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GHS Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion Exercises Set Thursday and Friday

Gorman Eighth Grade Promotion

Thursday, May 26, 2005 7:30 P.M.

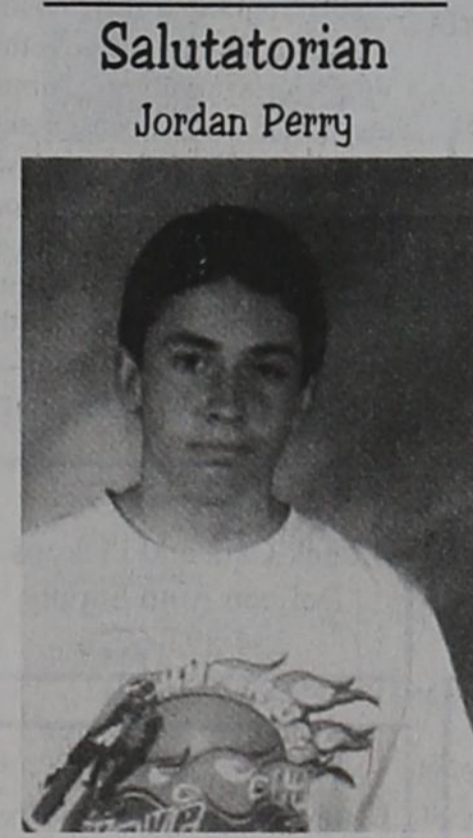
Processional	Class
Invocation	Emily Lewis, Salutatorian
Welcome	Jordan Perry, Salutatorian
Valedictorian	Miles Vann
Class History	Matt Underwood
Awards	Laticia Hampton, Counselor
Presentation of Certificates	Ronny Wright, Principal
Benediction	Perla Velasquez
Recessional	Class
Valedictorian	Salutatorian
Miles Vann	Emily Lewis



Monday Night Dance In De Leon

There will be a dance every Monday night from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the DeLeon City Hall. Admission is \$4.00. The Best Classic Country featuring Outcast as entertainment. The dance is smoke free and no alcohol. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Gene Williams at 254-445-4426.



Desdemona Monthly Musical

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, May 28 at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend. Take time out from your busy schedule to come and enjoy the food, music and fellowship with this group.

Pool Opens
Saturday, May 28th
Admission 1/2 Price
(Regular Price \$2.00)
Opens At 12 Noon
Closes At 5 P.M.
Pool Phone Number 734-2053
Operator - Natalie Boswell

Valedictorian



Ashlee Hornback

Ashlee is the daughter of Jeff and Jeanene Roemisch and Lee and Sonja Hornback. She was born on June 29, 1987 in Eastland, Texas. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1992.

Ashlee plans to attend Texas A & M and major in dentistry.

Honors and activities include State Champion Informative Speaking - 4; 6th Place Informative Speaking - 3; Regional UIL - 1,2,3,4; Miss GHS - 4; Most Likely to Succeed - 4; Most Athletic - 4; Wittiest - 3; Volleyball MVP - 2, 3; Cross Country MVP - 1,3; Basketball MVP - 4; 1st Team All-District Volleyball - 4; 2nd Team All-District Softball - 1; 1st Team All-District Softball - 2,3; 2nd Team All-District Basketball - 4; Cross Country - 1,2,3,4; Basketball - 1,2,3,4; Track - 1,2; Softball - 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader - 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Queen - 4; Prom Queen - 4; Class President - 4; Class Secretary - 3; Band Vice-President - 1,2; Band - 1,2; Student Council President - 4; Student Council Vice President - 3; Student Council Secretary - 2; National Honor Society - 2,3,4; National

Salutatorian



Elizabeth Hipolito

Elizabeth is the daughter of Anastacio and Maria Hipolito. She was born on November 19, 1986 in Comanche, Texas.

Elizabeth plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in business administration.

Honors and activities include the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Member of the Junior Bank Board, U.I.L., Art for All, PALS.

Hobbies include spending time with family and friends, listening to music, shopping and reading.

Favorite foods are Chinese, Italian and last but not least homemade Mexican food.

Favorite music is Rock/Pop, Hip-Hop, and Mexican music.

Honor Society President - 4; FBLA Reporter - 4; FFA Vice President; FFA Sweetheart - 1,3; Class Princess - 1,2; Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student - 1,2,3; Masonic Lodge Citizenship Award - 1,2,3,4; Todd Anderson Fighting Heart Award - 2,4; Star Greenhand Award - 1; Community Service Awards - 250 hours; FCA All-Star Cheerleader.

Commencement

Friday, May 27, 2005 7:30 P.M.

Processional	Senior Class
Invocation	Ronny Wright, Principal
Salutatorian	Elizabeth Hipolito
Parent Recognition	Senior Class
Valedictorian	Ashlee Hornback
Presentation of Scholarships	Laticia Hampton, Counselor
Presentation of Diplomas	Ronny Wright, Principal Leslie Vann, Superintendent Bobby Rich, President of the Board
Presentation of Class	Ronny Wright, Principal
Response	Leslie Vann, Superintendent
Benediction	Richard Watson, Minister New Hope Baptist Church
Recessional	Senior Class

Carbon Community Baptist Church Vacation Bible School June 1-5

The Carbon Community Baptist Church, Carbon, Texas, will hold their annual Vacation Bible School June 1 to June 5, 2005.

This year's theme is "Beach Party Blast." There will be Bible stories, games, music, crafts, and refreshments.

We will have classes open for children kindergarten through 6th grade. We will start each evening at 6:30 p.m. and dismiss at 8:30 p.m.

Come join us for all the fun on Wednesday, June 1, 2005.

For more information call the Church at 639-2560 or Martha Wood at 639-2361.

Fifth Sunday Gospel Singing Desdemona Community Center

There will be a Fifth Sunday Gospel Singing at the Desdemona Community Center on Sunday, May 29, 2005.

All singers, groups, and soloist are invited to come help us "make a joyful sound unto the LORD."

The concession stand will open at 12:30 and the singing will begin at 1:00. To assist us in scheduling, please let us know approximately what time you are planning to attend by Friday, May 27. Call 254-758-2571 or drop a note to the Desdemona Community Center and Foundation, P.O. Box 32, Desdemona, Texas, 76445.

If you do not want to sing, come anyway and enjoy some wonderful music and good fellowship.

Sandra Cagle In Gorman June 8th

Sandy Cagle will be at the Gorman City Hall on June 8th from 9:00 until 11:30 for auto registration instead of June 15th due to her attendance at the TAC Conference in Austin.

John Deere Lawn Mower Drawing

It's mowing season again! The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a John Deere L100 Riding Lawn Mower. The retail value of this tractor is \$1,499.00. The tickets are \$10 each and the lawn mower will be given away mid-May.

