest Rodriguez - 3rd place with a time of 64.75 sec.

200 Meter Dash - Taylor Chew - 5th place with a time of 29.24 sec. 1600 Meter Relay- Taylor Chew, Clifton Lipson, Ernest Rodriguez, Tyler Johnson - 5th place with a time of 4:33.10 sec. 8th Boys

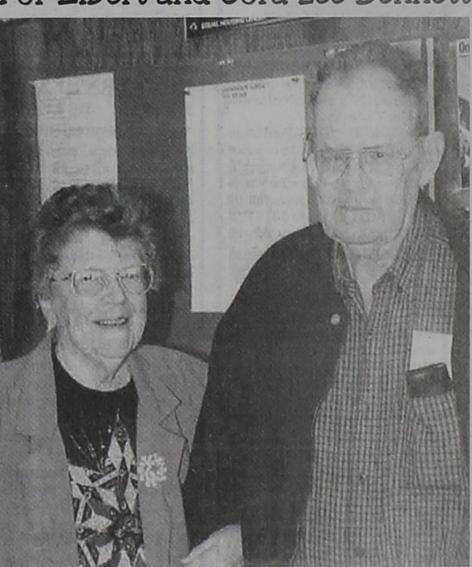
400 Meter Relay- Marc Gillen, mittee needs the help of area resi- Matt Underwood, Gabriel Burt, Martin Ramirez - 5th place with a time of 51.66 sec

200 Meter Dash - Matt We will meet at the Community Underwood - 3rd place with a time of 27.09 sec. ***The junior high track team will travel to Cross Plains on April 5 for the district track meet.

Coach Tooley

Happy 65th Anniversary For Elbert and Cora Lee Bennett

Coach Tooley



G.E. (Elbert) and Cora Lee Bennett married on Easter Sunday Tyler Johnson- 5th place with a time in 1940 and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on March 24, 2005. They have two children, Dwight Bennett and Sharon 100 Meter Dash- Tyler Jones, four grand-children and four great-grandchildren. They Johnson- 3rd place with a time of celebrated their anniversary with Dwight & Sharon and Elbert's brother and sister: Vernon Bennett and Betty Little.



The T.A.B.'s Relay For Life Bake Sale April 2nd

The T.A.B.'s Relay For Life team is having a Bake Sale this Saturday, April 2nd at Texas Creations, starting at 9 a.m. at 102 E. Lubbock. All proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life T.A.B. Team Pig Kissing Contest

T.A.B.'s Team is having a 'Pig Kissing' Contest to help raise money for our Relay For Life team.

Contestants from the faculty are: Leslie Vann, Coach Tooley, Pam Childers, and Amanda Rainey.

Students consist of: Kendra Swanner, Clint Jones, Rose Herrera and

Ryan Wright. The cans are at Texas Creations—so come by and help your favorite person to win!!!

Pam, have you ever kissed a pig? How about you Clint? All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Obituary

Dr. Charles Thomas Cole

Dr. Charles Thomas Cole, 86, of Dublin, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at the DeLeon Hospital. Graveside services were Monday, March 28, 2005 at the Erath Gardens of Memory with Pat Leatherwood officiating.

Dr. Cole was born on March 9, 1919 in Strong, Arkansas to Rev. Edward F. Cole and Dink Lorena Shockley Cole. He married Willie Fay Marsh on May 31, 1944 in Lamesa. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was Public Health officer for Dublin for 28 years. He was a veteran, serving in the Army Medical Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Fay Cole of Dublin; son and daughter-in-law, Joe Marsh and Ann Cole of Dublin; grandsons, David Cole and Robert Cole of Mesa, AZ; great grandsons, Dylon Cole and Hunter Cole of Mesa, AZ; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by one son, Don Cole in August 1986. Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Disease Research



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We want to express our thanks to the weary firemen who responded to our 911 call in the wee hours of Thursday morning. They were gracious enough to stay until the ambulance arrived. Their assistance was greatly appreciated. A.B. and Dee Smithey

Breckenridge **Run For** Your Life

Run For Your Life, 5K Race and Children's Fun Run, benefitting the Breckenridge Junior High Life Skills Program, will be May 7. 2005. All runners get a free T-shirt, medal and breakfast!

Registration is \$5.00 at 7 a.m.; 5K Race (7th grade - adult) 8 a.m.; Children's Fun Run (K-6th) 9 a.m. at the Life Skills Center (yellow building across from the Breckenridge High School).

For more information or to preregister call 254-559-2809.

School News

Monday, April 4th-Golf Tuesday, April 5th-TAKS Test; Lady Panthers vs Albanythere, 4:30 p.m.; Panthers vs Eulathere, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6th-Tennis Thursday, April 7th-High School District Track Meet, Glenrose

Friday, April 8th-Lady Panthers vs Ranger-here, 4:30 p.m.; Panthers vs Baird Bears-there, 5:00

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YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of the forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of March, 2005, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 3rd day of March, 2005, in this cause, numbered CV-05-39895 on the docket of said Court and styled Robert L. Cochran, Plaintiff, vs. Lana Williams, et al, Defendants.

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

First Tract: Being 160 acres, more or less, and being the entire Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 5, Deaf & Dumb Asylum Lands, Abstract No. 543, in Eastland County, Texas, less and except 1 acre occupied by the Jewel Cem-

Second Tract: Being 160 acres, more or less, and being the entire Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of Section 4, Deaf & Dumb Asylum Lands, Abstract No. 1061, in Eastland County, Texasa arow asting.

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

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

Witness, Karen Moore, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland, County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Eastland, Texas, this the 9th day of March,

KAREN MOORE, Clerk 91st District Court Eastland County, Texas By: s/Karen Moore, Deputy (SEAL)

Dorcas Class Workday



L-R: Floydene Gilbert, Kay Cozart, Christine Hammontree, Joy Rogers, Dee Smithey, Francis Simpson, Dolores Underwood, Louise Smart, Velda Baze and (Seated) Linda Simmons.

The Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ held a workday on March 23 to present seasonal gifts to members of the church and community. More than thirty gifts were assembled, prepared, wrapped and distributed on Wednesday. This effort represented months of sewing projects by class members. Freshly baked goods were also part of the packages. After the workday these packages were taken by members to the homes of the recipients.

The group also held a devotional on the joy of salvation through the risen Christ. Many thanks to Jerry Underwood who surprised each q member with lovely hand made gifts and other presents. These delisful, colorful arrangements were waiting for the class when they arrived.

