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Youth Honor Mothers At Church Of Christ

Mothers attending the Sunday Morning Service at the Gorman Church of Christ received more than the usual blessings. On this Mother's Day, each mother was presented a long-stemmed Carnation by members of the Youth Group of the Church. Ms. Carolyn Gilbert, Director of youth Classes at the church, said her students wanted to express their appreciation for all that mothers do. They also wanted this expression to be made on Mother's Day and in a Worship Setting.

Members of the group making the presentations were Skylar Henderson, Christopher Simmons, Colin Simmons, Kaiden Petre, Brice Petre and Rylan Laminack. Julie Clark, Billy Simpson, Barbara Love, Francis Simpson and Cecelia Boles teach the Bible Classes in which these students are enrolled. Gene Foster assisted Ms. Gilbert in providing the lovely flowers for this effort.

First Fruits Youth Is "Youth On A Mission"

Firstfruits youth are having their second annual Taco Dinner Sunday, May 15, 2005 at 12:00 noon. The youth are raising money for a mission trip to Fort Hancock, Texas and PorVenier, Mexico June 3rd thru June 10th. All money raised will go toward the mission. The menu will consist of hard and soft shell tacos, beans, rice, tea, and a variety of desserts. The cost is five dollars or any desired donation. For any questions please call 254-734-3203.

Glorify At FBC In Desdemona



Glorify will be at the Desdemona First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 15th, at 11 a.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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!

It's A Boy



Danny Martinez and Jennifer Overstreet of Abilene, Texas, proudly announce the birth of their son, Marcus Elijah Martinez.

Eli was born on March 23, 2005 at 7:39 p.m. in Stephenville, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs. 9.7 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Eli is welcomed by his big sister, Angelica Martinez of Ft. Worth. Maternal grandparents are Martha Overstreet of Gorman and Gary Overstreet of Kermit, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Emilio and Stella Jimenez of Abilene, Texas. Great grandparents are Wilburn and the late Ruby Overstreet and Annie Fay and the late M.E. "Buck" Foster.

Thank You

I wish to thank the citizens of Gorman for the privilege of serving on the City Council and for their support the last two years. My hope is we have made Gorman a better place to live and raise a family. I wish Tony Carter the best in serving on the City Council. I believe he will find it enjoyable working with the current Council.

And again I would like to thank the citizens that voted for me in the May 7th election.
s/Durward Webb

Gorman Police Department Monthly Police Report Chief Caffey

The Gorman Police Department responded to 54 calls of service for the month of April. The calls resulted in 3 traffic warnings, 4 traffic citations, 3 arrests, 1 traffic accident, 1 warrant served, 12 animal calls, 12 disturbances, 3 suspicious vehicle/person, 4 motorist assist, 1 welfare checks and 3 escorts.

There were 4 investigatable offenses reported:
Failure to Identify, 100 block W. Lubbock
Evading arrest or detention, 100 block W. Lubbock
Theft, 100 block W. Lubbock
Theft, 200 block S Second

Carter, Thompson, Hirst and Seaton Elected

City
City Commissioner:
Nathan Files - 151
Tony Carter - 89
Durward Webb - 88
4A Sales Tax Incentive For - 92
Against - 82

School
Regular Terms (2)
Larry Thompson - 148
Jeff Seaton - 182
Lisa Price Deel - 4
Noah Landa - 27
Marceil Laminack - 123
David Freeman - 76
One Year Term
Daryl Hirst - 188
Gene A. Smith - 102

Gorman Grow Needs Your Help

Gorman GROW needs your help in cleaning up Highway 6 on Friday, May 13th at 5:30.

We will meet at the Gorman GROW clean-up sign west of town. Please come and spend some time with us picking up along the highway. The regularly scheduled Gorman GROW meeting will be held Thursday, May 12th at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

NALC Food Drive Saturday

The Gorman Post Office will be participating in the NALC Food Drive this coming Saturday, May 14, 2005. All food collected by the Gorman Post Office will go to the Gorman Food Bank. The rural carriers, as well as the Gorman Postmaster will collect food donations left at rural boxes on the Gorman and Desdemona routes on Saturday, May 14, 2005. The Gorman Post Office will also have a place in the Post Office lobby for donations.

Kite Day Held At School

On Thursday, April 28th, second grade enjoyed a beautiful spring day by flying kites at school. Mr. Barker and his Junior class, along with parents and teachers assisted students with their kites. After working up a thirst, refreshments were served. Both second grade classes enjoyed the day immensely.



