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After Easter Treasure Hunt A Biq Success For All

What a beautiful day we had on April 2, too bad it couldn't have been last weekend so we could have had Mrs. Bunny at our Easter Treasure Hunt. She sends her greetings to everyone who missed her but she had to head back home and get started for next years Easter Treasure Hunt.

A very large group of hunters showed up for the 'After Easter Treasure Hunt.' I don't think anyone went home empty handed. Everyone enjoyed visiting and playing on the play ground after the hunt also. Thank you for coming out.

I would like to encourage everyone who attended the hunt to be sure and go by and tell all the businesses and all individuals thank you for helping make this years Treasure Hunt possible. Every business that I was able to contact made a donation, there were several that were not open when I made my rounds...don't worry, I catch you at Halloween.

Those donating were:

American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro. Clark Construction, Country Cuts, Foster Floral, G & H Feed, Hirsts Nuts and Produce, Chamber of Commerce, City. Of Gorman, Gorman Pharmacy, Simmons Propane, Gorman Progress, 'Heritage Manor, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Jack Jackson Concrete, Smith's Service Station, The Hair Shoppe, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, West End Storage, Z.J.'s Steak House, Revis Laminack Construction, Ricon Pharmacy, Peanut Shuffle Dance Studio, Texas Creations, Huggins Nursery, Weaver Road Nursery, Dr. Dan, Dairy Queen. Margie Hudson, Silver Perez, Gary Burgess, Stephanie Barker and everyone who put money in the cans at City Gro.and Bob's Gro. I would also like to send a special thank you to Judy Garrett for the donation she made. Even though she is now in West Texas, she hasn't forgotten Gorman's Annual Treasure Hunt.

If I have left anyone off this list, please let me know as I certainly appreciate everyone who help make the Treasure Hunt possible.

I would like to say a big Thank you to Cary Campbell for marking off the area, and everyone who helped hide the treasures, Robert Ervin, Johnny Smith, Jaime Johnston, Kiefer Wilson, Cary Campbell, and Amy Johnston. Again, if I have left anyone off, please let me know.

Can Desdemona First Baptist Repeat Last Year's Revival

ern singer Shane Brooks, now cated lives and so many just want-

Happy 85th Birthday

For Lora Faye Warren

Pastor Gary Hughes says this pastoring a 400 member church in ed to pray for themselves or 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 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 preaching on Tuesday night, Trent Wedsneday night. Pastor Gary Lowe from Lubbock Sunday at Hughes will bring the message 6:00, Kent Battenfield from Monday at 7:00." He goes onto say Lingleville Baptist on Sunday that last years revival was awe-Morning, former country and west- some. People got saved, rededi-

for people to realize it's not about tomorrow, and at this revival they will realize that. Bro. Gary said, "Don't change clothes, don't dress up. Come the way you are and don't miss one single night of this life changing revival. It will be fun and exciting, and we are gonna be loud!"

Again, this revival is at Desdemona First Baptist starting Sunday morning at 11:00 with Kent Battenfield, Sunday night atm 6:00 with Trent Lowe, Monday 7:00 with Bro. Gary Hughes, Tuesday 7:00 with Dustin Obanion, and Wednesday at 7:00 with Bro. Shane Brooks, and the music all week by the Howard Cummings on Monday night and Tuesday night, Nelda Bartley on Monday night, and Shane Brooks sings and preaches on Wednesday night.

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

School Menu

Week of April 11 Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, yogurt, The family of Lora Faye Warren would like to invite milk, juice

Tuesday--Oatmeal, toast, 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Gorman Community Cen-milk, juice Wednesday--Eggs, bis-

cuits, milk, juice Lora Faye was born to James and Cora Beaty in Wheeler, Thursday-Cinnamon Texas on April 9th, 1920. She has lived in the Gorman rolls, milk, juice

area for 82 years. She has three children, seven grand- Friday--Sausage, gravy, children and seven great grandchildren. Everyone is biscuits, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Ham, turkey or bologna sandwich, pork-nmilk

sugar cookies, milk

Wednesday--Chicken in Desdemona. fried steak, green beans, All Association members pinto beans, cornbread, lunch. milk

Pecan Management and Grafting Clinic Set April 19

The Eastland County Extension Pecan Committee will sponsor a FREE Pecan Management and Grafting Clinic, Tuesday, April 19th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Cisco Junior College Ag Department in Cisco. Participants will be able to do hand-on grafting. Cisco Junior College will sponsor a free lunch to participants.

