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Meek Blood Center To Hold Community Blood Drive

A Community Blood Drive will take place on Monday, October 3rd. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at the City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. Those who donated blood on August 8 are eligible to give blood at this blood drive.

"The citizens of Gorman and the surrounding communities do a wonderful job of supplying blood to seventeen area hospitals," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Lions Club for sponsoring the blood drives and to the blood donors who take some of their time to give someone else a lifetime."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and in good health. Most over-the-counter and prescription medications are acceptable. Those who have questions regarding donor eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a T-Shirt. A complimentary total cholesterol result will be available three business days after the blood drive.

Community Pastors' Appreciation Reception P.T.O.

A Community Pastors' Appreciation Reception is planned for Sunday, October 9th at the Gorman Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. Boxes provided for cards and small gifts.

Ronnie Love Brings In First Load Of Local Raised Peanuts



Ronnie Love brought in the first two loads of peanuts of the 2005 season on Tuesday, September 27th at the Birdsong Peanuts receiving station.

The two loads of peanuts were off the Walter Goodwin place on FM 571 northwest of Gorman. Ronnie was harvesting the peanuts off of a 33 acre plot due to some disease problems.

SIGN UP FOR THE FUN!!!

On October 15 during the Shin Oak Springs Train Festival there will be an Ice Cream Crank and a Horse Shoe Tournament. If you are interested in participating in either one please contact Nana Vaughn at 734-3860.

CARD OF THANKS!!!

I would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my mother. The flowers, food, cards, memorials, and visits were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to the nurses and staff at Heritage Manor who gave her such excellent care; to Ray Daniels and the staff at Higginbotham's Funeral Home; to those who served dinner for my family; and to Rev. Victor Pena for his beautiful service.

Thank you very Much!!!

Kay Craddock
The Clark Families
The Craddock Families

ANNOUNCING ANOTHER PARTY IN GORMAN

The Peanut Festival has come and gone for another year, but Gorman is just getting started!!! On October 15th the DoodleBug Train will be coming to town and we are throwing a party!!!

The ShinOak Springs Train Festival

Activities will include:

- Old 1850's Town with Western Show
- Model Train display at the Opera House
- A Real Live Train Robbery
- An Ice Cream Crank
- Relays and Games for the Kids
- Trade Days - Vendors and Food Booths
- Roaming Musicians
- Evening Street Dance with Live Band

The party will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue all day. Plan to dress in period clothing and help the High School Band welcome the train at 1:30 p.m.

COME ONE AND ALL AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!

For information contact any GORMAN GROW member or SUZAN LIPSON at 734-4305

Meeting Set

P.T.O. is having a meeting Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Everyone is invited to

Hey Kids!!!

We invite all children, ages 4 to 5 years old to Mission Friends at the Gorman First Baptist Church every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

help get the 2005-2006 school year off to a great fundraising start.

Good Work Continues At Bass Lake



Local dedicated residents Curly Lipson and Cary Campbell were caught in the act of doing good deeds last week at Bass Lake / Frank Grey Park. Last week they were catching up on mowing, weed-eating and trying to out-smart the local beavers!!



Gorman Cross Country Team

The Gorman Cross Country(XC) team has done a tremendous job training thus far as their season is under way! They have ran two meets and all have showed improvement and a desire to found out how good they can be!

These are the 1st two meets:(Girls run 2mi, boys 3mi)

T. Jones	18:10--42, 16:40--41
H. Wright	23:32--65, 19:36--56
M. Powell	16:50--22, 14:39--11
C. Thackerson	18:08--40, 15:32--22
M. Lewis	16:50--21, 15:27--21
B. Carlton	Injured
M. Gillen	26:30--33, 22:19--32

Lady Panthers Volleyball

The Lady Panthers traveled to Ranger on Saturday to begin district play.

The Panthers fell short to the Bulldogs in the first match 25-23. The second match the Lady Panthers dominated the court with a 25-12 win. Kristy Carlton had 2 kills and 6 consecutive serves. Kendra Swanner added to the win with 9 consecutive serves. The Lady Panthers stayed on top in the third match beating the Bulldogs 25-23. Tecia Jones played tuff defense with 3 digs and one block, while Nikki Keith added four assists. The Lady Panthers fell short again in the fourth and fifth matches. The Lady Panthers will host Evant on Tuesday and then travel to Gustine on Saturday. Come out and support your Lady Panthers.

