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JUNE 30, 2005

Seaton - Woodall Named Miss and Little Miss Gorman



Little Miss Gorman 2005 - Sara Woodall, escort - Kade Sparger
1st runner-up - Sydney Casey, escort - Rylan Laminack
2nd runner-up - Caitlyn Rainey, escort - Trent Finley



Miss Gorman 2005 - Kaci Seaton, escort - Hank Rainey
1st runner-up - Brittany Shirley, escort - Daniel Shirley
2nd runner-up - K'Ann Howard, escort - John Howard
Drawing winners - \$100 packaged beef - Chamber of Commerce - Shane Caraway - \$100 gasoline - Fire Department - Lacy Howard - \$100 groceries - Lion's Club - Shirley Shirley
Total money raised - \$4,446.39

De Leon Hospital Closes At Midnight, June 30

The De Leon Hospital will close on Midnight, June 30, to begin the process of moving to the new facility. Patients will be transferred to either the Comanche Community Hospital or a local hospital of their choice on June 30. Full service will continue at the Comanche Community Hospital, which will be in operation until July 12, at which time patients will be taken to the new hospital and the Comanche Community Hospital will close. Services at Comanche County medical center will begin on July 12.

The Comanche Family Medical Clinic and De Leon Clinic will remain open until July 13. They will begin seeing patients at the new Doctors Medical Clinic, located in the new CCMC, Monday, July 18.

Danny Owen, EMS Director, asked that anyone who needs ambulance service during this transition period, please call 911, and they will respond in their usual manner.

It's A Boy



Kaitlyn George is happy to announce the birth of her baby brother, Hayden Burk George. He arrived May 29, 2005 and weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 20 1/4 inches.

Proud parents are Greg and Kari George of Mansfield.

Proud grandparents are Kathryn and Ed Burk, Carolyn and Benny Mathews and Roger and Terri George.

Great grandparents are Louise Clark, Blanche Doyal and Jerry Bratton.

Hayden was also welcomed by aunts Neeley Burk, Ginger George and uncle Bill Clark.

It's A Girl



Bill and Sherri Hair would like to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Kathrine D'Ann Hair. She was born at Abilene Regional Hospital on June 4, 2005 to their daughter, Amanda Hair. Kathrine was 6 lbs 11 oz and 19" long.

She has four proud aunts, Shanna and Ashley Hair and Dana Longoria and Marissa Gillen. Great grandparents Brenda Boyd and the late Butch Boyd and great-great grandparents are Marjorie Treadway and the late Orval Treadway.

Order Restricting Outdoor Burning Now In Effect For Eastland County

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 204.906, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operation; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 204.906(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2005, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

s/County Judge, Brad Stephenson
Attest: s/Cathy Jentho, County Clerk

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to friends, businesses, family and individuals of our community who purchased tickets, hamburgers, bake sale items, breakfast burritos, homemade ice cream and spaghetti from my fund raising efforts. I would also like to thank family and friends for helping prepare and deliver my items. Also thanks to those who gave cash donations as well.

I'm looking forward to representing Gorman in area parades and other public appearances. Congratulations to Sarah Woodall for winning "Little Miss." I look forward to getting to know you and your family better.

Thank you once again for your community support. I know that times are hard, yet you gave generously to this project. The money raised will go back into our community through scholarships and other worthy causes.

Kaci Seaton
Miss Gorman 2005

Thank You



I have had an exciting year being Little Miss Gorman. I have had lots of fun spending time with Miss Gorman, Sandra Lara.

Thanks to my Daddy, Noah, to Uncle Alex Granado, and to everyone else who helped get the float ready before parades.

I would especially like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring me.

Thanks, Katalina Landa

1958 & 1959 Carbon Class Reunion

The Carbon Classes of 1958 and 1959 will meet at ZJ's Steakhouse in Gorman on July 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Anyone who would like to join us would be welcome. Each person will be responsible for their meal.

Mark Your Calendars
Buckaroos! The Circle
& Ranch
Vacation Bible School



Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be held Saturday evening, July 2nd at 6 p.m. at the Sipe Springs Community Center.

All musicians and listeners are invited to attend.

Visitors Invited To New Program For All Ages At Gorman Church of Christ

Jeffrey Emery has joined the leadership of the Gorman Church of Christ and will be working with the Youth group there. A graduate of Abilene Christian University, Jeffery has extensive experience in Youth and Family Ministry. He has a wife, Amelia, and three children, Mary Hannah, Eleanor and Ethan. Youth of the entire community are cordially invited to take part in this program.

