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8th Grade -- #25 Valerie Longoria - #11 Elizabeth Barrego





8th Grade -- #11 Tyson Swanner - #20 Gabe Burt -#10 Matt Underwood and Martin Ramirez



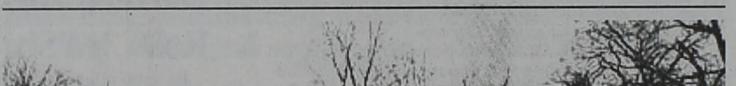
Together Against Drug Abuse Kicks Off

ogether Against Drug Abuse kicks off Friday, January 21, 2005 at 11:00 A.M. at the High School Auditorium. Together Against Drug Abuse is a Masonic program to help young students make correct choices when confronted with the temptation to use alcohol, tobacco, prescription or hard drugs. With the help from teachers, parents, law-enforcement officers, local and state community leaders, local masons and Masonic lodges, and the local business community, we can help them fight a program they cannot fight alone.

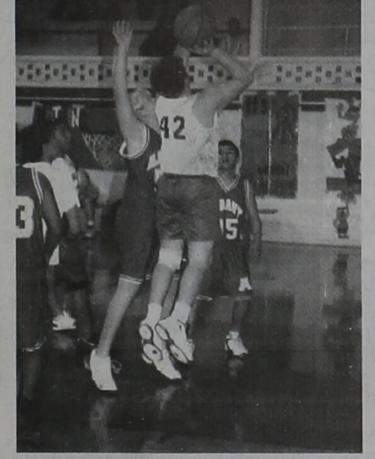
The program brings leaders from the business community, local law-enforcement officers, local and state leaders and masons together in their communities to help their children, grandchildren and children in their community to give them insight to what happens to them if they make bad choices now and in the future when confronted with the use of these drugs.

The program is designed for students in the fifth grade. Our program is designed to be presented to the students by a uniformed law-enforcement officer in their school and their room. The officer will present the program every week starting the 21st day of January 2005 until the second or third week of May. the instructo's manual has enough material to make about fifteen sessions in the classroom. The lessons are assisted by work problems in the manual and video tapes. Each student will receive his/her own T-shirt with the logo on the front to wear to class the day the officer presents the program. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate with his/her name. The certificate is nice enough to frame and keep and is signed by the officer teaching the class and the school principal.

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



8th Grade -- #11 Tyson Swanner - and others



8th Grade -- #Alex Giles



8th Grade -- #Laura Herrera



8th Grade -- #33 Kimmy Seaton and #23*Emily Lewis

CONCRETE BEING LAID - Above are several local concrete workers laying the floor for the new basketball half courts being constructed in downtown Gorman next to the Senior Citizens Building.

Thank You For The Donated Gifts

We would like to say Thank You to all of the community members who donated gifts for the residents of Heritage Manor. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Gorman 4-H

Baskets to Armed Forces in Iraq

The Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ is sending a gift basket to the men and women of the Armed Forces in Iraq.

Baskets are also being sponsored by merchants and individuals. If you would like to participate, please use the boxes placed in convenient boxes of participating merchants. Suggested items for the basket are shampoo, conditioner, lotion, powder, soap, socks, sunscreen, baby wipes, chapstick, toothbrushes, toothpaste, antibiotic ointment, shaving gel and cream, cards, dominoes, paper, pens, books, magazines, disposable cameras, flavored drink mixes, beef jerky, tea and breakfast bars and handmade items.

The packages will be collected for mailing on January 19, 2005.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman

PALS Food Drive

We would like to thank everyone who helped to support the PALS Food Drive before Christmas. The drive was very successful. There were almost 450 items donated to the local food bank. The classes bringing the most items were Mrs.. Matteson's fourth grade class and the sophomore class in high school. These classes will be rewarded with a popcorn party later this week. Thanks for your support

~The PALs Students

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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.

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

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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 - THIRD WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 19TH FROM 9 12 NOON.

