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Jump Rope For Heart Event Slated Feb. 7th

The students of Maxfield Elementary are jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On February 7, 2001 at 9:30 a.m., the school will hold its 6th annual Jump Rope For Heart event. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope For Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope For Heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The event empowers children as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

Please help our children help others. When a student asks you to be a sponsor, support Jump Rope For Heart with whatever you can afford to give. If you would like to help more, call your nearest American Heart Association office or 1-800-AHA-USA1.

For more information about the event, contact Jean Lasater or Kim Curlee at 734-2617.

Representative Jim Keffer Named Vice-Chair of Economic Development

(Austin)—House Speaker Pete Laney has appointed State Representative Jim Keffer vice-chair of the House Committee on Economic Development. "This is a great honor," said Keffer. "I appreciate the opportunity Speaker Laney has given me. My staff and I are getting charged up to work on economic development issues affecting our rural communities. We've got a good team." Representative Keffer will also continue to serve on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

"Committee work is vital to the legislative process," Laney said. "Members spend long hours hearing testimony and studying bills in committee, where most of the Legislature's work is done. I look forward to working with Representative Keffer as the House begins to consider and debate a wide range of issues in the 77th Session."

The committee on Economic Development will consider matters affecting the economic growth of the state. The committee on Ways and Means will address issues of taxation, and the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars schedules local and consent bills on the House calendar.

Rep. Keffer represents House District 60, which includes the counties of Eastland, Callahan, Hood, Palo Pinto, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, and Taylor in part. He has been a House member since 1997.

Local Woman Dies In Accident On N. Kent St.



Juanita Files died from injuries in a auto-pickup accident on North Kent street Tuesday afternoon. Services was pending at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman as of press time early Wednesday morning. A complete obituary will be printed in next week's issue of the progress.

Janice E. Glover Awarded Scholarship

Janice Elaine Glover of Gorman was awarded the Lola Drew Endowed Scholarship. She is the daughter of David and Linda Glover.

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences awarded over \$315,729 to 437 scholarship recipients for the 2000-2001 academic year. Awards ranged from \$300 to \$2000 for each recipient. Programs in the college include human development; family studies; early childhood; substance abuse studies; marriage & family therapy; family financial planning; merchandising; fashion design; clothing, textiles and merchandising; interior design, restaurant, hotel and institutional management; food and nutrition/dietetics; environmental design and consumer economics; and family and consumer sciences education.

Eastland Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Thursday, January 25, 2001, has been designated as the date for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Danny Thomas, Cowboy Poet and Songwriter, will be the entertainer for the evening. The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Siebert Elementary Cafeteria with buffet starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be reserved in advance by calling 254-629-2332 or faxing reservations to 254-629-1629. The Chamber invites all area citizens to come enjoy a fabulous meal. Deadline for reservations is Monday, January 22, 2001 at 5 p.m.

Robert Abbott Named Eagle Scout

The boys and leaders of Gorman Boy Scouts Troop #38 would like to congratulate Robert Abbott on his completion of Eagle Scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout requires a lot of work and dedication.

It has been many years since anyone from a Gorman Troop has made Eagle Scout.

Congratulations again Robert!!!

Panthers and Lady Panthers Compete in Powerlifting Meet

The Gorman Lady Panther's Powerlifting Team competed at the Hico Powerlifting Meet on January 20th. The team consists of Mandy Warren, Jamie Maupin, Ashley Maupin, Kendra Roberts and Christina Mauney.

The Lady Panthers had a very good meet. Mandy Warren, a first time lifter, had a grand total of 325. Jamie Maupin, a first time lifter, had a grand total of 345. Kendra Roberts, also a first time lifter, had a grand total of 410. Ashley Maupin, a second year lifter who placed 3rd at Regionals last year, had a grand total of 390. Christina Mauney, also a second year lifter who qualified for Regionals and won State last year, had a grand total of 755.

The Panther Boys Power Lifting Team Traveled to Hico on 1/20/01, Saturday for their first meet of the season.

	Squat	Bench	Deadlift	Total
Robert Abbot	220	170	315	705
Joseph Duvall	370	xxx	xxx	DQ
Cole Dame	400	235	425	1060
(2nd place 220 lb Wt. Div.)				
Brian Hunt	420	275	475	1170
(2nd place 275 Lb Wt. Div)				

Coaches: Chad Coker, Kyle Coker

The Next Power lifting Meet is schedule for Dublin 2/10/01

4-H News

Bedding at the County Show

There will NOT be anyone selling wood shavings at the County Show. You need to bring your own shavings.

Also remember that the County Stock Show entries are due and if you have not filled out your cards and paid your fees you need to see you Ag Teacher immediately or call County Extension Office at 629-2222 and talk with the County Agent.