The program on pecan management will include Larry Don Womack with Womack Nursery -DeLeon on "What Are They Buying and Why" and Paul Lollar with Pecan Valley Partners - DeLeon will talk on "Growing Pecan Trees."

Individuals with disability who require an auxiliary aid, serve or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact Texas Cooperative Extension in Eastland at 629-1093 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

This will be a very educational program for all pecan producers from back yard to commercial growers. For more information, contact the Eastland County texas Cooperative Extension Office at 629-1093 or 629-2222.

Youth Group Of Gorman Church Of Christ Holds Service



their past. It's about right now and Participating in the presentation on Wednesday were L - R: (Standing) Corey Clark, Tyler Johnson, Seth Johnson. (Middle Row) Billy Earl Simpson, Brittany Henderson, Cameron Clark, Julie Clark (Front Row) Lindsay Laminack and Skyler Henderson. Visitors are always welcome to all services of the church.

> The Youth Group of the Gorman Church of Christ presented the entire service last week on Wednesday evening. This included greeting guests, special effects, the sermon, song leading, congregational discussion, special devotional lesson and prayers. "Living With the Choices We Make" was the topic of the evening. The subject was based on the life of King Solomon of the Old Testament. The congregation the learned the consequences of choices made by this king and other characters of this time in history. They also learned how choices affect our lives today. Leaders of the youth group are Julie Clark and Billy Earl Simpson.

State Fair of Texas Validation

The State Fair of Texas is currently implementing a state wide validation program. All market lambs and goats exhibited at the 2005 State Fair must be validated by June 30, 2005. If you are planning on exhibiting a lamb or goat in family. Other special music will 2005 you must order your tags by April 20, 2005. The cost of the tag is \$6.00 on or be performed by Annette before this date and \$10.00 for tags ordered after this date.

> Market Swine must be validated by June 30, 2005. However, tag orders do not have to be turned in until May 10, 2005. They are also \$6.00 per tag. If you have any questions contact Mr. Boles @ the Ag shop 734-2505.

Notice

The Auto Registration office at the Eastland Courthouse will be closed from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 13th due to Red Flag training in Abilene. The office will re-open

Note—the Property Tax office will not be closed-only the Auto Registration office.

In addition—Sandra Cagle has rescheduled her Gorman visit to Wednesday, April 27th from 9 - 12 noon to renew auto license plates.

Desdemona Cemetery **Association Annual** Meeting

The Desdemona Cembeans, chocolate chip bars, etery Association will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday-Nachos, salad, Saturday, April 16, at the First Baptist Church Annex

potatoes, hot rolls, milk are urged to attend and Thursday--Corndogs, bring a covered dish for

The meeting will begin at Friday--Pizza, salad, corn, 11 a.m. on Saturday morning.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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.

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

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY APRIL 27TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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 Citi-

zens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

No gifts please.

Lora Faye and her family.

The T.A.B.'s **Cinderfellow Contest**

you to her 85th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, April

invited to come for a visit and share past memories with

T.A.B.'s Relay for Life Team will be hosting a Cinderfellow Contest on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. More information will be available later.

All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Soci-

ety.

ter.

The Cancer Crusaders Drawing

The Cancer Crusaders will have a drawing for a bench that is made out of weathered wood and has been accented with an American Flag painted by Bo Roberts. The bench is on display at Foster Floral. Tickets are \$5.00. To purchase a ticket, contact Cheri at 734-2668. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Relay for Life

Relay for Life of Eastland County will coming up soon at the Gorman High School Football Stadium beginning at 6:00pm on Friday, April 29th. We hope you and your family will make plans to attend.