A class for Young Adults began Sunday, June 26. Young adults face many challenges today and Larry Stogsdill, Pulpit Minister, is uniquely qualified for this subject with an MA degree in Church and Community Ministries and experience in working with groups. The class will be held in the Fellowship Hall and the coffee pot will be on!

Have you ever studied or wondered about the period of history between the Old and New Testaments? This period of about 400 years is a mystery to many. Come hear Dr. Bill Oldham as he teaches the auditorium class on

this period of time. This fascinating study will start next Sunday, July 3.

Classes for children are held each Sunday. Teaching young children this summer are Barbara Love, Francis Simpson, Cecelia Boles, Linda Simpson, Dolores Underwood, Joy Rogers and Dee Smithey. Visitors are welcome. All classes begin at 10:00AM.



Back Row L-R: Cameron Clark, Billy Earl Simpson, Tyler Johnson, Jeffrey Emery, Youth Minister, Meagan Holder, Seth Johnson, Corey Clark. Front Row L-R: Dylan Carlton and Jeremy Holder. Not pictured are Lindsey Laminack, Brittany Henderson, Skylar Henderson, Tyson Swanner and Ashleigh Bush.



L-R: Jeffrey Emery, Youth Minister of the Gorman Church of Christ and Lindsey Laminack discuss summer plans for the group.

GORMAN LIVESTOCK RAISERS BBQ

Friday, July 1 - 10:30 a.m. until sold out
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Chopped BBQ sandwich, chips, & drink - \$5.00

Special orders of brisket taken before noon on Thursday, June 30th - Call 734-4059 or Taci at 734-2317

is coming July 11 - 15 at United Methodist Church of Gorman. For more info call 734-2547 or 734-2849

Obituaries

Freddie Mac Lightfoot

Freddie Mac Lightfoot, 74 of Gorman, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2005 at Heritage Manor in Gorman. Services were Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Burial was at the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Lightfoot was born on December 10, 1930 at Rucker, Texas to the late J.L. Lightfoot and Ona Mae Freeman Lightfoot. He married Billie Weston on May 24, 1963 in Comanche. He was a trucker for Lightfoot Oil Company for many years and a lifelong resident of Rucker. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife Billie of DeLeon; one son, Jake Brooks and wife Diane of Stephenville; two daughters, Lynn Newton and husband Paul of Bangs and Robin Asa and husband Bill of Round Rock; one brother E.F. Lightfoot and wife Jane of Copperas Cove; sister-in-law, Doris Simak of Copperas Cove; 6 grandchildren, Will and Emily Asa, Ashley and Jenna Brooks, Evan Newton and wife Alisha and Lee J. Newton; one great-granddaughter Macy Paige Newton.

Memorials may be made to your church of choice, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Joyce Lavelle Eaves

Joyce Lavelle Eaves, 69 of Gorman, passed away Thursday, June 23, 2005 at the Eastland Memorial Hospital. Services were Sunday, June 26, 2005 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Glen Laminack and Clarence Wilson officiating. Burial was at Simpson Cemetery.

Joyce was born October 21, 1935 to R.Q. Graham and Ester (Lester) Graham. She married D.F. Eaves on April 10, 1952 in the Kokomo Community. She was a housewife, mother, caterer and a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church.

She is survived by husband of 53 years, D.F. Eaves of Kokomo; son, Mark Eaves and wife Margaret of Charlotte, NC; daughter, Deliah Lewis and husband Randy of Ennis; two brothers, C.R. Graham and wife Doris of Eastland and Bill Graham and wife Yvonne of McAlister, OK; three grandsons, Christopher and Jonathan Lewis of Ennis and Preston Eaves of Charlotte, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews and near children. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dewey Gaston "Hoss" Gilchrest

Dewey Gaston "Hoss" Gilchrest, 83 of DeLeon, passed away on Monday, June 27, 2005 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was at the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Gilchrest was born on January 16, 1922 in Comanche County to the late marlin Gilchrest and Mamie Chupp Gilchrest. He married Mollie Nabors on January 1, 1948 in Marlin, Texas. He worked for DeLeon Peanut Company for 12 years; farmer/rancher, lived in DeLeon area most of his life. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife Mollie of DeLeon, brother A.T. Gilchrest of Comanche; sister Bobbie Phillips of DeLeon; several nieces and nephews.

