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Exchange Students Have Texas Christmas



Several exchange students in the area have experienced a different kind of holiday season. Students in the area are Ivana Starikova in Breckenridge, Kerstin Siemering in Sidney, Has-Christian Baumann in Cooper High, Abilene; Katharina Schulz in Rising Star and Adrian Sichau in Gorman. Richard Svarovsky, who was an exchange student 2 years ago, is going to University of Arts and Sciences in Oklahoma. The program requires that student spend the holidays with their host parents so that they can learn the local customs. All the students are playing sports and taking an active part in school activities.

Chris Baumann plays in the Cooper band and got to go to Texas Stadium twice when their football team played there. He also is playing soccer. Kerstin Siemering is playing basketball. Katharina played volleyball and is going to run track. Ivana plans to try softball. Adrian tried football and is playing basketball and maybe baseball. All have added another dimension to the schools. They are required to give at least 2 talks to groups in their community, so if you would like one of these students to talk to your group, just call and I am sure it could be arranged.

An update on Richard. As you remember he is quite a basketball player. He is going to the University on a basketball scholarship. Their team is ranked #6 in the nation in Division I, NAIA. They played the #1 team and beat them 3 points. Since he couldn't go home to Czech Rep, he spent his holidays here.

For information concerning exchange students, contact Eula Micars 254-734-2517 in Gorman, Texas 76454.

4-Hers Show Dairy & Meat Goats at Fort Worth

Dan Nicks of the Carbon 4-H Club had the Reserve Champion Doe of the Open Dairy Goat Show at the Southwestern Expo & Livestock Show in Ft. Worth on January 20-21. Dan also had a 2nd Place 2 year old doe. Ben Nicks also of the Carbon 4-H Club, exhibited the 2nd Place aged doe. In the Jr. Show, Dan had a 2nd Plate 2 year old doe.

Other 4-H Milk Goat exhibitors were Rebekah and Ester Nicks who are also members of the Carbon 4-H Club.

Shana Gann of the Carbon 4-H Club had the 1st Place light weight meat goat. Shana's 68 lb. goat won over 97 other entries.

Kathryn Kelly also of the Carbon Club placed 5th in the heavy weight class.

Brandy Gann of the Carbon 4-H Club also showed a goat the middle weight class.

Josh Garza and Kim Carlton To Pledge Nuptials June 23



Kim Carlton and Josh Garza are proud to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Kim is the daughter of Darrell Carlton of Carbon and Karen Eastman of North Richland Hills. Maternal grandparents are Dub and Ina Reynolds of Carbon. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Rosetta Carlton also of Carbon.

Kim is a 1999 graduate of Gorman High School, and is currently attending Tarrant County College in Fort Worth.

Josh is the son of Benny and La Donna Garza of Quanah. He is a 1999 graduate of Quanah High School, and is currently employed as Manager of Bennigan's in North Richland Hills.

Kim and Josh will be married June 23, 2001 in Carbon. Following the honeymoon, the couple will reside in Watauga.

Extension Education Assoc. to Meet

The Eastland Extension Education Association will meet Wednesday, February 7th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Eastland National Bank Community Room. All club members are invited to attend.

Also handouts for the February and March programs will be available for program leaders to pick up.

Diana Gilder Graduate of UNT

Diana G. Gilder graduated from the University of North Texas on December 16, 2000 with a Master of Arts degree in Speech-Language Pathology. While at UNT, Diana was Lead Graduate Assistant at the Speech and Hearing Center. She also earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from UNT in May of 1999 in Speech and Hearing Sciences. She was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Diana is the wife of Toby Gilder, daughter of David and Linda Glover, and granddaughter of Ennis and Nina Joiner, all of Gorman. She is employed by the Comanche Special Services Co-op in DeLeon as a Speech Therapist, serving DeLeon and Gustine. After completing a nine-month internship, she will be eligible for the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Eastland Co. 4-H Horse Judging Team Enters 1st Contest for 2001

The Eastland County 4-H Horse Judging Team participated in the Cleburne Horse Judging Contest on Saturday, January 13th.

Classes judged included two halter, and performance events consisting of Hunter Under Saddle, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, and Roping.

Meagan Reynolds placed 4th in halter and 10th overall in the junior division.

The senior team consisting of Eric Whitlock, Jacquelynn Schuman, Carrie Shipps, and Collin Ethridge placed 7th in performance.