To purchase a ticket contact Larry Thompson at 734-3354, or see a GLRA member.

Happy mowing!

Memorial Day Celebration Planned

Remembering
Our Nation's
Armed Forces



You are invited to attend a Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 30th at 2:00 p.m. to dedicate a new monument, honoring Confederate Pioneers that settled NW Comanche County (Sipe Springs area). Location is 16 miles west of DeLeon on FM 587.

Homemade ice cream and refreshments will be served following the ceremony at the 1870 home built by CSA Pvt. Sam Percifield. This historic house will also be open for tours.

There is no charge to attend this celebration.

For more information contact Thomas Harrison at 254/734-2570 or 254/734-5058, rebeltom@cctc.net.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

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

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Bob Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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

FOOD BANK

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

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY JUNE 8TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

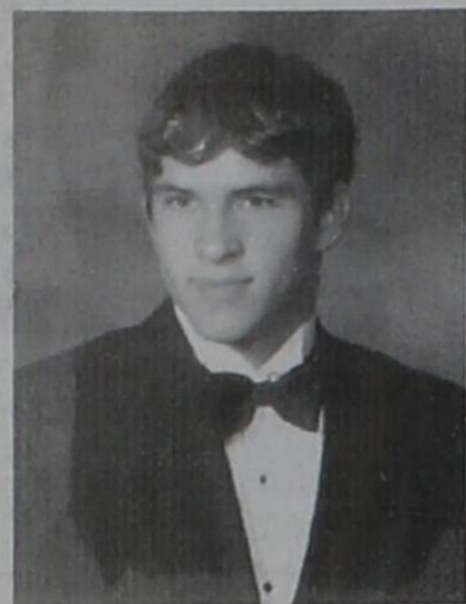
Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m.
Methodist Church

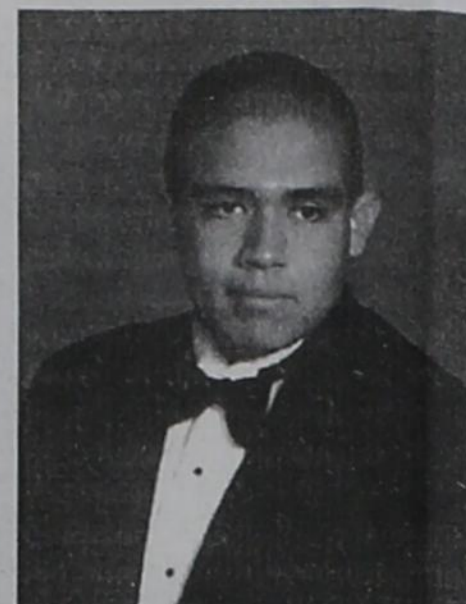
Congratulations Graduates!!



Adam Spivey
Adam is the son of Steve and Tracy Spivey. He was born on July 6, 1987 in Eastland.
Adam plans to go to college for diesel technology in Sweetwater.
Hobbies include hunting, fishing and working on cars.
Favorite food is Mexican food.
Favorite music is Texas Country.



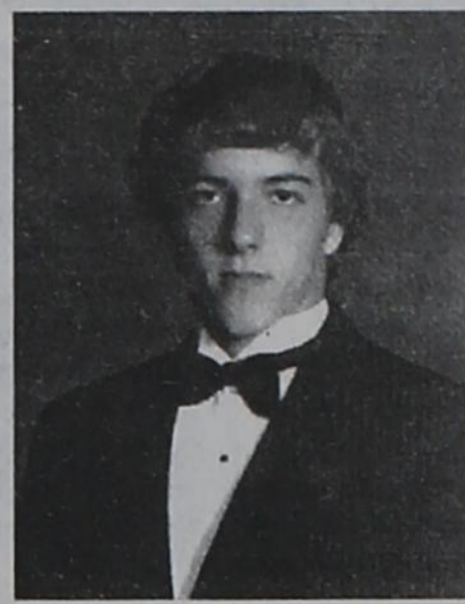
Amanda Alese Hair
Amanda is the daughter of Bill and Sherri Hair. She was born on March 27, 1987 in Abilene, Texas. She transferred to the Gorman Schools from Merkel in 1998.
Amanda plans to attend TSTC.
Honors and activities include softball - 1, 2, 3, 2nd team All-District softball - 2, Track - 1, 2, 3, Basketball - 1, 2, Volleyball - 1, Band - 1, 2, 4, Flags - 1, 2, 4, Flag Captain - 1.
Hobbies include watching T.V., shopping.
Favorite foods are steak and BBQ.
Favorite music is Texas country.



Carlos Roboan Herrera, Jr.
Carlos is the son of Carlos and Rosa Herrera. He was born on March 24, 1986 in Gorman. He entered Gorman Schools in 1991.
Carlos plans to attend Weatherford College.
Honors and activities were baseball - Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior, Jr. Class Treasurer.
Hobbies include hanging out with friends and cruising around.
Favorite foods are spaghetti, steak, and pizza.
Favorite music is country.



Amanda Naeseth
Amanda is the daughter of Cynthia Woodall and Giles Naeseth. She was born on April 26, 1987 in Fort Worth, Texas. She entered the Gorman School in 1999, transferring from Swift Elementary.
Amanda plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in CIS.
Honors and activities include Basketball - 2; Track - 2,3,4; Cheerleader - 3,4; Powerlifting - 3,4; FFA - 2; Area Track - 4; Powerlifting Regionals - 3,4; Powerlifting State - 4; All American Cheerleader nominee - 4; Poetry Scholarship Contest semi-finalist.



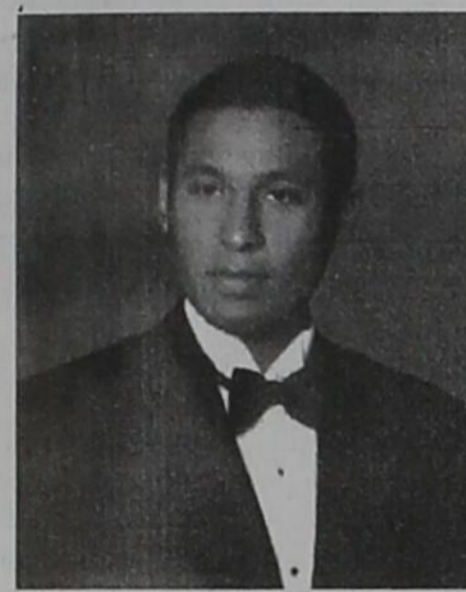
Clinton Lafayette Jones
Clinton is the son of Mike Jones and Tammy and David Wiseman. He was born on March 19, 1987 in Cleburne, Texas.
Clinton plans on attending Texas A & M in College Station, Texas.
Honors and activities include All-District selection in football, basketball, and baseball; Regional Qualifier in Prose; Regional OAP, Mr. GHS, Most Likely to Succeed, Most Talented, Student Council Treasurer, Class Vice-President, NHS Vice-President.
Hobbies include playing any kind of sport, eating, sleeping and playing X-Box.
Favorite food is any kind of Mexican food.
Favorite music is whatever is playing on the radio.