Also preceded by one sister, Ruby Beverly.

Gorman Athletic Program Physicals for 05-06 School Year

DEAR PARENT,

Each year the Gorman Athletic Department requires an updated physical on each athlete. This is to insure the safety of your child. Once again this year we will be offering physicals for all athletes grades 7-12 free of charge. This is a great deal for our kids and school. Dr. Dan Brudnak will be the physician that administers the physicals. We would like to thank him and ask you to do the same for allowing us to receive his time and expertise for free.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please fill out all the information completely on the forms provided to you in this letter. We will have coaches present to take up these forms. Each year we waste time waiting on certain forms from some of our athletes as well as wasting paper making more copies for those that lost their forms. Please sign in all the pertinent places and it helps if you attend with your child so we can make sure everything is complete and if you have any questions for the doctor.

DATE and TIME: JULY 13th GIRLS: From 12 pm til 1:30 pm / BOYS: 1:30 pm til 3:00 pm at Dr Dan Brudnak's office located downtown next to the drug store.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend on this date it will be YOUR responsibility to get a physical for your child and it WILL NOT be offered for FREE before or after the date above (normal physical fees are around \$25). Also if you choose to attend another physician for your child's physical, the UIL forms are still required and are the only one's accepted by school districts. If you bring back a physical form from a doctor's office that is not an official UIL form, it will be denied and useless. Also you may need to note that most insurances do not cover the cost of a physical. You need to make every effort to be there on the above date.

Thanks,
Coby Tyson - Athletic Director/Head Football - Gorman ISD

Melissa Henderson Played on U.S. Under-18 National Team

Melissa Henderson, granddaughter of Betty Henderson of Abilene and E.G. Henderson of Lake Leon, missed some time with her Dallas Texas 90 Red soccer team to play on the under-16 U.S. national team. She recently completed an 11-day trip to Japan, where she scored two goals as the squad went 2-0-1 on its exhibition tour.

Melissa has been a part of the national team pool since last year and is hoping for more of the same in the coming years.

Should that happen, playing in the Olympics and the Women's World Cup is a possibility. For now, though, she wants to savor her time donning the Team USA uniform—while still working on her game to prepare for the future.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 22 day of June, 2005, impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal — Bull
Breed — Brindle Longhorn Cross
Color — Black and brown tiber striped
Sex — Male
Age — 6-7 years
Size — 1200 - 1300 lbs
Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics

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and on the 28 day of June 2005, I files a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Eastland County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Eastland, County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

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WITNESS my hand this 27 day of June 2005.

Wayne Bradford
Sheriff of Eastland County, Texas
(Designee of Sheriff, s/Deputy Doyle Seabourn, Eastland County, Texas)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given to all students with disabilities (or parents of students) who attended school at Breckenridge ISD, Cisco ISD, Eastland ISD, Gorman ISD, Moran ISD, or Ranger ISD. The inactive student files, prior to August, 1998, WILL BE DESTROYED. This is in compliance with state regulations. [Local Government Code 202.001]

Records must be picked up in person with appropriate identification at: EAST END EDUCATION CO-OP, 539 West Roosevelt, Gorman, Texas 76454, Phone 254-734-2020.