The team will judge at the San Antonio Livestock Show on February 10th.

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.

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.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought and excessive heat occurring January 1, 2000, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson," Marilyn S. Richer said.

Callahan, Eastland, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, and Taylor Counties are six of 253 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought and excessive heat."

Marilyn S. Richer said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least an 80 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," Marilyn S. Richer said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until August 20, 2001 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Marilyn S. Richer said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognize farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

David and Nichola Pledge Vows Jan. 20th



David Files of Carbon and Nichola Allison of Oklahoma were married January 20, 2001 in Oklahoma. All are invited to attend a wedding reception for the couple Saturday January 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Carbon Community Baptist Church, the old Carbon School building.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

GARAGE SALE — Desdemona Community Center, Saturday, February 3rd, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lots of Stuff. Concession Stand will serve homemade stew, cornbread, dessert, and drinks at noon. Proceeds go for new roof on entire building.

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.

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note from the Administrator January 29, 2001

Hi folks,
I hope each of you had a good week and are doing well. We have had a busy week at Heritage Manor. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday we delivered Meals on Wheels to several community members. We also had a blood pressure clinic on Wednesday at the Gorman Hotel. We are really enjoying the community service that we are providing. If you have other ideas of how we can help the community, please give us a call. As always, remember you're always welcome at Heritage Manor.
Have a great week!!!
s/ Brent

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Glen Edward Glasson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Saturday morning, David Patterson of Abilene came and entertained residents by singing and leading singing. Residents were Modess Self, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Iola Johnson, Ola Walker, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beatty and Buddy Winn.

Some of A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers guests were Frank and Ella Reeves of Irving, George Rodgers, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell and Ennis Joiner of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, Ava Rodgers, Ola Walker, Dorothy Beatty, Dean Pounds, Veno Hale, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, Stella Files, Modess Self, Iola Johnson, Robin Taylor and Muriel Prewitt.

Visiting Clifton and Frankie Jarrett were Tanya Robertson of San Francisco, CA, Eddie Robertson of Arlington, Donna Mathison of Carbon, Kay Watson, Bill Johnson, Mark Watson, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Wynogene Smith.

Some of Hallie Clark guests were JoAnn Fraley, Bradi and Brice Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 those coming from First United Methodist Church were Rev. Victor Pena, Howard and Pat Hagood, Jim and Kay Rice, Jean Halcomb, Joe and Kathie Williams and guest, Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Frankie Jarrett, Iola Johnson, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Robin Taylor, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, and Dorothy Beatty.

Guests visiting Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison were Chessley Atchison, Leo and Eloise Williams, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Donna Mathison of Carbon, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Denzel and Fay Ables, Irene West, Fred and Joy Rogers, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Wynogene Smith, Ouida and Kacey Gartman of Kamay.

Some of Dean Pounds visitors were Roger Pounds, Gladys Pounds, Winston Brown, Howard Hagood.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Mildred Bellows, Ora Mae Atchison, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Sara Rodgers, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett.

Linda Hughes, LVN
Heritage Manor is happy to report Linda Hughes, LVN, of DeLeon, is now on the staff. Mrs. Hughes and husband, Ray, live in DeLeon. She had been working in Stephenville. Vicki Rich is her daughter and Billie Jo Stew-

art is her sister. Welcome to Heritage Manor.

Visiting Iola Johnson and Veno Hale were Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Monday afternoon those coming for the singing were Tootie Campbell, Daisy Slaton, Marjorie Treadway, Ethel Weaver, Ernestine Campbell, Nina Joiner, Ruby Lee Kinser, Alpha Mae Andry, Pat Hagood, Wynogene Smith, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Mildred Bellows, Modess Self, Deon Pounds, Richard Kinser, Robin Taylor, Hallie Clark, Dorothy Beatty, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Jim and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Benny and Deanna Chupp of Houston, Rodney and Ruth Spencer of San Antonio, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Ken and Betty Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Fay and Denzel Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood, Billy Earl and Francis Simpson.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric organ and led singing for Robin Taylor, Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, Ava Rodgers, Ora Mae Atchison, A.V. Seay, Iola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale and guest, Pat Graham.

Visiting Dorothy Beatty and Ollie Halcomb were David and Deana Halcomb, Denzel and Fay Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love.

On Tuesday afternoon those watching the movie, "The Sound of Music" were A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, Modess Self and Ollie Halcomb.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Eunice Love.