The class will meet on Wednesday March 30 in the Fellowship Hall when the lesson will feature the Old Testament character Jezebel, wife of King Ahab. Visitors are welcome.

Letter To The Editor –

I would like to add my congratulations to the three young ladies that represented Gorman High School at the recent State Power Lifting Meet. Just getting to go to State is a big honor; medaling is even Greater.

I would be remiss, however, if I didn't correct a mistake that was made in last week's paper. The quote was, "Their 5th place finished out of the 25 class 1A schools was the highest finish of any Gorman team at the State Meet."

THAT IS NOT CORRECT! Four years ago two young ladies from Gorman High School went to the State Power Lifting Meet. Both young ladies from won their weight divisions quite handily. Ashley Maupin, competing for her very 1st time at State, won the Gold Medal for her division. She went back the very next year and did it again. Christina Mauney, competing for her 2nd time at State, won the Gold Medal for her division for the 2nd time in a row; a first for Gorman High School! These **TWO** young ladies placed 4th overall in 2001!

They were just a few points shy of bring home the 3rd place trophy—a great accomplishment considering that the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams had anywhere between 8-10 girls on their teams.

I am extremely pleased to see that Power Lifting is still going strong with both the Lady Panthers and Panthers. The 2005 Regional and State Qualifiers are something that our whole community should be proud of. BUT, it would be unfair to the Lady Panthers of 2001 to forget what accomplishments they made for their school also. Sincerely,

s/Gary Mauney

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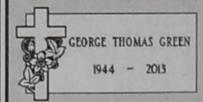
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We Appreciate All Listings -

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter with family and friends and was in a place of worship somewhere. It was an Easter day that I think we will all remember, if it snowed at your house. I was surprised to find the ground covered with snow when I got up on Sunday morning. It didn't linger long before it was all melted, but the cold wind continued all day. I can't remember it ever snowing on Easter Sunday before.

Easter Sunday was a good day at Kokomo. There was a large crowd at the Kokomo Baptist Church as many who came back to the community to visit with family attended the church services on Sunday morning. The visitors were Joe and Viki Miles of Austin, Glenda Black of Abilene, Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody, and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Judy and Sarah Porter, Amanda Porter and Tino and Scarlett Torres all of Austin, Jon Melde of Elgin, Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning all of Graham, Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis, Bailey Underwood and Brylee Johnson of Gorman, George and Shirley Christie of Eastland and their grandson, Darren Christi of San Angelo, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Terry, Arleen, Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton and Ben Burgess of Gorman, Haley Buckley of Desdemona, and Alan, Justin and Ally Little. Since there were many of the Little family in attendance together, they were asked to stand up and a large portion of one side of the congregation stood up. It is wonderful to see families attending church together. Little Michelle Snider was attending her first church service, (with her parents and big sister, Mike, Crystal and Rachel) and she got lots of attention. I hope that I haven't missed anyone, but if I have, please forgive me and be assured you were welcome.

Woodrow Browning directed the congregation as they sang the beautiful songs about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with Helen Browning at the piano and Ruby Lee Kinser at the organ. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music, singing "It Is Finished". Bro. Clarence Wilson brought a very meaningful Easter message reminding us that because Jesus Christ was resurrected from death and the grave, those who accept Jesus as Savior will have a new life.

Our thanks to Daryl and Cecilia Hirst for the beautiful Hydrangea plant arrangement and to Kelly Buchanan of West Columbia and his grandmother, Nancy Hendricks for the beautiful Easter Lily.

Following the church service, even though the cold wind was blowing, there was an egg hunt for the children in the churchyard. The children didn't seem to mind the cold wind as they ran about finding the bright colored eggs to put in their pretty Easter baskets, but it seemed pretty cold to some of the adults.

Deliah, Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis spent the Easter weekend with her parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves, and helped Delmon clean up some of the destruction of the burned shop. Kenneth Eaves of Eastland came on Saturday to help them.

Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham spent the Easter weekend with their parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Nelda and Jarad Fails of Arlington, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon enjoyed an Easter visit with their parents and grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Saturday night.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Joe Little of Las Cruces, NM, and Karen Patterson of Eastland visited during the Easter holidays with their mother and grandmother, Betty Little.

Those visiting with Charles and Carolyn Little on Friday night were Caye, Scotty, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla and Danny Burgess of Gorman, Alan, Shellie, Justin and Ally Little, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Joe Little of Las Cruces, NM and Betty Little.

Arleen, Terry, Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the Easter weekend with their parents and grandparents, Bobby and Mary Jane

Visitors with Durwood and Aletha Burgess during the Easter weekend were Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Ben Burgess and a friend, Taylor of Gorman, Danny and Charla Burgess of Gorman, Angela, Jeff, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona, and Aline Garrett of Gorman. On Sunday afternoon they all attended the annual Easter Egg hunt and hamburger cook-out at the home of Jeff and Angela Burgess along with many of the Buckley family.

Kelly and Tina Buchanan of West Columbia visited during the Easter weekend with his mother, Sylvia Buchanan. Others visiting with them were Billy, Laura, Lucas and Joseph Eppler of Wylie, Tina's Dad, Charlie Personnel: Sisson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks and Laneta Freeman.

Beverley and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Saturday.

Johnnie B. Griffith visited with a sister-in-law, Hattie Griffith of Forsan and some of her family who were spending the weekend at their Lake Leon home.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during Easter were Judy and Sarah Porter, Tino and Scarlett Torres and Amanda Porter all of Austin, Jon Melde of Elgin, James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb of Granbury, Jacob Webb of Burleson, Alice Bergmark and Steven Bergmark of Comanche, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga and Chad and Kish Suniga all of Comanche.

Those enjoying dinner on Easter Sunday with Gene and Kay Snider were Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider of Gorman, and Dwayne and Connie Snider Adjourned: 7:15 pm of Stephenville.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Kelly and Tina Buchanan of West Columbia, and Billy, Laura, Joseph and Lucas Eppler of Wylie.

Those visiting with Joe, Barbara and Michael Fields on Easter were Caylea and Jamie Thomas of Gorman, Lisa Fields of Abilene and Richard and Teresa Nachtigall of Morgan Mill.

John and Troy Scitern, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern, Louise Tinkler of Abilene, Faye Scitern of Gorman and Carolyn and Gene Foster of Gorman attended the funeral of a cousin, Shorty Treadway in Ranger on Wednes-

Alvis and Bonnie Scitern visited with John and Troy Scitern on Sunday.