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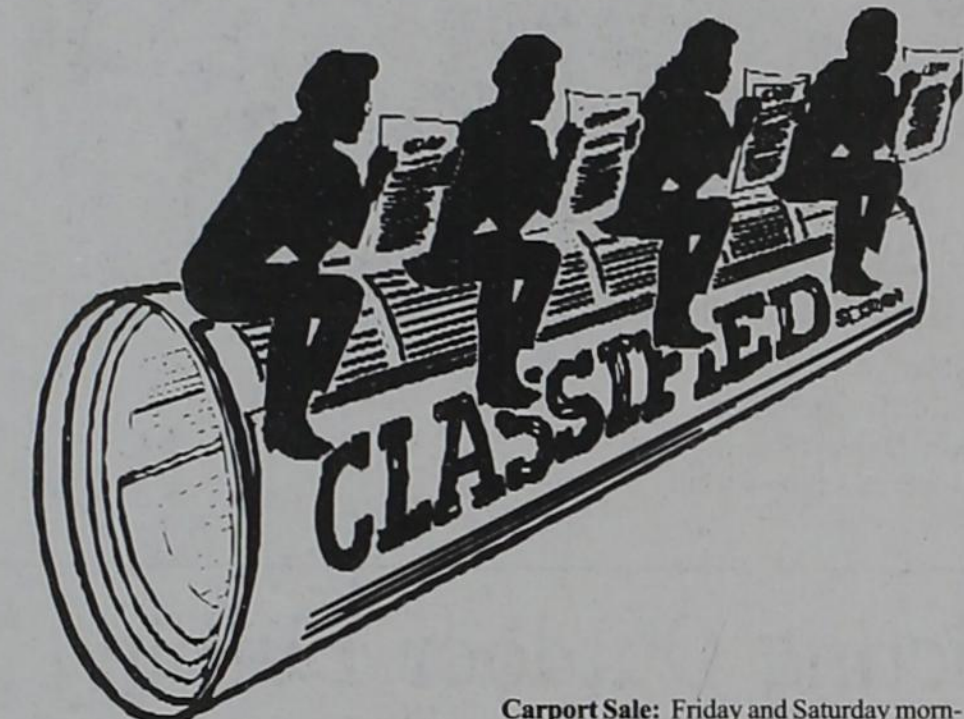
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5:30 p.m. Parade - 7:30 p.m. Rodeo - 9 to 1 a.m. Dance with Kinneth Doyle and The Texas Dance Hall Band
Saturday, July 9th
7:30 p.m. Rodeo - Crowning of Queen and Little Miss
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\$3,500 Added Money
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A Wild Card Rodeo Company Production, Tom Reeves - Producer.

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Partial funding for this event is provided by a Hotel Occupancy Tax on guests of local Motels