Project Visits

If you need help getting your animal ready for the County Show or need someone to look at your project, call the Eastland County extension Office at 629-1093. We will try and arrange getting you help.

No Pass No Play!!!

The schools, stock shows and Eastland County Extension Office will strictly enforce the NO PASS NO PLAY for Stock shows, clothing tour, fashion show, food show, etc. Keep your grades up and you will be able to participate.

Gorman Project Show Pictures



Champion Spot Breeding Class - Mandy Warren



Champion Berk Breeding Class - Ben Burgess



Champion Cross Breeding Class - Christina Mauney
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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

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

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

FOOD PANTRY Second Thursday of Each Month

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. Roy Lipson, Worshipful Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE FEBRUARY 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Obituaries

Verna Mae Patterson Bagwell Services Set For Friday

Mrs. Verna Mae Patterson Bagwell, 76, of Gorman, formerly of Rochester died Wednesday morning at Abilene Regional Medical Center after a long illness. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 26th at 2:00 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Rochester with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in the Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bagwell was born October 11, 1924. She married Edward Bagwell on February 24, 1961 in Lamesa, Texas. She was a housewife.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

They had moved to Gorman in 1981 from Midkiff, Texas.

Survivors include: husband, Edward Bagwell, of the home; one daughter, Donna Tucker of Whitesboro; one son, Gene Bagwell of San Marcos, Tx; 2 brothers, Jerry Patterson of Denver City and Dale Patterson of Arkansas; three sisters, Clydie Boydston of Modesta, California, Gracie Erath, of Spur, and "Pat" Henrietta Wheeler of Lubbock; two grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 9 nieces and 3 nephews.

Albert Joseph Williams Laid To Rest Monday

Albert Joseph Williams, 33, of Comanche passed away Saturday, January 20, 2001 in Comanche County from injuries in a car accident on Highway #1702 North of Highway 36.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2001 in the De Leon Cemetery with Ray Seckinger officiating under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Albert attended Faith Baptist Church in Brownwood and had worked as a Machinist for FMC in Stephenville for the past two months. Prior to this, he had worked for Potter Industries in Brownwood for 10 years. Albert was a 1986 graduate of Brownwood High School.

He is survived by one son, Justin Williams of Brownwood, one daughter, Ashley Williams of Brownwood; his father, Bobby Williams of Lake

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Nora Patterson and one brother, W. H. Patterson.

Pallbearers were Gene Bagwell, Mike Peterson, Jerry Patterson, Tom Bilderback, Charles Tucker and Pat Patterson.

Services Held for Annis Lasater

Annis Lucille Lasater, 87, of DeLeon passed away on January 16, 2001 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Thursday, January 18, 2001 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Tom Satterwhite officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery.

Mrs. Lasater was born on November 1, 1913 in Oxford Mississippi to the late D.F. Overstreet and Mary Wells Overstreet. She married Almos Lasater on December 3, 1938 in Gorman, Texas. She is a retired cook and member of the DeLeon First Baptist Church.

Brownwood, his mother and step-father, Glenda and Tommy Piekert of Comanche; one sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Kirk Perry of Comanche; Grandmothers, Velma Williams of Lake Brownwood and Ruth Broughton of Brownwood; four nieces, Misty Terpstra of Sidney, Jessica Williams of Comanche, Fawn Perry of Blanket, Starla Perry of Midlothian, Texas, Eddy Williams of Comanche and Michael Rowe of Comanche.

He was preceded in death by one sister Edna Ruth Williams and his grandparents, Foster Williams and Raymond Broughton.

Services Held for Dale Thalia Grisham

Dale Thalia Grisham, 84, of DeLeon passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2001 at her residence. Services were Saturday, January 20, 2001 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Ray Seckinger and Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mrs. Grisham was born on April 23, 1916 in Beattie, Texas to the late Willie Lee Wolfenbarger and Julia Angeline Griffith Wolfenbarger. She first married Aubrey O. Grisham in 1934 in the Rock Bluff Community. He preceded her in death in 1988. She later married Otho Cogburn in 1989 in DeLeon. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Survivors include three sons, E.J. Grisham of Brady, Billy Ray Grisham of Seminole, Buster Allen Grisham of Colorado City, Texas; one daughter, Dona Jean Grisham Baucom of DeLeon, one sister, Velma Clements of Cisco, Texas, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Also surviving her are 7 step-sons and four step-daughters.

Preceding her in death were two brothers Willie Lee Wolfenbarger, Doyle Junior Wolfenbarger, three sisters, Ethel (Pete) Stephens, Viola Brown, Bertha Thomas and 3 step-sons.

She had lived in the DeLeon area since 1954.

She is survived by two sons, Harold Lasater of Fort Worth and Larry Lasater of Midland; three brothers, Wilburn Overstreet of Gorman, Billy Overstreet of Grand Prairie, Robby Overstreet of Fort Worth; one sister, Mary Lee Langford of Eastland, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Almos and one son, Aubrey Glenn Lasater.