Notice to the People Concerning

Oakland Cemetery in Comanche Co. Dorcas Class Sending Gift

Dear Ones.

It's that time of year for us to come to you to ask you for your help on the cemetery up keep.

Thank you for your help last year. It all came together and worked great. We again ask you to help this year.

Maybe the interest on the money that is designated for the cemetery's up keep will begin to come back to a higher level this year. That is all the cemetery can use is just the income on what is invested. That part has been hit mighty hard in the past several years as the interest went to almost nothing.

Thank you for all your help in the past. Please help us again now. Good New Year to everyone.

s/Opal Burton

Sec. Oakland Cemetery Assn.



Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative - productive thinking skills in grades K - 6 during the coming school year.

Any child in our school whom you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. The program will specifically be for those students who score extremely high on Achievement Tests, Intelligence Tests, and Creativity Tests.

If you wish to nominate your child, please do so by going to the elementary office and complete the proper forms. Any nominations should be made before January 18, 2005.

Finally, please be aware that if your child is nominated by you or your teacher, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process. In order to make the screening process move more quickly, you will be asked to grant your permission for that testing at the time you place your nomination.

Sincerely, Kristin Matteson -- GT Coordinator

Estimados Padres:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman reconoce a los estudiantes excepcionales con múltiple potencial intelectual. Estos estudiantes pueden exhibir habilidades en las áreas de percepción, tal como la aptitud académica, la creatividad y la productividad mental. Estos estudiantes han sido definidos como aquellos que requieren servicios y actividades fuera de las que son comúnmente proveídas en la clase para que puedan desarrollar sus habilidades y su potencial múltiple. El programa de Estudiantes Excepcionales y Talentosos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman es un programa educacional diseñado para satisfacer las necesidades educacionales de estos estudiantes.

Si usted cree que su hijo puede calificar o si usted desea una copia de las reglas o normas aprobadas por el consejo del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman sobre la educación de los estudiantes excepcionales y talentosos, por favor complete el siguiente formulario y devuélvalo a Mrs. Matteson, Coordinador del Programa de Estudiantes Excepcionales y Talentosos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gorman cerca de enero 18, 2005.

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.

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 Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Aline Garrett, POBox 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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Relay For Life For Eastland County

The Committee for the Relay For Life is putting together a cookbook (Cooking Up A Cure for Cancer) as a fund raiser for the Relay. We will be selling these for \$10.00 and all proceeds will be going to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life for Eastland County. We would like for anyone that wants to put a recipe into the book and instead of who puts it in we are dedicating "in memory of" or "in honor of" the ones we have lost to cancer or those that are fighting this courageous battle. If you are interested in sending your recipes you can send them by email to pilsey51@yahoo.com or mail them to Valerie Hampton Rt 1 Box 124 Gorman, Tx 76454 .

Also if you would like to purchase a cook book you can send money order or check to American Cancer Society % Valerie Hampton Rt 1 Box 124 Gorman, Tx 76454. We will mail them out to you soon as they get published . Relay For Life for Eastland County will be on April 29,2005 at the Gorman High School football field and I hope that everyone will come out and help us make this a great 2nd year for the Relay Needing any information contact : Valerie Hampton 254-734-2174 or Michelle Byrd 254- 639-2849



Helen Dee Shouse

Helen Dee Shouse peacefully passed from this world on October 13, 2004.

Born to parents Homer and Ethel Duquesne on Feb. 3, 1919, in filer, Idaho, Helen was a graduate of Filer High School. She married Walter Swift Shouse on July 14, 1937.

After living in southern California during World War II, Helen and Walter returned to Idaho to farm in the Kimberly/Hansen and Hazelton areas. In 1972, they moved their farming operation to Grand View where they were active in community and civic activities. Helen served as pianist at Knight Community Church for 32 years and was a Lifetime Member of the Owyhee Historical Society.

Walter preceded Helen in death on April 6, 2001, after 64 years of marriage. Helen moved to Gorman with her daughter, Patricia Kate, in April 2004 where she enjoyed embroidery, playing her piano and doting over her cat, Gracie.