Ariana Giles
Ariana is the daughter of Armando and Alba Giles. She was born on September 26, 1987 in Los Angeles, California. She entered the Gorman Schools in the second grade - 1994-1995.
Ariana plans on attending Tarleton State University and to keep working.
Honors and activities include National Honor Society, FCCLA, FBLA, Annual Staff, U.I.L. and Band.
Hobbies are listening to music, going to the movies, going to dances, and hanging out with friends.
Favorite food is pizza, 'Mom's food,' and chicken tenders.
Favorite music is Rap, Spanish, and Country.



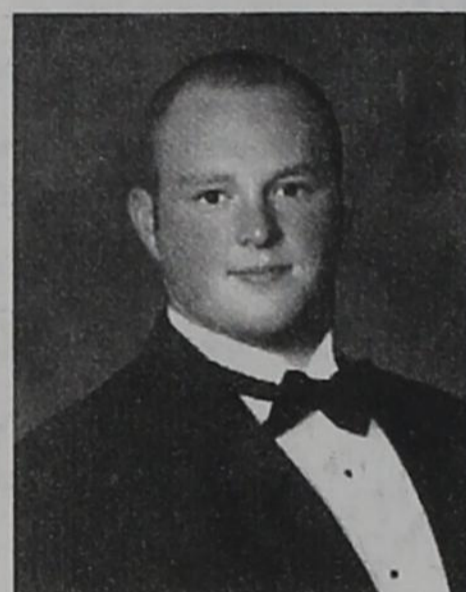
Joanna Esquivel
Joanna is the daughter of the late Blanca Esquivel and Jose and Ana Morales. She was born on February 18, 1987 in Eagle Pass, Texas. Joanna transferred to Gorman Schools in 2000 from Eagle Pass Jr. High.
Joanna plans on attending Tarleton State University and majoring in Spanish and later get a job that involves Spanish in some way.
Honors and activities include NHS, NAHS (National Art Honor Society), U.I.L., Art for All.
Hobbies include drawing, writing, watching lots of T.V. and spending time with friends.
Favorite food is Mexican, but does like almost everything.
Favorite music is anything that has a good beat.



Ivan Madera
Ivan is the son of Enrique and Elvia Madera. He was born on February 3, 1987 in Stephenville.
Ivan plans to go to college and get a good job.
Honors and activities include 1st Team All-District, 4 time A/4 Award Winner.
Hobbies include hanging out, playing Nintendo.
Favorite food is 'Mom's food.'
Favorite music is Rock and Hip-Hop.



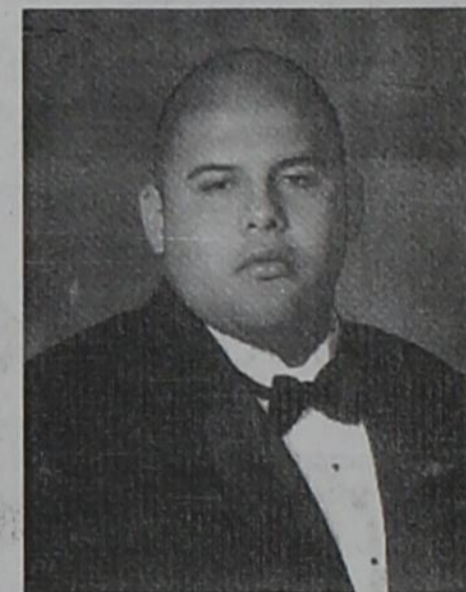
Dana Rena Longoria
Dana is the daughter of John and Katrina Longoria. She was born on August 3, 1987 in Abilene. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1999, transferring from Cisco.
Dana plans to go to TSTC to become a nurse.
Honors and activities were Flags - 1,2,3,4; Band - 1,2,3,4; Track - Freshman, Flag Captain - Senior.
Hobbies include reading.
Favorite food is pizza.
Favorite music is country.



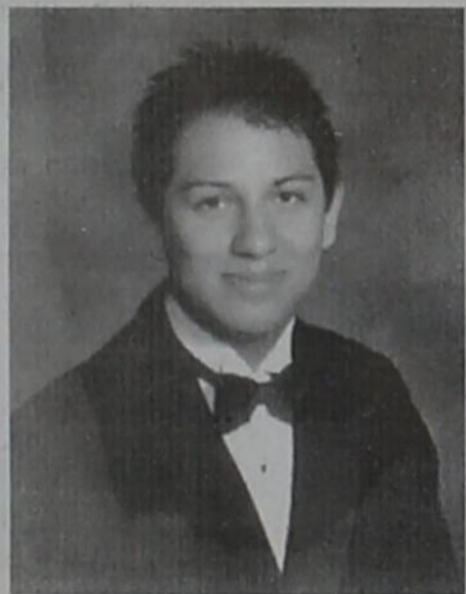
J.T. Whitfill
J.T. is the son of Rod and Kathy Whitfill. He was born on September 14, 1985 at Duncan Memorial Hospital. He entered the Gorman Schools 2001-2002, transferring from Perrin-Whitt.
J.T. plans on attending college at Grayson Community College and become a teacher and coach.
Honors and activities include football, powerlifting, golf, track, FBLA, and FFA.
Hobbies include scratch art, lifting weights and hanging out with friends.
Favorite food is everything.
Favorite music is Christian rock.



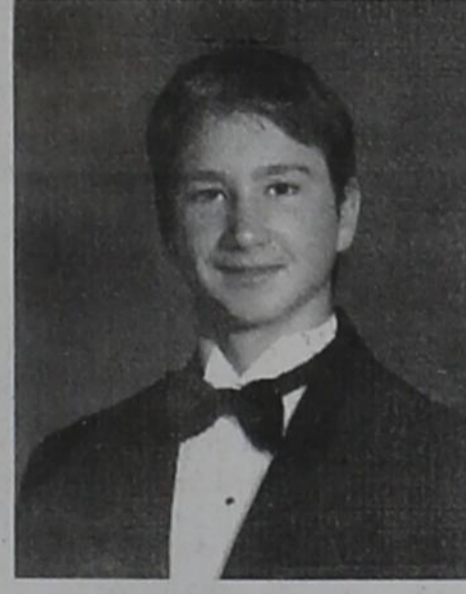
Doneil Strawbridge
Doneil is the daughter of Ruth and Joe Strawbridge. She was born on October 19, 1986 in Rochester, New York. She entered the Gorman Schools in 2004, transferring from DeLeon.
Doneil plans to attend Cisco Jr. College.
Honors and activities include FFA and PALS.
Hobbies include listening to music and working outside on my farm.
Favorite foods are pizza and hamburgers.
Favorite music is country.