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 Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

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.

Obituary

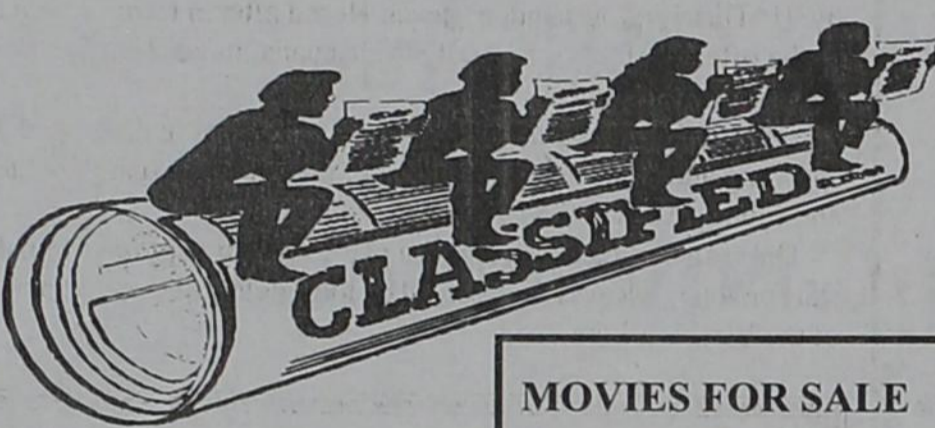
Amanda Kay Rainey

Amanda Kay Rainey age 25, of Lake Leon passed away Sunday, May 8, 2005. Services were Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Denver Rainey officiating. Burial followed at the Gorman Cemetery.

Amanda was born July 7, 1979 in Ranger to Darrel Swanner and Rhonda (Bryan) Swanner. She married Craig Rainey on December 7, 1994 in Gorman. She was a graduate of Gorman High School and Tarleton State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Art and Computer Information Systems. She received her teaching certificate in English - E.S.L. and special education. She taught English and Art at Gorman High for the last 2 years. She was a devoted mother, wife, teacher and friend to all who knew her. She touched many hearts not only in her family and friends, but the lives of those she taught. She had been currently working on her masters degree in counseling at Tarleton State University.

She is survived by her husband, Craig Rainey; two children Jeffery Rainey and Dianna Rainey all of Lake Leon; mother, Rhonda Swanner of Gorman; brother, Matthew Swanner of Gorman; grandmothers, Marjorie Swanner of Gorman and Shirley Bryan of DeLeon; two great grandmothers, Geraldine Wright of Gorman and Ima Jean Brooker of Abilene; one aunt and three uncles.

She was preceded in death by her father, Darrel Swanner, both grandfathers, James Swanner and Jerry Bryan; and great grandfather, Alton Wright.



MOVIES FOR SALE

Gorman Video

2-5-19-C

Garage Sale: Furniture, clothes, craft items and lots of misc., household goods. Last house on FM2921 toward DeLeon. Sat. 8-12.

1-5-12-C

DeLeon Nursing & Rehab CNA position available. Please apply in person. Hwy 6, DeLeon.

2-5-19-P

DQ of Gorman now accepting applications for Assistant Manager. Above average pay for individual with strong leadership skills and the ability to work nights and weekends. Smoke and drug free work environment. Drug test required. Apply in person today with Manager, Sylvai Alvarez.

4-5-19-C

For Sale: Day-old chicks. \$1.00 each. Call Lee or Amy Wood. 254-734-2973.

4-5-12-C

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School Menu

Week of May 9

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, yogurt, milk, juice
Tuesday--Eggs, biscuit, milk, juice
Wednesday--Danish, milk, juice
Thursday--Breakfast pizza, orange, milk, juice
Friday--Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Corn dogs, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk
Tuesday--Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, fruit, garlic bread, milk
Wednesday--Oven fried chicken, green beans, cr. potatoes, hot rolls, milk
Thursday--Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, salsa milk
Friday--Cheeseburgers, fries, fruit, milk

Man Sentenced to Prison for Methamphetamine Possession

Joe Junior Sanchez, age 32, formerly of Ft. Worth, was sentenced to 18 months confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, Less than one gram.

Department of Public Safety State Troopers had stopped Sanchez for speeding and based upon his consent, the Troopers initiated a search and found methamphetamine in his pants pocket.

