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Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned, comprise a diverse group of taxpayers of the Gorman Independent School District. We are homeowners, landowners, and business people of various ages and backgrounds, and we all proud supporters of the children who attend Gorman Schools. We strongly support the upcoming school bond election, and wish to express some of the reasons why we back this endeavor.

*Much-needed classroom space would be part of the facility, equipped with the technology required to effectively teach secondary curriculum.

*State-of-the-art science, technology, and fine arts labs would provide students with the tools they need to master the curriculum and to prepare for college-level classes. Our students would be better trained to succeed in academic competitions, which is a vital part of securing scholarships for our graduates.

*Not only would new facilities be constructed, but also much-needed repairs could be made to existing facilities. Possibilities that have been discussed for improvements could include: new roofs, improved air conditioning and ventilation systems, new flooring, making all facilities handicapped-accessible, providing upgraded facilities for special-needs students, and expanding vocational programs.

*Our school would be able to host more athletic and academic events, thus bringing additional visitors and revenue into both our school and community.

*New and improved facilities would tremendously boost the morale and school spirit amongst students, thereby raising their standards and expectations of themselves.

*This project would bolster a sense of pride and esteem for our entire community. It would be a focal point that would cause our neighboring communities and passers-by to sit up and take notice of Gorman.

We respectfully ask that each and every able voter come out and take part in this important election. Please vote your conscience, but do so only after you have educated yourself with the facts about how this will affect you as a taxpayer. There is much information to be learned about this proposed project. Please take time to read the informational articles in the newspaper and attend the upcoming public meetings. If you have doubts, concerns, or unanswered questions regarding how this project would impact you or our community financially, please ask. If one of us does not know the answers, we will gladly direct you to someone who does.

We in Gorman ISD are very fortunate to have a school system led by a team of trustees and administrators who have the best interest of our students as their focus in all decisions they make. Let us stand behind them in support of progress, in improving our school and our community, and most of all, in creating and supporting a brighter future for our kids.

Sincerely,

(s) Steve and Tracy Spivey

(s) Linda Welch

(s) Tim and Becky Swanner

(s) Mark and Jerilyn Wilkerson

(s) Vicki Brown

(s) Julie and Darren Clark

(s) Lacy and Ronald Majors

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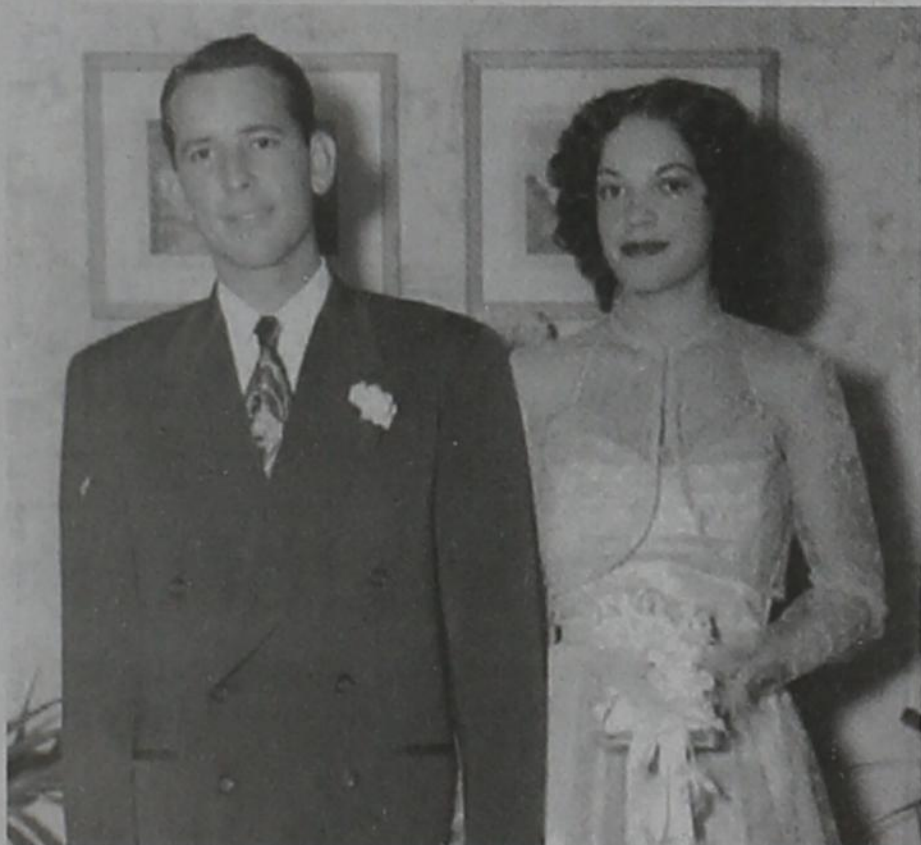
(s) Peyton and Nana Vaughn

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(s) Gary and Ann Burgess

Frank and Beth Shirley Mark 55th Anniversary



Frank and Beth Shirley mark 55th Wedding Anniversary. Frank and Beth were married on October 21, 1951 by Rev. James Everett. Genesis 2: 24 "KJV". Born to this union were 4 sons and spouses, (1) Gary L. and Shirley Ann, of Desdemona; Tiffany and Ronson Childers, Courtney and Hunter; Gary F. and Rita, Trenten, Bricen, Kyle, Ella; Lane and Melissa, Briana and Lane II, and Brittany a senior at Gorman High School. (2) Stephen and Laurell of Sulpher, LA., Amber and Aaron, Erin, Matthew, Jennifer and son Silas. (3) David and Kathryn of Gorman. Danna and Adam, Daniel, a junior at Gorman High. (4) Timothy and Christi of McKinney, Tx, Shay and Cory.