Juan Javier Martinez
Juan is the son of Adelaida Martinez. He was born on July 6, 1986 in Midland. He entered the Gorman Schools at 6th grade, transferring from Roswell, New Mexico.
Juan plans to attend college and find a good job.
Honors and activities include Sargeant of Arms, Honorable Mention in Football.
Hobbies include hanging out with friends.
Favorite food is 'Mommy's food.'
Favorite music is Rap, Rock, Spanish, Country, Spanglish, Reggaeton.



Luis Ramirez
Luis is the son of Luis and Catherine Ramirez. He was born on November 27, 1986 in Llano, Texas. He entered the Gorman Schools at kindergarten.
Luis plans to go to Tarleton State University to become a registered nurse.
Honors and activities include Class Secretary, Class Reporter, Drum Major, Student Council Representative, Class Favorite.
Hobbies include hanging out with friends.
Favorite food is 'Mommy's food.'
Favorite music is Alternative, Reggaeton, Spanish Music, Country.



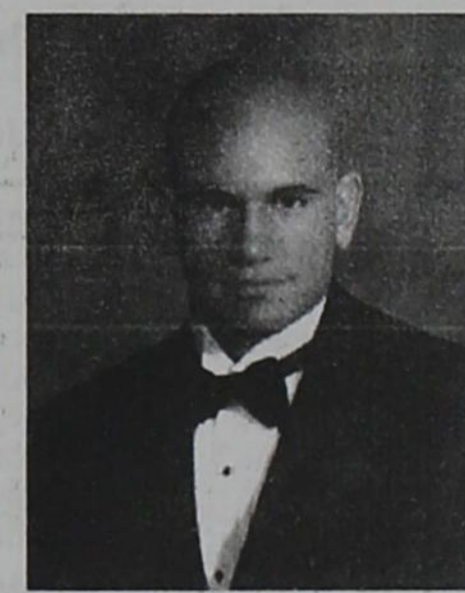
Michael Grissom
Michael is the son of Bobby and Donna Grissom. He was born on January 3, 1987 at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene at 4:20 a.m.
Michael plans to attend TSTC in Sweetwater to become a diesel mechanic.
Honors and activities include football, powerlifting, 7th grade one act play.
Hobbies are hunting, fishing and camping.
Favorite foods are chicken and sirloin steak.
Favorite music is rap, country and rock.



Frances Grace Lewis
Frances is the daughter of Shirley Lewis. She was born on February 3, 1986 in Stephenville. She entered the Gorman School at kindergarten in 1992.
Frances plans to keep working and everything else is undecided at the moment.
Honors and activities include PALS, NAHS, and Art for All.
Hobbies include drawing, painting, spending time with family, friends and loved ones, and shopping.
Favorite foods are pizza, Chinese, chicken and 'my mom's homemade plum jelly.'
Favorite music is Rock, Classical, some Country and some Rap.



Jazzminde Taylor Reeves
Jazzminde is the daughter of Ronnie and Effie Taylor. She was born on November 5, 1985 in Cisco, Texas. She entered the Gorman Schools in 2003, transferring from Dublin.
Jazzminde plans to attend CJC and get an Associate degree in accounting and then transfer to Tarleton and get a Bachelors in the same thing. She also wants to get married and have kids.
Honors and activities include FBLA member, performed many hours Community Service, helped with PALS.
Hobbies include sitting at my house, watching T.V., sleeping, hanging out with people I love.
Favorite foods are Ramen Noodles, Mac & Cheese, Vienna



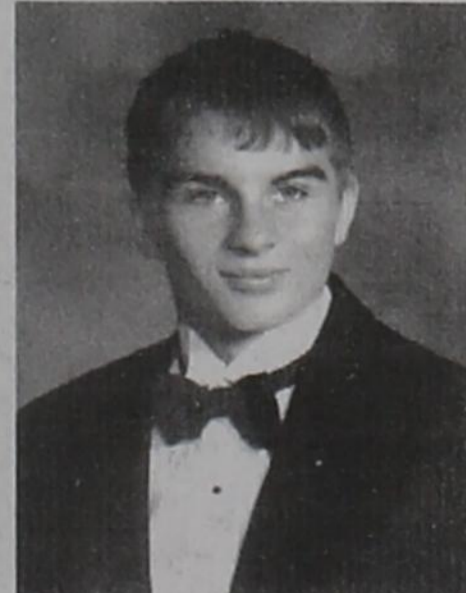
Gil Cochrane
Gil is the son of Robert and Charisse Lewis. He was born on July 21, 1987 in Weatherford, Texas.
Gil plans on attending TSTC in Brownwood and after graduating there start welding.
School honors and activities include FFA, football all 4 years, Freshman--powerlifting, track, baseball, Sophomore--track.
Hobbies include hunting, reading, hanging out with friends and working.
Favorite music is Texas Country.
Sausages and milk.
Favorite music is all kinds (but mostly country).



Kendra De'Ann Bailey
Kendra is the daughter of the late Kip Bailey and Abel and Sally Saldana. She was born on February 11, 1987 in Shattuck, Oklahoma. Kendra transferred to Gorman Schools in 1999 from Gustine.
Kendra plans to become a certified pharmaceutical technician.
Honors and activities include the NHS, Newcomer of the Year (softball catcher), Who's Who Among American Students, All American Scholar, Fighting Heart Award, Class Favorite, Most Wittiest, English & Science Merit Award, Class Secretary.
Hobbies include riding around in her truck, watching TV, hanging out in Stephenville with Lydia.
Favorite foods are chicken tacos, burritos from Taylors, nachos from Montanas.
Favorite music is all music except classical and jazz.



Maria Jocabed Garcia
Maria is the daughter of Gerardo and Maria Dolores Garcia. She was born on October 26, 1985 in Guanajuato, Mexico. She transferred to the Gorman Schools in August 2002.
Maria plans to attend college in Ranger and sees where she ends up.
Honors and activities include



Ryan Wright
Ryan Wright is the son of Mary Reed. He was born on February 16, 1987 in Comanche. He entered the VASE, PALS, NAHS and FCCLA.
Hobbies include listening to music, reading some and being with family.
Favorite foods include 'Mother's food' and pizza.
Favorite music is Spanish music and English music.