This year the Relay For Life committee and the elementary schools in Eastland county are letting our students get involved in the fundraising events for the luminaria bags.

The schools are allowing the students to decorate luminaria bags to remember, support and honor those who have been touched by cancer.

If you receive a letter with your students papers or a luminaria bag, let your student decorate that bag and send it back to the school with a donation by April 18th.

On the bag you can put some ones name that has cancer, has fought cancer, or has lost the battle.

At 9:00pm luminaria candles will be lit to remember those we have lost to cancer, to support those who currently have cancer, and to honor those who have fought cancer in the past. For a donation you child can purchase and decorate a luminaria sack as their way of making a donation to the Relay For Life. All money will Loyd, Lucille Puett Byers, Eunice go to the Eastland County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

We invite you to come out and join us at the Relay For Life and help take up the fight against cancer. We would like to thank the schools for letting your students participate in this fundraiser and worthy cause. Schools participating are: Gorman, Ranger, Cisco, and Rising Star.

For more information please contact Valerie Hampton 734-2174 - Michelle Byrd 639-2849 Or your students school

Thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Eastland County this way. Eastland County Relay For Life Committee

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April 4, 2005

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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, Texas.

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

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, 2005.

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

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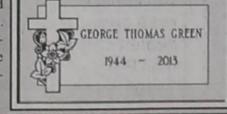
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To the Registered Voters of the Gorman Independent School District: (A los votantes registrados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman:) Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2005, for voting in a trustee election, to elect two trustees for regular three year terms and one trustee for a term ending May 2006. (Se dan anuncios que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde, el 7 de mayo 2005, para votar en una elección de síndicos, para elegir dos síndicos por términos regulares de tres anos y un sindico por un termino que terminara en may 2006.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE (DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES) 114 W. Lexington Street Gorman,

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: 114 W. Lexington St. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2005, and ending May 3, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

Se pueden votar temprano por medio de apariencia personal el lunes hasta el viernes en: 114 W. Lexington Street entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 3:30 de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril, 2005 y terminando el 3 de mayo, 2005.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para balotas por medio del correo se deberán enviar a: Terry Treadway, P.O. Box 8, Gorman Tx 76454. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 29, 2005. (Las personas que voten temprano por medio de correo tienen que entregar las balotas antes del fin de las horas de negocio el 29 de abril, 2005.

Issued this 7th day of April, 2005. (Emitado este dia 7 de abril, 2005)

Bobby Rich, President, Gorman ISD Board of Trustees.

2-4-14

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Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Get Well Wishes from Friends in Desdemona goes out to Cleta (Clark) Coffman who lives north of Ranger in the Bullock Community. She is slowly recovering from her second knee replacement surgery and goes twice weekly for therapy in Eastland. Her husband, Alton, will be 'chief cook and bottle washer' for awhile. Cleta is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1946. They attend the Homecoming and School Reunion each year.

Jeff Roberts of Dallas spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting with his mother, Dorothy Roberts.

Tommy John and Gladys Williams of Graford was in Desdemona on Tuesday afternoon to visit with friends. He is a former resident of Desdemona where he attended school and graduated with the Class of 1946. Each year they attend the Homecoming and School Reunion.

Viola Sparks Baskett, 103, of Graford passed away. She lived in this area for many years and always enjoyed the Homecoming with her daughter, Gladys Williams and son-in-law, Tommy John.

Opal (Christian) Yardley, 91, of Stephenville was buried on Monday. She is a cousin to Dorothy Roberts. Sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Norma (Terry) Moorehead of Stephenville celebrated her 103 birthday recently with a family luncheon at the Blue Moon Cafe in DeLeon. She is a former resident of Desdemona.

Desdemona Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, April 11, in the home of Delores Tucker. This morning event will begin at 9 a.m. with Sue Pettigrew and Delores serving as hostesses. Visitors are welcome. Have a nice day.