Helen was the beloved mother of Dorothy Marie, Richard Walter, Donald Louis and Patricia Kate; she had 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Duquesne; her sister, Dorothy Lee; and grandson, Kirk Leonard. Helen will lie in eternity with her beloved Walter at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Relay for Life

It is time to get your team together for this years Relay For Life. The Relay will be here in Gorman this year on April 29,2005, please take the time to get involved in this worthwhile event. If you have any questions or need more info. call Cheri at 734-2668.

Bands Wanted

Relay for Life is looking for entertainment for the April 29th Relay event. This is an all night event, however, bands would not be required to stay the entire night. All proceeds from the event benefit the American Cancer Society. If you or someone you know would be interested in proforming at the function please contact Amanda Rainey at (254) 647-3080 or (254) 433-0049.

Maxfield Elementary Honor Roll - 3rd Six Weeks

First Grade: A-Hunter Childers, Rylan Laminack, Alexia Madera, Roberto Rodriguez, Kourtney Seaton, Garet Vaughn, Ali Whitfill, Turner Whitten, Beth Woodall, Betty Montelongo, Arlette Giles, Yulissa Madera, Jose Maldonado, Kodie Sparger, Kane Wilson, Cassidy Tolan; AB-Tori Collins, Jasmine Fischer, Mahalia Majors, Jonathan Rivas, Rodrigo Mata, Rafael Mata, Alfredo Montelongo, Asahel Garcia, Vanessa Longoria, Tomas Rodriguez, Bailey Underwood

Second Grade: A-Adriana Blair, Lacey Wilson, Chloe Cole, Cindy Gonzalez, Jacquelynn Rainey, Blake Self, Lauren Spivey; AB-Brittany Burns, Hayley Bullock, Keaton Collins, Cheyenne Gibbs, Guadalupe Escamilla, Russell Morrison, Holly Rainey, Mariela Sanchez, Emilee Turner, Marines Villalobos, Madison Warren

Third Grade: A-Zachary Carlton, Kinsey Johnston, Shyann Rainey, Melissa Ramirez, Jessica Williams; AB-Joseph Woodall, Yari Montelongo, Haven Gibbs, Mykisha Hampton, Rachel Brister, Connie Gonzalez, Courtney Byrd, Sheldon Fenley, Fabian Garcia, Skye Lewis, Jessica Ledford, Travis Naeseth, Rasha Rainey, Alaina Swanner, Christian Zolfagher

Fourth Grade: A-Sergio Garcia, Rachel Tucker; AB-Taylor Bouchier, Dalila Hipolito, Viridiana Maldonado, Ezequiel Sanchez, Megan Stewart, Tyson Underwood, Jenna Bullock, Skyler Henderson, Kacie Keith, Austin Marlow, Margarita Oronia, Angelena Perez, B.J. Ramirez

Fifth Grade: A-Cody Self, Mckenzie Osborne; AB-David Brister, Cade Cole, Chelsea Griffin, Ally Little Erica Ortiz, Cortney Shirley, Katey Thackerson, Stetson Thompson, A.J. Vaughn, JC Whitten

Sixth Grade: A-Jaime Johnston, Stephanie Risueno; AB-Brice Campbell, Jordan Carter, Cameron Clark, Matt Keith, Cecilia Olivares, Abby Pacheco

Gorman High School Honor She was also preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Ethel Roll - 3rd Six Weeks

Matt Smith Receives Grand Champion

Matt Smith from Paint Creek ISD received a Grand Champion - Gilt-Chester White at the Tri-Area Stockshow in Stamford, Texas. Matt will show again at the Haskell County Show this weekend and in San Antonio in February.

School News

- Jan. 17th Elementary Family Day
- Jan. 18th-H.S. Basketball-here
- Jan. 19th-HS Faculty Meeting 3:45
- Jan. 20th-JH Basketball-here
- Jan. 21st-HS Basketball-Ranger
- Jan. 22nd-Powerlifting-Meridian

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

D.K. Hale and his wife, Brenda, of Cochran, Alberta, Canada will be at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. Bro. Hale is associated with the Cochran Baptist Seminary and is over all partnership and voluntary mission work for the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists. He is a very interesting speaker and will be speaking on the possibilities and opportunities of mission work in Canada.