Sanchez is awaiting a hearing on a parole violation prior to transfer to the state jail.

ORDINANCE #2005 - 03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS DENYING ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION'S REQUEST AUTHORIZING THE COMPLIANCE TARIFFS FOR THE ANNUAL GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM RATE ADJUSTMENT IN THIS MUNICIPALITY.

2-5-19-C

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2005 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2005, PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2-5-19-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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NEW: 2-1-1 brick, CH/A, 1745' LA, fenced backyard, corner lot, 24x40 shop w/cement floor, nice home. Reduced to \$36,500.
NEW: 3.29 A., south of Desdemona on pavement, fenced, electricity, small pond, good building site. \$16,500

NEW: 3.78 A. 3-2 frame, app. 1160', garage/carport, lots of large oak trees, water well, creek, pond and barn, close to town. \$47,500

47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A c. **PENDING**, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good deer area, \$1,050 acre.

NEW 58A. Desdemona, app. 10 coastal, **PENDING** well, shed, pond, pavement, hunting, wildlife, \$1,800 per acre.

NEW: 105 A., Comanche Co., near De Leon, 30 A. Coastal, 52 A. cultivated, 23 A. pasture, 3 stock ponds, 2 well, **PENDING** irrigation, steel corrals, electricity, paved @ CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combination stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre

NEW: 192 A. s/w Gorman, over 1/2 mile of Sabanna River frontage, remote, **SOLD** 122 cultivation, stock pond, lots of deer & turkey. \$1,350 acre

NEW: 309.5A. Sabana River, great hunting, 160 A. brushy & rugged, 4A lake, pond, 40x50 barn, water well, electricity. \$1,395. per acre

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Agent: David Gilder - Agent: Wayne Parsons

New Listing: 80 A Comanche Co., 3 tanks, coastal, woods, hunting. \$178,000
New Listing: 204 A with 2/2 1,375 sf brick, carport, 7 wells, and 2 tanks. \$353,500
New Listing: 7A with 3/3 2,239 sf brick, fireplace, water well, carport, storm cellar. \$115,000
New Listing: 69A wooded, rolling terrain, corrals, 3 tanks, hunting. REDUCED \$172,500.
New Listing: 2A 3/2 1,900 sf frame, 2 wells, CH/A. REDUCED \$72,000.
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 **SOLD**
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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To: J. W. Henderson, Harry C. Lord, Carl J. Sittinger, Irene D. Sittinger, Richard A. Stevens, Holland A. Stevens, George A. Thorpe, Agnes C. Bowen, M. Eleanor Bowen, Marilyn L. Bowen, Alanson G. Bowen, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors, and/or assigns of the said J. W. Henderson, Harry C. Lord, Carl J. Sittinger, Irene C. Sittinger, Richard A. Stevens, Holland A. Stevens, George A. Thorpe, Agnes C. Bowen, M. Eleanor Bowen, Marilyn L. Bowen, Alanson G. Bowen, 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-05-39,927 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 a 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 North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 105, Block 3, H & T.C. Ry. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 180, 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, Dep. 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 5th day of April, A.D. 2005

Karen Moore Clerk,
(Seal) 91st District Court
Eastland County, Texas
By (s) Imogene Tate, Deputy

Carbon News

By Latonne Rodgers

Five Star Maps Has Come to Carbon



Freida and Tom Loggins, owners along with skilled workers Tommy Loggins, Amy Ross, Christine Gray, Murle Moore, Lisa Lenicott and Johnny Zavala are busy making and selling maps at their wonderful new facility north of Carbon on Hwy 6.

Some of us have difficulty "reading" maps and can hardly imagine having the equipment and skills to make them. However, that is exactly what the Loggins and their crew began doing in 1996.

After moving from North Carolina to Eastland in 1990 the Loggins' business has continued to expand and improve service to wholesale map customers. Orders are placed from all over the United States for detailed maps of the 50 states and most major cities. Also available is a full line of specialty merchandise such as atlases, displays and laminated maps called Rapid Routes®.

Contact the Loggins folks for all your map needs at 800-457-4627 or Five Star Maps, Inc., (mail) P.O. Box 400, Carbon, Texas 76435; 16012 Hwy 6 (shipping) Carbon, Texas 76435.

Freida Loggins reminds us Five Star Maps is a wholesale business, but an individual may feel free to stop by and purchase only one map if desired.