Visiting Robin Taylor were Taylor, James, and Ellen Tucker, Rachel Tucker, Barbara Tucker and Eunice Love.

On Wednesday morning, Ennis and Nina Joiner of First Baptist Church had chapel for Modess Self, Dorothy Beatty, Cynthia Earles, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore and Ollie Halcomb.

Some of Mildred Bellows guests were Darrell and Pat Graham, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Art Class painted valentines. They were A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, Inez Rogers, Dorothy Beatty.

Visiting Richard Kinser were Howard Hagood, Rex Kinser, James and Ruby Lee Kinser.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had "What's My Line" for A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Ava Rodgers, Modess Self, and Inez Rogers.

Patti Whitehorn guests were Marie Cook, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes and Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Ina Smith and the Art Class were busy on Thursday making Valentine Containers to go on doors for Valentines beginning in February. They were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Mildred Bellows, and Modess Self.

Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood visited Stella Files.

Visiting Ola Walker were Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love and Pat Hagood.

On Friday morning, Kathy Torre had bingo for Sara Rodgers, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Modess Self,

Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, and Ava Rodgers.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Billy Earl and Francis Simpson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Irene West, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love, Ima Brown, Bro. Paul Denton, Wynogene Smith, Durwood Webb, Fay Johnson.

Friday afternoon in Arts and Crafts residents painted Valentines and decorations for the green tree. They were A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Modess Self, Frankie Jarrett, and Ora Mae Atchison.

Visiting Cynthia Earles and Modess Self were Ruth Bryant, V.O. Huff, Inez Rogers, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Eunice Love, Pat and Howard Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables, Christine Self.

On Friday, Ollie Halcomb enjoyed an outing with her son, David Halcomb. They ate out and did some sight-seeing.

TEXAS MIDWEST DAY IN AUSTIN

Texas Midwest Community Network announces plans for Texas Midwest Day in Austin on Feb. 21, 2001.

A full day of activities will give community leaders from the region an opportunity for recognition with state legislators and state agencies as they exemplify the importance of communities working together to accomplish what one community can not do alone.

"Generally speaking, rural communities are at a disadvantage when it comes to influencing state lawmakers. By joining together," says TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle, "a larger group of rural delegates gets more attention and presents a stronger voice in Austin."

TMCN encourages citizens throughout the region to take part in a special day of recognition, which includes resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives, a photo session with legislators from the region, tour of the Governors' Mansion and a Tailgate reception for Legislators to climax the day.

Several communities in the region are planning day-trips by charter bus. Others are forming caravans to drive to Austin and back the same day. The more citizens attending from the region, the better the message will be heard for rural Texas. TMCN identifies five important reasons to make the decision to participate:

- ← strengthen participation from our region in the legislative process
- ← honor the eleven Legislators from this region
- ← bring attention to issues of concern in the region
- ← inform elected officials about the many positive attributes of the Texas Midwest
- ← demonstrate a strong voice for rural Texas

During the past year, TMCN compiled a list of issues of concern in the region. The list of issues has been delivered to legislators and will be the message to reinforce during the Legislative Day in February.

To register for Texas Midwest Day in Austin and receive final details for the day, call the TMCN Office 915-

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch for:
The Rubbermaid Home Products survival kit at www.survivewinterdriving.com.
U.S. Food and Drug Administration at www.FDA.gov.
American Dietetic Association at www.eatright.org.
Georgetown University Center for Food and Nutrition Policy at www.ceresnet.org.
University of California Center for Consumer Research at ccr.ucdavis.edu.
SEC at www.sec.gov.
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration at www.fda.gov.
LizGolf by Liz Claiborne collection at www.lizclaiborne.com.
United States Fire Administration at www.usfa.fema.gov.
Texas Travel at www.travel.texas.com.

Internet Classes Set Thursday Night

Just a quick note to remind you that I will be presenting the monthly TXOL Internet class this Thursday evening Feb. 1st at 6:30pm. The classes are for anyone who wants to attend and learn about the Internet and how to use it. Don't be shy as we always have a good time, and I promise to get you out of here in plenty of time for the evening news.

I will be showing class examples using the Microsoft Internet Explorer and Outlook Express programs. Reservations are not required and everyone is welcome to attend. Bryans Auto and Computers TXOL Internet - Southwest Side Seminar Room Entry 925 East Main Street — Eastland

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support@txol.net

Visiting Ed Johnson and Buddy Winn were Harvey Winn of Carbon, Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson, Howard Hagood.