The public is cordially invited to come and hear Bro. Hale and lea about the mission work being done in Canada.

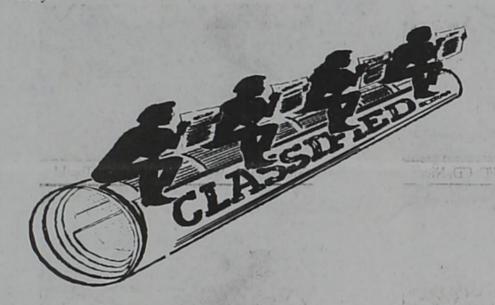
Bro. Jim Tilley of Ranger was the guest speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning as the pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson was "under the weather" and not able to be with us. We send our prayers and get well wishes to him. Ruby Lee Kinser and Helen and Woodrow Browning, with Ruby Lee at the piano, rendered the special music. Visitors were Janie Riley of Midland, Kenneth Good of Gorman and Austin Lowrance of Eastland.

Johnnie B. Griffith has returned home from a visit with Ken and Janie Riley in Midland. Janie brought her home on Saturday and returned to her home on Sunday. Johnnie B. also visited with Hattie Griffith at Forsan.

Austin Lowrance of Eastland visited during the weekend with an uncle and aunt and cousins, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little.

LaVon Snider ate blackeye peas and other goodies with Ted and Charlotte Snider on New Year's Day. The first week of January LaVon visited with Gene and Kay Snider. She also shopped in Stephenville and ate lunch with Dwayne and Connie Snider. Those visiting with LaVon were Ted Snider and Dan Snider. LaVon had a nice phone visit with Sheri LaBonte who lives in Farifax, VA. She also enjoyed phone greetings from friends and former workers from Houston, Ft. Worth, Dallas and Brownwood.

On Tuesday, Charles and Carolyn Little were in Amarillo for the funeral of a cousin, Georgia Conley. We extend our sincere sympathy to them. While in Amarillo, they also visited with an aunt, Jessie Douglas. Jim and Judy West of McGregor visited with Charles and Carolyn Little on Thursday. A grandson, Zane Mauney of Santo spent Friday night and Saturday with Charles and Carolyn. Oren and Norma Webb visited in Comanche on Wednesday with Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga.





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coasta 5A oodet wat Dwell, pond, large oaks, nice home site. \$1,450 acre.

47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good dear area, \$1,050 acre.

NEW 58A. Desdemona, app. 10 coastal, 50a wooded, water 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 wells (previously used for irrigation), steel corrals, electricity, paved @ CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combintion stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre NEW: 192 A. s/w Gorman, over 1/ 2 mile of Sabanna River frontage, remote, 70a wooded, 122a cultivation, stock pond, lots of deer & turkey. \$1,350 acre We NEED Your Listings. The market is Good. Call Us. SELLING **GORMAN - DE LEON AREAS OVER 40 YEARS**

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8th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Emily Lewis, Miles Vann; Honor Roll--Sonia Hipolito, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Valerie Longoria, Tyson Swanner, Matt Underwood, Perla Velasquez, Veronica Walton 9th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll-Ashley Burkeen, Brandy Carlton, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Yhdira Garcia, Reba Granado, Tecia Jones, Kendra Lewis, Megan Lewis, Jimmie Murphy, Mary Powell, Nancy, derwent surgery in the De Leon hespital last week of car set Velasquez; Honor Roll--Corey Clark, Aaron Keith

10th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Kristy Carlton, K'Ann Howard, Maria Oronia; Honor Roll--

11th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Zach Bryan, Amber Ervin, Cindy Lopez, Sharla Perez, Kendra Swanner; Honor Roll--Nikki Keith, Kent Long