Letter To The Editor

I would like to respond to the minutes that were published in the Gorman Progress last week by the Gorman School Board. The School Board blamed costly lawyer's fees for the G.I.S.D. on visitors to the School Board meetings.

As a visitor to many of the Board meetings, I would like to comment on some of the lawyers' fees that Mr. Vann and the School Board have said they incurred. Not one single lawyer's fee would have been necessary if the Board had listened to a visitor, Mr. Gene Smith, about illegal use of the school credit card many, many months ago. They did not listen, did not act, and did not stop the illegal use of the credit card until the District Attorney, Texas Ranger Hullum, the school auditor, and the school lawyers had to intercede.

In my opinion, the G.I.S.D. should have not paid for lawyers' fees. The acts were a clear violation of the law which, in my opinion, was or should have been known by the School Board and Superintendent Vann. It was a single individual, Mr. Vann, the Superintendent, who was using the credit card for personal use, which is against state law as Mr. Smith correctly pointed out. It was not a G.I.S.D. problem; it was Mr. Vann's problem. In my opinion, he should have hired his own lawyer. Instead, the current School Board went to great lengths to justify what Mr. Vann did, rather than stop the illegal practice immediately when Mr. Smith pointed out the problem. With the Texas Ranger and the District Attorney having opened a criminal investigation, the School Board decided to spend taxpayers' money on attorneys' fees rather than obey the law.

Now they say the "visitors" have caused them to consult a lawyer again. This was relative to Mr. Gene Smith's and Mr. David Freeman's request at a Board meeting that they check into the legality of using school employees to serve as clerks at the School Board election. They refused to even table the motion and check the legality of their act. Instead they went ahead and appointed school employees. The next day my husband called the Secretary of State's office to check if the pretice was illegal and was told by two lawyers there that it was indeed illegal. It took him about 20 minutes to find this out which was a cost of about 5 cents a minute or a total of about \$1.00. Why did the School Board have to consult a lawyer to find out information that is free? 3827; Food Booth: Brenda Harrison (254) 442-1602 Do they call this good management practices?

In my opinion, we need to spend ALL school money for the benefit of the students in G.I.S.D.—not for personal use nor to violate state law.

Sincerely,

s/ Betty S. Heathington

City of Gorman - Monthly Police Report

By Chief Caffey The Gorman Police Department responded to 128 calls of service for the month of February and March. The calls resulted in 5 traffic warnings, 45 traffic citations, 1 arrest, and 3 traffic accidents. Warrants served-2, Animal calls-11, Disturbances-25, Suspicious vehicle/person-5, Motorist assist-7, Juvenile-5, Welfare check-

7, Escorts-6, Emergency messages-2. The calls responded to included:

Agency assist—Erath County Sheriffs Office, Assault; Eastland County Sheriffs Office, Animal Cruelty; Livestock, West Hwy 8.

Burglary of a Building-600 block East Lubbock; 600 block East Hall; 100 block East Lexington. Burglary of Habitation—500 block East Roberts

Driving While Intoxicated—300 block North Ector.

Terrorist Threat—400 block North Winkler

Forgery-100 block East Lubboc; 600 block East Lubbock Theft-600 block McCall; 400 block North Fisher

Assault-100 block West Coke

Missing Juvenile—400 block West Coke

Animal Cruelty-Hwy 2689; 100 block North Briscoe 911 hang up-600 block West Roosevelt

Dog Bite-300 block South Fisher

Loud Music—400 block East Lexington

School News

Monday, April 11-Golf Tuesday, April 12-Lady Panthers vs. Goldthwaite - here, 4:30 p.m.; Panthers vs May

Wednesday, April 13-Tennis

Friday, April 15-Area Track Meet

Saturday, April 16—Lady Panthers vs Albany - here, 10 a.m.