Charles L. Duran Laid To Rest Sunday Jan. 21st

Charles L. Duran, age 77, of Pine Hill, Texas passed away on Friday, January 19, 2001 in a Longview Hospital.

He was born on December 16, 1923 in Pine Hill, Texas to John W. and Era Lee Duran. He was a retired banker, having served as president and chairman of the board of the First National Banks in Lockney, Gorman, and Midlothian, Texas. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corp and had participated in battles in the Philippines, Guam, and Iwo Jima.

He is survived by his children, Mike Duran of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Tresa Gilbert of De Leon, Texas; Christie Duran of Pine Hill, Texas; Pat Duran of San Marcos, Texas and their mother, Jo N. Duran of Henderson, Texas; and daughter Michele Duran of Longview, Texas, and her mother Sibyl Duran of Henderson, Texas, twelve grandchildren, three sisters, and 2 brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services for Mr. Duran were held at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 21, 2001 in the Crawford A-Crim Funeral Home Chapel in Henderson, Texas with Jim Turley officiating. Interment followed in Rusk County Memorial Gardens.

Patricia Holdman Laid to Rest

Patricia "Pat" Holdman, age 65 of Desdemona, passed away Tuesday, January 16th at Doctor's Hospital in Dallas. Services were Saturday, January 20, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona with Bill Campbell and Dr. Dwayne Brawner officiating. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Mrs. Holdman was born March 17, 1935 in El Paso to Lyman Alonzo Davis and Kathryn Elizabeth Taylor Davis. She married Albert Lloyd Holdman on October 12, 1951 in Barstow, Texas. Mrs. Holdman was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. She lived for many years in Kermit before moving to Desdemona 5 years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Albert Lloyd Holdman of Desdemona; daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Ann and Don Vardeman of Tomball; one and daughter-in-law, Lloyd Davis and Lori Holdman of Sundown and eight grandchildren.

Family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

Pause To Think

In the last edition of Pause to Think, we discussed New Year's Resolutions. As a refresher, the best way to change things in our lives that we are dissatisfied with is to become a new creature or person. And that can only be done when a man is in Christ, and Christ is in him 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Paul goes on to say that the all things that become new are of God, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

One of the most important aspects of Christianity is revealed in the previous passage of scripture, reconciliation. There are many things that Christ does in our lives when we come to him. Let's discuss the two found in 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.

1. We are reconciled to God by Jesus Christ
2. We are given the ministry of reconciliation

It is important that we understand who Christ is. He was God manifest in the flesh, which came to reconcile the world unto himself. Paul stated that the word of reconciliation was committed to us.

Now, we become new creatures in Christ Jesus, however in order to stay a new creature we must be reconciled to Christ's will and plan.

Anyone who has ever had a checking account has heard the term reconciliation. In order to operate a checking account successfully, one must reconcile the account on a regular basis.

When an account is reconciled, it is as if it were brand new again. Let's discuss the characteristics of a brand new account.

1. An initial deposit has been made
2. There have been no transactions other than the deposit, therefore one knows exactly the amount of funds in the account
3. There are no mistakes in the records portion of the account

Now, we could just keep the account in this condition by never using it. However, what would be the purpose in that? Why would one want a checking account if he/she had no intention of ever using it?

Once the account goes active, it becomes vulnerable to human error. That is why reconciliation is vital to its success. When an account is truly reconciled, one must not only check the record, but also the statement from the bank. The account is not truly reconciled until the amount in the ledger and the amounts on the statement agree. In order to reconcile the account, every transaction must be taken into consideration. The deposits and withdrawals not itemized on the statement must be taken into account. Thus, it becomes like new again, because one knows exactly the amount of funds in the account.

Reconciling ones checking account is important, but how much more important is the reconciliation of our lives to the statements from God. The word of reconciliation committed to us is God's statement to us. We will be held accountable to its contents with regards to the actions we commit, verbally, physically, and mentally. The Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit is our intercessor Romans 8:26. Without the Holy Spirit and the word of God, reconciliation to God and His will is impossible.

More next week. Address comments or questions to: John Howard, Jr. ithjr77@txol.net PO Box 399 Gorman, Texas 76454



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East End Education Co-op, which serves six school districts--Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Moran, and Ranger, is asking for bids on several items before they will be discarded. Among those items are system 80 computers with the software for reading and math, old laptops, typewriters, a word processor, printers, speakers, older computers, and other related equipment.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

January 22, 2001
HI FOLKS.

