

# The Gorman Progress

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## Curb Side Clean-Up May 5 Regional and State UIL Participants

Spring Clean Up will be on May 5, 2005. This will be curb side, this is also the 'first Thursday large item day' as well.  
Please do not put out tires, batteries, paint or any refrigerant products.

### Daryl Hirst Issues Statement For Board Election

My name is Daryl Hirst and I am a candidate for the one-year unexpired term on the Gorman I.S.D. Board of Trustees. My wife, Cecilia, and I are life-long residents of Gorman. I am the son of the late Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst. Cecilia's parents are Cecil and Christine Self of the New Hope community. Cecilia and I were both educated in the Gorman Schools, and are very proud of that fact. We have two businesses here, G & H Feeds and Hirst Nut and Produce. My wife, Cecilia, has been employed by Birdsong Peanuts for over twenty years. We are active members of Kokomo Baptist Church where we teach the young married couples Sunday School Class.

I feel very qualified for this position because I have fifteen years of school board experience. I served as president of the Gorman ISD Board of Trustees from April 9, 1979 until May 9, 1994. I am a former teacher. I hold a B.S. degree in Agricultural Education from Tarleton State University. I am a lifetime member of the Texas State Teachers Association. I have remained close to education through the years following my son's career as a coach and teacher for the past ten years and through our grandchildren who now attend Gorman Schools.

I am a Thirty-Second Degree Mason. As many of you know, Masons were active in starting public schools and public education in Texas. Our local Masonic Lodge is active in providing with the help of our merchants, a drug program for each fifth grade class that comes through our school. We also support our school with a scholarship each year for a deserving graduating senior.

Children and their education is a very special thing to me. I feel we have a good school system. I believe we have a very good staff of dedicated teachers and administrators. I support them fully!

As most of you know, our school has been attacked by a very small group of people the past two years. They have tried to discredit our school and its administrators. They have no interest in our kids or their education. All they want is our superintendent's resignation.

This group as attacked many of the financial transactions of the school. I hope the public and the taxpayers of this school district realize the schools financial transactions are examined and audited monthly by Burl Lowery, CPA from Brownwood. Mr. Lowery and I were college classmates at Tarleton and have remained friends over the years. Burl Lowery is an experienced CPA and is bound by law to correct and bring to the board's attention any discrepancy that may arise, so that it may be corrected and done properly. I assure you that he is fully competent and serves the Gorman ISD very well.

I am interested in our students getting the best education possible, being taught by the best teachers we can provide, and being part of a community that supports our school, our teachers, and administrators, and our board of trustees.

If you want to be a part of this effort, vote for Daryl Hirst on Saturday, May 7th for the Gorman Board of Trustees.  
s/ Daryl Hirst

### National Day of Prayer May 5th

The Gorman Ministerial Alliance invites the community to participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5th at the Senior Citizens at noon. Bring a sack lunch.

### Jeff Seaton Statement For Re-Election

My name is Jeff Seaton and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a few things about myself and ask for your vote for my re-election to the Gorman School Board.

I am a 1984 graduate of Gorman ISD where my father served on the board. My wife Veronica and I have three girls attending GISD. Kaci is a sophomore, Kimmy a 7th grader and Kourtney is in the 1st grade. We are fortunate to have a child on every campus. This gives us a chance to see all of our educators on a personal basis from a parent's point of view, and I must say I am well pleased with our faculty.

I'm sure most of you have seen the numerous letters to the editor over the last few weeks submitted by a few people attempting to discredit the current school board and administration. However, I have failed to notice anything positive written about the students these folks claim to care so much about. As a matter of fact, I don't recall seeing any of them at any of the many events in which these kids excel, but that's just my observation. Last week I did notice in one of the letters to the editor someone referred to "where we are now" financially. "Where we are now" is \$541,000.00 richer in the GISD operating account than we were just four years ago. This can't be accomplished by poor spending habits. This was achieved by a conservative board and a good money manager in Leslie Vann, our superintendent. Also, for the record, I do consider the position on the school board an "Honorary Thing" but if one has never served in this capacity one could not possibly have an idea of the responsibility it incurs.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve on this board for the last three years. It has, to say the least, been a pleasure for me. As most of you know I had a great time receiving my education at GISD and I would like to continue returning the favor. Please vote for me, Jeff Seaton, for re-election to the Gorman school board May 7th.

Thank you,  
s/Jeff Seaton

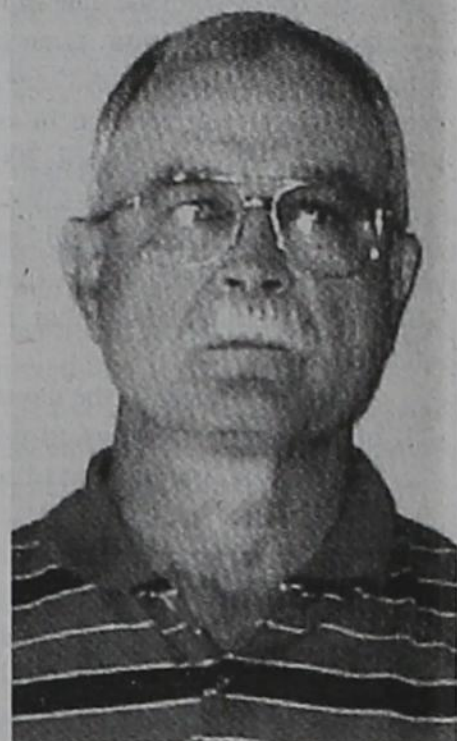
### Larry Thompson Issues Statement

My name is Larry Thompson. I am a candidate for G.I.S.D. Board of Trustee. My wife, Kristi (Odell), and I were both born in Gorman, attended school and graduated from Gorman High School. We have also decided to raise our family in Gorman. We have two sons attending Maxfield Elementary. Stetson is a fifth grade student and Stratton is in Pre-K.

We have always been proud to be from Gorman, a small friendly town. It seems of late that much of Gorman is in turmoil for one issue or another.

I decided to run for a position on the school board as a father, a tax-

### Gene Smith Issues Statement



I am a candidate for a one year term on the Gorman School Board and would appreciate your vote on May 7, 2005. There are only two candidates for the one year position.

Having been a classroom teacher, and now a retired principal, I feel that I have a good understanding of the State guidelines and procedures which would make me an informed school board member. I have a master's degree in education which would also be of benefit to me as a board member.

I am a taxpayer in the GISD and my wife and I have lived here 25 years. I am retired and raise cattle on our ranch.

If elected, I will work hard during the one year to get the GISD policies in order so that we will be in compliance with State guidelines and procedures. I will work to have professional local policies so that we will have a school which will be a tribute to our community. For the past two years, I have attended most of the GISD board meetings and have spent my own resources to get records from the school. My only motive for wanting to be on the School Board is to have GISD be in compliance with State guidelines and policies so that students will have the best education our resources can provide for them.

s/ Gene Smith

### Lisa Deel Issues Election Statement

Most people in Gorman know me or have heard my name and I won't bog down my statement tooting my own horn.

What I will say is this—I will NEVER lose sight of what is important and that is our children. In a race like this candidates tend to lose sight of why we are trying to reach a goal. I assure you I will always stand by our kids.