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3 On 3 Basketball Correction

High School and Up Division:
First Place - Eison Brothers - J. Bart, Garret, and Adam. We omitted their names in last weeks paper.

Exit Level Registration For TAAS - TAKS Tests

TAAS Exit Level Administration Dates - October 18th - Writing; October 19 - Mathematics - October 20 - Reading.

TAKS Exit Level Administration Dates - October 18 - ELA; October 19 - Mathematics; October 20 - Science; and October 21 - Social Studies.

On the day(s) of testing, you should arrive at the test site thirty minutes before the designated testing time.

On the day(s) of testing, you MUST have a picture identification, such as driver's license, DPS ID, military ID, school ID, or resident alien card. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE THE TEST(S) WITHOUT A PICTURE ID.

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BFI Large Item Pickup Is
October 6, 2005.

The Gorman Baseball Park Association invites all interested community members to the annual Board of Directors election. Five positions will open this year and we look forward to seeing you October 10, 2005 at 7:00pm in the Community Center.

Mangum Baptist Church To Celebrate Homecoming 2005

You are invited to help celebrate the 101st Annual Homecoming at Mangum Baptist Church. Please join us in this time of Worship and Celebration on Sunday, October 9, 2005. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. R.D. Childers, Pastor at Mangum, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the celebration. The morning message will be given by Chad Gosnell. Ray Kanady and Sharon Childers will lead the song service.

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at approximately 12:00 noon. Meat will be furnished. Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. After lunch, everyone is invited to return to the church for a "Praise and Worship" song service at 1:30 p.m.

The dedication of the Texas State Historical Commission marker will take place at 2:30 p.m. Ed Allcorn, Eastland County Historian, will dedicate and unveil the marker. Following the dedication, guest speakers will include County Judge, Brad Stephenson; State Representative, Jim Keffer; and former Eastland County Judge, Scott Bailey (if each is able to attend).

Everyone with ties to Mangum is invited to attend this day of Worship and Fellowship with old and new friends. If you are unable to attend all of the services, please attend any of those that you wish.

Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2006-2007 Alternative Certification Program for certification of special education teachers will be accepted until **December 3, 2005**. The program allows college graduates wanting to be special education teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in acre school districts. Participants complete course work and training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued. **FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE.**

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- the last 60 hours.
- Earned at least passing scores on the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) formerly the TASP.
- Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region

XIV ESC.

Completion of an interview process.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas in special education in grades EC-Grade 12. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's program contact:

John Stevens (325) 675-8630 or Janice Hill (325) 675-8605.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Open Tuesday 9 to 12 a.m.

Obituary

Nancy Louise Lewis

Nancy Louise Lewis, age 64 of Gorman, passed away Sunday, September 25, 2005 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Denver Rainey officiating. Burial followed at the Desdemona Cemetery.

Nancy was born May 7, 1941 in Gorman to John Dennis Stell and Lou Vi (Turpin) Stell. She married Kenneth Lewis on May 27, 1959 in De Leon. He preceded her in death in November 1999. She was a certified medical aide and worked for the nursing home in Gorman for 29 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include: son, Brad Lewis and wife Carol of Gorman; brother, James Stell of Mineral Wells; three grandchildren, Scott, Kevin and Megan Lewis all of Gorman and step-grandson, Jeremy Ruppert of Atlanta, GA. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

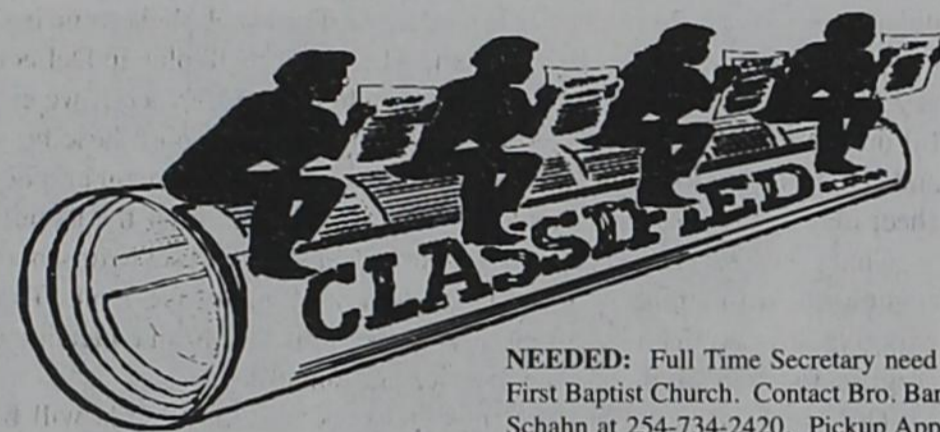
The family received friends from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

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Daryl Hirst, 2005

President Ex-Students Association

I appreciated so much the kind words, the plaque, the peanuts, the fine dinner--all the things that honored my years of teaching in the Gorman schools. Your Ex-Students Association is certainly to be commended for the thoughtfulness and generosity of spirit in planning such an occasion each year. I was honored to be a part of the program.