I hope each of you are enjoying the New Year and are having a great January. Things are continuing to go well here at the nursing home. We have started a new program at the nursing home called RESPITE CARE and I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you more about it. RESPITE CARE means that an individual comes into the nursing home for a short stay. It could be during the day, over night, or throughout the weekend. The time that an individual stays is very flexible and this program is designed to meet the individual needs of those needing more care but who are not ready for 24 hour nursing care. We currently provide this program on a private pay basis and each 8 hours costs \$25.00. Take of instance an individual coming in at 8 a.m. and staying until 4 p.m. They would eat breakfast and lunch with us and we could even send supper home with them. They would be provided a room to rest in throughout the day as needed and would be provided all of the other services provided by the nursing home. This is a great program that can allow individuals to stay home longer and it also can help give caregivers at home a short break to run errands or just rest. If you would like more information on RESPITE CARE, please contact me at (254) 734-2202 and I will be glad to visit with you and provide more information. Have a great week and I hope to see you soon at the nursing home.

Birth Party

On Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. was the January Birth Party. Honorees were Bea O'Neal and Lola Johnson. Ruth Campbell came played the electric organ and led singing.

Geraldine Wright, Anna Rush and Ina Smith furnished delicious birthday cake that was served with diet cokes.

Honorees received gifts from First United Methodist Church, Church of Christ, First Baptist Church and Heritage Manor.

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Guests were Ina Reynolds, Ruth Campbell, Caro Boswell, Winston Brown, Janet Sanders, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Victoria Perez and Ina Smith.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Curley and Vera West of DeLeon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Sunday morning Tootie Campbell from First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Irene Heathington, Ola Walker, S.D. Gilmore, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Robin Taylor, Modess Self and Patti Whitehorn.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers were June Brooks, Sam and Ann Wyatt, George Rodgers, Vicki Seay, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Visiting George Stewart were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dennington and daughter of DeLeon, Larry Stewart, Howard and Pat Hagood, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Modess Self, Cynthia Earles, Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, and S.D. Gilmore and guests Darrell and Pat Graham.

Guests visiting Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers were Chessley Atchison, Buddy Rogers of Carbon, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Fred and Joy Rogers, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Marion, Adam and Asa Redburn of Fort Worth.

Visiting Ola Walker were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater.

Heritage Manor is happy to report Frankie Jarrett has returned after a few days in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Hope Joiner, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Lou Evelyn Rod-

gers of Midlothian, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Jana Grice, Ima Brown, Mayvis Lasater, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman.

Residents enjoyed the good magazines that Juanita Files donated.

Visiting Lola Johnson and Veno Hale were Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Hope Joiner, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore recently were Curley and Vera West of DeLeon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Durwood Webb, Tod and Nikki Forbus, Wesley and Linda Warren, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona.

On Friday morning Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, Mildred Bellows and Sara Rodgers.

Visiting Cynthia Earles and Modess Self were Donnie Mathison of Carbon, V.O. Huff, Christine Self, Ken and Betty Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Saturday the Art Class were busy painting pictures and visiting. They were Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Modess Self.

Visiting Mary Williams were Dan and Joe Carey of Midlothian, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian, Hope Joiner, Ima Brown, Bro. Paul Denton, Durwood Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood, Anna Rush, Geraldine Wright, Nelda Mauney.

On Monday Ina Smith had bingo for A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Sara Rodgers, Veno Hale, Lola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb and Dean Pounds.

Visiting Clifton and Frankie Jarrett were Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Kay Watson and Bill Johnson, Mark Watson, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Guests visiting Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Those coming for singing on Monday afternoon were Ethel Weaver, Ernestine Campbell, Daisy Slaton, Zeld Jordan, Alpha Mac Andry, Tootie Campbell, Ruby Lee Kinser and Pat Hagood. Residents were Robin Taylor, Patti Whitehorn, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Dorothy Beaty, Ava Rodgers, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay,

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, January 27 at the Community Center. All area singers, musicians and visitors are invited to attend. Come early to enjoy good food, homemade pies and drinks at the concession stand.

Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale will be on Saturday, Feb-

Winn were Harvey Winn of Carbon, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Visiting Stella Files were Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Wednesday afternoon the Art Class made Valentine posters and painted pictures for the green tree for February decorations.

Visiting Hallie Clark were Jo Ann Fraley, Stacey Fraley, Bradi and Brice, Eunice Love and Pat Hagood.

On Thursday morning Ina Smith had "Whatever" for A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows and Frankie Jarrett.

Robin Taylor guests were Dalton Taylor, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Winston Brown, Roger Pounds and Howard Hagood visited Dean Pounds.

Thursday afternoon those in Art Class were A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, and Frankie Jarrett.

uary 3rd at the School Gym. Donations are needed for this sale. If you have items to donate for this sale please contact Vonnice Guthery at 758-2665, Gay Moore at 758-2240 or Dorothy Roberts at 758-2288. Stew and cornbread will be served at noon in the concession stand. Your help will be appreciated. All proceeds will go for much needed roof repairs.