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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:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is a 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.

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

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Karen Moore Clerk,
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EDC TALK

Later this month there will be an organized, properly facilitated meeting of a dozen or so members of this community to begin a Visioning process. There will be members of our local Chamber of Commerce, EDC, City Commission, ISD, Gorman GROW and any other civic or church organization that would like to participate.

Over the course of the next two months, this group of citizens will attempt to define a community vision (or mission) statement that will give purpose to our efforts. Something from which dedicated citizens can "take action" and work on projects collectively to make strong, visually-noticeable improvements for our community. We will attempt

to broaden our perspective of local talent and potential. We will identify forces from both inside and outside the community that are having an impact on our community and the trends those forces are setting.

These exercises will engage citizens in creative brainstorming sessions that should allow us to identify positive and negative trends in the community, develop an extensive list of community strengths and weaknesses, and discuss the kind of future community Gorman ought to be and CAN BE! And then the most important part—develop a PLAN OF ACTION to move forward; not just talk about the problems or wish for answers.

If you are part of an organization in the Gorman area (do not have to reside in city limits) and would like to participate in this initial visioning session, please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

What a lovely Mother's Day Service we had at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Visitors were Aline Garrett of Gorman, Thomas and Vicky Seay of Gorman and Austin Lowrance of Eastland. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Austin who was celebrating his birthday on Sunday. He was visiting with his aunt, uncle and cousins, Jill, James, Ashley and Breckley Little.

All mothers were honored and corsages were presented to Johnnie B. Griffith and Aline Garrett as the oldest mothers present; to Crystal Snider as the youngest mother; and to Jill Little as the mother with the most children present with her. Crystal Snider also qualified for having the most children with her as both she and Jill had two children.

The special music "Victory In Jesus" was rendered by Crystal Snider, Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Sylvia Buchanan, Helen Browning, Jimmy Little Thomas Seay and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano.

Bro Clarence Wilson brought a very timely message on Christian Mothers, the best thing that can happen to a family.

I hope that Mother's Day was a wonderful day for everyone. For those of us who's mother's have gone on to be with the Lord, there are precious memories as we remember how wonderful, loving and kind they were. Their spirit is always with us.

Kenny, Cynthia, Tobias and Kennon Moore of Gatesville and Lowell and Kimberly Wilson and Justin of Stephenville visited with their parents, Bro Clarence and Leona Wilson, during the Mother's Day weekend.

My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren couldn't be with me on Mother's Day, but made it a very special day for me with cards, phone calls and gifts. My love and thanks to you all.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham on Saturday with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and attended Melanie's dance recital.

Those visiting with James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little on Saturday night were Austin Lowrance of Eastland, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Emily Little and Mike and Kourtney Peacock of Abilene and Tori Hart.

LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited with her parents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Johnnie B. Griffith, Laneta Freeman, Jonell Torrez, Bertie Stacy and Sylvia Buchanan.

Last week, LaVon Snider was invited to help Gene Snider celebrate his birthday. One evening, Ted Snider took Charlotte and LaVon to Cook's for a fish dinner.

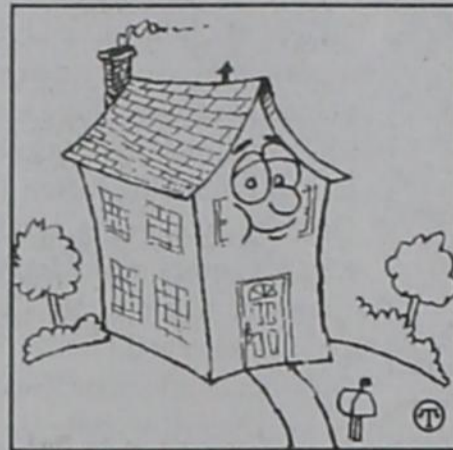
On Saturday, LaVon, along with other family members and friends was invited to Erik and Belinda Segura's home for a party to celebrate Belinda's graduation from Tarleton University. Our congratulations to Belinda.

On Sunday, LaVon phoned her aunt, Bertha Henry of Ozona to wish

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Home Ideas

(NAPSA)—According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York City Health Department, homeowners can minimize the risk of mold. If constructing a new home, ask your builder about products to minimize the potential for moisture and mold growth such as MemBrain, a smart vapor retarder placed inside wall cavities. It allows excess moisture that gets into wall cavities to escape.