It was so good to see many former students and friends. I remember with much pleasure my years of teaching, my co-workers, and my students. Please convey our thanks to all those who made possible such a fine evening for Bob and me.

Sincerely yours,
Nedra Green

Gorman Ex Students Association To Daryl and All Committees and Helpers:

Just wanted to send a great big "Thank You" for all the work and preparation on the 2005 Homecoming. It couldn't have been better! So great to see all our friends, classmates and relatives.

We have been a lot of places, but never witnessed such a hard working, congenial bunch of people. We feel such a warm spot for everyone and especially all the kids David taught and coached. He talks about his experiences with someone every day, and Daryl two of those people were your Mom and Dad. No wonder you turned out so great!

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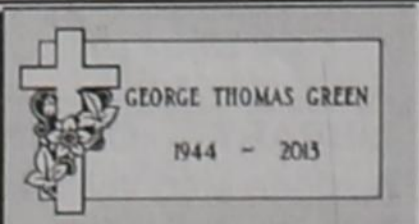
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MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FOUR YEARS

Jimmy Leon Gates, 32, formerly of Rising Star, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (4) four year sentence for the felony offense Escape.

On May 16, 2005, the Rising Star Chief of Police was on patrol when he spotted a man whom he knew to have an existing parole violation warrant. After confirming a warrant existed, the Chief attempted to arrest Gates, a struggle ensued and Gates escaped. He was later apprehended and indicted by an Eastland County Grand Jury for Escape, a third degree felony.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court sentenced Gates who still awaits a hearing on his parole violation. Eastland attorney Paul Lewallen represented Gates at trial.

BURGLARY AND FORGERY CHARGES NET MAN PRISON

Breck Wade Daniels, 32, formerly of Gordon, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve an eight year sentence for the felony offense of Burglary and two counts of Forgery.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court sentenced Daniels. Attorney Paul Lewellan of Eastland represented Daniels at his hearing.

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Week of October 3 thru 7
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Wednesday - Breakfast Tacos, Oranges, juice and milk.
Thursday - French Toast Stixs, Syrup, Yogurt, juice and milk.
Friday - Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, juice and milk.

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Quesadilla, or Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Milk, Salsa and Peppers.
Tuesday - Steakfingers or Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Peas, Hot Rolls, Gravy, Ketchup and Milk.
Wednesday - Hoagie Sandwiches, Ham, Turkey or Pimento Sandwiches, Pork-N-Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fruit, Chips, Mustard, Mayo, Milk.
Thursday - Roast Beef or Steakfingers, Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Ketchup and Milk.
Friday - Grilled Chicken or Corn dog, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Pork-n-beans, Fruit, Mustard, Mayo, and Milk.

A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett

ADDRESSING COMMON OBJECTIONS (no. 3 in a series.)

Christians have committed terrible atrocities throughout history. Some blame Christianity for religious wars, the Crusades, witch burnings, slavery, and even the Holocaust. These accusations are really a continuation of the argument that Christians are hypocrites.

It is true that so-called believers, who didn't practice true Christianity, have perpetrated evil. Actually, these people were Christian in name only. Here again we must be careful to look at Jesus Christ instead of the imposters who claim to be His followers. Focusing on the atrocities committed by self-righteous, hate-filled men can be a smoke screen used to avoid the real issues.

In India, a non-Christian nation, a common belief is that when Hindus convert to Christ they cease to be good Indian citizens. Recently a Hindu journalist attacked this myth. He said that had it not been for the Christians who built a medical clinic and a school in his small rural village that he would never have escaped the poverty that enslaves his people. He also noted that a higher percentage of the Christian population in India serves in the Armed Forces. His conclusion was that when a person in India converts to Christianity, they become a better citizen than they were previously!