Frank and Beth moved from Lake Livingston in 2005 to retire at 115 Potter in Gorman, Texas.

First Baptist Church Fall Festival

Saturday, October 28th - 2 to 4 p.m.

Hayride, Balloon Animals, Football Toss, Sponge Throw, Cake Walk, Ring Toss, Lots of Games, Candy & Prizes

Firstfruits 5th Annual Fall Festival Is Tuesday, October 31st

The evening will be filled with FREE games, food, and fun for the young and the young at heart. The community is invited to come and enjoy the pumpkin bowl, an inflated bounce slide, an obstacle course, and more. Hot and cold drinks and snacks are also provided for your enjoyment. There is something for all ages. The event will begin immediately following the Halloween Parade on Tuesday night October 31st.

Halloween Costume Parade

This years Halloween Costume Parade will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 6:00 P.M.

Downtown in the park or on the basketball court. So start putting together you favorite costume and come join the parade.

Donations of candy, treats, or money needed. Donations may be left at Smith's Service Station, Bob's Gro. Or City Gro.

Remember Time changes on Sunday before the Parade.

Thank you for your support.

Ina Smith

Gospel Music Concert Set Oct. 29th - Moran

Gospel Music Concert Set for October 29, 2006 starts at 6:00 P.M. at Country Gospel Church in Moran, Texas. Admission is free. Featured Groups are The Howard Family of Gorman, The Soul Lifters from Wichita Falls, and The Redeemed of Eastland. All three of these groups will be singing that night. Please invite your friends and mark your calendars and don't miss it.

CVFD FUND RAISER

Sweet Success -- Yes! The planned beginning of a tradition happened in Carbon, Saturday night with the 1st Wild Game Cook-Off Meal/Fund Raiser/Auction and live entertainment.

This event was sponsored by the Carbon Wildlife Management Association in support of and to benefit the Carbon Volunteer Fire Department.

Scores of volunteers assisted in so many ways and for you we are so thankful! Food prepared by community folks was delicious with desserts and other auction items bringing in big bucks.

To area business people many, many thanks for your donations, this helped so much. A special Thank You to each person who attended our first celebration -- with you, there would have been no party! Singers/entertainers -- Great Job!!

Proclaiming Nov. '06 Official Home Care & Hospice Month

Home care is the preferred method of health care delivery among a growing number of people who are disabled, elderly and chronically ill. Blending the professional care of the hospital setting with the warmth of the home environment, home care offers many people the opportunity to live with their families and friends while receiving the care they need.

The Texas Association for Home Care (TAHC), with more than 500 members who provide home care and other community support services throughout the Lone Star State, is working to keep Texans proud and independent. The support network formed by this dedicated group of home care professionals will continue to play a vital role in health care delivery for many Texans. The TAHC has designed November as "Home Care Month" to raise public awareness of the availability and advantages of home care.

At this time, we encourage all Texans to learn more about home care options and to recognize the hard work and dedication of home care providers and their contributions to the well-being of people of all ages. Their work helps ensure a better quality of life for individuals and their loved ones.

Therefore, I, Brad Stephenson, Eastland County Judge and the Eastland County Commissioners Court, hereby proclaim the month of November as "Official Home Care and Hospice Month."

Signed on this 23rd day of October, 2006.

Daylight Savings Time
Changes Sunday, October 29th
Set Clocks Back One Hour

5th Quarter At Fifth Sunday The Methodist Church

The Gorman United Methodist Church will host 5th Quarter following Friday night's football game for all students 7th through 12th grades. Come on out for some great food, fellowship, and fun!

Church of Christ Halloween Party Set Oct. 31

The Gorman Church of Christ will be having an Halloween Party with Games and Refreshments on Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Panthers To Host Cross Plains Friday

The Gorman Panthers will host another 12-A District opponent, the Cross Plains Buffaloes, this Friday night at 7:30 after having a week's rest during an open date.

The Panthers are standing at the top of the District race with the Tolar Rattlers with 3-0 District Records. The two teams will not meet until the final district game at Gorman on November 10th. Both teams are playing great football and this game could decide the district champ if the teams continue their winning ways in the final three district games.

Gorman will host the Buffaloes on Friday night and then travel to De Leon on November 3rd to take on the improved Bearcats before meeting the Rattlers in the finale.

The Panthers have been putting up some statistics this season and have really gotten the fans stirred up with their fine performances. And they will have to continue their outstanding performances in the remaining games. So let's all continue to give the Big Red our undying support and be on hand for their games.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of the school bond issue. Although my daughter is on the school board, I am not writing because of her position.

I voted in favor of the school bond in the early voting election because I believe that voting in favor of the bond is part of my responsibility of being an American citizen.

I know that I am over 65 and the bond will not affect my house taxes, but I am also a farmer as well as a teacher. My farm taxes will not be affected by my over 65 homestead exemption. I will be retiring for the second time at the end of this year, and because I am a widow drawing teacher retirement, I am not eligible for Social Security widow's benefits.

I was born in Texas at the end of the Great Depression. My late husband and I started to school at the end of the depression and during World War II. I know it was hard for the taxpayers in those days to pay their taxes, but they made the sacrifices to pay those taxes. I know all of them did not have children or grandchildren in those schools. We received a quality education in those small schools. My school was about 1/3 the size of Gorman. I went on to graduate from TCU and did post-graduate and graduate work at Baylor, Tarleton, TCU, the University of Arkansas, and Oklahoma State University.