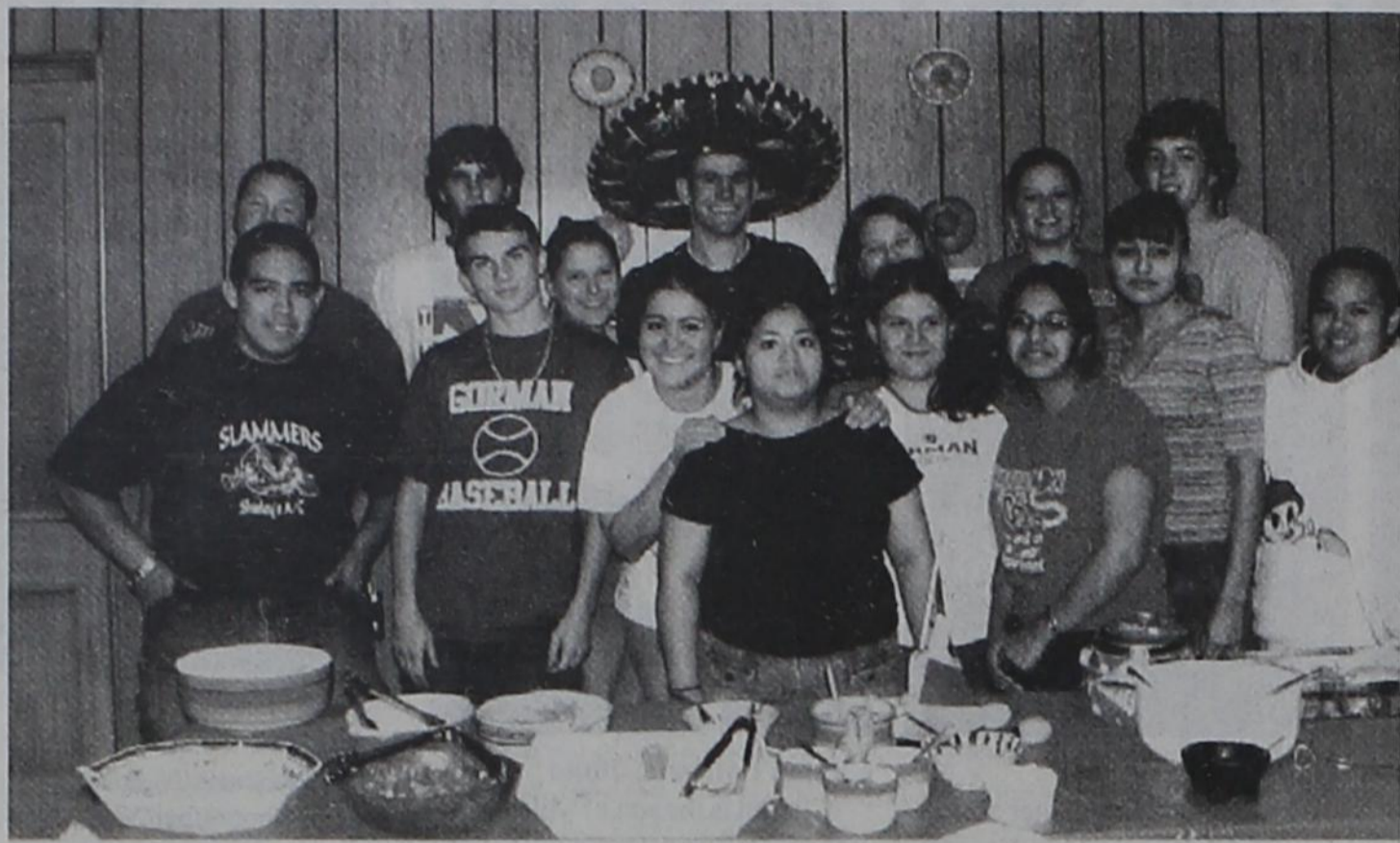
Way to Go Seniors!!!

Gorman Schools when he was in the 6th grade, transferring from Stephenville.
Ryan plans to attend Tarleton State University and become a teacher and coach.
Honors and activities include All-District Selection in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. State Finalist in Poetry. Two-time Regional Qualifier in Powerlifting. In a Regional Qualifying OAP. Powerlifting MVP, Regional Qualifier in Persuasive Speaking.
Hobbies include playing sports and eating.
Favorite foods are everything but onions and stuff that used to be milk.
Favorite music is anything but country and punk rock.



Rachel Rene Granado
Rachel is the daughter of Alex and Teresa Granado. She was born on February 4, 1987 in Stephenville.

First Baptist Church Has Mexican Dinner for Seniors



On May 19, First Baptist Church feted the graduating seniors with a Mexican dinner. There was lots of food—tacos, burritos, beans and all the trimmings. It was fix your own any way you want—so they did again and again. Finishing with ice cold watermelon. A very short program was given by Allen Gibbs. Congratulations to all the seniors.

Coules III Sunday School Class Fish Fry

Coules III Sunday school class of First Baptist Church had a fish fry at the home of Darlavone and Harold Zink on Friday last week. Two cookers of fish and hush puppies were going and lots of other great food furnished by everyone. There were beans, potato salad, homemade peach and blackberry cobbles, great chocolate cake, veggie tray.

Coach Gibbs fishes a lot and needed to get rid of a lot of them, so we managed to help him out.

DeVore Receives Degree

A Gorman student was among a record 1,479 SPC students who received degrees and certificates Friday (May 13) at South Plains College's 47th commencement exercises.

"Commencement signifies the completion of one phase of our students' lives and the beginning of another," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "We are very proud of our 2005 graduates, and we wish them the best in the future."

Amanda DeVore from Gorman received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care.

A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

"And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed..." (Genesis 12:3)

God's promise to Abraham has amazing implications for our lives today. From the beginning of the Bible we learn that God is a good God who wants to bless every family and every person. We also learn one of the keys to living under God's blessing: we must bless what God is blessing and be careful not to curse.

"To bless" means to speak well of or to say good things about the person or subject at hand. But a very important idea surfaces as we look at the meaning of the words "curses" and "curse" in the verse above. Though the same English word is used in both cases, the ancient Hebrew texts use two different words. The first is "qalal" and the second is "arar". "Qalal" means to "belittle with one's mouth", that is, to speak evil of or say negative things about. "Arar" means to bring trouble and evil upon. So a fuller translation of this verse could be: *"And I will bring evil and trouble upon the one who belittles you with their mouth."* This is a promise and a warning from God. Be careful what you say about others.

To enjoy the blessings of God I must be careful to say what God says about others. I must be careful not to enter into speaking evil of those who disagree with me. Jesus echoes this concept when He says, *"Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."* (Luke 6:28) The real test comes when folks criticize or speak evil of us. How will we respond? If we respond with cutting remarks and slanderous comments about their motives, then we are entering into a dangerous place. Remember, it is possible to disagree with folks without speaking evil of their motives and character. It is possible to think differently than another person on an issue without assassinating the character of your opponent.