Ola Walker guests were Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Sorry to report Dean Pounds is in the DeLeon Hospital.

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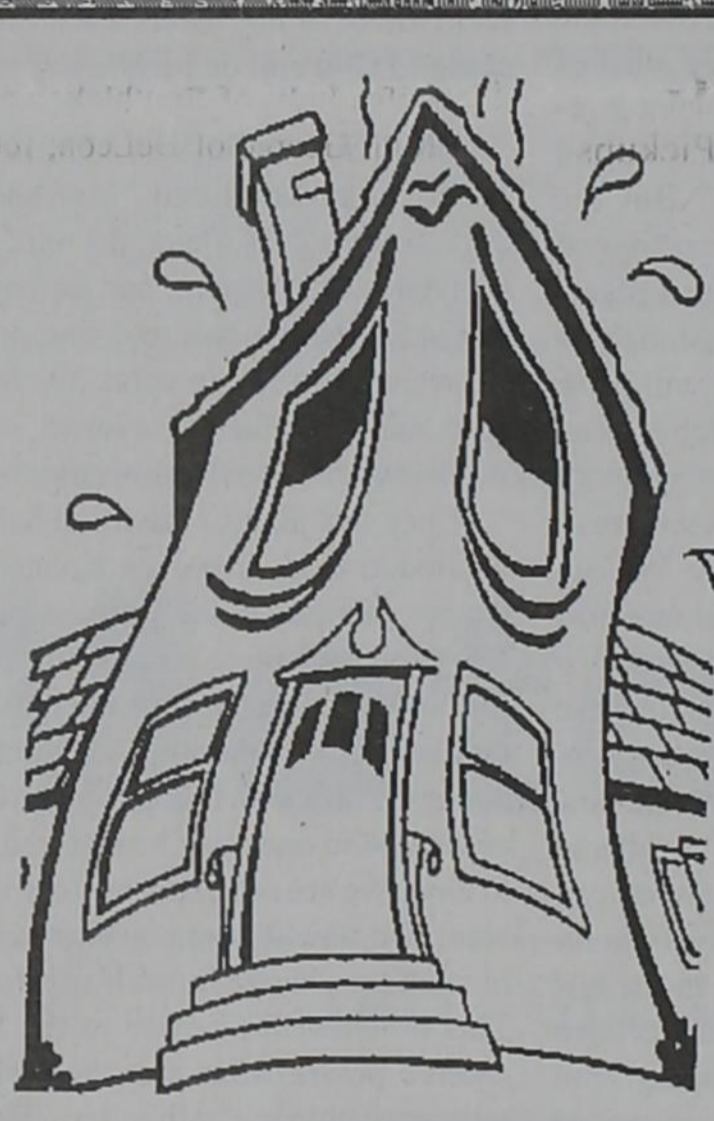
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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Alan Lesley, Manager of Human Resources. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feel that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Administrator, Rural Utility service, Stop 1510, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20250-1510; or the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

How wonderful that the good Lord sent us more rain during the weekend, along with a lot of fog, thunder and lightning. My gauge showed over three inches during the past few days. We are so thankful for the moisture on our land and trees.

The choir led by Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano rendered the special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Those in the choir were Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Karen Patterson, Joe Bond and Jimmy Little. Visitors for the service were Karen Paterson of Eastland, Jim Bob Edington and Elizabeth North of Olden.

Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Lisa Snider of Arlington and Jeannie, Brooke, and Tanner Spencer of Stephenville visited with Hazel and La Von Snider on Sunday night enroute home from a visit with Sheri Snider in Lubbock. Others visiting with Hazel and La Von during the week were Ted Snider, Gene and Kay Snider, Dan Snider, Belinda, Audri and Isaac Segura of Gorman.

Larry and Betty Strube attended the birthday party honoring an uncle E.W. "Buddy" Lovell on his 90th birthday on Sunday, January 28th at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Sheron and Billy Graham of Lake Brownwood.

Earl and Betty Little and James, Ashley and Breckley Little visited with Jimmy and Verna Little.

Daisy Slaton and Zelda Jordan were in Abilene on Friday and visited with Daisy's granddaughter and family, Tanya and Mark Harrison and son, Evan, and their new twin daughters at the Abilene Regional Medical Center where the twin girls, Darby Nicole and Sydney Lauren were born on January 25, 2001. They also visited with Daisy's daughter, Sunny Black.