Neil Maltby of Kingsville is very ill at this time. He is a former resident of Desdemona where he graduated with the Class of 1941.

Lots of sickness in our area at this time. Several are going for check-ups and tests this week. Remember them with your cards and prayers.

Our hearts were saddened early Wednesday morning to hear of the death of our good friend and neighbor, Pat Holdman. Survivors include her husband, Albert Holdman of Desdemona; one son and daughter-in-law, Davis and Lori Holdman of Sundown; one daughter and son-in-law, Don and Ann Vardeman of Tomball and eight grandchildren. Burial was on Saturday, January 20th in the Desdemona Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Holdman family.

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Winter weather is still playing around with us with the snow last Thursday and frost on several mornings. The cold wind on Sunday seemed quite wintry too. I'm thankful for the moisture and perhaps the cold weather will get rid of some of the insects, such as fire ants. Let's hope so.

I was quite impressed with the inauguration of President George W. Bush and all the activities that went with it. Let's remember to pray for our new president whether or not you voted for him. He is there to serve us all and lead our nation for the next four years.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Daryl and Cecilia Hirst, Zelda Jordan and Glenda Black of Abilene attended the Cisco Baptist Association Music Rally at the First Baptist Church in Eastland on Monday night, January 15. Daryl and Glenda rendered the music for the Kokomo Baptist Church's part on the program.

Woodrow Browning directed the music at the Sunday morning services at the Kokomo Baptist Church with Helen Browning at the piano and Ruby Lee Kinser at the organ. Helen and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano, rendered the special music.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks during the week were Pauline Miller of Roswell, N.M., Sylvia Buchanan, Gene and Kay Snider, Ruth Bryant and Zelda Jordan.

Nancy Hendricks was a dinner guest of Sylvia Buchanan on Sunday.

Kay Snider attended the recent Erath County Stock Show in Stephenville to see her grandson, Scott Collum show his two lambs. One place Third in his class and the other placed Eighth in his class. Our congratulations to Scott.

Kay Snider visited with Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum on Monday at their home in Huckabay and Kay and the boys spent the day in Stephenville as the boys had a holiday from school.

Hazel and La Von Snider visited in Stephenville on Saturday with Dwayne Snider. Visitors with Hazel and La Von during the week were Gene and Kay Snider, Ted Snider, Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider, Belinda, Audri and Isaac Segura of Gorman and Susan, Kinsey, Caitlin and Kyanne Wheat of Ranger.

Stacy and Kaci Webb and Renee Fox of Comanche, James Webb of Glen Rose and Jacob Webb and friend, Timmy of Stephenville visited with Oren and Norma Webb.

Zelda Jordan spent the weekend in Abilene with Glenda Black and Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell and attended the birthday party for her great-grandsons, Ryan and Kody.

RYAN AND KODY DANIELL CELEBRATE 4TH BIRTHDAYS

Ryan and Kody Daniell who were four years old on January 23rd were honored with a party to celebrate their birthdays on Saturday, January 20th at the Gymnastics Sport Center in Abilene. The party was hosted by their parents, Wade and Sheri Daniell, using a Batman theme.

The birthday cakes, baked by their "Mimi" Glenda Black were decorated with the Batman figurines and each cake had a number 4 candle on it. Ryan's cake was decorated in red with "Happy Birthday Ryan" and Kody's cake was decorated in blue with "Happy Birthday Kody". The cake was served with ice cream and cold drinks to their friends from their church and their day care center and their parents, and special guests Grandparents, Glenda Black, and Loyd and Gail Daniell, a cousin, Tanner Daniell and great-grandmother, Zelda Jordan, and the parents, Wade and Sheri Daniell.

Ryan and Kody had a great time opening their gifts with help from some of the other children.

JON LEWIS CELEBRATES 8TH BIRTHDAY

Randy and Deliah Lewis of Ennis honored their son, Jonathan, with a family fajita dinner and birthday party at their home on Saturday, January 20th. Jon was 8 on January 24th. The birthday cake decorated in a baseball theme was baked by his mother, Deliah.

Among those attending were members of the Lewis family and Delmon and Joyce Eaves of Kokomo, Margaret and Preston Eaves of Charlotte, N.C. and Jamie and Megan Black of Cleburne, and Chris Lewis. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Delmon and Joyce Eaves and Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis visited with Paulette Black in the Cleburne Hospital on Friday. Paulette underwent knee surgery. Jamie and Megan Black accompanied the Eaves and Lewises to Ennis for the weekend. Delmon and Joyce brought them home to Cleburne on Sunday morning. Paulette hope to go home from the hospital soon. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Spiritual Poems Sought

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$3,000.00.