Christianity has far more positive achievements than negative influences. It's been instrumental in the formation of countless relief agencies, hospitals, schools, universities, orphanages, and charities. No other religion in history can compare. The world would be a far darker place without the impact and contribution of Christians over the centuries. (Questions or comments? Email: dane@txol.net)

It's Time To Celebrate.
Kourtney Seaton is Turning 8!
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- Clover Kids** - K thru 2nd or 5 to 8 years old.
- Junior** - 9 to 11 years
- Intermediate** - 12 to 13 years old as of August 31, 2005
- Senior** - 14 to 18 years old as of August 31, 2005

4H'ers will be judged on presentation, knowledge of their recipe, and nutritional information and benefits. There will also be an optional poster contest (22x28 in size) which must relate to fruits and vegetables. Winners in each food category and first place poster will be awarded prizes. Please contact Beth Stone at 629-2222 if you are interested in participating.

P.A.W.S. "COMPASSION FUND" CONTINUES

Animal welfare organizations from all over the country continue a massive effort to save thousands of domestic and farm animals displaced by hurricane Katrina - and now, Rita. Groups from North Texas, Houston, the LA/SPCA, HSUS and ASPCA, and others from as far away as Utah and Oregon are just some of the many groups and individuals who are rescuing and locating animals at temporary shelters. More arrive daily, starving and some with chemical burns from the contaminated waters. They are being washed, treated by veterinarians, sheltered and fed, in hopes that they can be reunited with their families. Volunteers are photographing each animal, tagging and micro-chipping, posting their pictures on Petfinder.org or Pets 911.org on the internet. Ultimately, some will need new homes because their caregivers were lost.

The cost in human suffering is immense and the loss of a child's pet, under these conditions, can affect him or her for years to come. We can only imagine what would happen here in our own communities in the wake of a tornado.

If you have access to the internet, you may want to donate online and follow the progress of your choice of humane agencies.

The need is great everywhere and in every way - we're hoping to raise \$1,000 collectively from our local folks who are aware and concerned about human and animal suffering. If you wish to help us here as a community, please send your small or large checks or money orders to P.A.W.S. (People As Wise Stewards) Compassion Fund, P.O. BOX. 531, DeLeon, TX 76444. We will forward the collected funds to the Humane Society of the U.S., as well as one or two other newly formed official emergency rescue shelters who desperately need our assistance.

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Dairy Queen® debuts on "The Apprentice" Search underway for DQ's first Blizzard® apprentice

MINNEAPOLIS - For the first time ever, a company appearing on "The Apprentice," now in its fourth season, has created a national promotion to find a real-life apprentice.

Dairy Queen®, which will have a featured episode focusing on its signature Blizzard® brand on "The Apprentice" Thursday, October 13, is taking that appearance to the next level by offering an apprenticeship that comes with a \$50,000 cash signing bonus, an appearance in a national television commercial, trips to Hawaii and Los Angeles and a chance to help create new Blizzard® flavors.

"We tapped into a creative way to leverage our appearance on 'The Apprentice' with a really fun and exciting promotion that reaches out all across North America," said Michael Keller, chief brand officer for International Dairy Queen. "We're not the first to be on the show, but we are the first to tie in a promotion specifically built around the premise of the show. As a result, we are giving one lucky Blizzard customer out there the opportunity of a lifetime: to be our Blizzard apprentice."

Just like the television series, contestants for the Blizzard apprentice will vie for the title by completing a variety of tasks in the "Now Hiring! Become DQ's Blizzard Apprentice" contest which can be found online beginning September 26, at www.blizzardfanclub.com. During round one, contestants must submit a 100-word essay describing their passion for the Blizzard and an accompanying photo of themselves interacting with the Blizzard brand. A panel of judges from Dairy Queen will choose 25 contestants to move on to the second task.

The second task requires contestants to produce a two-to-three minute video message about the Blizzard in the form of a television commercial, speech, rap, song or other performance art. The top five "odes" to the Blizzard, chosen by Dairy Queen, will be posted to www.blizzardfanclub.com along with each finalist's original essay and photo. Blizzard Fan Club members, now totaling about 600,000, will then vote for their favorite. The contestant with the most votes will become the first-ever Blizzard apprentice. The winner will be notified by November 4.