Zelda Jordan and Glenda and J.S. Ripley attended the Statler Brothers and Tara Lynn Concert in Abilene on Sunday afternoon. They met Glenda and Leon Black, Shelby Bolls and Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell for lunch at the Golden Corral and Glenda, Shelby and Sheri also attended the concert. It was a wonderful program that was really enjoyed by all attending, and the Civic Center was full to capacity.

Nancy Hendricks received word that June Lee of Houston passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2001 in Houston. Mrs. Lee was the mother of Lani (Mrs. Don) O'Neal. We extend sincere sympathy to Lani and Don and their family.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



AGENDA FOR THE 107th CONGRESS

The 107th Congress' agenda is simple and clear: Work to emphasize quality public education, maintain our economic growth and global leadership and modernize our health care and Social Security systems. We want to produce results for families and children, men and women, all Americans. We seek bipartisan cooperation and will initially focus a great deal of thought and effort in the following areas:

Education: At the upper levels, our universities and colleges are the finest in the world. Students and researchers from across the globe come to the United States to study and learn. But at the secondary and elementary school levels, we have a wide disparity of quality and needs. Of course, our historical American tradition is for educational decisions to be sorted out at the local and community level, and local property taxes typically provide most of the funding for our schools. We want to ensure that local decision-making remains paramount, and that Washington does not dictate to local families and teachers how their children should be educated.

But the federal government can help in so many ways. Good examples of this are federal programs that encourage high school students to take challenging advanced-placement courses and federal incentives for mid-career or retired professionals to enter classrooms and teach where they can make a real difference. We will work with the new President to emphasize these targeted yet flexible approaches as an alternative to simply spending more money without results.

Restoring our military capability: At the Republican Convention, Vice President Cheney pledged to our military forces that help was on the way. We can deliver on that promise by focusing quickly on military readiness and modernization. While our forces are the best trained and equipped in the world today, it is still very difficult for them to adequately address the many missions they've been assigned. We must increase the size of our force, with an emphasis on combat troops and equipment. We are fortunate to have as our partners in the new administration Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. With their support and cooperation, we can identify the areas which need the quickest attention and move aggressively to fix the problems. **Tax relief:** We have passed bipartisan tax relief bills in the last two years, only to see our work ended with the President's veto pen. Things have changed now. President Bush made tax relief a major theme of his campaign and he is preparing to send to the Congress a number of significant measures to provide this relief. One of those measures will be to cut tax rates across the board for all Americans. Another will be relief from federal taxes levied on families when a loved one dies. For millions of Americans, elimination of the federal tax penalty on marriage will also be a high priority item, and on January 22, I introduced legislation to end it. This year, I'm optimistic we will.

Social Security and Medicare Reform: Both of these are also high on our list. We have taken the lead, with key Democrats, including Louisiana Senator John Breaux, to reform Medicare and give seniors new prescription drug and other benefits and options, while at the same time putting the program on a sound financial track to keep it solvent and available for future generations of retirees. President Bush has a specific plan to implement a Medicare prescription drug benefit, in the context of overall reform, and I am confident Congress will take up the issue in short order. **Energy Independence:** Finally, we share President Bush's commitment to developing and implementing a comprehensive national energy policy. We should continue our commitment to making our nation more fuel efficient and to developing new sources of energy. We must also explore and develop new production of the traditional resources that still meet the vast majority of our energy needs. We have gone from 36 percent dependence on foreign oil during the 1994 oil embargo that nearly crippled our economy to 56 percent dependence today. The alternative to expanding domestic production is a growing reliance on imported oil from OPEC nations that do not share our interests. With new exploration, conservation and tax incentives to the hundreds of thousands of small business oil producers who cannot survive the boom-bust cycle without them, we can reverse this trend. A host of other issues awaits us, but these are some of the first that will be on the congressional agenda in this new year. I expect President Bush and Congress to seek sensible solutions that enjoy broad support across parties.

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Gorman City Commission Meeting Held Recently

January 18, 2001

The Gorman City Commission met in Regular Session on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners: Judy Warren, Donnie Rodgers, Alex Granado, and Bill Vaughn. Also others present were Debra Clark, Joe Williams, Glenn Scitem, Charles Buckmaster, Ron Skiles, and Lori Dodd.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Donnie made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2001 meeting. Alex made a second. The motion carried 4-0.