Every person in this town has a voice. For 229 years it has been our constitutional right to use our voice. And for that same amount of time it has been our children's right to be treated equally. It doesn't matter what their last name is, what color their skin is, or how much money mamma and daddy have in the bank. It is our

payer and as a citizen of the community. (no particular order)

It is my hope that the opportunity for a quality education for all of the children of Gorman will be there now and in the future. Remember that our school is for the children. Let's teach the children and remember that children also learn by example.

I would appreciate your vote on May 7th.  
s/Larry Thompson



Competing at Hardin Simmons University in the Regional UIL Speech competition were Kendra Swanner-Persuasive Speaking), Ashlee Hornback-(Informative Speaking), Clint Jones-(Prose Interpretation), Tecia Jones-(Informative Speaking) and Ryan Wright-(Persuasive Speaking and Poetry Interpretation). Ashlee and Ryan Advanced to the State UIL Tournament in Austin this week! Corey Clark will serve on the State Speech Honor Crew. Congratulations to all.

## Heritage Manor Of Gorman To Host Free Hot Dog Lunch

In honor of National Nursing Home Week, Heritage Manor will host a free hot dog lunch on Tuesday, May 10th from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Heritage Manor front lawn - weather permitting.  
Everyone is invited to come celebrate with us.

## Sipe Springs Monthly Musical Set Saturday Oliver Springs Cemetery Working

The Sipe Springs monthly Musical will be on Saturday, May 7th at the Sipe Springs Community Center. Pot luck supper will begin around 5:30 and singing at 6:00.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working will be on Saturday, May 7. Bring a basket lunch.

## Together Against Drug Abuse Graduation Ceremony Set

The fifth grade students will graduate from the Together Against Drug Abuse program Friday, May 6, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Sponsors, parents & teachers as well as the public are invited to attend.

The Gorman Masonic Lodge would like to thank the following sponsors for their support: American State Bank, A.E. Smith Peanut Dryers, A.O. Easley Trucks, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, Comanche County Telephone Co., Con-Spec Roofing, Doug Caffey, Foster Floral, Foster & Kelly Williams, Gorman Laundry, Gorman Milling, Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Hirst Nut & Produce, John C. Fritts, Marvin & Louise Rich, Matt Fritts, Miers Butane, Ron's Pump Service, Smith's Service Station, T.J. Clark Construction, ZJ's Steakhouse.

Special Thanks to the Gorman ISD and to Chief Caffey for supporting and instructing this program. Please come and support the Gorman Fifth Grade in this achievement.

## School Menu

Week of May 9  
Breakfast

**Monday**--Cereal, yogurt, milk, juice  
**Tuesday**--Sausage pancake, orange, milk, juice  
**Wednesday**--Danish, milk, juice  
**Thursday**--Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice  
**Friday**--Out of school

### Lunch

**Monday**--Ham, pinto beans, fried okra, fruit, cornbread, milk  
**Tuesday**--Hotdogs, Chili/cheese, baked beans, tater tots, fruit  
**Wednesday**--Nachoes, salad, fruit, salsa, milk  
**Thursday**--Ham and cheese sandwiches, portk-n-beans, chip cookie, milk  
**Friday**--Out of school

children's right to be treated equally. My promise to you: I will ALWAYS hear your voice. I will ALWAYS do what is right for our children.

I would appreciate your vote on May 7th.

Thank you,  
s/Lisa Deel

## 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.

### FOOD BANK

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

### Boy Scouts

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

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

**SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH 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 Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

## John Deere Lawn Mower Drawing

It's mowing season again! The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a John Deere L100 Riding Lawn Mower. The retail value of this tractor is \$1,499.00. The tickets are \$10 each and the lawn mower will be given away mid-May.

To purchase a ticket contact Larry Thompson at 734-3354, or see a GLRA member. Happy mowing!

YOUR B.F.I. CONTAINER MUST BE SET ON THE VERY EDGE OF THE STREET. THE DRIVER WILL NOT EMPTY IF IT IS NOT PLACED IN THIS POSITION. ALSO, IT PROLONGS THE WEAR AND TEAR OF THE CART IF YOU PLACE THE CONTAINER SO THAT IT OPENS BACK TOWARDS YOUR RESIDENCE. SOME CONTAINERS HAVE ARROWS INDICATING. THANK YOU.



# Obituaries

## Bonnie Cox

Bonnie Cox, age 94 of Gorman, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2005 at a Granbury nursing home. Graveside service was Tuesday, May 3, at the Gorman Cemetery with Larry Stogsdill officiating. Services were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cox was born November 11, 1910 in Morgan mill to Emery Basil Hill and Myrtle (Counts) Hill. Bonnie was a homemaker and had worked at Birdsong Peanuts for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews; she was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and one brother.

## Lona J. Lightfoot

Lona J. Lightfoot, 94 of DeLeon, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2005 in Comanche. Services were Monday, May 2, 2005 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mrs. Lightfoot was born on October 8, 1910 in Eastland county to the late James Caswell Wood and Ada Holder Wood. She married J.D. "Donald" Lightfoot on November 11, 1938 in Mineral Wells. Mrs. Lightfoot was a retired school teacher and homemaker; member of Liberty Baptist Church in Rucker and a long-time resident of the Rucker community.

Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Matte of Tempe, AZ; grandson Brice Matte and wife Aly of Phoenix, AZ; two great-grandchildren, Davyn and Brandon Matte; one step-grandson, Christopher Matte of Phoenix, AZ; brothers-in-law, Freddie Lightfoot and wife Billie and Edsel Lightfoot and wife Jane; sister-in-law, Doris Simank; four nieces, Daisy Slaton, Velsie Rawson, Robin Asa and Lynn Newton; seven nephews, Bill P. Wood, Ronnie Lightfoot, Barry Lightfoot, David Lightfoot, Jeff Lightfoot, Phil Puckett and Jake Brooks.

She was preceded by her husband J.D. "Donald" Lightfoot in 1994; daughter Phyllis Lightfoot, five brothers, Leonard Wood, Homer Wood, Floyd Wood, Earl Wood, and Clifford Wood.



**Garage Sale:** 542 North Kent, Saturday, May 7th - all day. Nice clothes infant-adult (most 25 cents), linens, curtains, household, furniture, toys. 1-5-5-P

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# Oakland Cemetery Report

The first Saturday of May will be the meeting time for the Oakland Cemetery Association to come together to take care of the Cemetery business.

We will meet at the Cemetery on May 7th at 10 a.m.

We need everyone to attend who have loved ones buried in the Cemetery. We need your input and financial support. All who have a part in the Cemetery also has a responsibility to help with the support and care of it.

So please come on and help us do what it take financially to do the job.

Looking to see you there.  
s/Opal Burton, Sec.  
Oakland Cemetery Assoc.  
503 N. Fisher  
Gorman, Tx 76454 or  
American State Bank here in Gorman

## Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting May 7th

The Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting on Saturday, May 7, 2005. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery, weather permitting, otherwise, it will be held at the Kokomo Community Center.

Anyone who has family or friends buried in the Kokomo, Simpson or Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and participate in the meeting. A new map of the Simpson Cemetery will be on display.

A covered dish lunch will be shared in the Kokomo Community Center at noon following the business meeting. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the good food and fellowship with family, friends and neighbors. Paper plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins and ice will be furnished.