If we curse others (belittle them with our words) we are in danger of inviting the opposition of God Himself. Nobody really wants to live there. But unfortunately many people do. More on this subject next week.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, May 28 at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend. Take time out from your busy schedule to come and enjoy the food, music and fellowship with this group.

Victor Cemetery Working day will be on Saturday, May 28. Bring your basket of food, make plans to stay for lunch and visit with your family and friends to attend each year. Business meeting will follow the noon meal.

Gospel Singing Day will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 29 at the Desdemona Community Center. The concession stand will open at 12:30 p.m. and the singing will begin at 1:00 p.m. Come early and enjoy lunch before the singing begins. All area singing groups and visitors are invited to attend. No admission fee. Four more information call Betty Duke at 254-758-2571.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended the Olden Monthly Musical on Friday night, May 20. Also they attended the Strawn Monthly Musical on Saturday night, May 21. Each of these musicals have a nice concession stand, lots of musicians and visitors too.

Karen Eaves and granddaughter, Lorin of Desdemona; Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane of Eastland spend last Sunday afternoon in Abilene enjoying the Circus.

This reporter would like to say "Hello" to Harold Caudle and wife, Daphne in Strawn. He is slowly recovering from recent heart bypass surgery. Harold and wife attend the annual Homecoming and School Reunion as often as possible.

Father's Day is just around the corner and you may wonder what gift is perfect for your Dad. Give a visit to the newest store on Main Street in Desdemona—Lindley Clayton's Gun Shop. He has a good selection of guns, rifles, pistols, gun carrying cases, belt buckles with polished stone inserts made by Lindley and other gems. This building was built during the Boom Days and served as the First National Bank and later on in the late '30's and '40's it was a well stocked grocery store owned by T.H. Key and Sons.

Larry Bob Abel passed away and was buried May 15, 2005 in Jal, New Mexico. Survivors include his wife and family; his parents Robert and Evelyn (Joiner) Abel all of Jal., New Mexico. Robert and Evelyn are former residents of Desdemona where they attended school and graduated.

Larry Clark of Olney passed away and was buried on Monday, May 16 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his family and a sister, Beverly Barr. Preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Blanche Evelyn (Rouse) Clark and a brother, Ronald Clark. The Clark family are former residents of Desdemona where the parents and their three children attended school.

Lee Pettigrew, 75, of Desdemona passed away and was buried on Saturday, May 21 in the cemetery near Junction, Texas. Survivors include his wife, Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, his children, grandchildren and families. Our sincere sympathy goes out to these family who have lost their loved ones. Remember them with your cards and prayers.

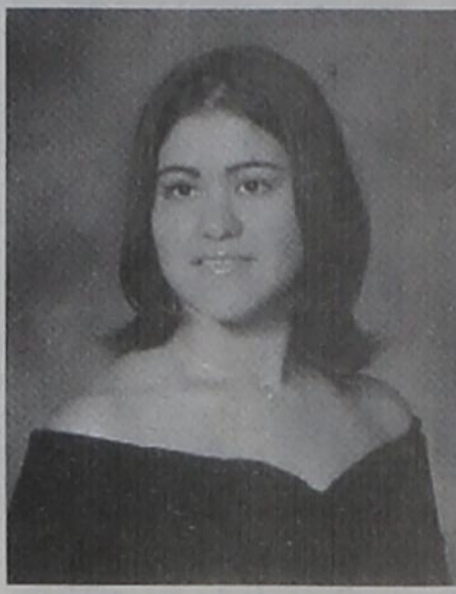
Larry and Gay Moore enjoyed the past weekend visiting with friends in the San Antonio area.

Bro. Jess McCabe of the Lingleville area was voted to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. This family will be moving into the parsonage soon as possible. Make plans to meet this pastor, wife and their children.

Have a nice day, Coon.

Congratulations Graduates!!

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Martha Maria Cruz

Martha is the daughter of Aureliano and Maria de Jesus Cruz. She was born on January 27, 1987 in Huejuquilla el Alto, Jalisco, Mexico. In August 1995, Maria transferred to the Gorman School from Colegio Diaz Lopez.

Martha plans on attending San Antonio College and major in accounting or banking.

Honors and activities include NHS, NAHS, UIL, FBLA Historian, Class Historian.

Hobbies include dancing and listening to music.

Favorite food is 'my Mom's Mexican food.'

Favorite music is Cumbias Colombianas, Rancheras, and Reggaeton.



Patricia Gutierrez

Patricia is the daughter of Reynaldo and Adriana Gutierrez. She was born on August 4, 1985 in Acuna, Mexico. She transferred to the Gorman Schools in August of 2002 from Comanche High School.

Patricia plans to go to college to study and to be a Spanish teacher.

Honors and activities include NAHS.

Hobbies include reading, listening to music, talking on the phone, dancing, and shopping.

Favorite foods are pizza and Mexican food.

Favorite music is Spanish music.



Bradley Scott Lewis

Bradley is the son of Brad and Carol Lewis. He was born on September 27, 1986 in DeLeon, Texas. He started kindergarten in Gorman Schools.

Bradley plans to go to Cisco Jr. College for two years and then transfer to Tarleton State University and become a coach.

Honors and activities include FBLA President, FCCLA Sgt. of Arms, Basketball - 4 years, Baseball - 2 years, Tennis - 1 year, Class Favorite, Wittiest, Most School Spirited, 2nd Team All-District Catcher/Baseball, 2nd Team All-District Center/Basketball.

Hobbies include playing Nintendo, watching T.V., spending time with his girl friend and friends.

Favorite food is microwaveable corn dogs, Hilda's Mexican food, G-Ma's home cooking.

Favorite music is Hip-Hop, Alternative, Reggae, Jamacian, (Snow mostly).

Favorite food is 'my Mami's food.'

Favorite music is Reggaeton, Bachata, Cumbias Colombianas, Rancheras.



Laura Cecilia Raygoza

Laura is the daughter of Pravedia and Paulina Raygoza. She was born on May 27th in Huejuquilla, Jalisco, Mexico. She entered the Gorman Schools in 1995 through 2002 and 2004-2005.

Laura plans on attending Ranger College, work, get married, and someday have kids.

Honors and activities include U.I.L., NAHS, FBLA.

Hobbies include dancing and listening to music.

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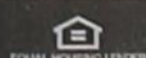
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CJC Soccer Tryouts

Cisco Junior College will be holding tryouts for the Lady Wranglers soccer team on Sunday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m. The tryouts will be held at Cisco Junior College in Cisco, Texas and are for students entering college this fall.

The CJC women's soccer program is nationally ranked and has a strong winning tradition. The Lady Wranglers were the NJCAA Division I Region V Soccer Champions for six consecutive years. In 2004, two members of the team were named to All-American Teams, and several other CJC soccer players have been named to the All-Conference Team.