12th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll-- Martha Cruz, Christian Esquivel, Maria Garcia, Ariana Giles, Rachel Granado, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback, Clinton Jones, Frances Lewis, Amanda Naeseth, Laura Roygoza, Jazzminde Reeves, Joseph Whitfill; Honor Roll--Kendra Bailey, Gil Cochrane

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382 A. large pond & irrg. pit, 4 small ponds, irrg. Wells, good fences, pecan trees, woods, coastal, hunting. \$515,700 SOLD

216 A. excellent coastal, 2 tanks, irrg. wells, hwy. frontage. #270,000 SOLD 157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250 99A 5/4, 4300 sf brick, metal barn, 5 water wells, large reservoir, rock drive, and much

Daisy Slaton of Gorman and Zelda Jordan visited in Comanche on Tuesday with Daisy's aunt, Lona Lightfoot.

We send our prayers and get well wishes to Aletha Burgess who un-

and a draw Zelda Jordan met Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and Cassie and David Brasher for dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited with his sister, Ima Boles in her new home in Granbury. Ima just recently moved to Granbury from Clyde.



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Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Ruby Helen (Lindley) Turner, 75, of Big Springs passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2005. Burial was in the Big Springs Cemetery. She was born on May 6, 1929 in Desdemona. Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Mae (Lindley) Baker of Coahoma. Preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Denny Turner. This family are former residents of the Desdemona area. Thanks to R.P. "Rip" Arthur of Coahoma for sending this message.

Wayne Friday, 76, of Coweta, Oklahoma passed away last Friday. Burial was on Monday, January 10, 2005 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Wayne was born on April 11, 1928 in Desdemona. Survivors include four sons, one daughter, one brother Marion Friday and wife Kathleen of Houston, one sister Alla Rae Kelley and husband Pete of Sealy, several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Friday; parents, Tom and Mary Alice (Wisdom) Friday; one brother, rex Friday. The Friday family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Wayne was in the Class of 1946.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to these families in their time of sorrow.

Our friend, Dottie Reeves of Highland Community is having some health problems at this time. We send 'Get Well' wishes to Dottie.

Bernard and Ann Keith enjoyed a visit last Friday with their grandchildren, Christopher and Allison Febinger of Stephenville.

Have a nice day, Vonnie.

New Law Encourages Tsunami Relief Contributions

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service alerted taxpayers who itemize deductions that they may claim on their 2004 tax returns charitable donations made during Jan. 2005 for relief of the victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami.

The new law enacted on Jan. 7 allows these donations to be deducted as if they were made on Dec. 31, 2004.

"There are no extra forms to fill out or any additional burdens for taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "As long as you send your check by the end of the month, the donation will be treated just like it was still 2004."

One 'D' That Women Need: Vitamin D Is Critical For Bone Health

(NAPSA)-If you are being treated for osteoporosis, you probably think you're getting enough vitamin D. Think again! According to new research, more than 50 percent of women currently treated for low bone mass (i.e., osteopenia) or osteoporosis have less than adequate levels of vitamin D. New research presented at a recent major medical meeting showed that even though physicians routinely recommend that women treated for low bone mass or osteoporosis take over-the-counter (OTC) supplements, these women frequently still have inadequate levels of vitamin D.

This is important news for the more than 10 million people in the United States estimated as having osteoporosis—80 percent of which are women. The National Osteoporosis Foundation advises that getting the recommended daily amounts of vitamin D and calcium is one of the five steps involved in bone health and osteoporosis prevention.

While women may know that calcium is an important part of optimal bone health, the research shows many women who suffer from low bone mass or osteoporosis either are unaware of the important role vitamin D plays, or are simply not getting adequate amounts as part of their treat-ment regimen," said Ethel Siris, MD, lead investigator and director of the Toni Stabile Center for Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. "Getting enough vitamin D, whether through supplements, proper food choices or appropriate and careful exposure to sunlight,



Osteoporosis can lead to bone fragility and increased susceptibility to fractures.

is vital to managing osteoporosis."

