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Participants Needed For Heritage Manor Fair

You are invited to participate in Heritage Manors 1st annual HMG Birthday Fair on August 18th. The residents of Heritage Manor will serve as judges. Categories are quilts, baked goods, canned goods, clothing, hand work (crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc.), art, photography, miscellaneous.

Entries can be brought to the business office from 8:00 to 4:00 on Wednesday, Aug. 17 and on Thursday Aug. 18 from 7:00 to 8:30. Judging will begin at 9:30. Entries may be picked up anytime after 3:00 on the 18th.

Everyone is invited to come and spend the day with us. We will be serving free sausage hot dogs, home made ice cream(while supply last) birthday cake from 12 to 3.

There will be free games for all ages, dart throw, fishing pond, ring toss, and who knows what else will take place. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. There will also be a cookie stacking contest. We will also be serving popcorn and snow cones during the day.

We will be recognizing all the children and grandchildren of the employees of Heritage Manor

So make plans now to come and help us celebrate Heritage Manor/Pyramid HealthCare's 7th birthday.

Desdemona Homecoming And School Reunion

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 13 at the Community Center (former school building).

Morning program will begin at 10 a.m. in the school gym. Harold "Buckshot" Lewis will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

So many changes have been made through the years since the first "Hogtown Homecoming" was held in August 1922 at the Community Tabernacle.

This annual event is attended each year by approximately 250 ex-students, teachers, and friends.

The noon meal will be served by Alton Crockett Catering Service in Stephenville.

Make plans to attend for an enjoyable day visiting and having fellowship with former classmates and friends. It is a "Great Day."

Third Annual Relay For Life Eastland County 2006

We will be having a meeting at 3:00pm Sunday August 14th at the Eastland Chamber of Commerce on Seaman St. We will be putting together our committee team to start our 2006 Relay For Life.

If you or anyone you know would like to be on the committee

to help us fight this terrible disease. Please try to come and help us out. We need help with Luminaria, Survivors, Sponsorship and especially team leaders to help us have another great year.

The first year we had 17 teams and raised over 27,000. 2nd year we had 30 teams and raised over 36,000.

I'm looking towards the year 2006 to be bigger and better and every year afterwards. And with the help of the people of Eastland County, I know we can do just that.

I want to thank everyone that help me last year and the year before and I'm looking forward 2006. For more information contact: Michelle Byrd 253-639-2849, Carol Lewis 254-734-3344 or Valerie Hampton 254-734-2174

Eastland County Commissioners' Court Lifts County Burn Ban

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in regular session, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to **remove** the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact their nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. **Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!**

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

2005 Peanut Festival News

Is everyone ready for the 2005 Peanut Festival? It is just around the corner. This years festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10. Officers and chairpersons have been busy getting everything finalized.

President for the 2005 Festival is Janet Sanders, Secretary is Cecelia Hirst, Treasure is Ina Smith. Parade Chairman is Julie Clark, Booth Space Chairpersons are Don and Delores Underwood. Entertainment Chairpersons are Kevin Scitern and Ina Smith. Ad Chairperson is Ina Smith.

ShinOak Springs Bar-b-que Cook off chairpersons are Tacy Warren and Shawn Boles. Goober Gourmet Bake Show Chairperson is Melinda Harrington, 42 Chairperson is James Tucker. 3on 3 basketball tournament Chairman is Robert Seaton. Classic Car Show chairperson is Jeannie Whittier.

If you need more information about the Peanut Festival you can call Janet at 734-2202.

Be sure and mark your calender for Sat. Sept 10. A complete list of events will be published at a latter date.

Gorman Sixth Grade Boys Physicals

The Gorman Athletic Program predicts that its numbers for the 2005 junior high football season will be below 22 on the first day of school for grades 7 and 8 combined. According to the UIL, the program will then be able to use 6th grade students as participants in football. Since this is a real possibility, the Gorman Athletic Department has set up physicals with Dr. Dan's Office here in town. Physical forms will be available at the Doctor's Office. There is no set time for these physicals. Regular office hours are the only times the physicals will be offered. When arriving at the office please state why you are there and that you will be an incoming 6th grade student wishing to participate in football. These physicals are free of charge courtesy of Dr. Dan. We thank him for this service. Parents please make sure that all forms are filled out completely and signed in all of the correct places. You will receive the following forms:

1. Medical History/Physical form
2. Acknowledgement of rules form

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Coaches' Office at 254-734-2264 and ask for Coach Tyson who is the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach.