For more information about tryouts, contact Coach Scott Toups at (254) 442-5175 or stoups@cisco.cc.tx.us. Please leave name, high school, phone number and position.

Jury Gives Cisco Man Life in Prison

On May 17, 2005, An Eastland County jury of twelve citizens convicted Buford "Buff" Whitehead, 46, of Cisco, of bail jumping and failure to appear after deliberating over the evidence less than five minutes. After hearing punishment evidence for approximately one hour, the jury assessed Whitehead's punishment at confinement in a state penitentiary for life.

Whitehead had been ordered to appear in the 91st Judicial District Court on October 20, 2003 for sentencing in a drug case but failed to appear. He was later indicted by an Eastland County Grand Jury for bail jumping and failure to appear.

During the trial of the failure to appear case, family members testified that Whitehead had told them that on the day he was to appear in court, he had hidden and spent the night in a wooded area in Cisco until the next morning when decided he was ready to give up. Whitehead was apprehended at a Cisco residence by a Deputy for the Eastland County Sheriff's Office later that day.

After the jury returned the guilty verdict, the jury heard evidence that Whitehead had previously been convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary over a period of several years for the following: aggravated assault with a pistol where the victim was a police officer; aggravated assault causing bodily injury with a pistol to another police officer - a female; aggravated kidnapping where the indictment described that Whitehead had terrorized the female victim with a knife. In addition, the jury heard evidence that Whitehead was currently serving a 15-year prison sentence for possession of methamphetamine. During closing arguments for punishment, the prosecutor argued that the evidence demonstrated that Whitehead had a history of violent behavior against police officers and women.

Defense Attorney John Saringer of Eastland represented Whitehead and has filed a notice of appeal. Assistant Criminal District Attorney Brenda Gray prosecuted the case with the Honorable Steven R. Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court presiding.

Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason and Assistant Gray thanked the jury for their service to the community and attentiveness during the trial. Thomason further stated, "This jury obviously meant to send a very strong message - that Eastland County citizens will not tolerate those who continue to engage in criminal activity and behavior."

Marihuana Possession Nets Many 11 Years in the Pen

Jose Maria Pena, Jr., 39, formerly of Ft. Worth, was sentenced to 11 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division on May 11, 2005, after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Possession of Marihuana, 50 pounds or more but less than 2,000 pounds.

On February 9, 2005 at approximately 11:30 p.m., a Department of Public Safety State Trooper was on routine patrol on Interstate 20 and stopped Pena for speeding. After a roadside interview and obtaining consent to search the vehicle, the State Trooper found a cardboard box containing eleven bundles of marihuana. Pena was subsequently arrested and taken to the Eastland County Jail.

Do You Remember Gorman When?

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ENTERTAINING IDEAS

Celebrity Chef Lulu Powers Shares Her Secrets for a Star-Spangled Bash

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- Summer is a great time to take advantage of the outdoors, so move your party out by the pool, down by the beach or to a local park. The open space may entice the guests to linger longer.
- Purchase a large piece of red, white and/or blue fabric at a fabric store to use as a table covering or picnic blanket. Purchase blue or white paper dinner napkins and wrap silverware in them. Instead of a napkin ring, tie a red licorice twist around the napkin. Put an American flag toothpick (available at most party stores) through the twist to hold the knot in place.
- Stir up a pitcher of lemonade with red licorice and mint ice cubes by chopping red licorice



Spark interest in your patriotic party with these red white and blue firework cookies.

twists and mint in ice cube trays. Add either water or simple syrup (sugar water) and freeze. Place in lemonade drinks or float in Blue Curaçao martinis.

- Make red licorice marshmallow pops by inserting a popsicle stick into a large marshmallow.
- Dip into melted chocolate and roll in chopped red licorice twists. Let pops dry by resting them in an empty egg carton.
- For a night-time party, fill a vase three-quarters full with sand. Add shells inside the vase, so that they are visible on the outside. Place candles in the vase.
- Roll down lunch-size paper bags and fill with nuts, dried fruit, popcorn and red licorice. Separate each ingredient into its own bag and cluster bags together on a table or counter. Supply white Chinese take-out containers so that guests can customize their own trail mix. Kids can decorate their boxes with markers and stickers.

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Recipe by Celebrity Chef Lulu Powers

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 ½ cup sugar
 ½ cup maple syrup
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 cups flour
 2 cups white chocolate, chopped
 Additional sugar for coating
 Red Vines® Original Red Twists, chopped
 1 cup fresh blueberries

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 350°F.
 In a large bowl, cream together butter, cream cheese, sugar and maple syrup. Add vanilla, flour, chopped white chocolate and mix well.
 Roll dough into ½ table-spoon balls, and then roll each ball in sugar and place directly on cookie sheet. Use a silicon pad or spray a cooking sheet with vegetable shortening.
 Press a slight thumb print into the center of the dough ball so that you can add the blueberries after baking. Place the chopped Red Vines on top of dough balls surrounding the thumb print to form a burst formation. Dough balls may flatten out a little. Red Vines can most easily be cut by holding four or five pieces together and cutting as one would cut green onions.
 Bake 12-15 minutes. Place a blueberry in the center of each cookie, while the cookie is still warm, to complete the firework design.

City Minutes - Unapproved

May 5, 2005

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Durward Webb, Charlie Torrez, and Joe Casey. Others present were Lori Dodd, Charley and Natalie Boswell.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order after the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge @ 5:30 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Durward. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Charlie. Motion carried 4-0.

No Citizens were present for the Citizens In Put.

Reports were submitted by each department head. Lori Dodd was present to report the EDC information to them.

No action was taken on the New and Old Business.

Charlie and Natalie Boswell were present with her application for the pool operator position. Natalie is currently certified in CPR and First Aid. She has enrolled in class for her Lifeguard certification. Natalie is employed by the Dublin Independent School District as a coach and teacher. She expressed her interest in having a summer job. After looking over her application and visiting with her Nathan made the motion to retain Mrs. Boswell as the pool operator for the summer of 2005. Joe made a second and the motion carried 4-0. Upon completion of the lifeguard training she will supply a copy of her certification to the City Office. Tacy will draw up the contract between Mrs. Boswell and the City clarifying all details.

Durward made the motion to deny the request by Atmos Energy to authorize the compliance tariffs for the annual gas reliability infrastructure program rate adjustment in the municipality. This action is acted on by form of Ordinance #2005-03. Nathan made a second to the motion, motion carried 4-0. This action serves as the first reading. Second reading and adoption will be at the next Regular meeting May 19, 2005.

Amendments will be made to Ordinance #2003-04. Tacy will note the changes the commission wants. Joe will carry a copy of the existing ordinance to Woodley and Dudley @ Comanche for the amendments to be added to.