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Robinett 2005 Top Midwife Graduate

Betsy Robinett of De Leon was named 2005 Graduating Student of the Year May 6 at the annual conference of the Association of Texas Midwives (ATM) in Arlington. Mrs. Robinett's award was presented by one of her preceptors, or teachers, April Pierce of Family Birth Services Center in Grand Prairie.

Among those attending the graduation ceremony were Mrs. Robinett's husband and children, all of De Leon, and friends Mrs. and Mrs. Bol Dunwell of Gorman.

In presenting the award, Miss Pierce mentioned Mrs. Robinett's determination to become a midwife, despite such complications as being two hours away from the Grand Prairie birth center where she eventually trained, her willingness to utilize her bilingual skills to assist the other Family Birth Services Center midwives even when she was home in De Leon and had to do so over the telephone, and the fact that she developed such a rapport with her clients that one family named their daughter Betsy even though Mrs. Robinett was unable to attend her birth.

Another of Mrs. Robinett's preceptors, Molly Germash, education committee chair of ATM, stressed the fact that academic excellence during training was also a determining factor in the committee's choice of Graduating Student of the Year.

Mrs. Robinett began her academic training in April 2002 and her clinical training in September of 2003. She completed her clinicals in January 2005 and passed her North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) examination in February.

Six Year Prison Sentence For Possession of Marihuana

Marshay Deshay Dale, age 20, formerly of Lubbock, was sentenced to 6 years confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Possession of a Marihuana, more than five pounds but less than fifty pounds.

Department of Public Safety State Troopers had stopped Dale for speeding and based upon his consent, the Troopers searched the vehicle and found 5 bricks of Marihuana.

Dale is awaiting a hearing on a parole violation prior to transfer to the state prison. Dale was represented by local defense attorney John Saringe of the Wagstaff Law Firm.

Comanche Electric Awards Scholarship for Excellence



The 2005 Scholarship for Excellence has been awarded to Miss Staci Beaty, daughter of Tim and Cindy Beaty of De Leon. Staci will receive \$1,000.00 to go towards tuition and plans to attend Texas A & M University this fall.

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point average. Some of her accomplishments include Valedictorian, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who Most Likely to Succeed, 2nd Place UIL Calculator Team, English Award, Hardin Simmons University Top 5 Juniors Award, Top Ranking Girl, National Mathematics Award and History Award.

She received numerous awards in athletics and cheerleading and has been described as a terrific team player. Offices held include FFA Vice-President, FCA Leader, Student Council Vice-President, NHS Co-President and Senior Class Vice-President. Extra-curricular activities include an active role in both her church and community.