Gorman Church of Christ Centennial Anniversary Set



Do you recognize any of these people? This is one of the last services held in the old church building of the Gorman Church of Christ in 1950. This building would later be moved to make room for the new facility that is in use today. The church will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary on Sunday, September 11 with regular worship services, a luncheon and a special program beginning at 1:30PM. There will be historical family displays throughout the day. The entire community is invited to attend and be part of this special event. If you can come, please RSVP for the luncheon to Dolores Underwood at 734-4391 or Carolyn Gilbert at 734-4268.

Doodle Bug Train Excursion Ride Set For October 15th

Train Will Run From Dublin To De Leon To Gorman

It was good news to have Ft. Worth and Western Railway grant approval for a One-Day Train Trip. The train will be boarding in Dublin and travel to De Leon, where the passengers will have one and a half hour to see the sites in De Leon. The next leg of the trip will include a train robbery as the train travels to Gorman. The passengers will spend an hour and half in Gorman also. Gorman Grow is planning a party to be happening in Gorman. In the near future we will be having a Town Hall Meeting to encourage and ask for help from the people of the Gorman area. There will be 304 tickets available for the trip. The date of ticket sales will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

NOTICE

Lexington Street from Kent to Fisher Street is now
ONE WAY
ALL THE TIME.

This is the portion of Lexington that runs
in front of the school.

Desdemona School Reunion - Dinner

The Desdemona School Reunion and Dinner will be Friday, August 12, at the First Baptist Church annex. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

For reservations, call 254-758-2610 before August 3, 2005. Music, fellowship, fun and door prizes.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Child Safety Seat Classes will be held the first Wednesday of each month at the Gorman Community Center @ 7 p.m., and on the third Wednesday of each month at Eastland Memorial Hospital @ 7p.m. This is a free class. Call 734-4526 or 734-5989 To Sign Up.

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library
Open Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to 12 noon (through summer)

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17th FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

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.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

GORMAN GROW
MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Community Center

Gorman Livestock Raisers Note

If you are planning on showing an animal during the Eastland County Livestock Show in 2006 please notify Shawn Boles @ 734-2505. This is an effort to get everyone involved before validation. This will also distribute the work load more evenly among the GLRA families. Thank you.

Parent Meeting August 18th

The administrators of Gorman ISD would like to invite all parents of students to a parent meeting on August 18th at 7:00 in the high school auditorium. Everyone is encouraged to attend and meet the new administrators at Gorman ISD.

Domino and '42' Players Needed

Thursday mornings - 9 to 11
Contact Ina Smith at
Heritage Manor
734-2202

Our Community Vision Group is still in the process of developing all the activities that will be required to fulfill the goals that have agreed upon. I hope you have all been reading about the process as we have been moving through it the past three months. We are certainly nearing the end of this portion of the process. The goals have been agreed upon, the Vision Statement has been drafted and approved...but there is noticeably one thing not present...YOU! And you know who you are!

This is said, of course, with humor at the base, but seriously...there is only 3% of the population attempting to make decisions that will affect the other 97%. On one hand, it is an honor I suppose, that you all trust the 3% to make the right decisions, but on the other hand...do we even know your opinion? Have you made your thoughts and opinions known? We need input. We need information. We need to know that if we continue to sacrifice our own time, family lives put on hold, etc...that we are doing what really needs to be done and more importantly...what will be supported by the community members.

There are several organizations not being represented. There are things that YOU know about that could really help the community...YOUR knowledge and interests and observations regarding any of our seven goals could shorten the work of the process. We could be moving at a faster pace and getting more done...but we need YOUR help.

Please think about volunteering to help with just one of the seven goals. Imagine the feeling...knowing that you did your part to make Gorman stay alive and become the Gorman we all need it to become. We are asking each of you to set aside past negative experiences...whether they are hurts or frustrations, to step up to the plate one more time.

For future meeting times and dates, you can contact Lori Dodd at 734.3933, Becky Laminack at 734.3263 or Joe Casey at 734.2843 or any of your City Commissioners.

Minutes for July 7 Meeting of Gorman Grow

Called to order @ 7:02 by Marco Herrera. Minutes were reviewed by those present and a motion was made to approve by Mike Brudnak and seconded by Suzan Lipson.

The financial report was presented by Mike Brudnak—balance \$4519.63; bills paid—18.00 Free Press and Comanche Chief for ads 737.34 materials for bathroom doors; bills pending—none
A motion was made to approve by Becky Laminack seconded by Marco Herrera.

Old business:

Item 1 - Basketball Goals

A motion was made by Curly to authorize Marco to purchase 2 goals for up to \$150.00 each, seconded by Susan Lipson, motion carried.

Item 2 - Fencing around court was discussed, no action was taken.

Item 3 - Frank Gray Park was discussed, no further repairs are planned at this time.