Since our marriage, we have always lived in rural school districts. Beginning in 1967, taxpayers in two districts paid the taxes that made it possible for my children, Melinda and Olin to receive a quality education, also. Many of the taxpayers in those districts did not have any connections to the children who were attending those schools.

As these taxpayers helped my children, my husband and I receive a quality education; it now becomes my responsibility to help to provide the children in our school now and the ones who will come later with a good education and facilities in which to receive that education.

The thing that has always impressed me about Gorman during the 34 years I have lived here is Gorman's spirit. I have had many people ask me how it is possible that we have the facilities (little league park, tennis courts, stock show facilities, senior citizen hotel, and low rent housing) that we do. It's because we have always pulled together. My husband's cousin who volunteered with the Carter Blood Bank said they had never seen anything like the blood drive that we did for Sue Ann Tarver's son after his accident. I have seen our community pitch in and raise money for families when they were faced with major medical problems, storms and fires time and time again.

When I came to Gorman to teach I thought I had died and gone to heaven. I couldn't believe how much money the PTO raised to be used in each classroom and the elementary in general. I have never asked for something I really thought was needed, that the administration or the PTO did not try to provide, if possible.

I believe we will see an increase in our transfers (which do bring in more attendance money) because we will have great science lab facilities, a fine arts department, computer technology, much needed classroom space, and a gym for UIL sports and other community activities. The old gym will be available for expanded elementary and junior high p.e. time. We are at present offering distance learning and dual credit courses (which can provide high school or college credit) through our technology department. Not all the schools in our area utilize this opportunity as extensively as our school.

Since I was fortunate enough to be born in U. S., and to have received all of the benefits that went with being born here, I am voting for this bond issue, even if my farm taxes go up, to guarantee that the children in school now and those that come in the future will be given a quality education.

This is one way that I can say "Thank you" to all the people who have paid taxes before me and who have fought for our country so I could live in a free country and be able to vote for what I thought was best for our community and our children. I want to urge you to please vote yes on the bond issue.

(s) Martha Harrington

"Spirited House" At Methodist Church, Tuesday, October 31st

The United Methodist Church will host a "Spirited House" October 31st following the parade Tuesday night. Moms, will you in a hurry to get to the parade and not have time to feed your kids supper? Come on over to our house and let us feed your kids for you! We will also have a minor first aid station for those little bumps in the night and our facilities are available for pit stops. There will be goody bags for all the kiddos!

So come on by our house and fill it, empty it, and patch it!

Sophomore Halloween Fundraiser

Haunted Walkway Tour - Price: \$2.00 per person

Frank Gray Memorial Park (Bass Lake)

October 28 - Time: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

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Halloween Dance -- 9:30 pm -12:00 am - \$2.00 charge per person
Gorman Junior High and High School - Students Only

For more information contact:

Sophomore Sponsors: Coach Scott or Mrs. Schaefer
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Gorman GROW will meet on Wednesday, November 1, at 5:30, in the Community Center. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Gorman ISD Early Voting

Gorman ISD Early Voting set from October 23rd thru November 3rd at Gorman ISD Administration Building for all elections.

Obituaries

Jordan Cornell Bob

Jordan Cornell Bob, age 3 months of De Leon, Tx passed away Monday, October 16, 2006 at Comanche County Medical Center. Graveside services were held Saturday, October 21st at 11:00 a.m. at the De Leon Cemetery with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Jordan was born July 2, 2006 in Beaumont, Texas to Ronald J. Bob and Sylvia Michelle Alvarez.

Survivors include parents Ronald Bob and Sylvia Alvarez of De Leon; grandparents, Edward and Sylvia Alvarez of De Leon, Inna Ruben of Fort Worth; Doris Ruben of Beaumont, Domingo and Maria Garcia of De Leon and Leonra Alvarez of Mexico.

Jessie Lee Pell

Jessie Lee Pell, age 55 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Monday, October 22, 2006 at his residence. Memorial Service was held Thursday, October 26th at 10 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Ray Seckinger officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Jessie was born on January 28, 1951 in Gorman to the late Clarence Pell and Betty L. Bingham Pell.

He was employed by the City of De Leon for 18 years, also was an employee at Golden Oak Milling Company. He resided in De Leon most of his life.

He is survived by one son, Jessie Lynn Pell and wife Jill of Lubbock; two grandsons, Jessie and Michael Pell of Lubbock; three sisters, Evelyn Floyd, Bell Spencer, and Susan Cogburn, all of De Leon.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded by one sister, Mary Bershers.

Rilda Irene Thompson

Rilda Irene Thompson, age 76 of Gorman, passed away Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at the Comanche County Medical Clinic.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Oaklawn Cemetery with Barry Schahn officiating. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thompson was born December 20, 1929 in Big Spring, TX to Lawrence Eggleston and Irene (Grace) Eggleston. She married James E. Thompson on January 14, 1951 in Gorman. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2002. Mrs. Thompson was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include: daughter, Marilyn Rollins and husband John of Midlothian; son, James E. Thompson, Jr. and wife, Martha of El Paso; granddaughter, Amanda Rollins of Midlothian; sister, Doris Johnson of De Leon and brother, Sterling Eggleston of Ardmore, OK. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Thurston Eggleston.

Louis A. Droke

Louis A. Droke, 84, passed away to be with the Lord on October 16, 2006 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after battling cancer.

Louis was born July 19, 1922 in McNarey County, Tennessee to Van E. and Lona Thornton Droke. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II in the South Pacific as an Anti-Air Craft Gunner. He married Edna Faye Tucker, June 2, 1951. He had many occupations to provide his family including oil field, plumbing, security and retiring from Gore's Brothers in Comanche; during all his occupation his heart was always on being a rancher/farmer which he continued through working his occupations. In 2001 he received his honorary high school diploma from Comanche High School.