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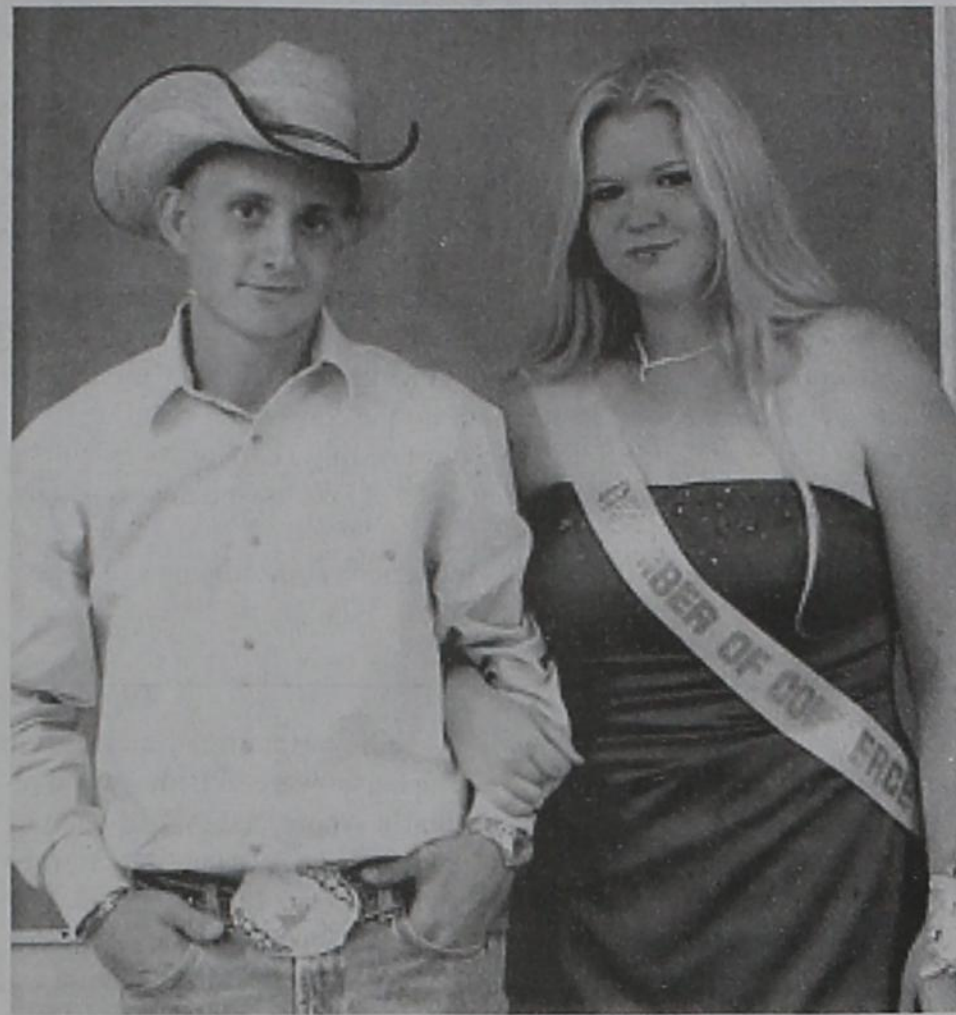
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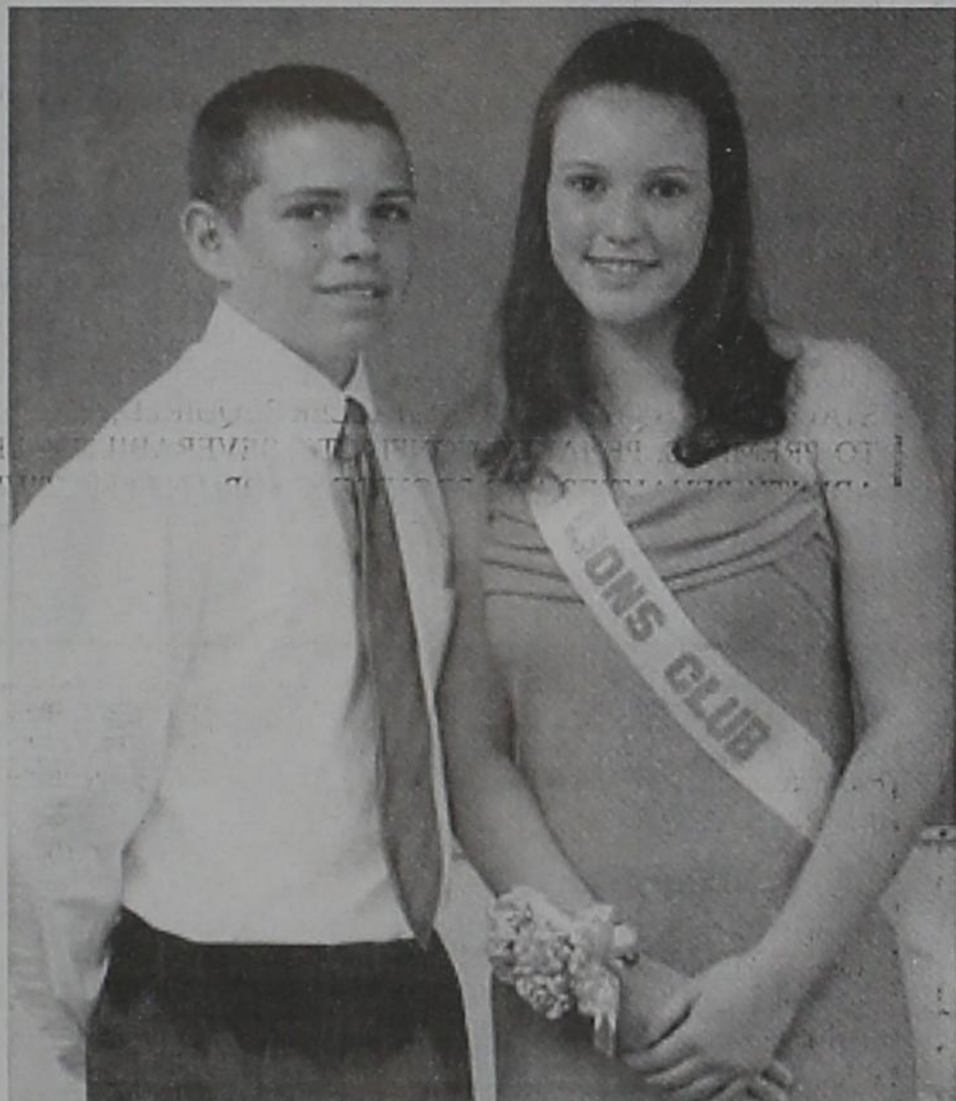
Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Contestants and Their Escorts



Kaci Seaton with her escort Hank Rainey



K'Ann Howard with her escort John Howard Jr.