Item 4 - Train from Dublin to Gorman was discussed, no action was taken at this time, waiting for more info.

New Business:

Item 1 - Improving the City Park was discussed as a possible future project. No action taken.

A motion was made by Curly to adjourn, seconded by John Keeping at 8:05.

A Word in Season By Pastor Dane Gressett

A TALE OF TWO BOYS, Part Two

This week we continue considering the plight of two boys whose dads were absent for much of their growing up years. The first dad was an angry, workaholic. The second dad was a military man, serving in Iraq. Both boys basically had the same observable experience: their dads were not there to spend important quality and quantity time with them.

It seems reasonable that the first boy would be more likely to turn his dad's actions into a statement of negative self worth. "My dad wished I had never been born. He didn't want to spend even one hour with me." But the second boy might have concluded, "I want to be like my dad some day. He's brave and willing to put his life on the line for me and for our country."

Now here's the rub. While there may be a huge difference between the character of the two dads described, there probably is not that much difference between the two boys. But one of these boys may spend many, many years feeling like only half a man. Why? Not because he is half a man, but because the actions of his dad made him feel that way! But were the actions of his dad an accurate statement of the boy's true worth? Absolutely not. The man's actions had nothing to do with the boy. Rather, they were a statement of who he was.

That's the danger of judging the motives of others. When we attach significance to the actions of others, we invariably turn them into statements of our own value or self worth. And we create a world of pain in our own lives when we do so. My point in all of this? People have their own reasons for doing what they do. Resist the temptation to turn their actions into statements about your personal identity or worth. You are who you are based upon your own motives and merits and not the actions of others. (Questions or comments? Email: dane@txol.net)

Gorman Pathers Begin Practices for the 2005 Season

The Gorman Panther football team began its practices this past Monday in preparation for the upcoming 2005 season. The Panthers have 23 football players out right now and are looking forward to their scrimmage against Eden on Saturday August 13th. That scrimmage will be at Eden starting at around 10:00 am. The Panthers have just 2 seniors out this year as well as only 4 juniors. Zachary Bryan and Armando Giles are the only seniors while David Ibarra, Pete Ramirez, Brian Greer, and Reinaldo Sanchez are the juniors. The bulk of the 23 players are made up of 11 sopho-

mores and 6 freshmen. The sophomores are Corey Clark, Aaron Keith, Kennon Hornback, John Torres, Toby Darville, Seth Cochrane, Seth Johnson, Orlando Valenzuela, Daniel Shirley, Paul Burt, and Tony Perez. The freshmen out for football this year include Tyson Swanner, Matt Underwood, Matthew Cogburn, Martin Ramirez, Gabe Burt, and Marc Gillen.

The Panthers have been working extremely hard this year in hopes of competing well in District 13-A which includes pre-season #4

Goldthwaite (10-3), Evant (7-4), Baird (5-5), Cross Plains, and Ranger. With the exception of one or two, our boys are in as good a shape as any group we have had the past 5 years. We are excited about this season and look forward to our season and home opener against Hermleigh on August 26th at 7:30 pm.

The Gorman football team will continue two-a-days this week with the exception of Friday. Next week workouts will be in the evenings only. Come out and watch our boys workout, everyone is welcome.

AARP Drive Safely Program

AARP Drive Safely Program, DeLeon Senior Center on August 23 and August 25th from 1-5 p.m. both days. To register, call 254-893-6311.

AARP Drive Safely Class will be at the Gorman Senior Center September 21st and 22nd from 12-4 p.m. each day. To register, call 254-965-2145.