Louis is survived by his wife Edna of Comanche; two sons, Sherman Droke of Comanche, and Lyndon Droke and wife Synthia of Valencia, CA; a daughter, Lona Chears and husband Leland of Abilene; a sister, Ava Nell Bingham and husband Glenn of Comanche, six grandchildren, three great-grand

Joy LaFern "Fern" Grisham

Joy LaFern "Fern" Grisham passed away quietly early Monday morning, October 16, 2006. She had been living with congestive heart failure, and was sometimes referred to as the "bionic woman", with a dual pacemaker, artificial knees and hip.

She was born in De Leon, Texas in 1924, to a southern Baptist preacher, Buford (Boose) Thomas and mother Bertha, who raised and established 11 churches in central Texas and southern Oklahoma in the 1950's and 60's. Fern with her husband J. D. Grisham moved to Lake Havasu City, AZ in 1967 to manage Lake Havasu City, Cove (campground). Then they managed the Lake Havasu City Marina for almost 25 years for their daughter, Linda and husband, Richard McCulloch.

Fern and J. D. Grisham were founding members of the Calvary Baptist Church. Through the years, Fern served the church in many capacities, as a leader in Calvary. She played the piano, taught Sunday School, and served on various committees. "Fern modeled the love of Christ, compassion for people, and a generous spirit in everything that she did. Her faith was an inspiration for over 30 years", said Chad Garrison, pastor at Calvary Baptist.

Fern is survived by her sons, Larry Grisham and wife Lyn of Lake Havasu City, AZ and Michael Grisham and wife, Nancy of Belton, TX; son-in-law, Richard McCulloch of Lake Havasu City, AZ; sister, Mildred Roberts of Gorman; grandchildren Loren Grisham of Georgetown, TX, Austin Grisham of Belton, TX, Michael McCulloch of Scottsdale, AZ, and Jeanne McCulloch of Las Vegas, NV; a double cousin, Ray Thomas of Austin. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, J.D. Grisham, daughter, Linda McCulloch and youngest sister, Gaynelle Hicks.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 21st at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with burial in the De Leon Cemetery.

children and many nieces and nephews.

Louis was preceded in death by two brothers, Shurman Droke and Raymond Droke.

Pallbearers: Bradley Mace, Jay Parker, Todd Schoen, Josh Jenkins, Alan Dent and Mike Bingham.

Wanda Jean Dickey

Wanda Jean Dickey, age 65, of De Leon, Tx passed away on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at Life Care Hospital, Fort Worth, Tx. Funeral services was Saturday, October 21, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Wanda was born on March 26, 1941 in De Leon, Tx to the late Haskell Herman Belt and Edith W. Fann Belt. She married Bobby Joe Dickey on September 12, 1979 in De Leon. She was a homemaker; had resided in De Leon since 1975, coming from Corpus Christi, Tx. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Joe Dickey of De Leon; two sons, Johnny Ray Johnson and wife Patty and Robert "Bobby" Shane Johnson and wife Lee Anne, all of De Leon; step-children, Ralph Dickey and Laurie Duncan, both of De Leon and Stephen Dickey of Brownwood; three grandchildren, Bradley Johnson, Austin Johnson and Dylan Johnson, and two special friends, Mary Horton and Ruby Mathis.

She was also preceded by a son, Larry Allen Johnson on January 27, 1979; and one sister Beulah Faye Bershers.

Serving as pallbearers were Jonathan Dickey, Jeremy Dickey, Josh Dickey, Austin Johnson, Johnny Horton, Randy McLearn, Billy Tischendorf and Coy Bershers.

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- 140 A, recreational, cattle, or horse, creek running thru, water wells, good fences, hunting deer, turkey, hogs, some farm eq. available, minerals negotiable, possible owner financing. [CSK01] \$350,000
- 100A, with 5 stock tanks, waterwell, pipe corrals, good fences, improved varieties of coastal, native pasture, cultivation, and hunting. [MMS01] \$225,000
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on, 9 wells, tractors, shaker, other equipment. [REMO1] \$326,000
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Gorman City Commission Minutes

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, Nathan Files, and Don Underwood. Absent was Charlie Torrez. Others present were Chief Barbara Fenley, and Officer Joe Canterbury.

Don led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:32 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Don made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to pay the bills with a second from Joe. Motion carried 3-0. Please note that the commission was questioning the bill from Cameron Gully for the audit.

Barbara discussed the new schedule with the Commission. She explained what the coverage hours would be. The price of repairing the radar that was sent off was accepted. There was some brief discussion about a couple of incidents that had occurred.

Don made the motion to contribute \$300.00 a year for three (3) years to the school district. This contribution will be put towards the new LED sign being purchased by the school.

Joe made the motion to raise the minimum cost of water from \$13.00 to \$13.50. Don made a second. Motion carried 3-0. This cost raise was based upon the year end budget amounts, and monthly collections compared to monthly cost of water purchase.

After discussion, Nathan made the motion to borrow \$20,000 from American State Bank on a draw note, using only what has to be used to meet the bill payments until tax revenue gets built back up. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business for discussion Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Don. Motion carried 3-0. Time was 6:32 p.m.

Joseph Tandy Craig, Sr.

PHOENIX, AZ. - Joseph Tandy Craig, Sr., 83, Son of William S. Craig Sr. and Ruth Wilhite Craig passed away Tuesday, October 17, 2006 in The Brightens Gardens Facility of Scottsdale Arizona after a short illness. J. T. was born May 12, 1923 in Desdemona, Texas. He graduated from Desdemona High School in 1939 and entered the U. S. Navy the following year.