Zelda Jordan spent a few days last week in Abilene with Glenda and Leon Black, and underwent cataract surgery on her left eye at the Eye Institute of Abilene on Friday, and is thrilled to be able to see so well without glasses. Glenda, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and Zelda did some shopping and also visited with Loyd and Gail Daniell. On Friday night, Glenda and Leon and Zelda met Wade and Sheri and family at the Golden Corral for dinner.

Glenda Black of Abilene, and Joe and Viki Miles of Austin spent the weekend with Zelda Jordan and they

enjoyed dinner at ZJ's on Saturday night, and while there enjoyed a short visit with Neal and Joyce Gilbert of Katy. Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene came for an Easter visit on Sunday with Zelda, Glenda and Joe and

When I got home from Abilene on Saturday there was four inches of rain in the rain gauge. I understand there was quite a thunderstorm came through the community on Friday night.

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Gorman Student Accepted Into People To People Academic Program

Miles Vann, a student at Gorman Independent School District, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Miles Vann will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., April 4-10, 2005 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of our nation's most prominent monuments and institutions.

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From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institute, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Vann will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand flow successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster

Miles Vann was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in

Minutes (Draft) Special Meeting GISD

March 28, 2005

Invocation: Jeff Seaton

Quorum Present:

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Bobby Rich, Jeff Seaton, Melinda Harrington, Mark Simmons

Absent-Beth Underwood (illness)

Others Present: Leslie Vann, Mary Reeves

Visitors Present: Sue Spivey, Laneta Freeman, David Freeman, Lisa Laminack, Betty Heathington, Gene Smith, Kenneth Heathington

Pledge of Allegiance

Election Judge:

Mr. Vann informed the Board that Mrs. Pam Childers declined to serve as the election judge and due to the complaint letters issued to the board by Gene Smith and David Freeman at the last meeting. Mr. Vann presented two names, G. W. Maxfield and Bob Powell, to the board as recommendation for the election judge position.

Bobby Rich stated that in addition to Mrs. Childers's declining the appointment, the decision to pursue other individuals for the election judge position was made to avoid addition legal counsel fees. He stated that over the past two years GISD has paid \$20,397.40 in legal counsel fees addressing issues raised by various visitors present at the meeting.

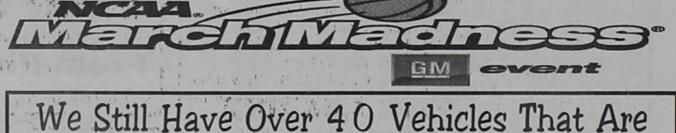
Jeff Seaton moved that the GISD Board appoint G. W. Maxfield as the election judge and Bob Powell as the assistant election judge. Seconded by Melinda Harrington. Vote 4-0

(1) Mark Simmons moved that the board approve the contracts for the East End Special Education Cooperative as presented. Seconded by Melinda Harrington. Vote 4-0

(2) Mark Simmons moved that the Board approve Mr. Vann's recommendation to employ Mary Reeves as the Elementary Principal for 2005-2006. Seconded by Jeff Seaton. Vote 4-0. Following the vote Jeff Seaton commented on outstanding job Mrs. Reeves had done as a teacher.

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weight.

making smart food choices, handy

and healthy can sometimes go

almonds are a crunchy favorite;

convenient and versatile, as well

love to sprinkle a handful of

almonds on a green salad or in a rice dish, or crunch on them as a

mid-afternoon snack," says San-

dra Lee, host of the Food Net-

work's "Semi-Homemade Cooking

ian-inspired dessert or a South-

east Asian stir-fry, almonds

handy for health-conscious people.

The government's new Dietary

Guidelines for Americans names

almonds as one of the leading

whole-food sources of vitamin E.

An ounce of almonds a day has

also been shown to lower LDL, or

"bad," cholesterol levels-and

emerging research shows they

may also play an important role in

maintaining and even losing

handful of almonds today, or try-

ing them in the delicious recipe

Maple-Ricotta Parfaits With

Almonds & Plums

1/3 cup maple syrup, divided

1 tablespoon butter

sliced

cheese

roasted

Lee suggests grabbing a handy

Almonds may be particularly

always come in handy," she adds.

"Whether I'm making an Ital-

"Almonds are a handy food. I

before embroidering. Place stabilizer behind the fabric. 6) Follow sewing machine direc-

tions for embroidery card or embroider by hand a special design, name or date to mark the



THE GORMAN PROGRESS

NUTRITION NEW

Plums work well in these parfaits, though three to four pears would,

To roast sliced almonds:

Spread in an ungreased baking pan. Place in 350°F oven and bake 5 to 6 minutes or until golden brown and fragrant; stir once or twice to assure even browning. Note that almonds will continue to roast slightly after removing

Heat butter in a sauté pan. Add 2 tablespoons maple syrup, and gently stir in plum slices. Cook on medium heat just until plums are soft and giving out some juice, but still holding their shape. Meanwhile, stir together 1/2 cup maple syrup and ricotta; set aside.

Divide 1/2 cup plum slices among 4 clear bowls or brandy glasses. Follow with ricotta, and then remaining plum slices. Drizzle with remaining maple syrup, and sprinkle

Visit www.AlmondsAreIn.com for Maple-Ricotta Parfaits nutritional information and more tasty, handy and nutritious recipes.

6 black plums, pitted and with almonds. Serves 4. 11/4 cups part-skim ricotta ½ cup sliced almonds,

Our Insect Enemies

Protecting The Trees We Love

(NAPSA)—Trees provide more incredible benefits than many realize. Texas A&M researcher Dr. Roger Ulrich says just looking at them reduces stress within five minutes. The U.S. Forest Service says trees can reduce home energy needs by as much as 50 percent and boost home values as

much as 10 percent. Trees also give people a feeling of pride. Many of us planted trees as youngsters and watched them grow over the years. How many times have you looked at a tree you planted? It provides a feeling of accomplishment knowing you helped create a beautiful tree out

of a young sapling. "Trees need to be pruned regularly and protected against damaging insects to help them last," says Lawn and Garden Expert Lance Walheim, who has authored or contributed to more than 30 books. "A dead tree can damage your home or your neighbor's, so it's cheaper to protect your trees than pay someone to remove them."