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EDC TALK

In doing research for the 4A Sales Tax issue, I contacted several surrounding cities that are approximately the same size/population of Gorman that have passed both the 4A and 4B Sales Tax incentives. I asked elected officials, EDC directors, Chamber directors, all to give input regarding the influence of those tax dollars on their communities. Below is a letter from Tom Isbell, Mayor of Anson, population 2556 and brought in \$84,600 in sales tax revenue last year.

Dear Lori,

Thank you for your request for information. I am always happy to help fellow economic leaders work for solutions. Hope some of this helps your citizens.

There are numerous reasons why a sales tax for economic development is beneficial to a city. Of greatest importance is the fact that a sales tax provides a source of revenue that is paid largely by people who live outside the city. Cities have very limited sources of revenue, and the sales tax makes it possible to reach beyond the city and find a source of revenue from people who visit the city. The sales tax makes it possible for non-residents to assist with improvements to a city. For example, Abilene estimates that 40% (approximately \$2 million) of their sales tax revenue comes from people who live in towns surrounding Abilene. People in Gorman think nothing of going to larger cities like Eastland, Abilene, and Dallas-Fort Worth thereby helping those cities through the sales taxes those cities collect. Why shouldn't residents of Gorman want visitors to their city to become involved in raising new revenue for improvements to Gorman?

Also, sales taxes provide a source of revenue to make significant improvements to a community that cannot be accomplished without the sales tax revenue. By law, cities are very limited in what they can do to make improvements to buildings that will help retain or attract new businesses to their town. The half-cent sales tax makes it possible for a city to enjoy a source of revenue for business retention and/or development, something they can do only on a very limited basis in the absence of the revenue. In Anson, we've used the sales tax revenue to partner with local retail businesses to improve the appearance of retail businesses in Anson. This is something Anson could not have done without the sales tax for economic development.

While small towns may not generate much sales tax revenue, they can provide an incentive that may be significant in attracting new businesses. New businesses qualify for a Small Business Administration loan through which 85% of the loan is guaranteed by the federal government. However, banks often want a 100% guarantee on the loan and the prospective business may not have the collateral to provide the guarantee. Sales tax revenue enables an economic development board to leverage their receipts and provide a guarantee on the remaining 15%. This can be extremely helpful to a new business venture. Such a guarantee does not impact the sales tax revenue unless the business defaults on their loan and the bank calls the note. Then, the EDC may be able to pay out the remaining guarantee over a short period of time.

Lori, I wish you the very best in your effort to gain passage of the 4A and/or 4B sales tax. These are just a few of my thoughts. Hopefully, you will find a use for them. Please contact me for clarification or further assistance.

Kindest regards,

Tom Isbell, Mayor - City of Anson, Texas

Cisco Folklife Festival

As the Cisco Folklife Festival, scheduled for April 23 & 24 comes near, the committee chairladies are busy finalizing details. There are still a few additional spaces available for vendors and food booth fund raisers.

The entertainment schedule is looking interesting, hosting some local talent and several groups from the surrounding area. The ladies of Cisco Civic League invite area vendors and charitable organizations to participate in this year's Folklife Festival.

Contact numbers are as follows: Booths for Arts and Crafts: Millie Lewis, (254) 442-

We are currently sending information to various media in the area including radio and T.V. Stations, as well as Internet community web calendars. You might like to check out some of these sites: www.ciscotx.com/folklife.htm www.texascountryreporter.com (Event>Panhancle Plains>April 23 & 24) Others will be added.)

For additional information, call the Cisco Chamber of Commerce (254) 442-3220; President Emma Watts (254) 442-3478; or Arlene Fry (254) 442-3330.

So, mark your calendars for April 23 & 24th and have fun at the 32nd Annual Cisco Folklife



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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Let God Speak

A few years ago, I read an article entitled Back-Sliding Preventatives. Three suggestions in the article were: Every day say something to God; Every day let God say something to you; Every day do something for

Of course, speaking to God should not be only a daily concern but also a constant involvement. Pray without ceasing does not require that we be on our knees or ever in a forma attitude of prayer all the time. But it does imply that we live in a constant awareness of God and our relationship with him.