After Boot Camp in San Diego California he was given the opportunity to take special training in South Carolina. He became an Aerographer and was transferred to the Hawaii Island of Maui shortly after the Bombing of Pearl Harbor where he was stationed and worked as a weather man for the duration of World War II. After a short time in Florida, he accepted a job as Meteorologist at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix where he worked for 37 years. There he met Lois Goslin Wood and they were married April 29, 1950. Lois preceded him in death in 1998.

Surviving children are A daughter Teresa Louise Pasolt of Casa Grande, Az., Sons James H. Wood, Lyle Phillip Craig, Joseph Tandy Craig, Jr. and Patrick Wiliam Craig of Phoenix. Seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Also surviving are four brothers. William S. Craig, Jr. of Comanche, Texas, Jack Louis Craig of Fort Worth, Texas, James Alton Craig of Houston, Texas and Douglas M. Craig of Desdemona, Texas. Six Sisters; Gerry Zummer of Carbon, Tx., Maxine Lawless of DeLeon, Texas, Helen Johnson of Denver, Colorado, Mary Sue Garza of Houston, Texas, Doris Laverne Craig of Granbury, Texas and Vera Love of Horseshoe Bend, Texas. Visitation was at 11:00 a.m. with services following at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, October 21, 2006 at Scottsdale Assembly Church, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Military honors were held Monday, October 23, 2006 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, October 28 at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the "Country and Western" music program which begins at 6:00 p.m. Dorothy Roberts serves as chairman of the Concession Stand with helpers, Gay Moore, Gail Clayton and Vonnie Guthery. Pug Guthery serves as M/C of the program. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend.

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, November 11th, the date for the Annual Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper to be held at the Community Center School Gym. Come early to enjoy food "Home-Cooked" Turkey, Dressing and all the trimmings. More details later on the time and etc.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery enjoyed an "Outing" over the weekend with their family. It is always good to take a "Break" from your daily routine.

J. T. Craig, 83, passed away last week and was buried at his hometown, Phoenix, AZ. Survivors include his children, four brothers, Bill Craig, Jr. of Comanche, Jack Craig of Fort Worth, Jim Craig of Deer Park and Doug Craig of Desdemona; six sisters, Gerry Zummer of Carbon, Maxine Lawless of De Leon, Helen Johnson of Denver, CO., Mary Sue Garza of Houston, Doris Whitley of Granbury, Vera Love of Horseshoe Bay; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Preceded in death by his wife, his parents, Billy and Ruth (Whilite) Craig. The Craig Family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. J. T. graduated with the Class of 1939. J.T. enjoyed his visits back to Texas to attend the annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion in August. Also the Craig Family Reunion was held on the same weekend. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family during the loss of their loved one.

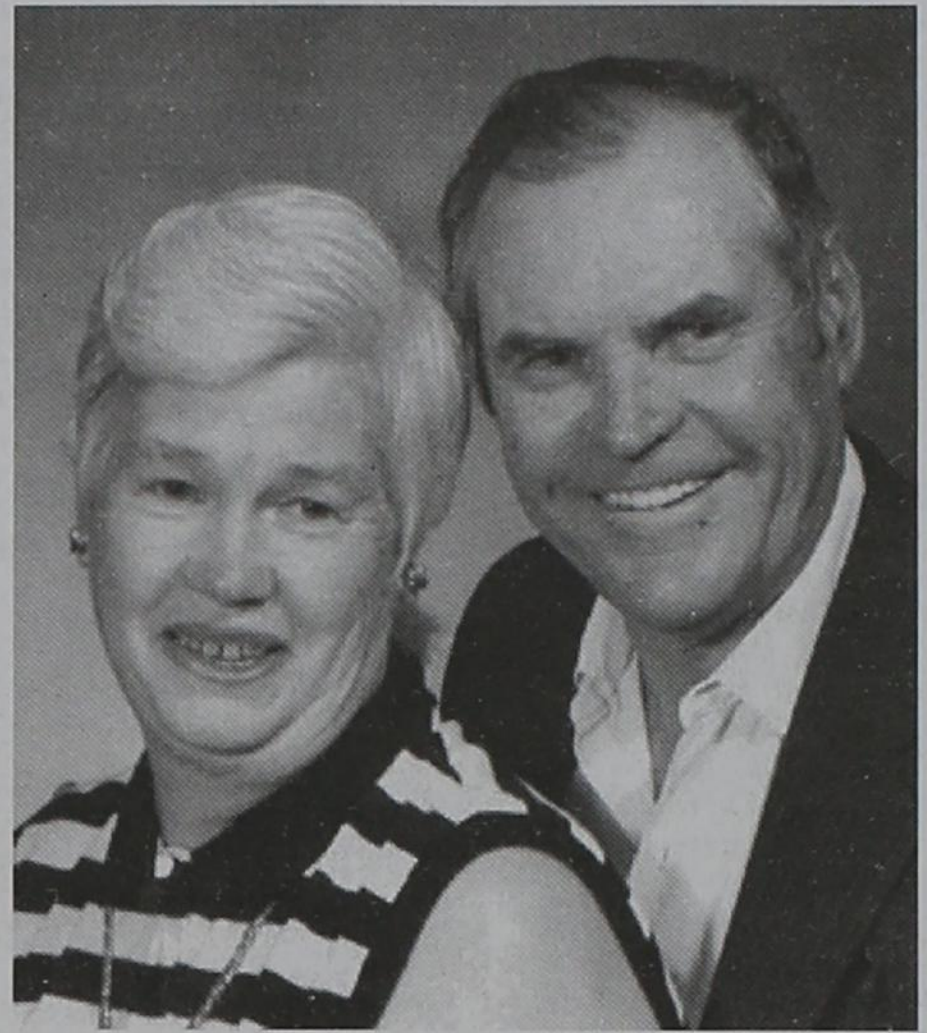
Remember the sick and shut-ins in our Community with your cards and prayers. those in the rest home really do enjoy receiving mail, cards, etc. So take time out from your busy schedule and show someone that you are thinking about them and they you really do care.