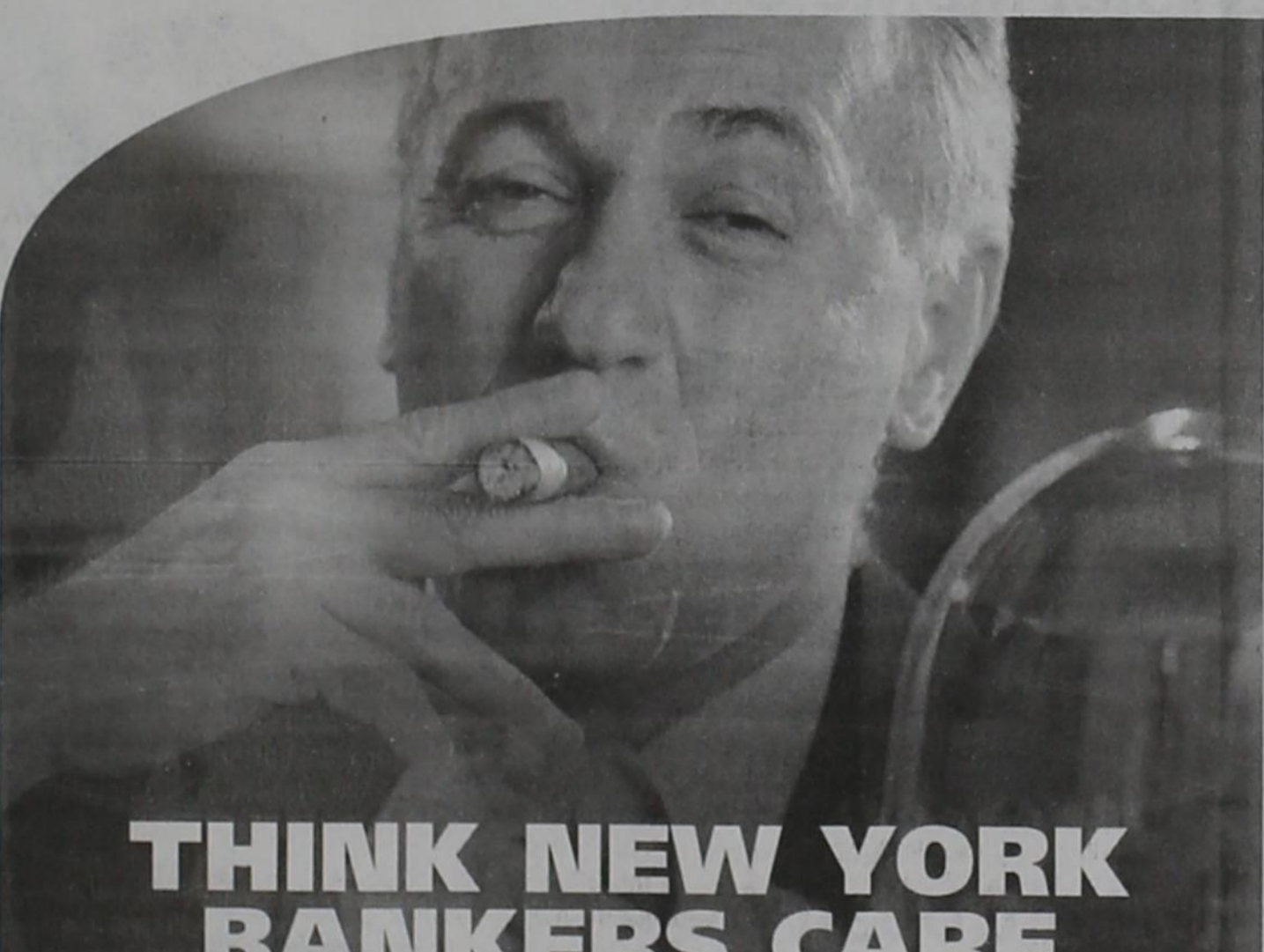
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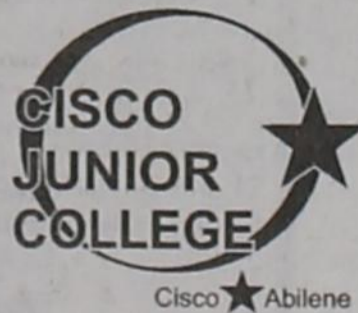
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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Some guests were Dorothy Whiteside of Sipe Springs, Charlene Rider of Cisco, Rex and Trudy Long of Rising Star, Jamie Long of Canton and Billie Lightfoot of DeLeon.

On Sunday morning, those coming for Sunday School from First Baptist Church were James Mears, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. James Mears taught the lesson, "Seek God's Purpose." Life question, "How should I respond to the changes in my life?" Bible passages, Genesis 12:1-20. Key Bible verses Genesis 12:1-3. A large group of residents attended. Howard and Pat Hagood were guests. A resident led the closing prayer.

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

Residents were happy for Rose Hamilton to manicure their nails.

Some guests were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Billie Marble, Mary Jeffs, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, and Frances Warren.

On Sunday afternoon coming from the First Baptist Church were Ed and Ruthie Rodgers, Pam Childers, Allen and Linda Gibbs, Nelda Mauney and Annie Fay Foster. Pam played the piano, Nelda led singing and Ed brought the devotional, "All About Heaven," using Bible passage from Hebrews and Psalms. Nancy Hendricks was a guest and fifteen residents attended. Allen gave the closing prayer.

Some visitors have been Bobby and Dianne Friday, Dalton and April of Midland, Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of

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her a happy Mother's Day. Also, LaVon learned of the death of a cousin, Gene Paul Hamilton. Gene Paul was a nephew of LaVon's grandmother, Alice (Hamilton) Snider.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zeld Jordan enjoyed lunch on Mother's Day at ZJ's in Gorman.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor on Sunday afternoon for the church service were: Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks and Zeld Jordan. Woodrow and Helen, Leona, and Jimmy rendered the special music.

Aline Garrett spent Mother's Day with Aletha and Durwood Burgess. Other's enjoying supper with them were Danny and Charla Burgess and Johnny and Catherine Eaves.