The study examined more than 1,500 postmenopausal womenaveraging 71 years of age-from 61 sites in North America between November 2003 and March 2004. It was designed to measure vitamin D levels in postmenopausal women currently receiving medication to prevent or treat osteoporosis. The study showed that prevalence of vitamin D inadequacy was significantly higher in women who took less than 400 international units (IU) of vitamin D supplementation daily compared with those who took at least 400 IU or more daily.

Surprisingly, study results showed that nearly half of the women were not getting enough vitamin D, despite 66 percent selfreporting that they had spoken with their physician about the importance of taking vitamin D for bone health.

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Vitamin D, also known as the "sunshine vitamin" because it is manufactured in the skin after direct exposure to sunlight, is an essential component of osteoporosis therapy that helps the body absorb and retain calcium and phosphorus, both critical for bone building. Vitamin D allows calcium to move from the intestine and enter the bloodstream. It also works in the kidneys to help resorb calcium that otherwise would be excreted.

Vitamin D can be found naturally in a small number of foods, such as egg yolks, liver, oysters, oily fish (e.g., mackerel, salmon), and in fortified dairy products, breads and cereals. Exposure to sunlight or consumption of vitamin D-containing foods or supplements is often necessary to prevent deficiency. Experts recommend a daily intake of between 400 and 800 IU of vitamin D through dietary sources or supplements for adults over 50.

Osteoporosis, a disease characterized by low bone mass and structural deterioration of bone tissue, can lead to bone fragility and increased susceptibility to fractures, especially of the hip, spine and wrist. It is often called the "silent disease" because bone loss occurs without symptoms. People may not know that they have osteoporosis until their bones become so weak that a sudden strain, bump or fall from standing height causes a fracture or a vertebra to collapse. One in two women over age 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in her remaining lifetime.

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The IRS advises taxpayers to be sure their contributions go to qualified charities. Taxpayers who have a specific charity in mind can make sure that it is a qualified charity by doing a search on IRS.gov. Some organizations, such as churches or governments, may be qualified even though they are not listed on IRS.gov. For information on groups involved in tsunami relief, donors can also look to the USAID site at: http://www.usaid.gov/locations/ asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html or USA Freedom Corps at http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov.

The IRS reminds donors that contributions to foreign organizations generally are not deductible.

IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, provides information on making contributions to charities. Publication 3833, Disaster Relief: Providing Assistance through Charitable Organizations, explains how the public can use charitable organizations to help victims of disasters, and how new organizations can obtain tax-exempt status. Both publications are available on IRS.gov.

When donors make contributions to assist the victims of the tsunami, they should notate their records to that effect. Donors may want to notate the memo field of checks they send that it is a contribution to help tsunami victims.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 17 foreign countries attended the 2004 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected tot he All-American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Prescott, AZ, Belmont, CA, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Bridgeport, CT, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Carlinville, IL, Macomb, IL, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Baltimore, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Hickory, NC, Schenectady, NY Bluffton, OH, Doylestown, PA, Lebanon, TN, Blacksburg, VA, Lyndonville, VT, and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call 704-373-0873 anytime.

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The proposed effective date for the minor rate changes is April 1, 2005, for all exchanges served by Comanche County. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Company is \$68,164 for the first year of service, which is less than 1% of the Company's gross annual intrastate revenues.

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Persons with questions or who want more information on this application may contact the Company at 6100 Hwy 16, DeLeon, Texas 76444 or call (254) 893-2003 during normal business hours (8:00 : – 5:00 pm). A complete copy of the application is available for inspection at the address listed abo The Commission has assigned Tariff Control Number 30508 to this application. Persons who wish to formally participate in the Commission's proceedings concerning this application, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7136 or reach the Commission's toll free number through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2988.

Requests to participate in the proceedings and comments should reach the Commission no later than February 11, 2005. If the Commission receives a complaint(s) relating to this application signed by the lesser of 5% or 1,500 of the affected local service customer to which this application applies by February 11, 2005, the application will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the Commission's receipt of the complaint(s).