"A Country Arts and Crafts Fair" will be held on November 31 thru December 2 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Vendors from different areas will have booths set up for your holiday shopping. Unique Gifts, Arts and Crafts will be on display. The "Country Kitchen" will be open all three days serving breakfast and lunch. If you would like to rent a space for your collection of gifts - Contact Linda Lindley at 254-758-2691.

Our friend, Evelyn (Brown) Bailey, 87, of Odessa passed away. Burial was in the Victor Cemetery. We send our sincere sympathy out to this family.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a nice day.

Joint Funeral Services Held For Ann and Jack Mathis From Olden



OLDEN-Angnell and Jack N. Mathis of Olden, Texas.

Funeral: After 54 years of marriage Jack and Ann will have a joint Funeral Service in the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland 2:30 Wednesday with Jerry and Larry Hooper officiating. They will be laid to rest together in the Eastland City cemetery

Angnell (Ann) passed away Friday Oct. 13, 2006. She was a housewife and a Mom to every kid she met and made sure everyone around her was comfortable and well fed. She was born May 21, 1933 in Lubbock, Texas to Lena and Lon Pryor. She married Jack Mathis in 1952 in New Mexico.

Jack was born near Sylvester, Texas on Dec. 23, 1920 to Rosa and Walter Mathis. A loving father, grand father and great grand father passed away peacefully Sunday Oct. 22, 2006 in the care of Hendrick Hospice in Abilene, Texas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1939 and fought during World War II in the Philippine theater flying P-47 Thunderbolts. He was a master mason for over 50 years after the war. Together they were active in the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary. Dad served several years as post commander of the Eastland chapter.

Jack and Ann are survived by their four children: Gary of Eastland, Texas, Larry of Arlington, Texas, Theresa Clifton of Graham, Texas and Elizabeth Hatch of Abilene, Texas. Grand Children: Erin and Eric Mathis, Courtney and Katy Mathis, Cody and Clinton Jones, Jackson and Travis Hatch. Great grand children Madison and Kirsten Jones and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Jack is survived by one brother Ross Mathis of Seattle, Washington and a son Frank Linne of San Antonio, Texas.

Ann is survived by: Brother Alonzo (Joe) Pryer, Don Pryer. Sisters: Dean Stancil, Clodell Stein, Mozell Catlett and Jewel Cude
The Family wishes memorials be made to Hospice.

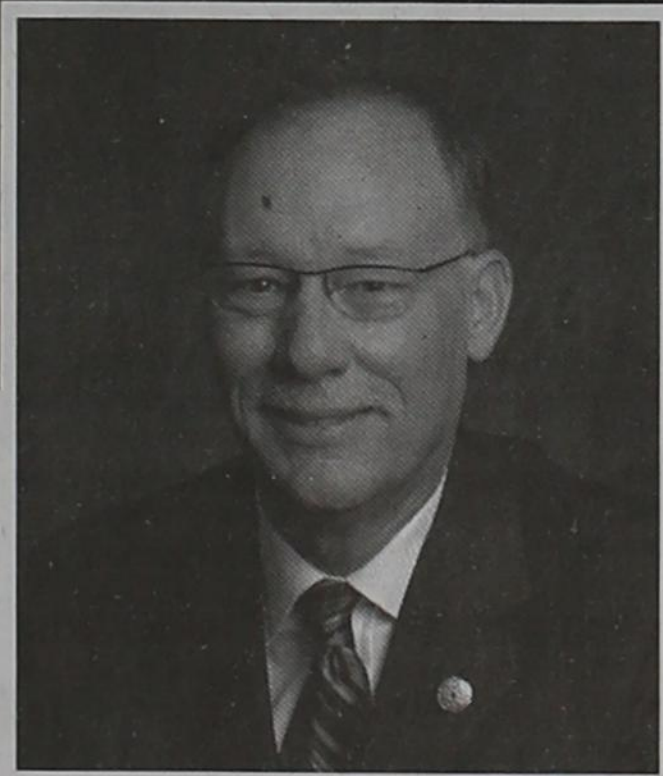
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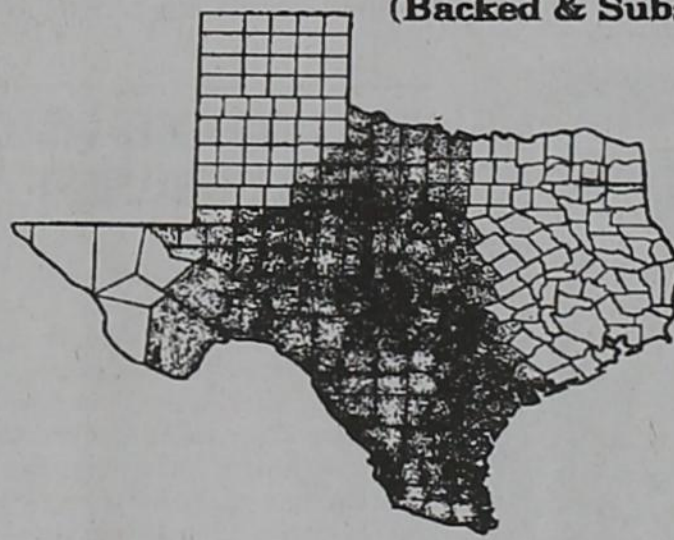
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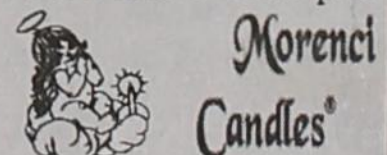
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The "Day" that we've all looked forward to since January 1 is just about here. The Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church are very excited. They will meet for church services for the first time in their new church building on Sunday, October 29th. Sunday School at 10:00 and worship service at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Jack Clack of Moran will be the guest preacher. Visitors are welcome.