Gorman Independent School District is currently accepting RFTs for student athletic and activities insurance. Request information by contacting the GISD Administration office 254-734-3171. Deadline 1:00 p.m., May 9, 2005. 2-5-5-C

**WANTED:** Top dollar paid for junk vehicles. Call John at 254-758-2738. 2-5-5-P

**East End Education Co-Op Job Posting**  
East End Education Co-Op in Gorman, Texas is looking for an experienced secretary with moderate to advanced computer skills. This is a full time position with regular school benefits. The position responsibilities vary from answering phones, working with student folders, support for professional staff, to other duties as assigned by the Director. Applications may be picked up at the East End Co-Op in Gorman, 539 W. Roosevelt, mailed upon request (254-734-2020), or email [aolivo@eastend.eco4.net](mailto:aolivo@eastend.eco4.net) for an application. East End Education Co-Op is an equal opportunity employer. 2-5-5-C

The City of Gorman is now accepting applications for an individual(s) to run the City pool. The pool opens on Memorial Weekend and normally closes on Labor Day weekend. Person must be a Certified Pool Operator, also must be a Certified Life Guard. Apply in person or mail an app to City of Gorman, POBox 236, Gorman, TX 76454. (254)734-2317

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235A on Sabanna River, 6 reservoirs, irrig. wells, hunting, \$325,000  
63A coastal, corrals, water wells, hunting. \$123,700.  
7 A., 3/2, 2,347sf brick, carport, stock tank, corrals, RV shed, metal barn, 2 wells, hwy. frontage. \$145,000.  
201 Acre. on Leon River, several ponds, woods, pecans, pasture, hunting. \$331,650 **S O L D**  
90 A. Eastland Co., Hwy. frontage, 3 tanks, heavy cover for hunting, cultivation, home-site. \$139,500  
82 Acres at Proctor Lake, well, tank, home site, hunting & fishing. \$164,500 **CONTRACT**  
157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250  
97A 5/4.5, 5632 sf brick, swimming pool, deck with hot tub, metal barn, pecan trees, tanks, coral, and much more. \$650,000  
58 A. Tank, water well, good home site. \$95,700  
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# Thank You

As a citizen of Gorman, I want to publicly thank those who hosted the impressive Relay for Life Event that was held at the Gorman Schools stadium on Friday night. This was my first time to attend and I was overwhelmed by it all. Wow! What a crowd! From the moment we walked in, we were met with positive energy that was truly "catching"! It was well organized and involved people of all ages, from the very young to those of us who are in the older category. It really showed a true sense of "community"! We have been reading in the paper of the tireless work of the committee in Gorman and have been very appreciative of their demonstrated concern for others in this ongoing fight against cancer. We are very impressed with their talent and the time and energy it takes to be involved in such a worthy cause. Our entire community was a great host for the county for this event. We are so proud this countywide event on Friday was held in Gorman. I want to personally thank Rylan Laminack for the beautiful luminaria he made in my honor! I also saw Rylan leading a group of children with American Flags marching around the laps. It made me want to get a flag and march, too! Thanks again for your encouragement in this fight against cancer and for your hard work!  
s/Carolyn Gilbert

## School News

Monday, May 9th - Art Show  
Tuesday, May 10th - NHS Food Bank Trip, Abilene  
Wednesday, May 11th - Student Council Election  
Thursday, May 12th - Band Concert  
Friday, May 13th - State Track Meet; Bad weather day, no school

## Thank You

The T.A.B. Relay for Life Team wishes to thank our Kiss the Pig contestants - Pam Childers, Leslie Vann, Coach Tooley, Amanda Rainey, Clint Jones, Rosa Herrera, Kendra Swanner, and Ryan Wright.  
Just for you who missed it, Pam and Rosa totally enjoyed kissing the cute little piggy.  
Also thanks to everyone who voted for them. Thanks to Rylan for raising money so he could kiss the pig. We really appreciate all of your help.

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To: Johnnie M. Manning and wife Louise Manning, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said Johnnie M. Manning and wife Louise Manning, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Court-house 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 forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd Day of May, A.D. 2005, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 5th day of April, 2005, in this cause, numbered CV-05-39,928 on the docket of said court and styled W. G. Arnot, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. J. W. Henderson, et al, Defendants.

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

The West one-half of the North-west one-quarter of Section 88, Block 3, H & T.C. Ry. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 920, Eastland County, Texas.

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 requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Imogene Tate, Deputy Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 5th day of April, A.D. 2005

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# EDC TALK

Dee Hock, the former CEO of VISA credit card company, made this statement: "If one is to properly understand events and to influence the future it is essential to master four ways of looking at things: as they were, as they are, as they might become and as they ought to be." As individuals and as members of our community, we often look at things in these four ways. Unfortunately, we often become experts at looking at the past and at maintaining how things are—we stay in the comfort zone or our own expectations.

Gorman Texas 2005—is this how things ought to be? The work of the local and regional collaborative efforts is to ensure that our technology and economic development goals support human goals and aspirations as well. The community members that participate in this process, one in which all members participate as equals, will help us consider how things might become and how things ought to be. It is this last view—how things ought to be—that is most important and is currently asked least frequently.

As many of us work in the coming weeks and months to secure a vision for our community, we will be working toward creating an environment to help nurture and to support a future-oriented vision for the community with the goal of sustaining Gorman as a great place to live and to work.

Would you like to participate in the Vision for Gorman activities? **You do NOT have to live inside the City Limits.** Contact Lori Dodd at the Gorman Economic Development Corporation at 734-3933 or [ldodd@gormantexas.us](mailto:ldodd@gormantexas.us).

## City Minutes, Unapproved – April 21

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Durward Webb, Charlie Torrez, Jr. and Joe Casey. Also present were Denver Rainey, John and Lisa Keeping, and Dee Smithey.

Nathan led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Durward made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Joe made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

**Citizens In Put:** Dee Smithey was present to express the need for the lot on the east side of her residence to be cleaned up and have brush and limbs removed. Dee also requested that the City get some of the tree limbs trimmed over our residential streets.

Denver Rainey was present on behalf of the manufactured home / mobile homes he had purchased. The City had passed an ordinance requiring a permit for the moving a mobile home or manufactured home into the city limits, or moving inside the city limits. Denver felt he somewhat disagreed with the ordinance as it stated how old the mobile home or manufactured house could be, and a man should be able to do as he wanted with his own property. Denver reminded the commission that there is a need for low income housing in Gorman. Denver requested that the permits he submitted be approved since he believed they were HUD houses. After discussion back and forth, Joe made motion that the Commission will let the two mobile homes/manufactured homes stay on the lot at the corner of Kent and Carter Streets, with the installation requirements being met as stated in Ordinance #2003-04. Charlie made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

John and Lisa Keeping were present because they had knowledge Mr. Rainey had planned to put two more mobile homes on the lot joining them on the south side of their property. The Keepings expressed concerns of having too many mobile homes on a small lot, and that they really didn't want "commercial" property next to them. Mr. Keeping expressed he didn't want any hard feelings and that he had nothing personal against Mr. Rainey, if the mobile homes met criteria set forth he would not have a problem.