Mary Jo Shaw of Gorman had lunch with Johnny and Catherine Eaves on Mother's Day.

On Wednesday night, May 4th, Durwood and Aletha Burgess met Billy and Cheryl Burgess, and Grant Burgess and friend, Michelle, of Granbury, in Stephenville for dinner to celebrate Billy's 46th birthday. A belated "Happy Birthday" to you Billy.

Jimmy Nelson has recently returned from a mission trip to Malawi, Africa. While there, he was mugged and robbed, but was not seriously injured. Thank God for getting him back home safely.

TRIP TO FLORIDA

Joe and Glynda Bond and his brother and sister-in-law, James and Marion Bond of Plano flew from Love Field in Dallas to Tampa, Florida on Saturday, April 30th. Joe and Glynda's son, Brian Bond of Ft. Myers, FL, met them there and they all visited with Joe and James's sister, Helen Hanlon and her son and family, Tommy, Connie and T. J. Hanlon near Dade City.

They also enjoyed walks on the beach near the condominium where they were staying in Lake Shores, and the Intercoastal Waterway and the Dolphin Watch, saw some very expensive homes and the Gulf of Mexico. Other points of interest they visited were the Barnum and Bailey Circus Museum, The Barnum Mansion, the Edison and Ford Estate Summer Home, and saw the largest Banyan tree, that was a very interesting thing to see. On Tuesday, they visited with Brian in Ft. Myers and saw some of the homes that Brian is building on Cape Corales. They returned home on Saturday, May 7th.

Joe and Glynda Bond spent Saturday night and Sunday in Copperas Cove with Shannon, Stephanie, Reagan and Sydney Bond and attended church with them on Mother's Day at the First Baptist Church in Copperas Cove. Sydney was one of the babies in the Baby Dedication Service that morning. They all had lunch with Stephanie's Mother and stepfather Don and Gayle Lakin in their home, following the church service.

HOME COMING AND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT KOKOMO

It was a cold, cloudy, and windy morning on Saturday, May 7, 2005, when Delmon Eaves, chairman of the Cemetery Association Committee, called the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery. Delmon gave the opening prayer and welcomed everyone.

The minutes of last year's meeting was read and approved as read. The financial report was given and approved as read.

The new map of the Simpson Cemetery was on display, and a round of applause and thanks was extended to Jimmy Nelson for building the frame for the map.

The terms of Committee members, Bryan Lee Johnson and Zeld Jordan expire this year, and they were re-elected for another three year term.

There were lots of comments that the cemetery looked real nice. The caretaker has done a good job. There weren't many bluebonnets at the cemetery this year, but there were lots of Indian paint brushes that were pretty.

Covis Crawley, 86, of Arlington was the oldest person attending; Josh Cox, 15, of Gorman was the youngest; and Verna Laminack and Louise Brown of Lake Jackson came the farthest to attend.

Wayne Eaves of Desdemona gave the closing prayer.

Those attending the meeting were: Larry and Betty Strube of Kokomo, Oren and Norma Webb of Kokomo, Zeld Jordan of Kokomo, David and Linda Lorange of Carbon, Patsy Collins of Eastland, Cleo Duncan of Eastland, Jeanne A. Dorsett of Gorman, Jalyn and Josh Cox of Gorman, Jerry Shugart of Gorman, Edgar Reynolds of Gorman, Ken Rogers of Eastland, Bryan and Jolene Johnson of Eastland, Covis and Pauline Crawley of Arlington, C. W. Crawley, Jr. of Hurst, Jake Donaldson of Eastland, Louise Brown of Lake Jackson, Nolan L. Treadway of Snyder, Wayne Eaves of Desdemona, Verda Eaves of Carbon, Verna Laminack of Lake Jackson, Orvel and Louise Gibbs, of Venus, Nancy Hendricks of Kokomo, Elbert and Cora Lee Bennett of Gorman, Darrell and Pat Graham of Gorman, Jimmy Nelson of Carbon, Ernestine Shugart of Granbury, Doris Whitley of Granbury, Sylvia H. Buchanan of Kokomo, Ima Brown of Gorman, Donald Eaves of Carbon and Delmon Eaves of Kokomo.

Following the meeting many of those attending the meeting met at the Kokomo Community Center for a bountiful covered dish lunch and more visiting with family, friends and neighbors. Jake Donaldson gave the prayer of thanks for the food, and the opportunity to meet together again.