Brittany Shirley with her escort Daniel Shirley

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Sandra Lara
Miss Gorman - 2004



Katalina Landa
Little Miss Gorman - 2004



Sara Woodall with her escort Kade Sparger



Caitlyn Rainey with her escort Trent Finley



Sydney Casey with her escort Rylan Laminack

Wrangler Belle Auditions

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students that are accepted into the group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per year. The open auditions consist of learning a short jazz dance and kick series. Evaluations are based on learning and performing ability in a group situation. Solos are not required.

Formal dance and drill team experience is not a prerequisite to be a part of this unique dance team. If you like to perform and love to dance, this dance/drill team will be a very rewarding experience.

The CJC dance group is a close-knit organization with an emphasis placed on positive attitude and individual growth. The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self-esteem. Any young woman that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College, (254) 442-5140, to confirm an appointment for the audition. Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition at another time.

CJC Online Registration Underway

Cisco Junior College online registration is now underway for the Summer II semester and the Fall 2005 semester. Online registration for Summer II ends July 5, and online registration for Fall 2005 ends August 12.

Course schedules are listed on the CJC website. First class day for the Summer II semester is July 11, and fall classes begin August 29.

Visit our website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us; click on the Student Information link and Campus Connect for instructions on how to register online.

To register for courses you must meet the Texas Success Initiative requirements. For more information call the campus in Cisco (254) 442-5000 or the Abilene Educational Center (325) 794-4400.

Thank You

The family of Claudia Jay cannot find adequate words to express our thanks to everyone during our time of grief.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department for your quick response and all your efforts. To Dr. Dan who went beyond the call of duty at the hospital, and for the 3 three years of Claudia's illness.

To Ray Daniels, Carolyn Foster and Marjorie Treadway- Thank you for your support. To Martha Parker and Linda Bureson- Thank you for your guidance and expertise at the funeral home.

To Ken Wilson and Jackie Auvenshine - Thank you for your comforting words and messages at the services. To Peggy Brooks and Ruby Lee Kinser- Thank you for the beautiful musical tributes.

During Claudia's sickness the Dorcas Class of the Church of Christ brought many tasty meals, gifts and cards. Allan and Linda Gibbs often brought fresh filleted fish. Your visits brightened her day.

To Gene Foster- The floral arrangements were outstanding. Claudia would have loved the colorful family wreath.

We thank the First Baptist Church, the ladies who brought food and those who served.

The entire Jay family thanks all who called, sent cards, flowers or made a charitable donation in Claudia's name or said a prayer. If we missed sending you a thank you note or forgotten to mention you, please know that it was an oversight because we are appreciative. So many Gorman citizens have done countless kindnesses for Claudia and Thurman. We can never express our appreciation to all of you. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

We know your thoughts and prayers are with us.

The Family of Claudia Jay
Thurman Jay
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A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett
SHAME ON WHO?

Have you ever heard yourself (or someone else) ask a child, "How many times do I have to tell you to _____?" I think most parents, in times of frustration, have perhaps often asked their child similar questions. This question, however, reveals some very fundamental problems in our approach to child training.

First, this question is an attempt to manipulate the child to obey by using shame. Can we honestly admit that it's not really a question - it's an accusation? What we really mean is, "You are a bad boy. You are driving me crazy. I don't deserve you acting this way and I don't know why you think you must keep interrupting my movie..." We are not actually looking for facts when we ask a question like this. We are not expecting an answer. Do we think the child is going to say, "Well, Dad, I was thinking that I would obey you on the sixth request"? Of course not.

It is a shaming technique. Since the child has not obeyed after several requests or commands, we are now frustrated and angry, and subconsciously we are now turning to more manipulative methods to secure obedience. This can be avoided by establishing and consistently maintaining the principle of *first time obedience* early in the child's life.

Secondly, this is a question that only the parent can answer. As was noted in last week's column, we actually train our children *not* to obey on the first command if we do not *enforce* our instructions after the first command. Again, in doing this we are teaching the kids that we *do not* expect first time obedience. If not the first time, then which time do we expect them to obey? The kids certainly cannot answer this question! "How many times do I have to tell you...?" is a question that only the parents can answer! Make an effort to *stop* asking this type of question. It is unhealthy and counterproductive.