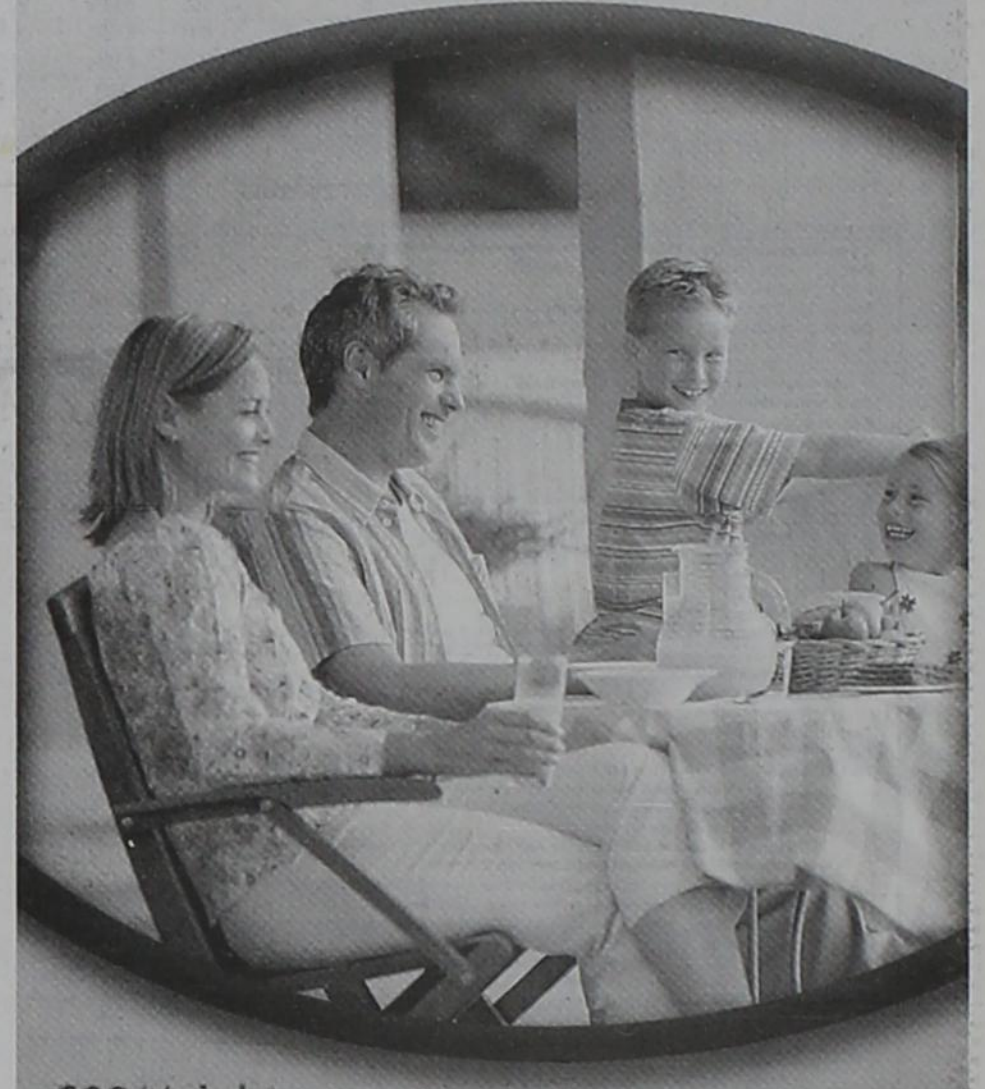
2005 GORMAN JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 6*	COVINGTON	HOME	6:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 15*	PERKIN-WHITT	HOME	6:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 22*	PERKIN-WHITT	AWAY	5:00 OR 7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 29*	DELEON	HOME	6:00 PM
OCTOBER 6*	EVANT	AWAY	6:00 PM
OCTOBER 13*	CROSS PLAINS	AWAY	5:00 PM
OCTOBER 20*	BAIRD	HOME	6:00 PM
OCTOBER 27*	RANGER	AWAY	6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 3*	GOLDTHWAITE	HOME	6:00 PM

*DISTRICT 13-A GAMES

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/HEAD FOOTBALL: COBY REBEL TYSON
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- Word Processing (MS Word)

All of these Computer Info Tech courses are offered on-line or in a regular classroom setting. In the on-line courses, students will meet with instructors for testing in Ranger or Comanche.

Office Technology:

- Principles of Accounting I
- Introduction to Business
- Keyboarding and Document Formatting
- Business Math & Machine Applications
- Personal Finance

Intro to Business, Business Math, and Keyboarding are offered on-line, and all of these courses are offered in a regular classroom. In the Office Technology on-line courses, students will meet with the instructor for testing in Ranger.

Welding Technology:

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- Intro to Blueprint Reading for Welders
- Intro to Shielded Metal Arc Welding
- Intermediate Pipe Welding