Our thanks to all who came, and to those who gave donations at the meeting and by mail. We need your donations in order to pay the caretaker so the cemeteries can be well kept. There is lots of mowing and spraying to be done.

I want to say a great big thank you to all who were so kind and helpful to me when I locked the keys in my car at the Community Center on Saturday, May the good Lord bless you all real good. You were my angels.

And a great big thank you to those who were so helpful to me when I fell at the bank in Gorman on Thursday. Again God was watching over me as I wasn't hurt except for a few minor bruises.

Cisco, Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider.

On Friday, April 29th as the April Birthday Party for residents. Two residents were honored for having April birthdays and received gifts from the First Baptist Church and Heritage Manor. Ina Smith had a choice of birthday cakes, cokes or coffee. Fourteen residents were present and two guests Rose Marie Allen and Nancy Hendricks.

Recent guests were Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth and Marie Cook of Carbon.

"Caring Hearts," with Shawnah Bass was enjoyed by several residents. They made bird feeders out of pine cones, dipped in peanut butter and rolled in bird seed.

Some visitors were Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Pam Childers, Annie Fay Foster, Ruthie and Ed Rodgers, Allen and Linda Gibbs, Lendon and Shelly Morgan of Garland.

"Happy Birthday" Cecil Freeman of Maybank on your 84th birthday. Residents enjoyed you when you used to come and play the guitar.

Some recent guests were Joey Beaty of Dallas, Lonnie Turner of Waco, Helen Denton and Brenda Collins of San Angelo, Joan Pyron and Juanita Spence of Little Elm, JoNell Torrez.

On Tuesday morning, residents enjoyed a movie and popcorn.

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

On Monday afternoon, Gospel Singers coming were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Winelle Browning, Pat Hagood, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks. Fifteen residents attended. The singers sang "Happy Birthday" to Marjorie whose birthday was Monday. Nancy Hendricks gave the dismissal prayer.

Some guests were Wade Craddock of Las Cruces, NM, Mary Margaret Hudson, Estelle Craddock, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville.

Residents were happy for Karen Guthery to come on Monday and do hair dressing.

Recent visitors were Nell Files of Carbon, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Randy and Judy hall of Cleburne, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon.

On Tuesday morning, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, Pat Graham, Billie Marble and Ina Smith had bingo for ten residents.

Some guests were James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Susan Carruth, Kelly Carruth, and June Carruth of DeLeon.

On Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Karen Eaves, Lorin Eaves and Belinda Webb all of Desdemona visited last Sunday morning with Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane at the Country Cowboy Church in Eastland. Chad Gosnell serves as pastor of this church.

Larry and Gay Moore enjoyed Mother's Day visiting with their children, Bruce and Renee White and children, Chelsea and Cory of Stephenville, Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagan and Scarlett of Lingleville. The family enjoyed an outing at the Stephenville Park.

Dorothy Roberts spent last Saturday night in Dallas with her son, Jeff Roberts. She spent Mother's Day in Fort Worth with her daughter, Ulenda and family.

Dorothy Roberts attended the funeral of her cousin, Dean Christian in Comanche on Monday of last week. Survivors include a son, Van Christian of Comanche.

Victor Cemetery Association will have the annual meeting on Saturday, May 28. Business meeting will follow the noon meal. Bring your basket of food to enjoy with your family and friends.

electric keyboard and led singing for ten residents.

Recent guests were James Bruton of DeLeon, Carrie, Ethan, and Cole Purcell of Midland, Pam Hulse and Leha Searcy of Hobbs, NM, Tootie Campbell, Kay Snider, Freddie Rodgers, Louise Smart, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, James Mears, Winelle Browning, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs.

On Wednesday morning, Bro. Larry Stogsdill of the Church of Christ came for chapel. He presented "The Sermon on the Mount" from the 5th chapter of Matthew. There were twelve residents present.

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

On Wednesday afternoon, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had 'Crazy Bingo' for residents.

Recent guests were Tommy Lyn Seay of Alpine, Bruce and Micky Browning of Pittsburg, PA, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona.

On Friday, Billie Marble, Jason Killebrew, Judy Killebrew, Pat Graham, Ina Smith had bingo for ten residents.

Some guests were Tody and Harold Zink, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Becky Moore, Emily Green, and Monica Moore of DeLeon.



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