Certain insects can do serious damage. In fact, insects actually destroy more timber annually

than wildfire. Some examples: · The emerald ash borer has destroyed millions of ash trees in southeast Michigan since it came to the United States 10 years ago. The United States Forest Service estimates there are more than 7.5 billion ash trees growing in 40 states—all considered susceptible

to this insect's attacks. · The hemlock woolly adelgid infests about one-half of the native hemlock in the eastern United States and has destroyed nearly 70 percent of the hemlocks in the calling 1-877-BAYERAG.



Prevention is critical to fighting insects that can kill your trees.

Shenandoah Valley. The pest is spreading west and south to Tennessee and South Carolina. In fact, the U.S. Forest Service says the threat it poses to the Appalachian forests is comparable to the chestnut blight of the early 20th century that all but destroyed the Ameri-

can chestnut tree. The bronze birch borer has led to the death of paper birch and yellow birch in the United States

from Maine to Idaho. While many people resort to climbing tall ladders to spray insect-infested trees or end up hiring a tree service, there is now an alternative: Bayer Advanced™ Tree & Shrub Control with MERIT® It's absorbed by the tree roots and systemically moves through the tree killing borers and other pests. One application lasts up to 12 months. Just mix in a watering can and pour at the base of the

tree or shrub. No spraying. All Bayer Advanced products carry a money-back guarantee. You can learn more by visiting www.bayeradvanced.com or by

Crafty Ideas

An Easy-To-Make Lace Pillow Heirloom

(NAPSA)-If you're looking for a perfect handmade gift to celebrate a joyous occasion, here's one that will be treasured for years to come. This lovely lace pillow project from Rowenta, manufacturer of high-end garment care products, is the perfect gift for brides and bridesmaids, or as a keepsake for newborns.

You Will Need: · 1 yard batiste

 2 yards wide insertion lace · Embroidery card for the machine embroidery on pillow front (note: you may also hand embroi-

Embroidery thread Tear-away stabilizer cut to the

size of the pillow front · Rowenta iron

Cutting Direction 1) Cut a 21" x 17" rectangle of

fabric for the pillow front. 2) Cut two 13½" x 17" rectangles of fabric for the pillow backs.

Sewing Directions: 1) Turn under and press a 1" hem along one long edge of one pillow back piece.

2) Turn under 1" again and press. Stitch close to the fold. 3) Repeat for the remaining pil-

4) Mark the location of your embroidery in the center of the pil-

7) Pin the pillow front and back with right sides together and raw



REST EASY. This lace insertion pillow is easy to make and a perfect gift or keepsake for newborns.

edges even, overlapping the hemmed edges of the pillow back. 8) Stitch with a 1/2" seam

allowance. Trim seams. Turn right side out and press. 9) Measure and mark a line 2" in from the edges of the pillow for the

10) Stitch along the marked flange line.

11) Mark a curving line in the center of the flange for the place-

ment of the lace. 12) Pin lace along the marked

13) At the curves, pull up gently on the gathering thread in the edge

14) Shape the lace around the 5) Lightly starch and press fabric curve and steam to remove any puckers or gathers.

15) Stitch close to the edges of the lace with a narrow zigzag stitch. 16) Trim away the fabric behind

For more information on Rowenta garment care products or project ideas, visit the Web site: www.rowentausa.com.

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Soup's On!

(NAPSA)-Nothing's more soothing on a blustery, cold day than a steaming bowl of your favorite soup. Whether you're heating it up from a can or carefully tending a batch from scratch, fragrant hot soup is the perfect comfort solution to warm you from the inside out.

Simmering up a batch of homemade soup? Here are some helpful

· Cook up enough to enjoy over several days-most soups taste better after the flavors have had time to meld.

· Use leftovers to make soupit's an economical way to stretch the grocery budget. Instead of tossing bones from a roast, wrap them securely in Press'n Seal Freezer Wrap and freeze to use later. The wrap, which is textured to seal, helps seal out freezer air and seal in freshness. The tight seal prevents air from reaching your food and protects against freezer burn. Later, when you have time, simmer the bones in water to make a broth.

 Steer away from always following the recipe. Unlike baking where too much of something can lead to a failure, soups are much more forgiving. Simply start with canned broth or stock, add your favorite vegetables, noodles or rice and seasonings, and simmer.

 Cool down homemade soup fast by dividing into durable, double-sealing, disposable containers,

like Gladware. Take soup to lunch for a no-fuss brown bag lunch. Ladle and divide soup into Gladware Soup & Salad containers and freeze. When ready for lunch, remove container from the refrigerator or freezer, microwave and

Looking for a flavorable soup? This easy minestrone makes a tasty and nutritious main dish, with about one cup of vegetables in just one serving.

For easy food storage solutions, visit www.Glad.com. For convenient and nutritious recipes and information featuring canned food, visit www.Mealtime.org.

(NAPSA)-Learning about

heart disease may help protect you from it. Yet a recent American Col-

lege of Preventive Medicine

(ACPM) survey found many women

don't understand their risk of heart

disease. Take this quiz to find out

Q. T or F: Heart disease is the

A. True. According to the Amer-

number one killer of American

ican Heart Association, cardiovas-

cular disease kills about half a

million American women each

Q. T or F: Heart disease kills

A. True. However, nearly three-

Q. T or F: Most women are

A. False. Nearly half of the

fourths of women in the ACPM

survey did not consider themselves

to be at equal or greater risk of

doing all they can to help prevent

women respondents at increased

risk for heart attack or stroke

were not taking one proven pre-

vention tool: Aspirin. If you're at

your doctor may recommend

aspirin therapy to help lower

that risk. Aspirin has over 100

years of proven safety and effi-cacy, but be sure to talk to your

doctor before you begin an

sionals support using aspirin as

part of a cardiovascular event

care professionals surveyed said

A. True. Nearly all the health

Q. T or F: Health care profes-

increased risk for heart attack,

having a heart attack than a man.

year-roughly one a minute.

more women than men.

heart attacks

spirin regimen.

risk-reduction strategy

how heart-health savvy you are.



A big bowl of hearty soup can help you feel warmer all over.