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THE GORMAN PROGRESS

JANUARY 6, 2005

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Quiet Prayer

We thank thee, God, for blessings-The big ones and the small-Thy tender love and mercy That guards and keeps us all.

The fresh awakening of joy That comes with morning light, Sunlit hours to fill the day And restful sleep at night.

The hope, the beauty, and the love That brighten each day's living-We praise thee, and our hearts are filled With joy, and with thanksgiving.

The pride that's found in work well done, The love of those who care. The peach of mind, the sweet content That comes with quiet prayer

The January Birthday Party for residents will be on Monday, January 17th at 2:30 p.m. The Gospel Singers will entertain. There will be refreshments. Everyone is invited to come and share with your relative and friends.

Some recent guests were Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. worth, Heidi and Michael Forbes of Virginia Beach, VA, Chris Shetz of Rowlette and Sylvia Estes of Carbon.

New Years Eve Party

On Friday, December 31, was the New Year's Eve Party. The decorated tables all had plates of cheese squares and bowls of Hi-Ho crackers, apple cider and grape juice. Ina gave everyone a blow out whistle and two balloons. At the count of 4, 3, 2, 1 everyone popped their balloons to welcome 2005 in. Everyone had a popping good time. There were over twenty residents, Ina Smith, Virginia Skaggs, and Nancy



Hendricks. "Happy New Year" from Heritage Manor to everyone. Recent visitors were Nelda Fails of Arlington, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Nell Files of Carbon, Zelda Jordan and Betty Little.

On Sunday morning coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James Tucker and Vicki Seay. James taught the lesson, "Practice Integrity." Life question, why is integrity important? Background passage, Titus 2:1-11 and Titus 3:8. Key Bible verses, Titus 3:1-2. A resident gave the closing prayer. There were twenty six residents present.

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

Residents send Tootie Campbell "Get Well Real Soon Wishes." She is sure missed on Sunday!

Recent visitors were Tommy Lee Seay of Alpine, John and Georgie Lee Hopper of Georgetown, E.G. Henderson of Eastland, Daisy Slaton, Frank and Ellen Reeves of Irving, Thomas and Vicki Seay.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Bill Campbell, Brent Lasater, Kathy Ervin, Frankie Jo Shipman, Nelda Mauney, and Louise Hall. Brent led the singing. Bro. Bill's ser- a game for residents. mon, "Things that are Behind." Bible passage Phillipians 3:13. A resident voiced the closing prayer. There were 18 residents present.

Some guests were Jerry Majors and Kelli Williams of DeLeon, Michael Shipman of Keller, Frankie Jo Shipman, Steve and Derenda Menten, Don Landers of Springtown, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Ernestine Campbell.

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

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

On Monday morning, Pat Graham, Jason Killebrew, Judy Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo for nine residents.

Recent visitors were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mozell Boucher and Barbara Palmore of Stephenville, Donna Lewis of Desdemona, Ruth Quam of Argyle, Mary Jeffs, Howard and Pat Hagood, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Helen Browning, Winelle Browning.

Monday Afternoon Gospel Singers coming were Helen Browning, Ernestine Campbell, Ruby Lee Kinser, Winelle Browning, Zelda Jordan and Nancy Hendricks. Ruby Lee, Ernestine and Helen brought the special music. There were fifteen residents present. A resident voiced the closing prayer.

Visiting were Joey Beaty of Dallas, Juanita Spence of Little Elm, Darlene Carrington of Ft. Worth, Jonell Torrez, Ike Torrez, Norma Tedford, Mary Margaret Hudson, Estelle Craddock, Kay Ann Craddock and Wade Craddock of Las Cruses NM.

Residents sure appreciated the good magazines that Winelle Browning donated.

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Some guests were Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Gary Owens of Abilene, Diana Snider, Kenneth Welch.