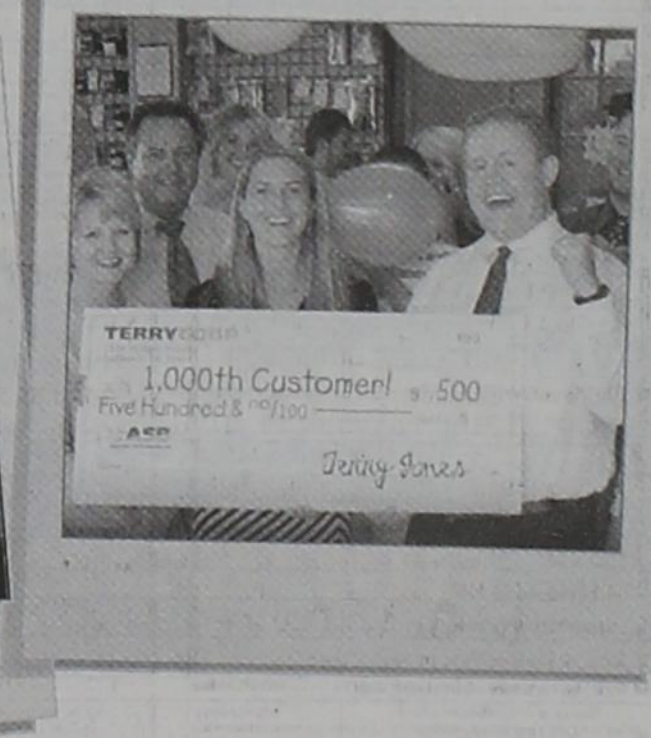
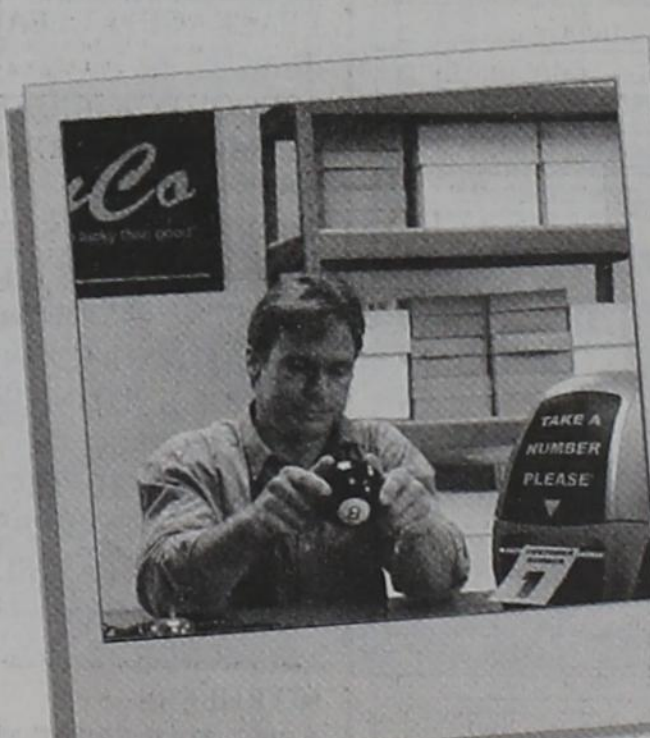
Men and women are encouraged to enroll in all Workforce Education programs at Ranger College.

- August 11 - Registration for Commuters, Ranger
 - August 15 - 17 - Testing and Registration, Ranger
 - August 16, 6:30 p.m. - Registration in Comanche and Early
 - August 18 - Classes Begin
- 254-647-3234 (phone) www.ranger.cc.tx.us

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The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the standards established by the administration and approved by the Gorman ISD Board of Trustees.

The principal will determine the appropriateness of clothing, grooming, or attire not addressed in the policy, which creates a distraction to the educational process and may prohibit the clothing or attire for his or her campus. Administrators have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of dress and grooming and to make special exceptions, including religious or medical necessities.

The principal in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other persons in charge of an extracurricular activity may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the student code of conduct.

Appropriate Attire:

Male: Male students must wear clean clothing (shirts, slacks, jeans, and trousers) that are not torn or damaged. Pants must be worn at waist level. Students must wear undergarments. Male students will be permitted to wear long shorts, at or below the knee, before Thanksgiving and after Spring Break.

Female: Female students must wear clean clothing (shirts, blouses, jeans, skirts, etc.) that is not torn or damaged. All pants, slacks, dresses, etc. must be worn waist level. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned. Dresses and skirts must be at mid-thigh or longer. Students will be expected to wear shoes and appropriate undergarments. Female students will be permitted to wear shorts. The shorts must reach the mid-thigh as a minimum. They may be worn before Thanksgiving and after Spring Break.

Hair:

Male: Hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and worn in a style that does not cover the eyes or eyebrows. Students' hair must be neatly trimmed and in a style that exposes the middle of the ear and has a length about the top collar of a button-up shirt. Students must be clean shave. Sideburns may be extended no lower than the middle of the ear and must be trimmed in a straight line without flares at the bottom. Hair must be a natural color.

Female: Hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and worn in a style that does not cover the eyes or eyebrows. Hair must be a natural color.

• Designs cut in the hair will not be permitted.