The evening services will be dismissed for members to attend the fifth Sunday singing at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Plans are being made to have the dedication of the new church building and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the church on December 10. The church's 100th anniversary came on June 9, 2006, but because of the fire that destroyed the church building the celebration had to be postponed. There will be more on this later.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Bobby and Mary Jane Little for opening their home for the church services each Sunday since the fire. It is our prayer that God will bless them in a mighty way.

Bro. Andy Hansen of Morgan Mill preached at both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, October 22. Other visitors were his wife, Gidget and baby daughter, Evelyn, Vernon Bennett of Crane and Bailey Thomas of Lake Leon. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Ann Warren. "I Am Happy and Free" was beautifully rendered by Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Following the evening service a time of fellowship, and a baby shower honoring baby Evelyn and her parents, Bro. Andy and Gidget was enjoyed. Refreshments of sandwiches, chips and dips, assorted cookies and cold drinks were served.

KITCHEN SHOWER FOR CHURCH

There will be a kitchen shower for the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, November 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the new church building. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Vernon Bennett of Crane, Doug and Carole Little of Midland and Karen Patterson of Eastland visited with Betty Little during the weekend.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, James Little, and Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo enjoyed a vacation trip to Blue Creek, Colorado. They did a lot of fishing and a lot of sight seeing. Had snow one night while they were there. Saw lots of snow on the mountains. They report they had a great time.

Oren and Norma Webb enjoyed a vacation trip through several states up to the northeastern states sight seeing and enjoying the beautiful scenery and marveled at the breath taking scenes that God had created. They had a wonderful trip.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma since they've been home were James Webb of Granbury, Stacy Webb and Rene Fox, Irene West of Gorman, Durwood and Aletha Burgess and Joe and Glynda Bond.

LaVon Snider visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider and Susan, Clay, Kinsey, Caitlin and KyAnn Wheat of Ranger and Klarissa, Karina and Karle Snider of Lake Brownwood who were also visiting in the Ted Snider home.

Kay Snider and Ted Snider visited with LaVon Snider.

Laverne Carr of Lake Whitney spent the weekend with her mother, Troy Scitern.

The cooler weather has really been nice. May we thank God for it and pray for rain.

Are You Part Of this Movement?

Have you ever been a part of "a movement"? The employees of Pyramid HealthCare, headquartered in Whitney, Texas, certainly have been. On September 25, 2006, Mike Tummillo, a licensed/ordained non-denominational minister was hired on by owner Diane Ward to serve the spiritual needs of the organization's 500-plus employees spread out located in ten facilities ranging from Baird to Paris, Stephenville to Grand Saline. Tummillo, previously the Communications Director for the award-winning Stephenville Chamber of Commerce, has served on the staffs of several churches in Grand Prairie, Arlington and Stephenville, and said, "I've been wanting to serve as a Workplace chaplain since I met a man who was serving in that role for Gerber Baby Foods about 12 years ago. He had been a traditional church pastor previously and told me he'd never go back to that after serving in Workplace Ministry. I guess the Lord saw that I was finally prepared to handle the task."

Laura Nash, a Business Ethicist at Harvard University, affirms the need saying, "Spirituality in the workplace is exploding." Fortune Magazine, 2001, reported that, "... a mostly unorganized mass of believers—a counterculture bubbling up all over corporate America—who want to bridge the traditional divide between spirituality and work. Historically, such folk operated below the radar, on their own or in small workplace groups where they prayed or studied the Bible. But now they are getting organized and going public to agitate for change." The article continued: "People who want to mix God and business are rebels on several fronts. They reject the centuries-old American conviction that spirituality is a private matter. They challenge religious thinkers who disdain business as an inherently impure pursuit. They disagree with business people who say that religion is unavoidably divisive."

Hear that, Pyramid? They're calling you a rebel.

Hey Kids - Be sure to come by Heritage Manor after the Halloween Parade for a Treat!!!

EDC Talk

My name is Jessica Lara and today is my first day as the assistant for Mrs. Lori Dodd with the EDC. I never realized how much Gorman actually does for its community and the services that they offer to the public. I always wondered what Mrs. Dodd's job actually was and I never realized how much she was responsible for until today.

For starters, we will begin initiating the Keep Texas Beautiful Recycle Project soon because it takes place on Wednesday, November 15th. We hope that the whole community will participate in this because we don't stop and think about our environment and how it will be affected in the long-run. The community will make day-to-day practical changes in the ways they consume things such as energy, water, materials, and chemicals around their homes. Just stop to think that society throws away about 7.2 pounds of waste per person per day! That is an astonishing amount of trash! Here's a second thought, more than 2 million tons of electronic waste is buried in landfills each year! As a part of this program we will host a Texas Recycles Art Contest for the elementary students in which the project is made from recycled products and creativeness. About 59.1 million pounds of material are collected every year, and we'll be encouraging kids to turn some of that into art!