On Tuesday morning, Ina Smith had RYBG (red, yellow, blue and green)

Recent visitors were Friends from Kingdom Hall of Eastland, Kevina nd Dustin Rogers of Tulsa OK, Melissa Blankenship of Carbon, Jarrett, Robin Pacheco, Tim Rogers, Don and Linda and Dorothy LeBleu.

On Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric organ and led singing for a large group of residents and two guests, Vicki Seay and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting were Winston Brown, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine, Dawn Roberts of Fresno, Krissy Roberts of Oklahoma, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts.

Residents appreciate Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona coming on Tu day to open the beauty shop.

Some guests were Tom and Sammie Dunn of Ranger, Harold and Fredie Harrison of Combine, Don and Jo Carey, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Irene West, Becky Moore, Emily Green and Monica Moore of DeLeon.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel. His message, "Things God Never Changes." Bible passage, Malachi 3:1-3. A resident gave the opening prayer and another the closing prayer. Eleven residents were present.

Some visitors were Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Ray and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Judy and Jason Killebrew of DeLeon, Louise Hall, Kathy Ervin and Pat Graham.

Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith, Jason Killebrew and Judy Killebrew had 'crazy bingo.'

Some guests were Freddie Rodgers, George Rodgers, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Brent Lasater.

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The Presidential Inauguaration Is Living History

On January 20, Washington, D.C. will host one of democracy's greatest pageants, the inauguration of the U.S. President.

While the inauguration ceremony, first performed in 1789, seems timeless, it has actually changed a great deal over the years. The first took place a month late in New York City because George Washington was delayed by harsh winter weather. As he traveled to New York, Congress debated the title for the chief executive of the United States. John Adams, Washington's vice president, argued for "His Most Benign Highness" but fortunately for us all, Congress settled on the title we still use: "President of the United States."

George Washington's oath came straight from the Constitution: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." He then added, "So help me God," starting a custom followed by every president since.

The New York state chief justice determined that Washington should swear on a Bible, which set off a scramble to find a copy of the Good Book. When none was found in New York's Federal Hall, a Bible was borrowed from a Masonic lodge a few blocks away.

President Washington also started the custom of the inaugural speech. In his second term, he began the practice of having the oath administered by a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

The first inauguration in Washington, D.C. was of the third President, Thomas Jefferson, who walked to and from his boarding house to the Capitol for the swearing in. In his second term, he rode on horseback from the Capitol to the White House. A small band played music and a crowd gathered to watch the procession. Thus the inaugural parade was born.

President Jefferson also held an open house at the White House, a now-discontinued tradition that almost resulted in calamity for Andrew Jackson. "Old Hickory," as the hero of the Battle of New Orleans was known, had to flee from a friendly, but unruly, crowd by exiting the White House through a window.

The location of the inauguration has also changed through the years. It was held indoors until 1817, when President James Monroe was sworn in on the east portico of the Capitol. It remained there until Ronald Reagan moved the ceremony to the west side of the Capitol in 1981 to allow more Americans to witness the ceremony in person.

Even the date of the inauguration has changed. Congress passed the 20th Amendment of the Constitution in 1933 to decrease the delay between election of a new president and the end of the outgoing president's term by moving the ceremony up from March 4 to January 20. President Franklin Roosevelt was the last president to take his oath on the original date and the first to take his oath on the new.

While most Americans believe no inauguration is complete without festive balls, this was not always the case. President James Madison's famous wife, Dolly, presided over the first inaugural ball in 1809. In 1869, President Ulysses S. Grant's inaugural ball degenerated into a food fight. President Woodrow Wilson declined to host any balls because he considered them undignified. Because President Warren Harding opposed the festivities in 1921, unofficial balls were the rule until President Harry Truman revived the official inaugural ball in 1949.

Because of heavy demand, President Dwight Eisenhower held two inaugural balls, and the numbers have grown ever since. This year, though many balls are being held, the Black Tie and Boots inaugural ball hosted by the Texas State Society is considered "the" inaugural ball to attend. Its tickets sold out online in less than an hour, and those sold by mail were snapped up immediately as well.

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