Mr. Keeping is also the President of Gorman GROW. He reported that the doors and the labor would be provided for the restrooms that will be installed on the east end of the basketball court. He also requested permission to hold a flea market, musical or dance at the City Park. This is an effort to try and generate more traffic into Gorman, and hopefully aid in a larger attendance to the annual Peanut Festival. Joe made a motion to approve these activities and projects. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

**New and Old Business of City Operations:** Efrin Pacheco declined the part time position. This position will be tabled.

Mayor Ervin gave a report on the annual water tower inspection. Nathan made the motion to take the Option: Touch-up ceiling, spider rods, and top man way (as above) and add two new topside vents. Charlie made a second and the motion carried 4-0. (Attachment with details of inspection)

No action on pool repairs and operations.

**Appointment of Upper Leon River Municipal Water Dist. Director.** Joe made a motion to appoint Daryl Hirst. Durward made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

**Appointment of Election Clerk.** The Commission tabled this item.

## American Cancer Society Relay For Life Of Eastland Co.

Our Relay 2005 was a great success! We had a fantastic turn out of teams and survivors and even though it turned very cold everyone stay and walked.

We had 29 teams set up and 60 survivors that came and helped us raise money for the fight against cancer. We raised over \$36,000 to go to the American Cancer Society for research, education, advocacy, and service to our families in Eastland Co. We want to send a big thank you to our sponsors EBAA Iron, Wal-Mart, Eastland Drug, Harv-Al Athletics, Texas Ranger Homes, Con-Spec, Hirst Nut & Produce, Dr. Webb of Walnut St. Clinic, Cisco Chiropractic Clinic, B & W Clinic, and Dr. Simpson. Thank you to Eastland Telegram and Gorman Progress for all your help. Thanks Carlton Gardens, Heaven Scent, Higginbotham's, Ace Hardware, Dairy Queen of Gorman, Cellular One, Reader's Choice, Pizza Inn, Taco Bell, Grandpa's Rental, Bryon's Auto, Tractor Supply, The Hair Shop, and Country Cuts for your donations for the raffles and games. And most of all a big thank you to my teams that worked hard and helped me put this awesome relay together. We could not have done such a fine job without you. To everyone that gave to the teams, bought tickets for the raffles, and purchased luminaries and cookbooks, I would like to thank you for your support. A thank you to Darrell Hirst and Brenda Thomas and to Ike Whitson and the Jesus Posse Band for their time they gave to come and entertain us. To Barry Rose, thank you for playing the music that kept us going in the wee hours of the morning.

Thanks to Trans-Care for coming and staying with us through the night. I would also like to thank Gorman ISD for allowing us to use their track field and for all the help they gave us. Thanks to Kenneth Hill and the Eastland County Correction Agency for sending the people out the next morning to help us clean. They did an awesome job.

Thank you to the Cisco, Rising Star, Gorman, and Ranger Elementary Schools for allowing the children to decorate the luminaria bags for us. They were so beautiful.

We are still selling the Relay For Life cookbooks for \$10.00. You can pick one up at the Chamber of Commerce in Eastland and City Grocery in Gorman. Or contact Valerie Hampton 254-734-2174 and I will get one to you. Anyone interested in joining us for the 2006 Relay For Life can contact me for more information. If I've left anyone out I truly apologize. Thank you Eastland County for all your support!

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2005-02 Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06.** Tacy read the first reading at this time. All budget process must be complete by May 31, 2005.

There being no further items on the agenda Charlie made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 6:45 p.m.

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## DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, May 9 in the home of Estelle Lindley. Serving will begin at 9 a.m. Hostesses are Elnora Lindley, Anna Brazell and Estelle. Visitors are welcome.

Dixie Pack spent all day in Abilene last Tuesday visiting with her friends Velda, Edith and Pauline. They enjoy playing dominoes, going shopping and having lunch together.

Ann (Carr) Brazell is in the Stephenville hospital recovering from a knee replacement surgery last Wednesday. She is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1953. Get Well Wishes to Ann from her friends in Desdemona.

Larry and Gay Moore spent Thursday through Sunday in Houston this past week to attend the Motorcycle Races. They reported a good trip but always glad to get back 'home.'

Dorothy Roberts visited with her friends, Jr. and Luella Trice, who live east of town near Lingleville.

Robert and Ima Brown were in Dallas on Tuesday, April 26 to attend the funeral of her Uncle W.M. Parris.

Pug and Vonnice Guthery visited last Sunday afternoon with their sister, A.V. (Guthery) Seay at the Gorman Rest Home, to help celebrate her 85th birthday. Other visitors were her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Vicki Seay of Gorman. A.V. received gifts and cards from family and friends.

Bro. Gary Hughes, wife Kristi and children Trey, Korrie and Alyssa moved to Abernathy, Texas near Lubbock. He served as pastor of the Desdemona First Baptist Church for the past two years and has accepted the pastor job at this new location.

Vonnice Guthery visited last Friday with Deliah (Chism) Morrison in the DeLeon Hospital. She is recovering from recent hip surgery.

Happy Mother's Day.

## CJC Softball Tryouts

Cisco Junior College will be holding tryouts for the Lady Wranglers softball team on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. The tryouts will be held at the CJC Softball field and are for students entering college this fall.

For more information, contact Coach Susan Moore at (254) 442-5004. Please leave name, high school, phone number and position.

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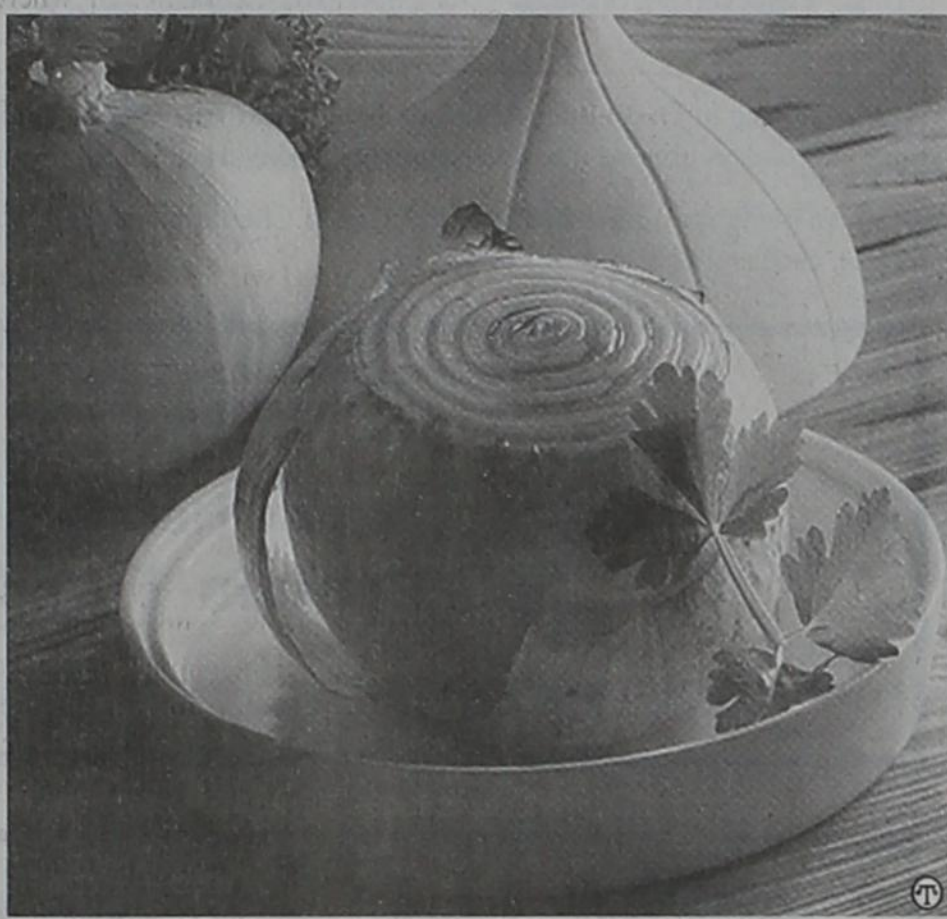
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### Easy-Does-It Vidalia Onions Baked or Grilled