Spill the Beans Minestrone

- 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 cans (14½ ounces each) reduced-sodium chicken
- or vegetable broth 1 can (151/2 ounces) reducedsodium garbanzo beans.
- rinsed and drained 1 can (151/2 ounces) reducedsodium red kidney beans,
- rinsed and drained 1 can (141/2 ounces) Italianstyle stewed tomatoes
- 2 cups chopped kale or Swiss chard (optional)
- ½ cup uncooked small shellshaped pasta 1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning

¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper **Grated Parmesan cheese**

(optional)

In medium saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Cook and stir onion and garlic 3 to 5 minutes or until onion is translucent. Add broth, beans, tomatoes, kale (if desired), pasta and seasonings; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until pasta is tender. Serve with Parmesan cheese, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Per Serving: Calories 203; Total Fat 4g; Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 745mg; Total Carbohydrate 37g; Dietary Fiber 8g;

they recommend aspirin therapy

as a way to reduce the risk of a

cardiovascular event for patients

Learning about heart

disease is a healthy idea.

risk factors used to assess a

a. Ageb. Previous heart problems

woman's (or a man's) personal risk

c. Cholesterol levels
d. Blood pressure or diabetes

A. g-All of the above. Your

health care provider can determine

low, moderate or high-and can

provide suggestions to reduce your

steps you can take to help prevent

b. Exercise and stop smoking

daily aspirin regimen is right for

work with your doctor to develop a

cardiovascular event prevention

program that suits your individ-

For more information visit

personal cardiovascular risk

c. Eat a healthy diet

Q. Which of the following are

a. Have your doctor assess your

d. Ask your doctor whether a

e. All of the above e—All of the above. You can

which risk category you fall into-

Q. Which of the following are

Protein 11g.

at increased risk

of heart disease?

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ual health needs.

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e. Family history

f. Smoking habits g. All of the above

VOMEN'S HEALTH

Are You Heart Smart?

Creamy Pie For Tempting Dessert



(NAPSA)—Sweet and tangy, Creamy Lime Colada Pie makes a great dessert for any occasion. Making this recipe is easy as pie. The frozen pie crust is ready to bake in its own pan and the creamy filling takes only a few minutes to mix together. Remember this delicious pie the next time you need to bring dessert to a family get-together, too. You can make it in advance, refrigerate and then easily tote the tempting pie in its disposable pan.

Creamy Lime Colada Pie

1 Pillsbury® Pet-Ritz® frozen deep dish pie crust (from 12-oz

1 package (3 oz) cream cheese, softened

1 box (4-serving size) coconut cream instant pudding and pie filling mix

2/3 cup milk 1 can (6 oz) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed Few drops green food color, if desired

11/2 cups frozen (thawed) reduced-fat whipped topping 3 tablespoons flaked or shredded coconut, toasted*

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Bake and cool crust as directed on package for One-Crust Baked Shell. 2. In medium bowl, beat cream cheese on medium speed until

smooth. Beat in pudding mix until well blended. Gradually beat in milk. Add limeade concentrate and food color, beating until slightly thickened. Gently stir in 1 cup of the whipped topping. Pour into pie shell. Refrigerate at least 5 hours until set.

3. Just before serving, sprinkle toasted coconut over pie. Garnish with remaining whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pie. 6 servings.

Tip: *To toast coconut, spread on cookie sheet; bake at 350° F 7 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until light golden brown. Or spread coconut in microwavable pie pan; microwave on Low 41/2 to 8 minutes, tossing with fork after each minute, until light golden brown.

HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPSA)-A new public education campaign from the National Women's Health Resource Center, the nation's leading independent source of health information for women, is called Take 10 for Your Heart. It can help women improve their health with practical information, tips and tools to reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke. For a copy, call 1-877-986-9472 or see www.healthywomen.org.

Being fit may not only help you stay out of the hospital, it can benefit you if you do go in. Studies show that fit people into surgery-their bodies are from the new "Get Moving with better prepared for anesthesia. Bob Greene" Walking Club at To learn more about anesthesia eDiets.com. or to download a brochure, visit www.aana.com.

says walking, perhaps the oldest to 33 percent when compared to no form of exercise, just may be the screening at all. For more informakey to achieving new levels of tion, see www.cancer.org and fitness, particularly for those www.easycancerscreening.com.



who need to start with small, achievable goals to get, and stay, have a distinct advantage going on track. You can learn more

Fecal occult blood tests have been shown to reduce mortality Fitness expert Bob Greene rates from colorectal cancer by up

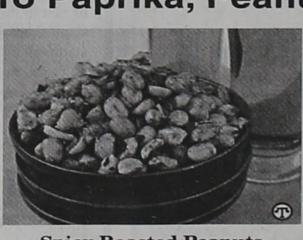
From Five-Spice To Paprika, Peanuts Pack A Punch

(NAPSA)-Easy to serve and delicious to snack on, peanuts are prized as the perfect party food by hosts and guests alike. But peanuts have so much more to offer than their simple pleasures. Whether you prefer your peanuts salty, sweet or spicy-or even a combination-all it takes is a dash of your favorite spices and a little culinary ingenuity to turn this versatile legume into an inventive hors d'oeuvre.

Flavor-packed yet fuss-free, peanuts provide the perfect starting point for making enticingly seasoned snack creations with culinary cachet. Use spices and flavors found in cuisines around the globe to impress guests with an exotic new take on this familiar party fare.

To get you started, internationally recognized chefs Mai Pham and Heidi Krahling have developed two savory spiced versions of the classic party pleasure-try one at your next gathering or even create one of your

For celebrated Chef Mai Pham, award-winning cookbook author and owner of the nationally acclaimed Lemon Grass Restaurant in Sacramento, Calif., peanuts are an aromatic, flavorand texture-building ingredient that can hold their own in a range of recipes—from the simple to the sophisticated. Chef Pham praises peanuts for their flexibility to shine in an array of traditionally prepared snack dishes making them not only delicious, but tremendously versatile as well.



Spicy Roasted Peanuts

with Green Onions

2 cups roasted peanuts

½ cup sugar 11/2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1½ tablespoons kosher salt or to 1 tablespoon five-spice powder 1 tablespoon red chili powder or

½ cup chopped green onions

Place the peanuts and sugar in a non-stick pan over moderate heat. Stir until the sugar starts to melt, about 5 to 7 minutes. Drizzle the oil on the peanuts then add the salt, five-spice powder and chili powder. Stir another 3 to 5 minutes. The sugar on the peanuts will start to harden and become crunchy. Remove the peanuts from the heat and immediately add the green onions. Toss several times and transfer to a cookie sheet to cool.

Yield: 2 cups Per ¼ cup serving: 286 calories, 20g fat (2g sat., 11g mono.), 0mg cholesterol, 1072mg sodium, 21g carb., 4g fiber, 10g protein.