To enter, send one person only of 21 lines or less: *Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line www.freecontest.com.*

The deadline of entering is February 17, 2001. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

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Carbon News

By Michelle Thackerson

Happy Birthday Nichole Forbus on January 25th Crystal, Katey, and Lindey would like to wish their daddy a Happy Birthday on January 30th. He will be 31. Happy Birthday Tony.

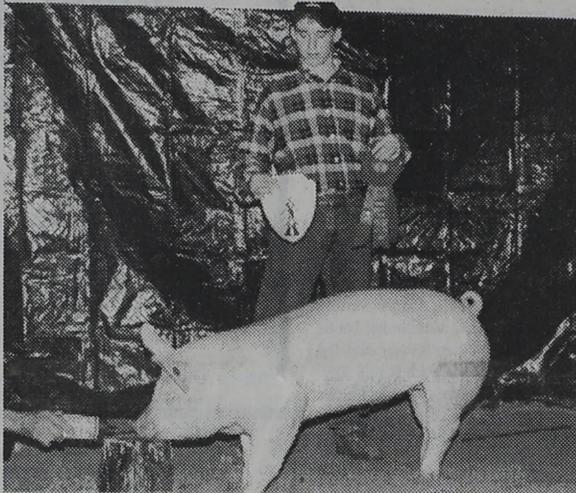
All are invited to attend the wedding reception to celebrate the marriage of David and Nichola Files Saturday, January 27, 2001 at The Carbon Community Baptist Church beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Carbon Community Baptist Church Youth Group will be having a bake sale in front of The Branding Iron in Gorman Friday Feb. 2nd to raise money for World Hunger. We postponed it from last Friday due to the weather. Have a wonderful week and God Bless.

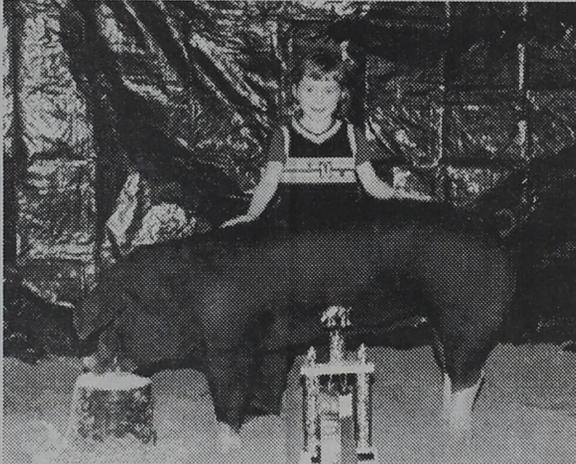
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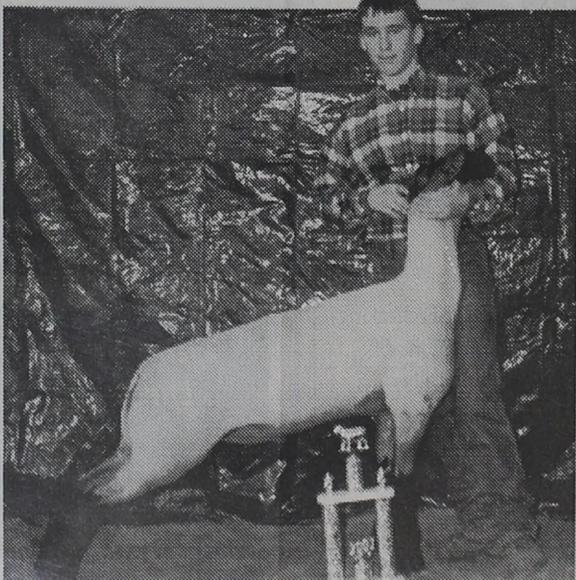
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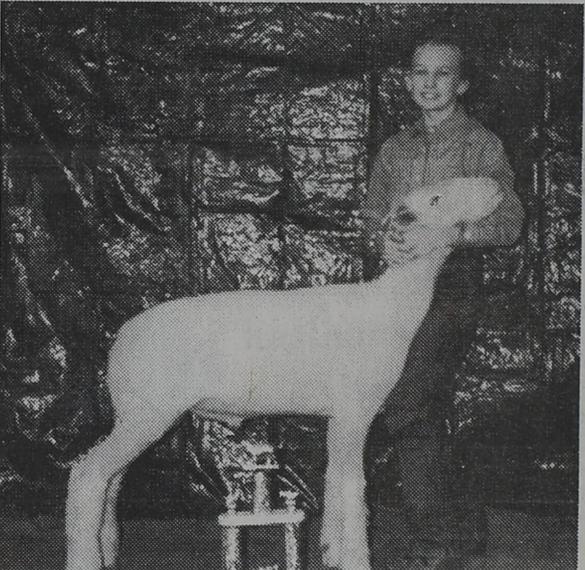
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Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb — Mandy Warren



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Champion Fine Wool Breeds — Megan Preston