2 Vidalia Onions, peeled  
2 tablespoons white wine  
1 tablespoon butter, melted  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar (do not substitute)  
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley OR ¼ teaspoon desired dried herbs such as thyme, basil, marjoram or Fine Herbes  
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste



Whether roasted or grilled, Vidalia Onions are the star of the meal with this easy-does-it side dish recipe. Only the cook knows how simple it is.

Cut tops and bottoms off the onions and place on the bottom of a 2- to 3-quart covered casserole. Combine wine, butter, vinegar and seasonings in a small bowl; pour over onions. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cover dish and bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 45 to 50 minutes or until onions are soft, basting with the liquid halfway through cooking time. Halve onions. Pour liquid over onions before serving. Makes four servings.

#### To Grill

Cut tops and bottoms off onions and cut into 1-inch thick slices; place in shallow

pan or plastic bag.

Combine 1 tablespoon olive oil (in place of butter) with wine, vinegar and desired seasonings; pour over onions and let marinate several hours.

Layer onions in a grill basket over medium-hot coals or carefully place slices directly onto grill.

Cook approximately 5 to 7 minutes or until streaked with brown, basting with marinade occasionally.

Carefully turn and cook until other side is browned and onion is soft. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

## Weaver Cemetery Needs Donations

Well folks it is the time of year again that we must ask for donations for the upkeep of Weaver Cemetery. We want to thank each and everyone for their donations in the past and ask that you keep contributing as it is vital to us at this time to have all of the financial help that we can get.

This is a project that each of us who has loved ones resting there should support. In years past there is always the same few who donate to this worthy cause. Please come forward with money or work as there is a lot to do. It looks like some lots will have to go uncared for as family members have not donated to this cause and the funds are running short.

Donations may be sent to the Weaver Cemetery Association % American State Bank, PO Box 519, Gorman, TX. 76454 or Anna Louise Spence, PO Box 112, Gorman, TX. 76454.

Sincerely,

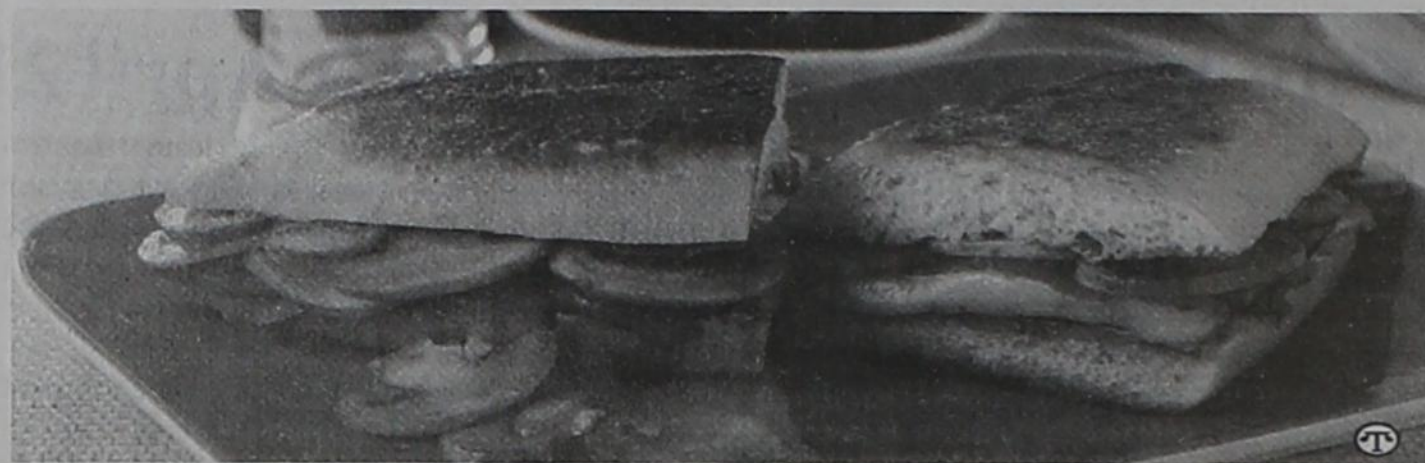
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In restaurants and sandwich shops, they're usually pressed in an electric panini maker. If you own one, by all means use it. Otherwise, you can achieve that pressed effect by using an ordinary skillet and weighting the panini.

This healthy recipe delivers satisfying flavor and nutrition. In each bite, you'll taste toasted bread, boldly flavored pesto, golden sautéed mushrooms and melted mozzarella.

Visit [www.mushroominfo.com](http://www.mushroominfo.com) for more great mushroom sandwich recipes.

#### MUSHROOM-MOZZARELLA PANINI

1 tablespoon olive oil, divided  
8 ounces fresh white mushrooms, sliced (about 3 cups)  
2 crusty rolls (each about 6 inches long)

3 tablespoons prepared pesto sauce  
1 cup fresh spinach, arugula or lettuce leaves  
4 ounces mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced  
1 large roasted red pepper, cut in strips (about ½ cup packed)

In a medium skillet, heat half of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; cook and stir until mushroom liquid has evaporated, about 5 minutes. Transfer mushrooms to a bowl to cool slightly; wipe out the skillet. Cut rolls horizontally in halves. Spread pesto over cut surfaces. On the bottom halves, layer the spinach, mozzarella, pepper and mushrooms, dividing equally; cover with the tops. In the same skillet, heat the remaining oil over medium heat. Place the sandwiches in the skillet; weight them with a heavy saucepan or skillet. Cook until browned, about 1 minute on each side. Cut rolls in halves.

YIELD: 2 servings

## Fiesta Tostada Salad Spices Up Mexican-Style Feasts

(NAPSA)—Fiesta Tostada Salad, a crisp baked corn tortilla topped with black beans, lettuce, tomato, green onions and feta cheese, is a colorful specialty that's great for entertaining a hungry crowd. It has all the ingredients of a traditional dish with the right amount of palate-pleasing heat and a spicy, satisfying taste. It's a great addition to your Cinco de Mayo menu or any big event on the calendar. Now that's cause for a celebration.