"But if I establish first time obedience does this mean my kids will always obey the first time?" No. (There are no perfect kids and no perfect parents!) But it does mean your children (or grandchildren) will face immediate consequences when they fail to comply on the first command. There is no need to drag the issue out until we are angry, whining, yelling, intimidating, and shaming our kids. Disciplining them calmly is much easier if done immediately after the first act of disobedience. This will also establish the consistency the child so greatly needs and restore the sanity that the parents so greatly need! (Questions or comments? Email: dane@txol.net)

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Ten Dollars is Ten Dollars

Charlie and his wife Martha went to the State Fair every year. Every year Charlie would say, "Martha, I'd like to ride in that there airplane."

And every year Martha would say, "I know, Charlie, but that airplane ride cost ten dollars and ten dollars is ten dollars."

This one year Charlie and Martha went to the fair and Charlie said, "Martha, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance." Martha replied, "Charlie, that airplane ride cost ten dollars and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride, and if you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you. But if you say one word it's ten dollars!"

Charlie and Martha agreed and up they go. The pilot does all kinds of twist and turn, rolls and dives, but not a word is heard. He does all his tricks over and over again, but still not a word. They land and the pilot turns to Charlie and says, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't."

Charlie replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Martha fell out, but like Martha always said, ten dollars is ten dollars." (author unknown)

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

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James, Rachel and Ellen Tucker, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. James taught the lesson, "Get Growing!" Bible passage Phillipians 2:12-16. A resident led the closing prayer. Nineteen residents attended and guests, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Recent visitors were Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Winston Brown, Levi Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Joan Butler, Kendra Roberts, Maddox Roberts, Shala Roberts, Rodney and Vickie Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts.

Residents appreciated the good magazines that were donated.

Visitors were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mozelle Boucher of Stephenville, Billie Marble, Mary Jeffs, Frances Warren, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, George Rodgers.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from The Bride of Christ

KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

Our community was saddened when we learned of the death of a friend and neighbor, Joyce Eaves, on Thursday morning, June 23. Her funeral was Sunday at Higginbotham's Funeral Chapel in Gorman with burial in the Simpson Cemetery at Kokomo. We extend sincere sympathy to her husband, Delmon F. Eaves and son, Mark, Margaret and Preston Eaves of Charlotte, NC and daughter, Deliah, Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis; and to Joyce's brothers, Clifford and Doris Graham and family of Eastland, and Bill and Yvonne Graham and family of McAlester, OK, and a host of relatives and friends.

Joyce touched many lives in this community and throughout the area Church were Bro. Denver and Alice Rainey, Jene and Eldena Bingham, Betty Regian and Jene and Eldena brought the special music. Bro. Denver's message "Your Mansion." Bible scripture from Psalms 91 and John 14. Ten residents were present.

Recent guests were Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Harold and Tody Zink.

Karen Guthery made residents happy when she opened the beauty shop on Monday for hair fixing. Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris, Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Annie Fay Foster, Edith Grumbles, Lendon and Shelly Morgan and sons of Garland.

On Monday morning it was "Get Smart" time when Ina Smith had "Current Events."

Some visitors have been Nell Files of Carbon, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Zelda Jordan, Helen Browning, and Billie Lightfoot.

On Monday afternoon Gospel singers coming for singing were Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan, Winelle Brown and Daisy Slaton. Zelda Jordan gave the dismissal prayer. There were thirteen residents attending.

Residents send heartfelt sympathy to the family of Claudia Jay.

Some guests were Thomas and Vicki Seay, Daisy Slaton, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown.

On Tuesday morning, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, Billie Marble and Ina Smith had bingo for a large number of residents.

Some guests were Gee and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Phil Puckett of Santo, Kay Snider, Irene West, Ann Jay, Sue Seaton, Winelle Browning, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

On Tuesday afternoon, Shawnda Bass had "Caring Hearts" for several residents.

Recent visitors were Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon.

Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for a large number of residents.

Some visitors were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland.

On Wednesday morning, Bro. Larry Stogsdill from the Church of Christ came and had chapel. Topic, "Parable of Sore." Bible passage from Matthew, Chapter 13. There were eight residents present.

Some guests were Betty Regian, Jene and Eldena Bingham and Mary Perkins.

Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith, Judy Killebrew, Jeff Killebrew and Billie Marble helped residents play "crazy bingo."

Some visitors were Don Landers of Springtown, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Steve and Derenda Minton, Lendon Shipman.