San Anselmo, Calif., which builds

Heidi Krahling is chef and owner of Insalata's restaurant in on the philosophy that even the simplest of snacks can be a memorable addition to any gathering. Chef Krahling's recipe shows that, with a little culinary creativity, peanuts can help chefs and athome cooks create innovative variations on a timeless party snack.

Smoky Paprika Peanuts

4 cups blanched unsalted peanuts

½ cup confectioners' sugar ½ cup superfine sugar

Peanut oil for deep-frying Kosher salt Pimenton de la Vera Dulce

(Spanish Smoky Paprika)

Blanch peanuts in boiling water for 2 minutes. Drain and toss immediately with both sugars until evenly coated. Shake off excess sugar. Place oil into a deep

heavy pot to a depth of 2 inches

and heat to 340 degrees. Add 1/3 of the peanuts and fry for about 2 minutes until golden brown. Using a skimmer or a slotted spoon, transfer the peanuts to a sheet pan. Make sure the oil comes back to 340 degrees before you fry the next batch. Sprinkle peanuts with salt and the Spanish paprika while they are still hot. Once cool,

store in airtight container. Yield: 8 (½ cup) servings Per serving: 551 calories, 43g fat (6g sat., 21g mono.), 0mg cholesterol, 484mg sodium, 32g carb.,

6g fiber, 19g protein. For more delicious recipes, visit the National Peanut Board Web site at www.nationalpeanutboard.org.

Articles Of Interest To Local Area

To All the Taxpayers of Eastland County Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, Precinct 4

Recently the County Judge wanted to adopt the Unit Road system Section "252.301" by the Texas Transportation code. He brought this to Compositions on the Unit Road System proposed for Eastland County. missioners Court as an agenda item.

mously voted "no" on this proposal "4 to 0." The reason for this unanimous vote of "no" by all four commissioners was to stand up and voice ation, the Commissioners rejected the request to let the voters have an the opinion of the taxpayers of Eastland County.

We, the Commissioners, and you, the taxpayer, do not want to lose control and our voice in our local County Government.

We all have the best system in County Government that is available. land County to place the issue on a ballot. You have four full time Commissioners that work hard to have and protect your tax dollars, and voice your concerns and opinions. We do not want upon by our county taxpayers with this question be settled. to jeopardize this standard of protection.

a week for you. If you have a concern or a problem you have the comfort ment has changed in unimaginable ways since the mid 1800's, when our of knowing that you may call us anytime to get your problems resolved in state Constitution was formed. a quick and professional time and manner.

The Unit Road System is for a rich county, not a poor retirement town County and think you will agree, we could, and should do better. such as Eastland County. You have to have a lot of money to switch to this unit road system in order to try to make it work. A lot of money is not agree that we could and should do a better job of allocating your tax something that Eastland County has a lot of.

First of all, all the used equipment has to be sold and new equipment must be purchased and on a five year buy back program. Which means managing four separate road crews and four separate stashes of equipevery five years the taxpayer incurs a bigger deficit on equipment that will never be paid for and you will always be making payments on this facet of the job requires specific skill and experience to be qualified to equipment.

Second, the number of equipment as well as employees for road and bridge will be cut at least in half, which means it will take more time to blade and fix the roads. Less project on roads will get done. The County roads will suffer greatly and get worse.

Your County Judge proposes to put all the money in our Precinct for the whole year and provide no money for the other three precincts for that year, and rotate that system every year. Which would mean a precinct will fire and dispatch) records management, tax assessment, collection and receive all the money and upkeep that year but would do without any many other services, which are critical to the citizens of our County. money for the next three years.

Third, all the County barns would be sold and one "new," "Big," county Barn would be built that is centrally located for the use of road and bridge. This would be another debt incurred by the taxpayer.

Fourth, the Commissioners salary would be cut in half or may be paid and under utilized equipment/facilities and consolidation of the road crews a very small amount to attend the meetings and would be called as needed, and or placed behind a desk in the courthouse, which means one room and four desks for all four commissioners.

they tell them what to do. "This creates another layer of bureaucracy between the commissioners and the people."

Sixth, will also have "prioritized work orders." Which means a list of all projects would be made. Each project will be brought to Commissioners Court and voted on to do them or not to do them. If the project is voted "yes" to do it. It would then come back to Commissioners Court where a blue print would be made and a price estimate established of how much don't that's fine too. However, we need to look at every serious option money would be spent on this project. If it is voted "yes" again, it would be placed on the project list. Once a project is placed on the list it cannot be done until its turn. Which means if it is 10 years down on the list it will my proposal of what the budget would look like if we currently operated not be done until it is its turn. You cannot bump a project up the list.

road administrator who is in charge and responsible for all the road work 629-1263. B at 1981b to be done. He must be a lidensed professional engineer and meet TxDOT qualifications: Administrator must be experienced in road building and maintenance. "Which means" he would be paid a very large salary. "And is not elected by the taxpayers."

Eighth, the Unite Road System would work just like a union. Each employee would be assigned to one piece of equipment and that one piece of equipment is all that he is allowed to operate. A mechanic/service man would have to be hired to fix and service all equipment. He would be a full time employee.

Ninth, the number of constables and JPs would be cut in half and placed in the courthouse as well as eliminating the treasurer office.

Tenth, many counties that tried the Unit Road System could not make it work. And after the devastating unrecovery had to go through the same voting process to return back to the elected Commissioner System that we currently have now. And this means that they have a larger deficit now than they had before.

So yes, we did our job and voted responsibly in the taxpayers behalf. Eleventh, all problems and concerns of the taxpayer would have to come through the Commissioners Court to be resolved.

Twelfth, with your four full time elected commissioners you do have representation and someone who cares and will fix any of your problems, "because you, the taxpayer means a lot to us." This is something that you will not have with part time commissioners.

There is more information available that will be released at a later time. We, the Commissioners, appreciate your support on this issue.

Sincerely, Wayne Honea

Eastland County Commissioner Precinct 1

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FREE CLOTHING STORE - Bride of Christ Church - Every 3rd Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Every 3rd. Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

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 AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - THIRD WEDNESDAY - APRIL 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.

Article taken from Eastland Telegram, Sunday, March 27, 2005

County Road Superintendent: Is This Right For Eastland County?

The Editor recently requested in his editorial we concisely state our

On February 14, 2005, I asked the Commissioner's Court to place The entire Commissioners Court did reject this proposal, and unani- this issue on the ballot next November so that you "the voters" could make that decision. On a 4-0 vote, with little discussion or consideropportunity to vote on the issue.