#### Fiesta Tostada Salad

##### Tortillas

1 tablespoon olive oil  
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6 corn tortillas

##### Salad

1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed  
1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lime juice  
1 tablespoon Tabasco® brand green pepper sauce  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon oregano leaves  
¼ teaspoon salt  
2 cups shredded romaine lettuce leaves  
2 medium tomatoes, chopped

½ cup feta cheese, crumbled  
3 large green onions, thinly sliced

Prepare Tortillas: Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine olive oil and Tabasco sauce in cup. Brush mixture on one side of tortillas; place on cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes or until tortillas are golden.

Prepare Salad: Combine black beans, lime juice, Tabasco sauce, cumin, oregano and salt in medium bowl. Place one tortilla on plate. Top with ½ of bean mixture, lettuce, tomatoes, feta cheese and green onions. Repeat with remaining tortillas and salad mixture.

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# Letters To The Editor

## To Whom It May Concern

We as Gorman I.S.D. employees would like for it to be known that we fully stand behind Mr. Vann and our school board and all decisions they make. Some of us have been employed here as long as 14 years and have never seen our school in so much turmoil. Others of us have children in this system that are asking questions about things they overhear their teachers talking about. Not a very good example, do you think? So after all of your assumptions if you are assuming it is not affecting our children you are sadly mistaken. It is with much sorrow and regret that we stand watching our school and town being torn apart.

s/ Donna Scitern  
Gena Rone  
Vickie Majors  
Shelia Perez  
Lola Graham

## Letter to the Editor

As a former Gorman I.S.D. administrator I would like to encourage all qualified voters to vote in the school board election this Saturday, May 7. In my opinion it is essential to have board members who will question issues about school business and make decisions based on information they have studied and understand to be in the best interest of the tax payers and students. As a board member every decisions that they make positively or negatively impacts the lives of students, teachers, school employees, parents and tax payers. As any leader, a board member must be able to stand firm and find resolutions when problems arise. Often standing firm and against what one believes to be the majority is quite difficult and may not be considered politically correct.

My heart and best interest is with the community and school of Gorman. I value the friends and memories that I made while being a part of your educational system. When I left the district I felt there were issues that must be addressed before the district can truly focus on educating students.

When you go to the poll Saturday, please vote for someone who will question all parts of the educational process of Gorman ISD.

s/Betty A. Morris

Note: Letters to the Editors reflect the personal views and opinions of the writer and not necessarily that of the *Gorman Progress*.

All Letters to the Editor must be signed. All letters will be considered for publication. Actual publication is solely at the discretion of the *Gorman Progress*.

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## Letter to the Editor

As a lifetime resident of the Gorman Independent School District I am concerned about the upcoming School Board Election. I graduated from GHS as well as my two sons. There has been at least one member of my family in the GISD for the past 50 years as well.

I would like to express my opinion about one of the candidates for the School Board in the upcoming election.

Daryl Hirst grew up in Gorman, graduating from GHS as did his father Bruce and mother Lavoyce. Bruce worked for Gorman Peanut Company, later Birdsong Peanuts. Gorman will always owe Bruce for the many good deeds he was associated with. Both Bruce and Lavoyce were active in the church and the community, as is Daryl. Daryl's son is also a GHS graduate.

When Daryl was attending GHS one of his many sports was football in which he played quarterback. At this time the Dallas Cowboys had a quarterback named Dandy Don Meredith. Joe Bennett gave Daryl the nickname of **Dandy Daryl**.

Daryl has many endeavors in Gorman such as owner of G & H Feeds, Hirst Nut and Produce and is active in many local organizations which benefit Gorman. Daryl is active in the church and sings gospel songs at many local and out of town events.

In previous years Daryl has been president of the Gorman School Board for 15 years, so he is well acquainted with the commitment required and responsibilities of a board member and knows state laws, rules and regulations concerning funds. In the past Daryl has proven his honesty and integrity as a board member. In addition, his business experience and interest in the community, Daryl will make an excellent board member again.

My question is: Are Daryl's opponents as concerned about Gorman ISD and Gorman as a whole as Daryl is? A vote for Daryl would be Dandy.

s/ James Jay

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Mr. Rivers, in his letter to the Editor, talked about the Heathingtons sliding into town. The Heathingtons slid into Gorman about 1890 or about 115 years ago. The Heathingtons have been here ever since, owning property in the area since 1893. I slid into Gorman almost 69 years ago through the Blackwell Hospital. I attended school in Gorman and my wife graduated valedictorian from Gorman. We have been around awhile. Mr. Rivers did not tell us when he slid into town. But all of this sliding aside, let's look at some facts.

Fact: Mr. Rivers said Mr. Vann had been vindicated by the District Attorney. This is false. He could have found this out if he was interested in the facts and had talked with the District Attorney. Fact: GISD is under investigation by state agencies. Fact: The Texas Ranger is waiting for the report from the State Auditor's Office. Fact: There are hundreds of documents which are available to anyone including Mr. Rivers to review - all anyone has to do is tell us they would like to review them. Surely, Mr. Rivers is not saying that we should support illegal activities at the school. However, since Mr. Rivers and Mr. Vann do not have to pay school taxes because they do not even have property in the Gorman school district and their families receive financial benefit from tax moneys, it may be that it does not matter to them how tax money is being spent - legal or illegal.

Mr. Gene Smith was the first one to publicly disclose the illegal use of school credit cards among other things. We became involved when teachers asked us to look into the situation. When we attended school board meetings, we observed that the school board totally ignored Mr. Smith. We then began to investigate the situation ourselves. Having served for many years on public

## -- Thank You Notes --

T.A.B. Relay for Life Team wants to thank everyone for coming out to the Cinderfella Contest and supporting our Relay Team. Thanks to all our beautiful gals that did such a great job, (Chris Lloyd, Marco Herrera, Revis Laminack, Rajee Patel, Kevin Scitern, Kris Scitern, Joe Casey and Lowell Eracanbrack).

A special thanks to Marceil Laminack and the other helpers for helping our girls get their face on.

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Thanks to our judges—Randy Barnes, Dan Holland, Lana Sharp, and Ray Shipp. Also thanks to Danny Burgess for being our auctioneer and to Charles Chupp for acting as emcee for the event.

boards and being responsible for millions of dollars of tax moneys, I could not believe what we discovered. We reviewed hundreds of documents and then were refused the right to review further documents by Mr. Vann. Mr. Vann wrote me a letter and said if I did not like what was going on to file a complaint - so I and 15 other people did.

Fact: Last year before the school board election, Mr. Daryl Hirst wrote a letter to the Editor in the *Gorman Progress*, complaining about the obstructionists. While Mr. Hirst did not mention names of who he was referring to, I guessed that I was one of those. So, wanting to clarify to Mr. Hirst what we were talking about, I stopped at his place of business and asked him if he was aware of the facts that were being discussed. He replied, "I don't want to know the facts." Mr. Hirst was also taken documents by some-

one else which showed the very serious problems which were being discussed, and he refused to even look at the documents. Obviously, if a person refuses to even look at facts, I am concerned about his ability to make any kind of rational decisions about school finances when there are millions of dollars to oversee. Mr. Hirst is now running for the school board, and I would guess based on his past statements, that if elected, he would continue to make decisions without knowing the facts or even having an interest in learning the facts. This is not the type of leadership needed on the school board or for that matter anywhere. New school board members are needed who will investigate all things with an honest, open mind and then make decisions to support the education of the children of GISD. Decision making with a closed mind will not result in ben-

I would like to thank all of my team members (Cancer Crusaders) that worked so hard to make this years Relay For Life such a big success.