Bill made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2001 Called meeting. Alex made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Judy made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Donnie made a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Lori Dodd was present to update the Commission on the Gorman Grow project plan(s). This year they would like to help in making the much needed repairs to the swimming pool. Lori stated that "man-power" would be supplied or rather donated, if the City could pay for the materials. There will be more on this at the next meeting. At this time Judy made the motion to pass the EDC Resolution. Donnie made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

On New and Old agenda items Judy made the motion to again have Cameron Gulley perform the yearly audit. Alex made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

On Personnel Judy made the motion to go into Executive Session. Alex made a second and the motion carried 4-0. Time was 6:00 p.m.

At 7:15 p.m. Judy made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Donnie made a second to this motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no action required or any other items for discussion Judy made the motion to adjourn. Bill made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Pause To Think

This week, we will continue to discuss reconciliation, **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. 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. Reconciliation comes from the Greek word katallage (kat-al-lag-ay'). It is defined as to exchange (figuratively, adjustment), i.e. restoration to (the divine) favor. The word atonement is also derived from the Greek word katallage, of course only where it appears in the New Testament.

Most of us have experienced the discouraging experience of coming up short when reconciling our checking account. That experience is not a good one, especially when it is your error, and the funds needed to correct the matter are not available. I have never yet seen a statement from any bank I've ever banked with that says, "If you come up short after balancing your account, don't worry we will cover that amount for you, because we love having you as a customer."

All of us, who have ever read the Word of God, either at church or at home, have discovered things in our lives that did not balance with the statements found therein. Yet, God has promised in His word that he will cover our (sin/transgression) error for us. This is called atonement and has been made possible by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is also known as reconciliation. Of course, atonement for sins does not occur automatically in an individual's life. First, one must be examined by light of God's Word. **Psalms 119:105** says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." When a person finds that their life does not balance with the statements found in God's Word, they can come to God and be reconciled.

When the men in Acts 2 found that they were guilty of the death and blood of Jesus Christ, they asked, "Men and brethren what must we do to be saved?" Acts 2:37. In Acts 2:38, Peter, the man whom Christ gave the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." He went on to say in verse 39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Once this plan of salvation has been acted upon, an individual has been reconciled to God. However, because of our human nature that we will have until we are changed to the likeness of Christ, (1 John 3:1-2), we are prone to error. Therefore, we must continually reconcile ourselves to God's will and purpose for our lives. Please note the definitions of the Greek word katallage; exchange (adjustment), restoration to divine favor. After coming to Christ and we find ourselves in error to his word, we must confess, repent, ask forgiveness, and change, and one must be restored to divine favor, i.e. our lives must be pleasing to God. We are not expected to do this by our own power or understanding. If we were, we would come up short every time. How could a human possibly save himself, or change himself spiritually? We have a hard enough time physically. This is where the power of the Holy Ghost comes in. **Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

More next week. Address comments or questions to:

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NEW SMALL LOAN PROCESS TO SPEED LOAN ASSISTANCE WASHINGTON

January 24, 2001—Farm Service Agency Acting Administrator James Little today announced that FSA has reduced the paperwork required for farmers to receive farm operating loans from USDA. Producers who need to borrow \$50,000 or less and those who have a record of borrowing from and repaying FSA on annual operating loans will benefit from the new procedures.

"This brings us closer to private sector lender practices," said Little. "Until now, a producer in need of FSA assistance submitted the same amount of information, whether the proposed loan was for \$2,000 or \$200,000. We need to focus more on the larger more complex cases which constitute the highest risk to the government and make it easier for smaller producers to access FSA loans."

The changes in documentation requirements will reduce the time for loan officials to review application information and make the necessary determinations. Requirements that are repetitive or are not essential for a sound credit decision in light of the financial risk involved are being dropped. Decreasing the time required for FSA employees to reach both eligibility and feasibility determinations on smaller, lower risk loans allows more time to concentrate on larger, higher risk loan applicants. To qualify, a producer must fit one of 2 categories: Small loans (Operating credit needs of \$50,000 or less) Producer must meet FSA loan eligibility requirements, be current on all debt payments, have no FSA debt restructuring in the past 5 years, and submit: * A signed and dated Loan Application, FSA 410-1, "Request for Direct Loan Assistance," * A check or money order for credit report, * A cash flow projection for the next operating cycle, and Environmental information about the land to be farmed. * Additional financial and organizational information if an entity applicant.