Letting God speak to us requires a proper attitude toward God and a personal devotion to Bible study. How are you doing on that? Just from casual observation and conversation, one might conclude that some of us are not involved in reading and studying God's word. In times past, God has spoken in various ways, but now he has spoken through His Son, who has revealed His message through the Holy Spirit as presented by inspired writers and contained in the Bible.

Peter says that God has given us all things pertaining to life and Godliness through the knowledge of Him who has called us to virtue and glory. A study of the Bible gives us the qualities that produce a fruitful life and enables us to make our calling an election for sure. Let God speak to you! (provided by Larry Stogsdill)

Birthday Party-Two residents had March birthdays. The Gospel Singers came, Ruby Lee and Helen Browning played the piano. Woodrow, Helen and Ruby Lee brought the special music. Nancy voiced the dismissal prayer. Ina Smith asked everyone to sing the "Happy Birthday" song. Kelly Carruth gave the beautiful birthday cake severed with punch. Happy Birthday napkins, plates and cups were used. Singers and guests were Kelly Carruth, June Carruth, Kay Lynn Lasater, Johnnie B. Griffith, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, Ann Warren, Marjorie Treadway, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, and Nancy Hendricks. There were fifteen residents attending.

Recent guests were Mozelle Boucher of Stephenville, Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Frances Warren, Mary Jeffs, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, Helen and Woodrow Browning and Sue Seaton.

On Sunday morning those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Bobby and Vicki Rich and Vicki Seay. Bobby taught the lesson, "Jesus: Our High Priest." Life question, 'How can I know Jesus is my High Priest?' Background passages-Mark 6:1-8, 16:1-7 and Hebrews 7:23-29. Key verse Hebrews 7:25. There were twenty two residents and guests Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some guests were Winston Brown, Levi Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Church of Christ were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Gene Foster, Durward Webb, Don Underwood, and Edna Powell. Don and Gene led the singing. Bro. Larry's message, "The Quarrels Within Our Selves." Bible passage, James 4. There were seventeen residents present.

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

On Monday morning Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop and did hair.

Some guests were John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown, Michael Clements of Pennsylvania, Daisy Slaton, Vicki Seay, Bobby and Vicki Rich.

Monday morning coming for bingo were Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, Chris, Ina Smith and Derenda Minton. There were twelve residents playing.

Some visitors were Kenneth Murdock of Rising Star, Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Pam Childers, Annie Fay Fos-

"Get Well Wishes" goes to Betty Sue Dennis. You are missed at the singings.

Recent visitors were Mary Margaret Hudson, Kay Ann Craddock, Estelle Craddock, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville.

On Wednesday morning residents enjoyed a movie and pop corn. Some visitors were Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, Marie Cook of Carbon, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth.

Wednesday afternoon Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, and Ina Smith had 'crazy bingo' for residents. Some guests were Bobby Owens of Ranger, Steve Estes of Sanger,

Freddie Rodgers and Durward Webb.

Thursday morning Ina Smith had RYBG in the north hall for resi-

Visiting recently were Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Harold and Tody Zink, Ann Warren and Ruby Lee Kinser.

Thursday afternoon was time for Resident's Council followed by a 'Social Time' for residents.

Some visitors were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Gene Foster, Don Underwood, Joey Beaty of Ft. Worth, Rex Kinser and Clyde Richard Kinser of Eastland.

Friday morning residents were happy to have Judy Killebrew, Jason, Pat Graham and Ina Smith come for bingo. There were 12 residents playing enjoying prizes and breakfast juices.

Some guests were Edna Ann Powell, Monica Moore, Emily Green, Becky Moore of DeLeon.

Residents are happy to learn that Joan Butler is doing great after re-

cent surgery. Recent visitors were Don Landers of Springtown, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, and Derenda Menton, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Marjorie

Treadway, Ann Warren. On Friday afternoon (March 25) was the Easter Parade at Heritage Manor. Residents wore their Easter bonnets and hats (that they made) and paraded up and down the halls. Beautiful Easter cookies and punch was served to a large number of residents, staff and guests June Carruth

and Nancy Hendricks. Some guests were Nell Files of Carbon, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland and Zelda Jordan.