I really appreciate those of you who brought baked goods for our bake sale each week and for all the work you all did at the Relay. I want to thank Bo Roberts for painting the bench we raffled and the Vann's for furnishing the briskets. Most of all I want to thank the citizens of Gorman for supporting us again this year by participating in our fund raisers.

efits to the children or taxpayers of Gorman. In my opinion, objective decision making has not been occurring with present school board members. **While authorizing the payment of illegal expenditures, the present school board also raises our taxes.**

I, for one, appreciate Mr. Gene Smith who persisted in pressing on with these facts, even when he had no support. Without his untrusting scrutiny, no one, it seems, would have divulged the illegalities. It takes a lot of courage to stand up for what you believe is right. Even when Mr. Vann and the current Board refused to hear his plea not to violate the law, he continued to plead his case. I believe that Mr. Smith will be a board member who will scrutinize every dollar of tax money spent at GISD and will insure that school funds will be spent on the education of the children in Gorman and not for personal gain. School board members are needed that will insure that expenditures will be ethical and legal. I truly believe that Mr. Smith will do this.

s/Kenneth W. Heathington, Ph.D., P.E.

## Drug Defendant Sentenced To Prison

Rhonald Lynn Hight, 51, formerly of Mineral Wells, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (20) twenty month sentence for possessing less than one gram of Methamphetamine. He faced a maximum punishment range of two years confinement for this offense.

Hight was apprehended on September 29, 2004 by Texas Department of Public Safety State Troopers within the City of Ranger when Troopers noted Hight's pickup traveling at a high rate of speed.

Hight had a prior drug conviction from Palo Pinto County and was currently out on parole. Hight now faces a hearing on whether or not his parole will be revoked on that sentence as well.

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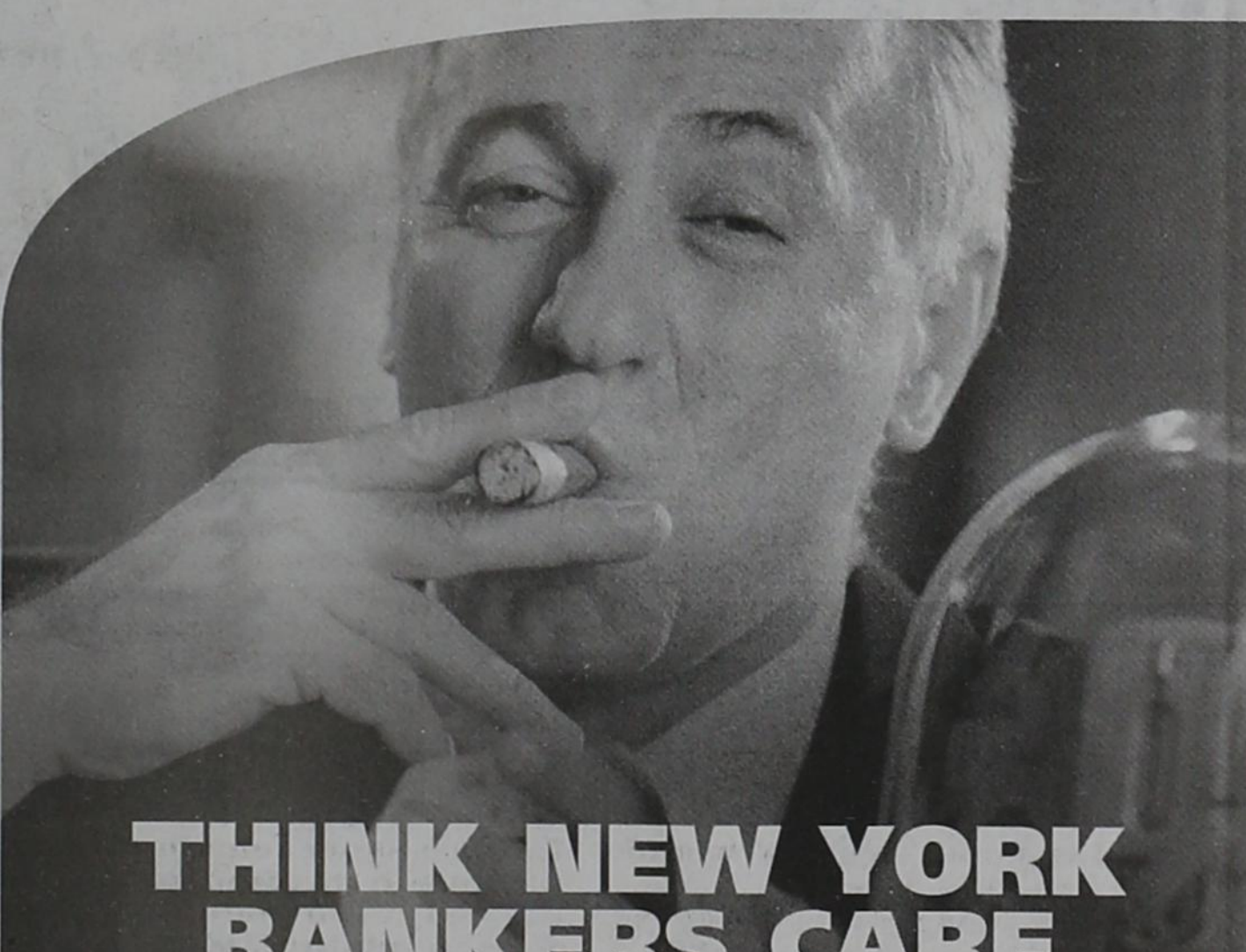
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# Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

## Only Jesus Can Satisfy Your Soul

The world will try to satisfy that longing in your soul. You may search the wide world o'er, but you'll be just as before. You'll never find true satisfaction until you've found the Lord For only Jesus can satisfy your soul. And only He can change your heart and make you whole. He'll give you peace you never knew sweet love and joy and heaven too, For only Jesus can satisfy your soul. If you could have the fame and fortune all the wealth you could obtain;

There'll come a time when death shall call you - riches cannot help you then.

Only Jesus can satisfy your soul;  
And He can change your heart and make you whole.  
He'll make you whole!  
He'll give you peace you never knew,  
Sweet love and joy and heaven too.  
For only Jesus - Only Jesus  
He will satisfy, satisfy. He'll satisfy your soul,  
Won't you let Him satisfy your soul?  
(provided by Jame Bond)

Some guests were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield and Irene West.

Those coming from the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, Vicki Seay and Frances Warren. Tootie taught the lesson, "humble Living." Life question, "How can I overcome my selfish pride?" Background passage, 4:1-17, key Bible verse James 4:10. There were twenty-five residents present and guests Howard and Pat Hagood. A resident voiced the closing prayer.

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

On Sunday afternoon those coming for church from the Church of Christ were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Don Underwood, Durward Webb, Louise Smart, Edna Powell, bill and Manda Oldham. Don led the singing. Bro. Larry's topic, "Working in Christ." Bible passage, Phillipians, Chapter 2. There were nine residents present.

Some visitors were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mary Jeffs, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Frances Warren, Billie Marble and Billie Lightfoot.