In addition to the \$50,000 "signing bonus" and a year's worth of free Blizzards, the winner and three guests will travel to Los Angeles where the Blizzard apprentice will appear in a Dairy Queen Blizzard commercial airing nationally next year. In January, they will be honored at Dairy Queen's franchisee exposition in Hawaii. Finally, they will visit Dairy Queen headquarters in Minneapolis where the apprentice will participate in the development of new Blizzard flavors.

All 25 semi-finalists will receive free Blizzards for a year and each of the web-posted finalists also will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. The contest is open to all U.S. and Canadian residents, excluding Quebec, 18 years of age and older. All legal guidelines and restrictions apply. For a full list of contest rules, visit www.blizzardfanclub.com.

As part of the promotion, Dairy Queen also will be featured in one of four online games in "The Apprentice" arcade collection. The Dairy Queen game is unique from the other three in that it will be an online flash game and available for free. The rest of the games, all developed by Legacy Interactive, are downloadable for a fee. Access to the Dairy Queen game will be via www.blizzardfanclub.com and top gaming sites available on Yahoo and AOL.

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Super Notes By David K. Perry

Last Monday night, the high school hosted a free hamburger supper/open house. The hamburgers were great! This was the perfect time for an open house considering that the first six weeks is almost completed. It gave parents an opportunity to see their students work and visit with their teachers in a relaxed atmosphere. Remember, it is a team effort and that team includes the student, the teacher, the parents, and the community. Thank you, to all of you that attended. If you missed it, Mr. Panter will be having other opportunities in the future for you to get to know your child's teachers better. We hope you can make it to one of the next get-togethers. Remember that children in grades 7-12 need their parents to be involved in their school work too. The more you involve yourself in their academic lives, the more success your child will experience.

The Girl's volleyball team hosted Graford last Tuesday and unfortunately lost the set. I appreciate the fans that attended. Your support is essential for our program to grow and become successful. Win or lose, the matches were fun to watch just the same. Our girl's have been working very hard and are competitive. The girl's played Ranger on Saturday. Mr. Panter says there was a good crowd, but Ranger prevailed.

Mrs. Barkers Social Studies classes have been quite busy and had a lot of fun too. The 5th graders just completed a study on Native Americans in Social Studies. Their projects will be displayed in the elementary library until Friday. Also, the Sixth Graders completed a study of Africa. They were involved in an interactive simulation of a Dogon tribe in Mali, Africa. They were all given roles in six family groups and had to reach family goals by working together. Coach Barker's 8th Grade History class helped make their simulation a success by pretending to be tourists and taking part in market day. The 6th graders enjoyed the 8th graders coming over to our class and being part of our simulation. The students now have a better understanding of the Dogon culture and the roles each person has within the tribe.

I asked Mrs. Barker if any of her students did an exceptional job. She said Brandon Velasquez did a good job with his project over the Inuits. He made an igloo scene and Mario Silva made a great mask to represent the Zuni. Learning can be fun!

The Cubs traveled to Perrin Thursday night and won 22-0! The Cubs did a great job of holding the Owls scoreless. This week their game is at home and they host DeLeon at 6:00pm. The Varsity will play in DeLeon at 7:30pm on Friday. This game is close to home, so let's see if we can fill up the stands in DeLeon Friday night and really support these boys and coaches for all the hard work they've been doing. Remember, your cheer may be the inspiration and the very factor that decides the game!

Cindy Lopez and Kent Long have been selected to represent our school as junior board members for the First National Bank of DeLeon. This will give them an inside picture of bank operations. It is an educational program to teach them about economics and finance.

This week is the end of the first six weeks. Report cards will be mailed next Wednesday. So if you have not received it by next Friday, please check with the school (or your student if they get to the mail first each day). If your child has any grades about which you are concerned, please call the teacher and arrange a conference. Clear communication between the parents and the teachers is extremely important! We have to work as a team. Do you have an e-mail address? If so, it would be really easy to communicate with your child's teacher as often as necessary.

I don't know about you, but I am glad to live where I do! Thankfully, we don't have hurricanes here. Just think of all the people that have been uprooted by hurricanes this year. Blessings often go by without being noticed! So, take a moment and reflect this week on how blessed we are to live where we do.

It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the future.

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Superintendent
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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

IT'S A FACT

"Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case."

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

It's easier to preach than sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny, they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation leans on the bell.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up an audience: "and in conclusion."

God himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

To make a long story short, don't tell it.

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Author unknown

Some guests were Jewel Dean, Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of De Leon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Martha Overstreet, Pam Childers, and Edith Grumbles.