The budget figures are being worked on. Possibly may have to have a Called meeting to adopt the budget by June 1. More details and information at the next Regular meeting. A called meeting will be ordered for the canvass of the election. Canvass must be held during the period of May 15 - 18th. An agenda will be posted.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 4-0. time 6:35 p.m.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Memorial Day, May 30th

Memorial Day was observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in VA. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890, it was recognized by all the Northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday change from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is not celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971, P.L. 90-363, to ensure a three-day weekend for federal holidays), though several Southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

To remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance resolution was passed in December, 2000 and asks that all Americans at 3 p.m. local time "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to *Taps*."

Some guests were Bobby Ingram Jr., Bill Mill, Maudie Husband, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider.

On Sunday morning those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. James taught the lesson, "Avoid Sin's Consequences." Life question, "Why should I be concerned about sin and its consequences?" Bible passages Genesis 19:12-29. Key verse Genesis 19:16. Nelda read Psalms 23. There were 19 residents and guests Howard and Pat Hagood. A resident voiced the closing prayer.

Some guests were Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Benny Watson of Coleman, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock.

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

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the Church of Christ were Bro. Larry Stogsdill, Nathan Files and Don Underwood. Bro. Larry's message, "Adding to Our Faith." Second Peter 1:5-9. Don led the singing and Nathan gave the closing prayer.

Recent visitors were Beverly Maxwell of Cleburne, Bobby and Mary Jane Little of Eastland, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Nell Files of Carbon, Zelda Jordan and Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon.

On Monday morning residents enjoyed a movie.

Some guests were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mozelle Boucher of Stephenville, Billie Marble, Frances Warren, Mary Jeffs, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, Linda Gibbs, Becky Moore, Emily Green, Monica Moore of DeLeon.

On Monday morning Ina Smith had "Table Talk" for several residents.

Recent guests were Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Joey Beaty of Dallas, Jonell Torrez, Juanita Spence and Jean Pryer of Little Elm.

Monday afternoon Gospel Singers coming were Elizabeth Vaughn, Johnnie B. Griffith, Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Winelle Browning, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Ann Warren, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, and Nancy Hendricks. Ruby Lee and Billy Joe brought the specials. There were seventeen residents attending. Billy Joe gave the dismissal prayer.

Some visitors were Max and Janice Grice of Stephenville, Irene West, Ann Warren, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon.

On Monday residents sure were happy to have Karen Guthery come for hair styling.

Recent guests were Thomas and Vicki Seay, James, Ellen, and Rachel Tucker, Billy Earl Simpson, Larry Stogsdill, Don Underwood and Nathan Files.

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

Recent visitors were Kenneth Murdock of Rising Star, Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Pam Childers, Annie Fay Foster.

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

Some guests were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater and Connie Cate of Eastland, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew, and Pat Graham.

Wednesday morning Bro. Larry Stogsdill of the Church of Christ came and had chapel. The devotional was "Judging Others." Bible passage Matthew Chapter 7. There were 12 residents present.

Some visitors were Kay Ann Craddock, Mary Margaret Hudson and Estelle Craddock, June Carruth and Susan Carruth of DeLeon.

Wednesday morning a group of residents enjoyed a movie.

Visiting were Billie Lightfoot of DeLeon, Daisy Slaton and Elizabeth Vaughn of Eastland.

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

Recent guests were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth, Marie Cook of Carbon, Sylvia Estes of DeLeon.

"Caring Hearts" with Shawnah Bass was enjoyed by several guests on Thursday. They enjoyed cookies, snacks and cold drinks.

Some visitors were Winelle Browning, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Louise Smart, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, and Jim Bruton of DeLeon.

Four residents will be honored at the May Birthday party for residents on Thursday, May 26th. There will be refreshments. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the party.

Visiting were Steve Estes of Sanger, Bobby Owens of Ranger, Durward Webb, and Freddie Rodgers of Desdemona.

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

KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

Regardless of what the calendar says, summertime has arrived with the hot temperatures that we've had the past few days. But let us pray that the weatherman is right in predicting rain and cooler weather towards the last of this week.

Bro. Jim Tilley of Ranger preached at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson had a bad nose bleed early Sunday morning and was unable to attend the service. We pray that he is doing well now.

Other visitors at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church were Frank and Beth Shirley, Thomas and Vicky Seay, Amanda Johnson, Ben and Brylee all of Gorman and Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay. Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Norma Webb, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Thomas Seay and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano, rendered the special music.

Visiting with Woodrow and Helen Browning last week were cousins, Dennis and Barbara Rogers of Tyler.

Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay visited during the weekend with their grandparents, Gene and Kay Snider.

Sylvia Buchanan and Nancy Hendricks visited in Eastland with Phyllis Wright and Willie Mae Cozart.

Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo visited on Tuesday with her sister and brother-in-law, Verna Lee and Jimmy Little.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little met Melissa Little of Eastland and Emily Little and Kourtney Peacock of Abilene for lunch in Eastland on Friday.

Zelda Jordan spent Friday night and Saturday in Abilene with Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and attended Ryan and Kody's baseball games on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Ryan and Kody play on the Wylie Bulldog Farm League Team and their team won both games. It was amazing how well all the 6, 7 and 8 year old boys could play.

SYDNE BOND CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Joe and Glynda Bond spent Saturday night and Sunday with their son and family, Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond in Copperas Cove and attended church with them on Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

They all attended the birthday celebration honoring Sydnie Bond who was one year old on May 18 and her cousin, Kaylan Kirkpatrick who was seven years old on May 23, in the home of Stephanie's sister, Angie and Rick Kirkpatrick. Hot dogs with all the trimmings and birthday cake was served. The girls had a great time opening their gifts.

Others attending were Sydnie and Kaylan's grandparents, Don and Gayle Lakin and Great-grandmother, Caryl Anderson and Kaylan's grandmother, Etta Kay Kirkpatrick, and many other family members.



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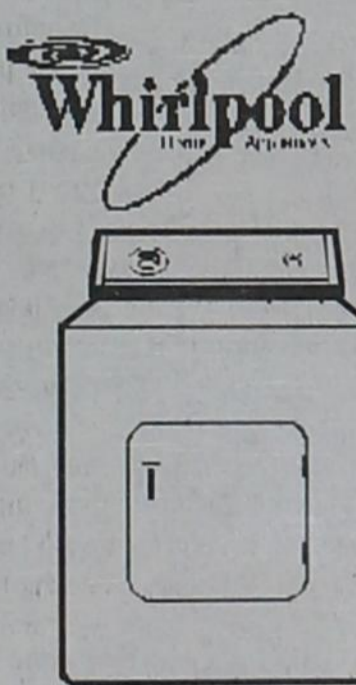


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