One lady enjoyed a 91st birthday on Sunday with guests Wade Craddock of Las Cruces, NM. Ina Smith, Kay Ann Craddock, Mary Margaret Hudson and Estelle Craddock. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful birthday cake with coffee or punch.

Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Pam Childers, Annie Fay Foster, Edith Grumbles, Lendon and Shelly Morgan of Garland.

Residents were happy on Monday morning when Karen Guthery came opened the beauty shop for hair fixing.

Recent guests were Harold and Tody Zink, Robert and Charisse Lewis of Desdemona, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger.

One day residents enjoyed "Caring Hearts: with Shawnah Bass. Everyone enjoyed fresh popped corn.

Recent visitors were Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, Marie Cook of Carbon, Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth.

On Monday morning Ina Smith had 'Horse Races' game for residents.

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

On Monday afternoon Gospel Singers coming were Kathy Ervin, Pat Hagood, Ruby Lee Kinser, Ann Warren, Billy Joe Dennis, Sue Seaton, Ernestine Campbell, Winelle Browning, Nelda Mauney, Daisy Slaton, Marjorie Treadway, and Nancy Hendricks. Bring the special music were Ruby Lee, Billy Joe, Ernestine and Sue. Billy Joe gave the closing prayer. Ten residents were present.

Recent visitors were Kelli Williams and Jaron Majors of Desdemona, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Lendon Shipman, Ernestine Campbell and Derenda Minton.

Residents appreciated Rose Hamilton manicuring their nails. Some guests were Tommy Lyn Seay of Alpine, Bruce and Micky Browning of Pittsburg, PA, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Daisy Slaton.

On Tuesday morning, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo for nine residents. Prizes for winners were snacks.

Recent visitors were Pat and Paul Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Becky Moore, Emily Green and Monica Moore of DeLeon.

On Tuesday afternoon one resident was honored on her 82nd birthday. Refreshments of delicious birthday cake and punch were enjoyed by Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kelli Williams, Kim Ryon and Ruth Lewis of Desdemona, Lendon and Frankie Joe Shipman and several residents. She received many beautiful gifts.

Some guests were Edna Powell, Bill and Manda Oldham, Durward Webb, Don Underwood and Louise Smart.

On Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard for residents.

Some visitors were Nell Files of Carbon, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ann Warren, Mary Jane Little of Eastland, Johnnie B. Griffith of lake Leon.

On Wednesday morning, Bro. Larry Stogsdill of the Church of Christ brought chapel. Ten residents were present.

Recent visitors were Lonnie Turner of Waco, Joey Beaty of Dallas, Juanita Spence and Jean Pryor of Little Elm, Helen Denton and Brenda Collins of San Angelo and Jonell Torrez.

On Wednesday afternoon Ina Smith, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew had 'crazy bingo' for several residents.

Some visitors were Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland, Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Pat Graham, Jason Killebrew and Judy Killebrew of DeLeon.

On Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith had 'Shake and Make' homemade ice cream.

Some guests were Winelle Brown, Kathy Ervin and Freddie Rodgers of Desdemona.

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# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

**REMEMBER!!!!** Saturday, May 7, is the day for the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association meeting and the annual Homecoming at Kokomo. The cemetery association meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery, weather permitting, otherwise it will be held at the Kokomo Community Center. A covered dish lunch will be served at the Community center at noon following the business meeting. Come, bring your favorite dish and enjoy the good food and

fellowship with old friends and maybe make some new friends. We will be looking for you.

Attendance at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning was a little low due to some being away on trips, others having a death in the family, and a few not feeling well.

The music was directed by Daryl Hirst with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano. Leona Wilson and Zelda Jordan went to Cisco on Thursday to the Cisco Baptist Association office to deliver the health kits that the ladies of the Kokomo Baptist Church made for the Association's River Ministry trip later in the summer. There were 105 health kits and 12 baby kits.

Woodrow and Helen Browning have just returned from a bus tour of the Carolinas and other points of interest, and report they had a good trip.

Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Gary, Donna, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham visited with Woodrow and Helen during the weekend and they all attended the funeral of Helen's sister-in-law, Jane Lesley, in Comanche on Sunday. We extend sincere sympathy to Helen and the family.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson and Gene and Kay Snider also attended Mrs. Lesley's funeral.

Those visiting LaVon Snider were: Ted Snider, Dan Snider, Belinda, Audri, Ella, and Isaac Segura. LaVon visited in Brownwood and ate lunch with Carolyn Eaves.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Laneta Freeman, Sylvia Buchanan, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited recently in Arlington with Nelda and Jarad Fails.

Those who attended the graduation of Emily Little from Cisco Junior College on Friday night were Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Delores Tankersley of Eastland, Mike and Kourtney Peacock and Dub and Margaret Peacock of Abilene.

Word has been received in the community of the death of Deane McNeill. Deane was a former member of the Kokomo Baptist Church. We extend sincere sympathy to her family.

We are still praying for rain. What we've gotten so far is much cooler weather, but we trust that the rain is coming soon.

## PROTECTING YOUR HOME

### How Homeowners Can Defeat Ant Invaders

(NAPSA)—They're creepy and they're crawly—and they may soon invade your home.

Although they are small enough to slip in under the radar of your home defense system, ants can still create major headaches. Ants like to swarm in warmer weather and as far as they're concerned you've put out the welcome mat for an indefinite stay.

Ranging from merely annoying to downright deadly, some of the most common ant varieties include:

- **Dorothy House Ants.** They get their name from the unpleasant odor they give off when crushed. You'll most likely find these in your home during rainy weather when they'll nest in wall voids and crevices. They prefer sweet foods.

- **Pharaoh Ants.** Pharaoh ants also prefer sweet foods and live in extremely large colonies. When indoors, they keep warm near artificial heating sources.

- **Argentine Ants.** Argentine ants have the least discriminating of ant palates. They eat nearly anything.

- **Thief Ants.** These ants are so small that they're hard to see. During warm weather is when you'll most often find them in your house. Unlike many other household ants, they prefer to eat proteins.

- **Carpenter Ants.** So called because they hollow out their nests from wood, carpenter ants usually come into buildings through cracks around doors, windows or through exterior holes for plumbing, electric wires, TV cables or phone lines.

- **Fire Ants.** These unrelenting predators deliver a painful burning sting. At least 32 deaths in the U.S. can be attributed to severe allergic reactions to fire ant stings each year. Fire ants can chew through the insulation around electrical wiring and have also been



Knowing exactly what kind of ant is infesting your home is vital, say pest control professionals.

known to kill small animals. They currently infest 14 states throughout the Southeastern U.S. and have been spreading since the 1950s.

"There are as many ways to treat ants as there are species," says Cindy Mannes, director of public affairs for the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) near Washington, D.C. "Because some ants eat grease, others prefer seeds, other insects or leftovers from dinner, proper identification is a critical part of treatment."

That's where the help of a professional comes in. A pest control professional can identify your particular pests, treat to remove them and recommend steps that homeowners can take to prevent reinfestation. Professional pest control is important because the untrained eye cannot always recognize the damage pests cause. For further information, NPMA provides a national hotline referral service for homeowners to find a pest control professional on its Web site at [www.pestworld.org](http://www.pestworld.org).

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