Thursday afternoon, resident sure enjoyed the homemade ice cream that Ina had with "shake and make."

with the beautiful wedding, anniversary and birthday cakes and cookies for all occasions that she baked for so many. She catered many receptions through the years that she had her catering service. She will certainly be missed.

"Let us Have a Little Talk With Jesus" was sung so beautifully by the choir at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Judy Porter of Austin was a visitor.

Judy Porter spent the weekend with her parents, Oren and Norma Webb and attended the funeral of Joyce Eaves.

Norma Webb visited in Sweetwater with cousins, Gary and Janet Setliff.

Billy and Cheryl Burgess of Granbury visited with his parents,

Durwood and Aletha Burgess and attended Joyce Eaves' funeral.

Nelda Fails of Arlington visited with her parents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and attended the funeral for Joyce Eaves.

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

David and Cassie Brasher spent the weekend in Baytown with his Dad and Step-mother, David and Joyce Brasher and attended the wedding of a nephew.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider were Erik, Belinda, Isaac, Audri, Ella and Belle Segura of Gorman.

Nancy Hendricks and Sylvia Buchanan were in Brownwood recently where Nancy had cataract surgery. She got a good report when she went back for a check-up.

Zelda Jordan and Cassie Brasher were in Abilene on Monday for another check on Zelda's eyes. There has been a little too much pressure in the left eye, but it was down today and doing well. While in Abilene Zelda and Cassie met Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell for lunch at Fazoli's.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Evah Sparkman of Desdemona and son, Homer Joe Sparkman and family of Stephenville spent the past weekend in Kerrville attending the Sparkman Family Reunion. They reported a good visit with everyone.

Jr. Trice of Lingleville and Dorothy Roberts were in Abilene all day Sunday to visit with Luella Trice who is in Hendricks Hospital. She is having some serious health problems. Other visitors on Sunday were her son, David Trice and wife, Carol of Lingleville.

Nelda Keith remains a patient in a Fort Worth hospital with serious health problems. Remember these on the sick list and others who are shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Wayne Eaves attended the funeral of Joyce Eaves on Sunday in Gorman.

Hagan and Scarlett Moore of Lingleville spent the past week with their grandparents Larry and Gay Moore. Their grandchildren always enjoy visits in the country.

"Thanks" to the musicians, singers and visitors who attended the monthly musical last Saturday night at the Community Center. Also thanks to the ladies who donate food each month for the concession stand.

Desdemona Community Center will have another "Garage Sale" on Saturday, July 16. Donations will be appreciated. Please call 254-758-2665 and leave a message or 254-734-5880 if you have items to donate. More details later.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 13—the date for the annual Desdemona homecoming and School Reunion. More details later.

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Man Gets 15 Years, Fined \$10,000 for Threats

An Eastland County jury took fewer than 10 minutes to return a guilty verdict against Charles David Whitehead, age 49, formerly of Cisco, for the offense of retaliation, a third degree felony. A person commits this offense if the person intentionally or knowingly threatens to harm another by an unlawful act in retaliation for or on account of the status of another as a witness, prospective witness or a public servant.

An individual adjudged guilty of this offense faces imprisonment for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years. In addition to imprisonment, that individual may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00. In this case, however, Whitehead was facing a prison term of up to 20 years because the state proved that he was a repeat felony offender. Whitehead had a prior conviction for Indecency With a Child.

Whitehead had been placed on probation for a period of four years on April 24, 2000. That probation was revoked on August 14, 2003 and Whitehead was sent to prison for four years. Following the revocation hearing, personnel in the Eastland County Jail intercepted a letter written by Whitehead to a third person wherein he threatened to kill the judge, a probation office, his sex offender counselor and their families. Shortly thereafter, Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason presented the letter to an Eastland County Grand Jury and requested an indictment against Whitehead for the offense of Retaliation. Whitehead was brought back from prison to stand trial for this offense.

Whitehead had requested the jury to determine his guilt and innocence as well as his punishment. Following the evidence presented during the punishment phase of the trial, Whitehead was sentenced to 15 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and fined \$10,000.

Abilene Attorney Lynn Ingalsbe defended Whitehead at trial with Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

District Attorney Russ Thomason stated "Citizens who perform vital public duties in our criminal justice system, such as reporting crimes, testifying at trial or performing in their jobs as public servants, should be able to participate in this process without the fear of retribution or retaliation. This jury agreed and sent a loud message of deterrence to those who would contemplate revenge against someone assisting to bring another to justice."