Furthermore, tying in with this project is the Adopt-a-Highway Program in which the various organizations get together to pick up the trash on the side of the road. This occurs twice a year and then the different organizations will let us know how many bags of trash they picked up in all. Local organizations that participate are the Gorman Livestock Raisers and FFA youth, Gorman Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Gorman GROW, members of the GHS National Honor Society, Birdsong Peanuts, and past participants (who can sign up again at any time) are the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, FBC Youth program, and the 7&8 grade Science Classes at GJH.

In addition to that we keep an eye on the Computer Technology Center that is located in the Community Building and it provides public-access computers for public use. It is open M-F from 8AM - 5PM this is really a great opportunity for the community not to take advantage of. The facility offers:

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In conclusion, I am very excited to begin working for Mrs. Dodd at the EDC. I am a business graduate from Tarleton State University and I was more interested in finding something close to home because I have a three year old daughter that can not be away from me very long so she goes back and forth from her grandma's house and mine all day. I hope to gain a lot from this job so that it can better prepare me for my future career and hopefully go back to school for my masters.

USDA ANNOUNCES DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENT ENROLLMENT

USDA had announced that enrollment for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) was to begin October 1, 2006 and continue until June 1, 2007. Producers are being encouraged to sign up for the program through the online DCP sign-up service which allows producers to choose payment options, assign crop shares and sign and submit their contracts from any computer with Internet access. The producer can not only view but also print out submitted contract options at any time.

This electronic DCP (or eDCP) service can save the producers time, while reducing paperwork and also speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. This service is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in DCP and who obtain eAuthentication accounts. The service has strict security measures to protect participant's private information. Only authorized federal employees have access to information producers submit electronically. To learn more the producer should contact his/her Administrative County Farm Service Agency.

Following the June 1, 2007, deadline, USDA will accept late applications through September 30, 2007, with a \$100 late fee. DCP participants must sign DCP contracts annually, but the producer can choose not to participate in the program in any given year.

USDA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2007, eligible producers may request to receive direct advance payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment rate for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue DCP direct advance payments beginning December 1, 2006.

Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) for a commodity is below its target price.

According to a recent news release, USDA has issued approximately \$30 billion in DCP payments to agricultural pro-

ducers in more than four years since the 2002 Farm Bill authorized the DCP payments.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

We are busy as piglets at morning feed time at the Desdemona Activity Center.

Hey Kids, plans have been for a Halloween Fun Night, October 31, 2006. Get your spooky costume ready and come by the Desdemona Activity Center for a treat. Adults will be there with their spooky masks and some without (but we'll try not to scare you too much.) We will be there from 5:30 p.m. until treats are gone and we have plenty. Mom's and dad's are also welcome.

The first Saturday of the month breakfast is getting close. November 4th is the date and we are anticipating another delicious meal and visiting time. Bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy is the men mitem, with Monty Williams and Wayne Iley the perfect chefs.

Lots of items are already being donated for our garage sale to be held at the Activity Center the 2nd weekend in November 9th, 10th and 11th. If you have items to be picked up call Jr. Moore 758-2610 or Robert Tucker 758-2590.

Sometimes the last part of November (date announced later) we will have a day at the Activity Center to make care packages to send to our local and area service men and women. If you have the name of someone you would like to receive a package at Christmas time or you would like to donate items, please call Nell Moore 758-2610, Dolores Tucker 758-2590, Marie Patty 758-2548 or Helen Depwe 758-2522.

Thomas Hurd, grandson of Joan and Bobby Baker has been home on leave and will be reporting to his new assignment in Cuba next week.

Plans for our annual Christmas Store is already taking place. This event will be held December 7th, 8th and 9th and 14th, 15th and 16th this year. We will have lots of Christmas decorations, gifts and delicious Christmas goodies at a very reasonable cost. We will have more about this at a later date. Mark your calendars so you want miss any of these fun events.

Our community was saddened to learn of the death of J. T. Craig of Arizona. We were please that J.T., his son and daughter-in-law attended our alumni dinner this year at the Activity Center. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Carol Pell and Patti Dold were called to Indiana to be with their mother, who suffered a heart attack and open heart surgery last week. She is still in critical condition. I know they would appreciate our prayers for her and the family as they wait.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
October 23, 2006

Congress Sends Border Fence Measure to President

The Secure Fence Act, which authorizes the construction of 700 miles of security barriers along the southwest border, has now been sent to President Bush for his signature. This piece of legislation is an important piece of the border security puzzle. As we try to improve our national security, it is essential that we know who and what is coming across our borders. This security barrier will help us accomplish that goal.

In addition to the Secure Fence Act, Congress has approved and the President has already signed into law a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security in 2007. This particular bill increases funding for border security and immigration enforcement initiatives. Highlights include \$2.27 billion to help add 1,500 new Border Patrol agents, (for a total of 14,800 agents), and \$1.2 billion for additional border fencing, vehicle barriers, technology and infrastructure.

Border security is a complex issue and will remain a top priority during the 2007 legislative year. As Congress works to fix this problem, I will continue to push for strong measures that beef up security at our borders.

U.S. Economy Continues to Expand

Last week the Dow surpassed the 12,000 mark for the first time in history. This is just the latest sign in a long list of indicators that reflect the strength of the U.S. economy. In addition to a soaring stock market, 6.6 million jobs have been created since tax relief measures went into effect in 2003. Our deficit situation has also improved as tax revenues have increased at double-digit rates over the past two years.

This growth in the economy points to the importance of keeping tax rates low. If the current tax relief is not extended the impact from such a large tax increase will be disastrous. Not only would investment and job growth be hampered, but repealing the tax cuts would lead to a \$2000 tax hike on the average family of four. For the good of the economy and for the good of the family checkbook, we need to keep taxes low for America's families and small businesses.

--Randy

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