It doesn't have to end there. It is within your power and control to take the next step, to circulate a petition by registered voters from East-

Only after the proposal has been studied, debated and finally voted

I can only tell you what I believe after years of study and contempla-We four Commissioners are always on call 24 hours a day, seven days tion on this proposal. Simply stated, the function of County Govern-

I suggest you travel any of the 700 miles of county roads in Eastland

Sit through the County's annual budget process and I think you will dollars. Under the current system, our Commissioners are responsible for

ment supported by an inadequate budget to do an adequate job. This deal with the significant task. The second part of a commissioner's job is budgetary control and

administration of county finances. Once again, this portion of the job requires specific experience, skill and training, no always commensurate with the primary function of road maintenance.

Remember that the county budget funds the judiciary, law enforcement, county jail, indigent health care, emergency services (ambulance,

It is my belief that the citizens and taxpayers would be better served if we hired one qualified road superintendent and elected four part time business minded Commissioners.

Reallocation of the Road and Bridge budget, disposing of duplicate would result in freeing up \$238,000.00 for better roads and offsetting unfunded mandates from Washington and Austin.

Let me make this final point. Under this system, you will not lose Fifth, the Commissioners cannot personally talk to road crews nor can your Commissioner or representation. You will gain a qualified road engineer or superintendent with a budget more amendable to performing the required and complex task. The Constitution requires representation by precinct on the Commissioners' Court. The Road Superintendent is under the budgetary and management controls of the Commissioners' Court and may be fired or hired by the Court.

> Please seriously consider this proposal. If you want it, Great! If you that will provide better service and offset our increasing tax burden.

In future letters, I will lay out a comparison of this year's budget and under this new system. If you are interested in circulating Seventh, an engineer foreman must be employed by the County as the or signing this petition to vote on this issue, please contact my office at

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Sincerely, Brad Stephenson Eastland County Judge

The Unit Road System, Not For Eastland County Response to article by County Judge

If you will read the minutes of the February 14th Commissioner's Court meeting, you will see the Commissioners voted 4-0 against the Unit Road System and would let the people decide if necessary. I said I believe the people in my precinct are against the Unit Road System and until they showed me otherwise, I would fight against it. I ask that you not sign any petition for the Unit Road system, and if it should come to a vote, please save what we still have left, vote NO.

We have already lost a lot of things in the southern part of the county. Gorman no longer has a Justice of the Peace or a Constable. When the current County Judge took office, he lead the Commissioners to believe that it was not legal for an individual precinct to have a reserve fund, where di the money go? Before this happened, if one precinct fell short another helped out, no budget amendment. The precincts now all work together on big projects.

If you centrally locate all equipment and personnel, it will take more than one hour just to get to parts of the county, how much fuel and labor to install one culvert?

Precinct 3 has approximately 300 miles of county roads, 5 motorgraders and operators. This figures out to 60 miles per motorgrader of this ratio we cannot grade all roads before the moisture is gone. We used to have 6 motorgraders and operators, which allowed us to do a much better job. If you scale back to 12 motorgraders for 700 miles of county roads, when will your road get graded?

Unfunded mandates, growing cost of operations, along with wanting things to be 1st class have all grown out of control, but let's not sacrifice Road and Bridge to bail something else out.

If we lose our precinct's barns, land equipment and Commissioner's overseeing the upkeep of our roads, we will not get it back.

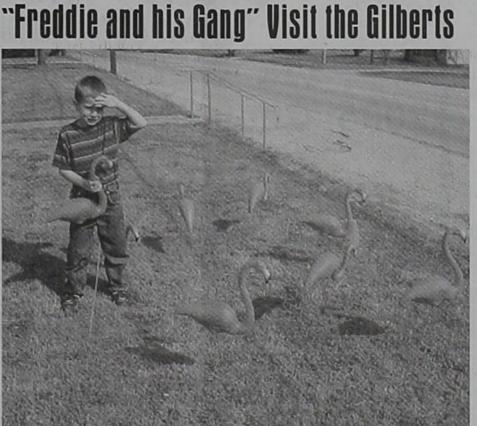
I ask for your support, don't let the Unit Road System happen in Eastland County.

Thank you, Bill Underwood **Eastland County Commissioner** Precinct #3

Photos Of Girls Softball



Kendra Swanner - Pitcher shown with Ashlee Hornback and Brandy Carlton



Jack Gilbert, grandson of Neal and Joyce Gilbert of Houston arrived in Gorman for an Easter visit only to find a yard full of pink flamingos at the home of his aunts, Carolyn Gilbert and Floydene Gilbert. After cheerfully making a contribution to Allie and Kaylee, daughters of Tiffany Troutman, the Flamingo removal service relocated the flock of birds.

"Freddie the Pink Flamingo and his Gang" are part of a fund raising effort of the Cancer Crusaders of Gorman. The proceeds of this effort will benefit the American Cancer Society. Allie and Kaylee's grandmother, Cherry Troutman, part of the Cancer Crusaders, received the donation from Jack this weekend. If you would like "Freddie and his Gang" to make a stop in your yard, call 734-2668.



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School Menu Week of April 4

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, yogurt, milk, juice Tuesday--Sausage Pancake on Stix, milk, juice Wednesday--Breakfast burritos, apples, milk, juice Thursday--Cinnamon Rolls, milk, juice Friday--Sausage, gravy, biscuits, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Chicken Fajita, salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, milk Tuesday-Pork chops, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, milk Wednesday--Hot dogs, chili/chees, baked beans, tater tots, milk Thursday--Pizza, salad, corn, jello/fruit, milk Friday--Hamburgers, fries, milk

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

March 25, 2005

Dear Residents and Family Members,

I wanted to let each of you know that next Friday will be my last day here at Heritage manor. I have really enjoyed my years here in Gorman and many thanks to all of you for the many courtesies that you have extended to be during my tenure here.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank my dedicated staff for the wonderful job that they do each and every day to take care of our residents and your loved ones. They are number one in my book.

Thanks again for all of you and best of luck in the future.

Sincerely, Brent

An Onion is a Rose?

The preacher reached into a paper sack and pulled out an onion. He held it up for all to see and said: "This is a rose."