On Sunday morning those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James Miears, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. Guests were Howard and Pat Hagood. James taught the lesson "Put First Things First." Life question, "How can I Live With Purpose?" Background passages, Ecclesiastes 3:10-14, 12:13-14 and Mark 12:28-34. There were twenty residents present.

Some visitors were Kenneth Welch and Linda Ogle of Stephenville, Clyde and DeSha Johnson, Sue Pettigrew, Clay Clayton of Desdemona, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider of Gorman, Maudie Husband and Bill Mall of Cisco.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the "Bride of Christ Church" were Bro. Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Perkins, Rose Ann, Carine White and Betty Region. Bro. Denver's message was, "Lazrus and Us." Scripture from the book of Luke. There were ten residents present.

Some guests were Mozelle Boucher of Stephenville, Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson, Billie Mable, Frances Warren, Victor Pena, Mary Jeffs, Howard and Pat Hagood, Donnie and Nelda Mauney and George Rodgers.

On Monday morning Karen Guthery came at 8:00 opened the Beauty Shop and got busy.

Recent Visitors were Frankie Stacy, George and Pat DeVoll of Brownwood, Raymond Hattox, Mary Turner, Durward Webb, Larry Stogsdill, Juanita Spence of Little Elm and Joe Beaty of Dallas.

On Monday morning residents were happy to get their finger nails polished.

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Zelda Jordan and Nell Files of Carbon.

Pat Graham, Billie Marble, Jason Killebrew, Judy Killebrew and Ina Smith had regular BINGO for eleven residents.

Visiting were Don Landers of Springtown, Jerry Majors of De Leon, Margorie Treadway, Lendon Shipman and Kelly Williams of De Leon.

On Monday afternoon Gospel Singers coming were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Frankie Stacy, Nelda Mauney, and Nancy Hendricks. Woodrow, Helen and Billy Joe brought the specials, "A Beautiful Life", "Wonderful" and "What a Lovely Name". Woodrow led the dismissal prayer. There were twenty-three residents present.

Visiting were Thomas and Vicki Seay, Daisy Slaton, Carol Ward, Susan Lipson, Mary Margaret Hudson and Sue Seaton.

Residents send Deep Sympathy to Kay Ann Craddock and family.

Recent visitors were James Morris of Levelland, Kelly Willingham, Kay Snider, Betty Morris, Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Nancy Hendricks and Winelle Browning.

Current Events was enjoyed by a large number of residents on Monday.

Visiting were Betty Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis and Wilburn Overstreet.

On Tuesday morning Judy Killebrew, Jeff Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, Billie Marble and Ina Smith had BINGO for twelve residents.

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

It was real nice for Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona to come on Tuesday for Hair Styling.

Some visitors were Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Ken and Doyleena Roberts of Gustine, Rodney Roberts and Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona.

A large group of residents enjoyed having Betty Duke of Desdemona coming on Tuesday afternoon to play the electric keyboard and led singing.

Visiting were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wiley, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater and Connie Cates of Eastland, Steve Estes of Sanger, Freddie and Kay Rodgers of Brownwood.

Residents send "Get Well Wishes" to Alene Garrett who recently had hip surgery.

Some guests were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, Sylvia Estes and Bubba of De Leon, James and Mary Jesse of Fort Worth.

On Wednesday morning at 9:00 - Bro. Larry Stogsdill of the Church of Christ came and had Chapel for residents. He used the book of Matthew, Chapter twenty-five and gave a study on "The Parable of the Ten Virgins." Twelve residents enjoyed the bible story.

Recent visitors were Pat and Darrell Graham, Jeff Killebrew, Judy Killebrew, Becky Moore, Emily Green and Monica Moore of De Leon.

Residents send "Get Well" wishes to Grace Townley.

Some guests were Carol Ward, Betty Region, Rose Ann, Mary Perkins, Corine White, Karen Guthery, June Carruth and Susan Carruth of De Leon.

Wednesday afternoon nine residents enjoyed "CRAZY BINGO." Those helping were Billie Marble, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith. Guests were Jeff Killebrew and Frankie Stacy.

KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

Our hearts ache for those who live in the path of destruction left by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. May we help them with our prayers, money donations and any way we can.

The special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning was rendered by Kay Snider and little granddaughter, Rachel Snider, Norma Webb, Aletha Burgess, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Oren Webb, Thomas Seay, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano. Kelly and Tina Buchanan of West Columbia were visitors. "Happy Birthday" was sung to LaVon Snider.