Inappropriate or Unacceptable attire

The following clothing and accessories are inappropriate attire for any student at school, at school-related activities, or school sanctioned activities:

1. Skirts or Dresses that are shorter than mid-thigh are not permitted.
2. Pants worn below the natural waistline, sagging, or extremely loose pants. (baggies)
3. Shirts or blouses that reveal undergarments or cleavage, spaghetti straps, midriff length tops that leave skin exposed, halter tops or tank tops. (if the shirt cannot be tucked in and stayed tucked in, it is too short) Exposed shoulders (shoulders are to be completely covered) Sleeveless shirts do not need to have a collar.
4. Female: Shirts or blouses which do not meet the following test; shirts or blouses which reveal student's undergarments or skin when student's arms are raised perpendicular to the side.
5. Exposed undergarments
6. Bedtime attire, pajamas, boxers, or undergarment worn as outer

wear.

7. Clothing made of any see through materials; fish net or loosely woven fabrics

8. Muscle shirts, oversized armholes, tank tops, or any kind of backless shirts. Sleeveless shirts do not have to have a collar.

9. Any clothing made of spandex or similar body hugging fabric or material.

10. No headwear of any kind will be allowed at any inside/indoor school activities and will not be permitted on school grounds during the school day. They may be worn during P.E. or on the playground.

11. Sweat pants in grades 4 and up.

12. Cut-offs or unhemmed garments.

13. All students in grades 3-12 will be allowed to wear long shorts (at or below the knee) before Thanksgiving 2005 and after Spring Break 2006.

14. Female students shorts may not be shorter than mid-thigh.

15. Flip Flops are prohibited.

16. Clothing that contains pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.

17. Clothing that contains pictures, emblems, or writing that depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or any other substance prohibited under FNC (legal)

18. All elementary students must wear or bring lace-up or Velcro tennis shoes that are completely enclosed for all P.E. classes.

Jewelry, Tattoos, and Body Piercing

Students may not wear on the outside of their clothing any jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene or distracting or that is likely to cause a disruption to the classroom environment.

Students may not wear facial jewelry of any kind, other than non-distracting earrings worn on the earlobes. Male students may not wear earrings at all. No tongue-rings will be allowed.

Any body piercing or tattoos, including temporary tattoos, must be covered at all times while the students are under the school's jurisdiction. Temporary tattoos the promote school spirit and have been approved by the campus administrator are acceptable.

Gang Attire and Grooming

Clothing, grooming, and any attire that identifies or connects a student with a gang is prohibited.

Principal's Authority

The principal will determine clothing, grooming, or attire not addressed in the policy, which creates a distraction to the educational process and may prohibit the clothing or attire for his or her campus. Administrators have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of dress and grooming and to make special exceptions, including for religious or medical necessities.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Sirs,

I don't know if the Progress is still in print, but I remember reading it as a child and eating peanuts from Gorman. My uncle, Brooks Ross raised me in the summers and he got the paper and usually took me to Gorman each summer to visit. Here's the making of a story for the paper. If you print it, I'd like a copy.

"Michael Miller, a descendant of T. S. (Tip) Ross visited Gorman a few weeks ago on the way back home to Belton, Texas from a trip to the panhandle for a wedding. As a child he visited his grandfather's lumberyard and office where the city offices are now located. Mike recalls that Tip was a big man, 6 feet 6 inches tall, and to him his grandfather seemed to be a giant. Mike remembers playing in the construction office and opening the big safe by playing bank robber. He's reformed and is an attorney in Bell County.

Mike enjoys taking his friends and family to the state capitol in Austin to show them pictures of Tip from when he served as a state representative in 1930s and 40s. Mike's mother, Mildred Jackson Ross is said to have been named after Mr. Jackson, a respected porter in the house.

The Millers also visited his grandfather's gravesite in DeLeon. Mike's wife Kathy noted that the cemetery is on Ross Street. While in DeLeon a friendly couple who'd lived there over 70 years directed them to the Round Grove Baptist Church founded by Tip's grandfather, R.D. Ross in 1871. Many Ross family members are buried in the cemetery at the old church.

Mike remembers one gravestone that contains the following poem which his uncle had him learn as a child, "Dear friends whoever you may be, as you are now so once were we, like this sometime we all must be, prepare yourselves for eternity"."

Submitted by Michael Ross Miller

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KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

What a wonderful rain that came on Monday. It rained almost all day at my house. My rain gauge showed over three inches. The Lord has been very good to us, so let us all say a prayer of thanks to Him.

Daryl Hirst directed the music, with Glynda Bond at the piano, at the

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Jump

A family was awakened by their smoke detector in the middle of the night to discover that their house was on fire. The father ran into the upstairs bedroom of his children and carried his eighteen-month-old baby in his arms while dragging his four-year-old son by the hand.