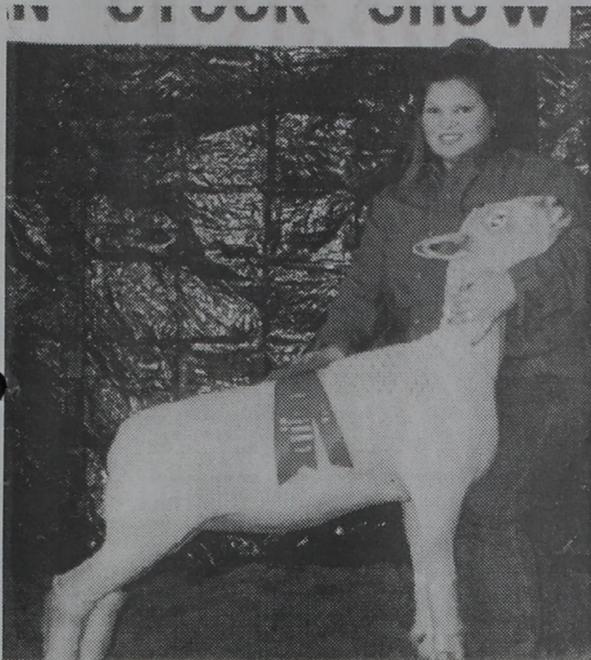
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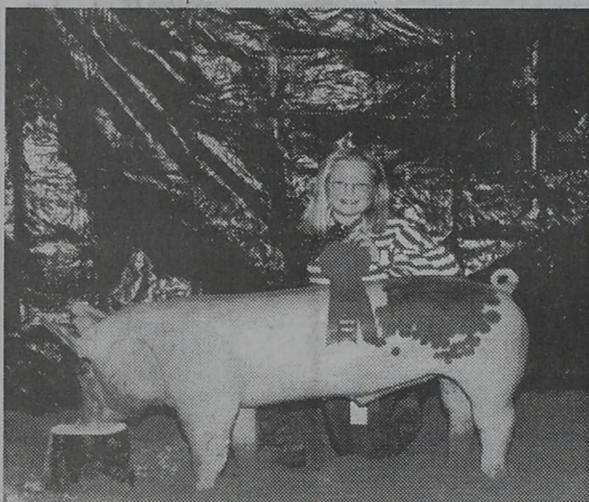
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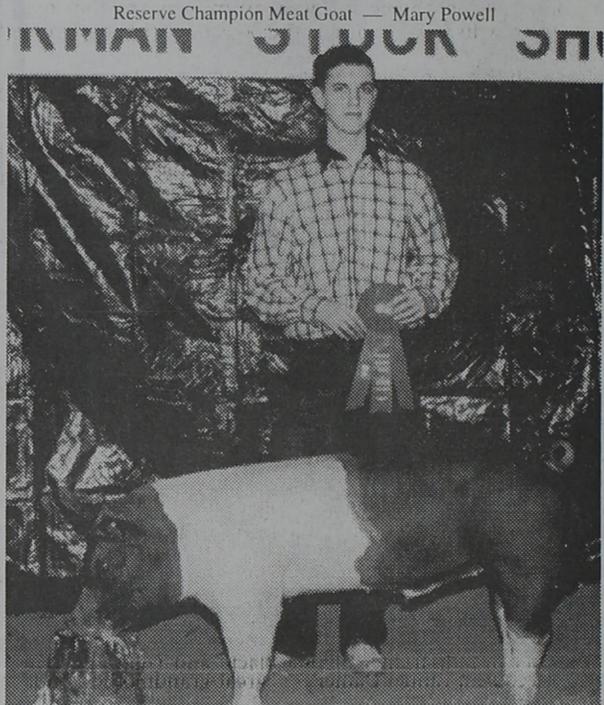
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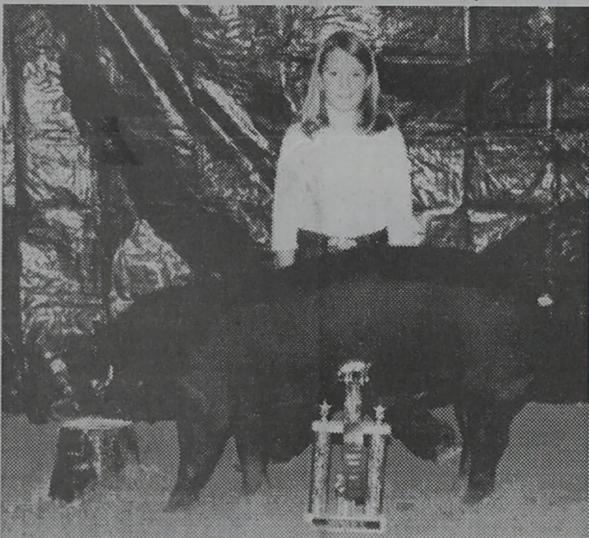
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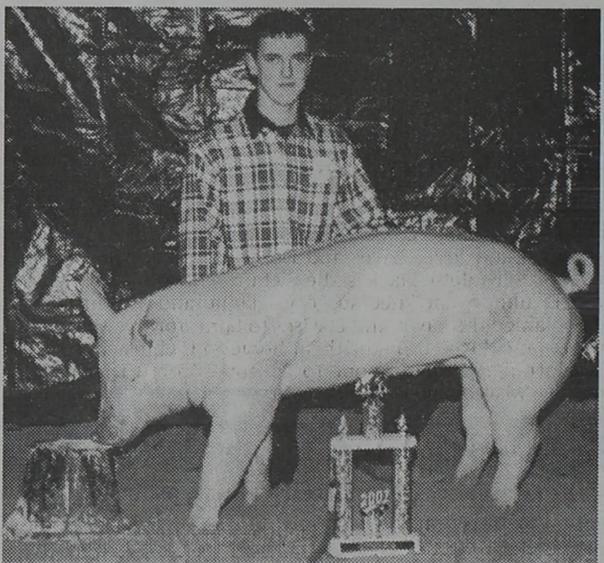
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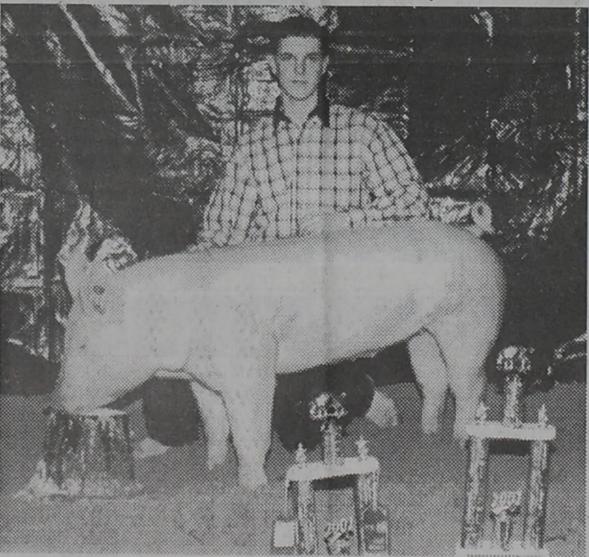
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Champion Duroc Market Division — Marisa Gillan