Joe and Glynda Bond met Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove in Goldthwaite on Wednesday and Raegan and Sydnie returned home with them for a visit. Their dad, Shannon Bond came on Thursday for a visit with Joe, Glynda and the girls and they went home on Saturday. While here, Shannon did some dove hunting.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited on Friday and Saturday in Graham with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Gary, Donna, Leslie, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin.

Kelly and Tina Buchanan of West Columbia have been visiting for a few days with his mother, Sylvia Buchanan, and his grandmother, Nancy Hendricks. Kelly and Tina were among the many evacuees from the Texas coast and it took them many hours to come to Kokomo from West Columbia. Nancy Hendricks and Doris Bradshaw of Gorman enjoyed lunch with Sylvia, Kelly and Tina on Sunday. Kelly and Tina also visited with her parents, Charles and Maveline Sesson in Stephenville. Kelly also enjoyed a time of fishing while here.

Recently LaVon Snider ate supper with Ted and Charlotte Snider. Later in the week, Susan Wheat of Ranger invited her mother, Charlotte Snider and LaVon to meet her for lunch in Gorman. One day last week LaVon ate lunch in Stephenville with Dwayne and Connie Snider.

On Sunday, Dan Snider treated LaVon to a birthday dinner from him, Dianne and Sandra.

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

LaVon learned of the death of Mary Garth, sister-in-law, of her deceased uncle, Winsford Jumper. LaVon requests prayer for all the Wherry Family, many of whom will be trying to get back home to Houston to plan and attend Mary's funeral. We extend sincere sympathy to this family.

Desdemona News

By
Vonnie
Guthery

Thanks to all the musicians, singers and visitors that attended the Monthly Musical last Saturday night at the Community Center. Thanks to the ladies that donate food each month for the Concession stand. Betty Duke started the music program at 6:00 p.m. playing her electric keyboard and singing. Other local talent on the program were Ann Keith, singing and Bernard Keith playing the harmonica. Those attending enjoyed the good food and the good music.

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth visited last Sunday with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown at the Brown Ranch Home. He wanted to check on his Dad's health problems.

Dorothy Roberts was in Granbury last Saturday to visit her granddaughters, Shelly Horan and son, Sam; Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena. This group attended Kena's ball game on Saturday morning. Emily and family have rented a house recently to live there until their new home is built. They recently lost their home and everything by fire.

"Happy 54th Anniversary" to Bernard and Ann Keith on Thursday, September 29 from Pug and Vonnie Guthery, "Hogtown U.S.A."

This reporter received a phone call last Sunday afternoon from a classmate, Tommy Beaty and wife, Jimmie of Lake Leon. They been having some health problems, but reported to be doing much better at the present time. Tommy and Vonnie graduated together with the class of 1951. He would like to say "Hello" to his classmates and friends in this area.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery would like to say "Hello" to another classmate, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley and husband, Pete who live in Sealy, Texas west of Houston. Please contact us that you all did survive Hurricane Rita.

In memory of Estelle Craddock of Gorman, this reporter would like to send our sincere sympathy to the family. Estelle was a "sweet" lady and much loved by all who knew her. We enjoyed our friendship with her thru the years. She always had a smile for everyone and always a word of encouragement. She will be missed by family and friends.

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23353 2005 Buick LaCrosse - 29 MPG	\$26,190	\$1,000	\$2,846	\$22,344 + T T & L
23027 2005 Buick LeSabre Custom - 29 MPG	\$27,540	\$3,000	\$2,979	\$21,471 + T T & L
23829 2005 GMC 1500 X-Cab W/T - 21 MPG	\$25,085	\$3,000	\$3,671	\$18,414 + T T & L
22343 2005 Chevrolet Trail Blazer LS - 21 MPG	\$29,660	\$2,500	\$4,763	\$22,397 + T T & L
22849 2005 GMC Sierra 1500 Reg. Cab - 21 MPG	\$23,432	\$3,000	\$2,792	\$17,640 + T T & L
23829 2005 GMC Sierra 1500 Ext. Cab - 21 MPG	\$25,085	\$3,000	\$3,671	\$18,414 + T T & L
23545 2005 Chevrolet 3/4 T Reg. Cab 4x2	\$27,120	\$2,500	\$4,025	\$20,595 + T T & L
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