They were halfway down the stairs when the little boy remember that he had left his teddy bear in the bedroom so he broke from his father's hand and ran back to the bedroom to retrieve it. In the confusion of the fire, the father didn't notice his son wasn't with him until he got outside. By now the little boy was trapped by the flames and smoke in his second story bedroom. Smoke swirled around him and he coughed and cried out from upstairs window, "Daddy, Daddy! Help me!"

His father yelled from below, "Jump out of the window, Andy! I'll catch you!"

In the darkness and smoke, the little boy yelled back, "but Daddy! I can't see you!" His daddy shouted back, "That's okay son. I can see you! Jump!"

There is a true saying that goes, "I don't know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future."

(provided by Larry Stogsdill)

The August Birthday Party will be on Friday, August 26 at 2 p.m. at Heritage Manor honoring birthdays in August. Come and join the fun and help celebrate. Three residents will be honored for having August birthdays.

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

Those coming from First Baptist Church on Sunday for Sunday School were James Tucker, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. James taught the lesson, "Working for God." Bible passages 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18, 3:3-15. Key verse 2 Thessalonians 3:13. Life question, "How should my faith impact my work?" There were seventeen residents present.

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

Heritage Manor sure appreciated the delicious peaches that Nell Files brought. They were so good, what a nice surprise!

Some visitors were Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Winston Brown, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Rolly Torres, Kendra and Maddox Roberts, Joan Butler, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, and Levi Roberts.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the New Hope Baptist Church were Richard and Connie Watson, Rachel, Jordan and Grace Ann Watson, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Dale and Beth Curb, Marie Cook and Joshua Eaves. Rachel played the piano and Richard led singing. Richard's message, "The Home Prepared by Jesus." Bible passage John 14:1-6. There were eight residents present.

Some guests were Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, Marie Cook of Carbon, Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop for hair dressing.

Some visitors were Larry and Delinda Snider and Diana Snider, Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Mike Bobby Ingram and Maudie Husband of Cisco.

Recent guests were Don Landers of Springtown, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Kim, Ronnie, Elizabeth Ryon of Desdemona.

On Monday morning, Ina had HMG Trivia with residents.

Some visitors were Joe Bennett, Tommy Clark, Phil and Kathy Webb of Ranger, Frank and Beth Shirley, Mary Margaret Hudson, Dale and Beth Curb, Joy Rogers, Nancy Hendricks, Richard, Connie, Rachel, Jordan, and Grace Ann Watson, Victor and Karen Pena, Suzan Lipson, Carolyn Matthews.

On Monday afternoon, those coming for the Gospel Singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Nancy Hendricks, Nelda Mauney and Ernestine Campbell. Ruby Lee and Billy Joe brought the special, "Try Jesus." A resident voiced the dismissal prayer. There were fifteen residents present.

Some guests were Nell Files of Carbon, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Zelda Jordan, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis.

On Tuesday morning, it was time for "Today's Events" with Ina Smith.

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

On Tuesday morning Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona came opened the beauty shop and styled hair for residents.

Some guests were George Rodgers, Durward Webb, Joshua Eaves, James and Ruby Lee Kinser.

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

Some visitors were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville and Irene West.

On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for ten residents.

Some guests were Darrell and Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew of DeLeon, Billy Earl Simpson.

On Tuesday afternoon, residents enjoyed "Caring Hearts" with Shawnah Bass.

Recent visitors were Pam Hulse of Hobbs, NM, Kay Snider, Winelle Browning, Jerry Brown, Ann Jay, Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Fred Rodgers and Wilbur Overstreet.

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

Wednesday morning, Bro. Larry Stogsdill of Church of Christ came and led chapel. Text, "The Laborers Going Into the Vineyards." Bible passage, Matthew Chapter 20. There were seven residents present.

Recent guests were Steve Estes of Sanger, Bobby Owens of Ranger, Freddie and Kay Rodgers of Desdemona.

Some visitors were Bonnie D. Stewart, Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Pam Childers, Lyndon and Shelly Morgan and sons of Garland, Edith Grumbles.

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

Some guests were Becky Moore and Emilee Green and Monica Moore of DeLeon and Joe Beaty of Dallas.

Thursday afternoon was sure a good time for "Shake and Make" real homemade ice cream.

Desdemona News

By
Vonnie
Guthery

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 13 at the Community Center (former school building). Morning

Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church, Daryl also rendered the special music, singing "Merciful To Me". Bertie Stacy was a visitor.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little and grandchildren, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville have returned from a five-week vacation trip to Monument, Colorado in the Colorado Height Camp. They visited the Air Force Academy and enjoyed the rail trip at Royal Gorge, as well as a lot sight seeing and activities in the area around the camp grounds. Stacy and LaDawn Snapp of Lewisville joined them for the last week they were there. They report it was cool and they had a wonderful time.