In an age when being cool is hot and being bad is good and being really great is wicked, this is a rose. When you have to be a low life to lead the high life, the children

choose to take their own lives, this is a rose. When a so-called Christian nation refuses to pray, when heaven can

only be had on earth and when hell is only a joke, this is a rose. To a generation that thinks that fornication is love and drunken stupor

is a good time, this is a rose. When the right to kill an unwanted baby is called the right to choose,

and when what God calls an abomination, man call gays, this is a rose. In a place where liquor referendum is a restaurant referendum, and more sin means more prosperity, this is a rose.

When fathers no longer try to be Dads, and mothers refuse to be Moms, and families are defined as unmarried single moms and dad, this is a rose.

When shepherds scatter the sheep, when the blind see the light but choose darkness, when the stained can be washed but the individual returns to the mire, when the thirsty refuse to drink from the fountain of life, this is a rose.

(provided by Larry Stogsdill)

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

On Sunday morning coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker. Guests were Howard and Pat Hagood. James taught the lesson, "Jesus Our Sacrifice." Life question, 'Why did Jesus have to sacrifice his life for my sins?' Background passage, John 19:17-42, Hebrews 9:9-26. Key Bible verses Hebrews 9:13-14. There were 18 residents present.

Recent guests were Lee and sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Peggy and Bobby Ingram, Bill Moll and Maudie Husband of Cisco, Larry and DeLinda Snider and Diana Snider.

Those coming from The Bride of Christ Church on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Denver and Alice Rainey, Teresa, Rebecca, Rasha and Jordan Lewis, Rose Marie, Allen, Betty Regian and Mary Griffin. Denver's message, "The Lord is My Shepherd." Scripture, the 23rd Psalms. There were ten residents attending.

Some guests were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mary Jeffs, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, Frances Warren, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Winelle Browning, Bill, Leah and Chase Searcy of Hobbs, New Mexico.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came to style hair.

Some visitors were Harold and Feda Harrison of Combine, Durward Webb, Larry Stogsdill, Irene West and Billy Earl Simpson.

Monday morning Ina Smith, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew had

bingo for residents. Visiting were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Teresa, Rebecca, Rasha and Jordan Lewis, Rose

Marie Allen and Nancy Hendricks. On Monday afternoon, Gospel Singers coming were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Daisy Slaton, Johnnie B. Griffith, Becky Moore, Pat Hagood, and Nancy Hendricks. Helen played the piano. Woodrow led

the closing prayer. There were eleven residents present. Some guests were John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Daisy Slaton, James and Ellen Tucker. Bro. Bill

Campbell. Residents send "Get Well Wishes" to Joan Butler who recently had

knee replacement.

Some visitors were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater, Connie Cate of Eastland, Larry and Colene Lasater of Wylie.

On Tuesday Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing. There were twelve residents present.

Recent visitors were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers, Edith Grumbles, Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Griffin.

On Tuesday morning, Ina had 'crafts' for residents. It was very exciting for residents to make Easter bonnets.

Some guests were Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Steve and Derenda Minton, Lendon Shipman, Don Landers of Springtown, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway.

Residents appreciated the nice magazines that were donated. Recently visiting were Mary Margaret Hudson, Kay Ann Craddock,

254-968-0 and Bowling or A Night of Bowling hday Parties and For Private Parties Lock-Ins Available ke The Saturday Night Specials **Bowling Center** On Only - 9 to Lingleville Hwy. Church Stephenville

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Texas weather is always changing and that is what happened in our area late Saturday night and early Easter Sunday morning. It rained awhile—then it snowed awhile. The 'Old Timers' would say this kind of weather would be the "Easter Spell" so guess this can go down in the annual Homecoming and School Reunion as often as possible. record book.

Lots of good music, good food and fellowship. This musical is held on the fourth Saturday night of each month. Visitors are always welcome. Bob Honeycutt of Port Isabell attended the musical.

Estelle Craddock, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came for chapel. His message was, "The Cross." Bible passage was John 19:17-22. There were thirteen residents attending.

Some visitors were Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Harold and Tody Zink, Freddie Rodgers.

On Wednesday morning, residents enjoyed a movie.

Some guests were Bobby Owens of Ranger, Steve Estes of Sanger, Pat Graham.

Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew had bingo for residents.

Some visitors were Rex Kinser, Clyde Richard Kinser of Eastland, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, June Carruth of DeLeon. On Thursday morning Nelda Mauney, Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson

and Ina Smith colored Easter eggs with residents at Heritage Manor. Some guests were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, Sylvia Estes of DeLeon and Marie Cook of Carbon.

Thursday afternoon the 80 degree weather made 'shake and make' ice cream for residents enjoyable.

Recent visitors were Monica Moore, Emily Green and Becky Moore of DeLeon.

On Friday morning, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and A.V. Seay had bingo for nine residents. Prizes were snacks. Residents also had breakfast juices.

Bill and Bobbie (Marrow) Adams of Fort Worth was in Desdemona one day last week to visit friends and former classmates. They are former residents of Desdemona where they attended school. They attended the

Jane Guthery of Irving remains a patient in the hospital. She is slowly Desdemona Monthly Musical had good attendance last Saturday night. recovering from emergency surgery last week and another surgery this

> Robert and Ima Brown was in Temple last Friday night to attend the Good Friday Service at the First United Methodist Church. They enjoyed

> the music program and fellowship with their friends. Ashley Weaver and son, Noah of Fort Worth visited last Saturday with her great grandmother, Dorothy Roberts.

> Wayne and Karen Eaves and granddaughter hosted Easter dinner for their family. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Sonja Hornback, Kandice Cogburn and son, Dylan all of Desdemona; Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane of Eastland. The kids did enjoy Easter Egg Hunt even though it was cold and windy.

Robert and Ima Brown spent Easter Sunday in Fort Worth with their Fred and Lavena Rodgers, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew of DeLeon, son and wife, Robert Alton and Jana Brown and children, Preston and Julie.

> Dorothy Roberts spent Easter Sunday in Granbury with her granddaughter and husband, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena. Several members of the family visited for lunch.

Friends in Desdemona send 'Get Well Wishes' to Harold Caudle in Strawn who is recovering from recent heart bypass surgery. He is a former resident of Desdemona.

Homer Joe Sparkman is having some health problems at this time. He was in Fort Worth last week to have some tests on his heart.

"Just a Minute"

I have just a minute with sixty seconds in it Forced upon me, can't refuse it. Didn't seek it, didn't choose it. But it's up to me to use it.

Have a nice day, Vonnie.



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