Residents were happy to have Rose Hamilton manicure their nails. Some visitors were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Barnett of Eastland, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield.

Residents appreciated Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona coming on

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

and in the yards along the way. If you haven't seen them else where, home near Carbon. come out toward Kokomo as we have a lot of them out here.

dered the beautiful song, "One Of His Own" as the special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Helen Browning.

ters, Mel Bond and Eloise Shock in Bullard and attended church on Eas- Dan Snider. ter Sunday with them at the Bullard Baptist Church.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little spent Friday night in Arlington with Nelda and Jarad Fails. Cody Fails joined them for supper and a visit. On Saturday they got to see the Carswell Air Show that they really enjoyed. They report that they saw lots of pretty flowers along the roadways on the way

Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland and their granddaughter, Courtney Peacock of Abilene and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Saturday night.

Jerry and Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Sunday night. Betty Little visited with them on PRAYER REQUEST

Tuesday for hair fixing.

Some guests were Virginia Skaggs, Irene West, James Kinser, Tommy and Betty Harrison, Winelle Browning, Helen and Woodrow Browning, Kay Snider, Christopher Searcy of Iraq (U.S. Army) Leah and Bill Searcy, Chase Searcy and Brittany Searcy of Hobbs, NM, James and Rita Bruton of DeLeon, Bill and Tootie Campbell

On Tuesday morning Ina Smith had 'concentration' for residents. Some visitors were Jason Killebrew, Chris, Judy Killebrew, Kelly

Carruth and June Carruth of DeLeon. On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for twelve residents and guests Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks.

The bluebonnets are blooming now and are so pretty along the roads Worth spent the weekend with Jimmy and Maggie Nelson at their farm

LaVon Snider was in Stephenville on Friday to shop and have lunch Helen and Woodrow Browning, with Glynda Bond at the piano, ren- with Dwayne Snider. Since Connie had a Department luncheon meeting, she was unable to have lunch with them. Dwayne and Connie visited LaVon on Saturday. LaVon accompanied them to the Simpson and Gorman Cemeteries. Then, on Saturday night, Dwayne and Connie treated Joe and Glynda Bond visited during the Easter Weekend with his sis- LaVon to dinner at ZJ's. Others visiting with LaVon were Ted Snider and

> Sylvia Buchanan, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

> Zelda Jordan spent Thursday night in Abilene with Glenda and Leon Black, and had a check-up on her eyes on Friday. Got a good report.

> Zelda Jordan and Daisy Slaton met Glenda and Leon Black in Eastland for lunch on Saturday. Glenda and Leon were in Eastland to purchase a new pickup truck. They will be leaving for Fresno, CA sometime this week, where they will be living for the next few months, while Leon will be working at a hospital there.

Charlie and Linda Archer and their two sons, Braden age 9 and Ma Jerred and Rosa Yancey and daughters, Susanna and Elizabeth of Fort age 7 of Arkadelphia, Arkansas were severely injured in a head-on collision about three weeks ago near Hot Springs, AR. They all underwent surgery for their injuries and Charlie remains in a wheel chair and will for sometime due to a broken foot, and a broken ankle, and Mason, who is still paralyzed from the waist down, remains in a rehab hospital in Little Rock. Linda received cuts on her head, but is out of the hospital now, but staying close to the hospital to be with Mason. Braden is able to be back in school. Please put them on your prayer list.

> Linda is the daughter of Kenneth and Vonceia Snider of Rose Bud, AR. and the granddaughter of Hazel Campbell of Carbon and Jewel Snider of Gorman. Kenneth and Vonceia are former residents of Kokomo and were members of the Kokomo Baptist Church when they lived here.

> The man who was driving the vehicle that hit the Archers died in the



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