Jacob Webb of Burleson and Kaci Suniga of Comanche had lunch with their grandparents, Oren and Norma Webb on Tuesday and they all attended the funeral for Larry Keith in Gorman in the afternoon.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Larry Keith.

Delmon Eaves spent the weekend in Ennis with Deliah, Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis. Chris, celebrating his 16th birthday, and several of his cousins who were also celebrating birthdays were honored with a fishing and picnic party at Bardwell Lake near Ennis. Delmon reported that they all had a great time.

Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock visited from Wednesday until Saturday with Zelda Jordan. They met Jimmy and Maggie Nelson for a visit and dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night. Jimmy and Maggie have just returned from a mission trip to Thailand.

Cindy, Kayla and Zelda went to Abilene on Saturday for a visit with Glenda and Leon Black and Sheri, Ryan, Kody, and Emily Daniell. They enjoyed a tour of Frontier Texas on Saturday afternoon and dinner at TaMolly's on Saturday night. The car races at Abilene Speedway was rained out so Wade Daniell was racing in Stephenville on Saturday night. Cindy, Kayla and Zelda returned to their homes on Sunday.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Bertie Stacy of Gorman, Sylvia Buchanan, Zelda Jordan and Johnnie B. Griffith.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan visited with Johnnie B. Griffith.

ing program will begin at 10 a.m. in the school gym. Harold "Buckshot" Lewis will serve as Master of Ceremonies. So many changes have been made through the years since the first "Hogtown Homecoming" was held in August 1922 at the Community Tabernacle. This annual event is attended each year by approximately 250 ex-students, teachers, and friends. The noon meal will be served by Alton Crockett Catering Service in Stephenville. Make plans to attend for an enjoyable day visiting and having fellowship with former classmates and friends. It is a "Great Day."

Karen Eaves, Lorin Eaves, Holly Guthery, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane spent last Thursday through Sunday in San Antonio visiting Sea World and many other places of interest. Even a short trip to New Braunfels for shopping, etc. They reported a wonderful trip but always glad to get back home.

A large group attended the Ladies Monthly Social last Monday morning at the Community Center. There was plenty to eat and great fellowship with friends and neighbors. The tables were decorated with "Back to School" items placed by a long green garland of ivy. Decorations were arranged by guess who—a former school teacher, Linda Lindley who served as one of the hostesses with her sister, Rena Maltby and friend, Dorothy Roberts. Several ladies from Gorman attend each month and they are always welcome.

Friends of Desdemona send Get Well Wishes to Wanda Martin who is recovering from recent heart stint surgery.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery spent last Sunday in Brownwood visiting and shopping. Also to enjoy a good meal at Underwood's.

Alton and Cleta (Clark) Coffman of Ranger (Bullock Community) were in Desdemona on Friday night to enjoy supper at the "Boom Town" Cafe. Cleta is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1946. Her mother, the late Eula Clark operated a cafe for several years in Desdemona.

"Happy Birthday" to our friend, Jackie Walls, who lives in the School Hill Community and to our friend, Jackie Lou Whitlock, who lives in DeLeon from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

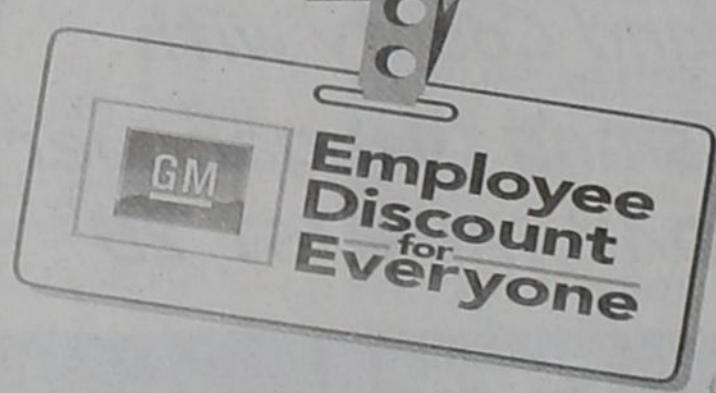
Please contact this reporter if you have a change of address for the annual Homecoming invitation mailing list. With the new 911 addresses it is hard to keep a complete mailing list. Some invitation cards have been returned because of the 911 addresses. Send it to P.O. Box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445. Thank you.

Bro. Jess McCabe and family were in Missouri last week to attend the funeral of his grandfather. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Kayla Duke and daughters, Elise and Katy of Stephenville spent the past weekend in Wichita, Kansas with Russell Duke.

Evah Sparkman attended the wedding of her great grandson, Jesse Fanning and bride, Courtney Robertson in Stephenville last Saturday night. Have a nice day, Vonnie.

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