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Champion Berkshire Market Division — Mandy Warren



Reserve Poland Market Division — Justin Little



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



AMERICA IN THE WORLD

Our country plays a unique role on the world's stage. As the supreme military and diplomatic power, we are called on to mediate conflicts and respond to aggression. As the world's pre-eminent economy, America sets the global standard, and we have pioneered the path to an Age of Information that already rivals the Industrial Revolution in its potential for change. Deciding how to best use our military and economic power is among the most important issues the new 107th Congress faces.

So I hope you will complete the following survey questions on key military, trade and foreign policy issues. Your answers will clarify for me Texans' vision of what they believe is appropriate for their country, and give me an understanding of the kind of responsibilities you believe America should shoulder in the world.

As always, I am grateful for this newspaper's generosity in printing this survey.

PART TWO OF QUESTIONNAIRE

1) The United States has deployed troops in response to humanitarian crises in countries such as Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti in recent years.

These situations, while grave, do not directly threaten America's national security interests. Our leadership on such missions is acknowledged by other nations. But this comes with certain costs: monetary, and stretching our military so thin that our own readiness is reduced. How do you think our country can best meet its responsibilities in the world, and how broad do you think those responsibilities ought to be?

Maintain same level of peacekeeping commitments as we have during the past eight years

Expand our role in peacekeeping missions

Cut back on these significantly and encourage allies to take more responsibility

Other

2) In 1998 Congress passed the National Missile Defense Act, a law that makes it the policy of this country to deploy a network of missile interceptors able to shoot down enemy ballistic missiles. The Clinton administration, however, did not pursue this congressional mandate. Meanwhile, China has continued to develop its nuclear and ballistic missile technology. More than two dozen smaller countries have acquired ballistic missile technology as well. Nations such as Iran are building long-range missiles, and some may soon be able to strike the United States, carrying nuclear, chemical or biological warheads. How important do you think it is for the United States to move ahead on the creation of a missile defense system? Do you think the missile defense shield should be a higher priority project than it has in the past?

Do you think it is important for the United States to move ahead on the creation of a missile defense system? Yes ___ No ___

Do you think the missile defense shield should be a higher priority than it has in the past? Yes ___ No ___

3) In your opinion, what is the most significant foreign or national security matter now confronting the United States?

- Middle East ___
- China/Taiwan ___
- North/South Korea ___
- NATO expansion ___
- Balkans ___
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