Loans under this provision may be used to pay annual production expenses, to purchase or repair equipment, and similar needs. Producers seeking loans for refinancing existing farm debts will be required to submit additional information for a more intensive credit analysis and will not qualify for a Lo-Doc operating loan. Recurring FSA borrowers Must: Meet FSA loan eligibility requirements Have repaid at least 2 FSA production loans on time Have no past due payments to any creditor Have no FSA debt restructuring in the past 5 years, and submit: * A signed and dated Loan Application, FSA 410-1, "Request for Direct Loan Assistance," * A check or money order for credit report, * A cash flow projection for the next operating cycle, and * Any changes in environmental information about the land to be farmed. * Additional financial and organizational information, if an entity applicant. Loans under this provision may be used to pay annual production expenses and limited farm and family subsistence needs only. For all applicants who apply under this "Lo-Doc" process, FSA may request additional material when information submitted deviates from local norms, conflicts with other available data, or otherwise creates the need for further analysis or support. "These changes will make it will be easier for the producer to obtain government services and be less time consuming for FSA employees," said Little. "It will allow us to provide more timely assistance, so applicants will receive their FSA operating funds earlier in the production year. We will be able to spend more time with producers of larger, more complex operations who really do need in-depth analysis and monitoring."

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Clean Air Conditioner May Reduce Your Energy Bill

(NAPSI) Is your air conditioning system ready for the coming season? A little maintenance before the start of the season can pay handsome dividends by helping to lower energy bills and improve the quality of the air your family breathes.

Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems can be a breeding ground for bacteria, mold, algae and other fungi. These contaminants can seriously curtail a system's efficiency. In addition, they can shorten a system's life by forcing it to work harder. Over time, this can add extra wear and tear to a system and cost hundreds of dollars in the form of high energy costs.

Worse, some experts say micro-organisms can shorten home owners' lives. The American Lung Association says infectious respiratory diseases, including influenza, measles, chicken pox and tuberculosis, can be caused by the contaminants found in many HVAC systems. Lung disease is America's number three killer.

Asthma and allergy sufferers, people with other chronic respiratory problems, children and the elderly are especially sensitive to dirty HVAC systems.

While breathing these contaminants is bad enough, dirty systems can also spread toxins throughout a home often landing on food preparation surfaces or even the family dinner.

The good news is that what experts are calling a breakthrough product may help HVAC owners maintain their systems, save money on energy bills and safeguard their families' health for just pennies a day.

One of the nation's leading names in indoor air quality, BBJ Environmental Solutions, has developed BBJ MicroBiocide. The product is registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to inhibit growth of active microorganisms including bacteria, algae, mold and other fungi in home HVAC systems.

In addition, the product has been authorized for use in federally-inspected food production facilities by the United States Department of Agriculture and is currently in use by thousands of businesses across the country.

Unlike other products on the market that require a home to be evacuated while they are in use, the BBJ product works effectively whether people are in the home or not.

In studies by Eckardt Johanning M.D. of Eastern New York Occupational and Environmental Health Center, people with prolonged exposure to toxins from Stachybotrys (a type of mold) and other fungi experienced chronic fatigue, loss of balance, irritability, memory loss and difficulty speaking. The BBJ system has been found to control these micro-organisms and prohibit their return.

HVAC service providers can treat systems with BBJ MicroBiocide quickly, professionally and with minimal disruption to homeowners' lifestyles.

For a service provider near you, call 1-800-887-2251 or log on to www.bbjenviron.com.

A poorly maintained air conditioning system could make you sick.

New Web Site Educates Cancer Patients How To Manage Pain

Gilles Frydman understands that living with or caring for a loved one with cancer is a difficult and overwhelming experience. When his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer, Gilles turned to the Internet to learn more about cancer, but found it difficult to locate and organize the available information. This experience impressed upon him the need for Internet resources about cancer. After developing a group of online forums for cancer patients and caregivers, Gilles noted continuous requests for information about cancer pain, which led him to create a comprehensive new resource and Web site: www.Cancer-pain.org.

Today, cancer patients and caregivers can access Cancer-pain.org for accurate scientific information as well as the support they need to effectively manage persistent and breakthrough cancer pain. Pain, which can be caused by either the disease or treatment, is common for people with cancer. According to research published by the University of South Florida's H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, between 30 percent and 50 percent of people with cancer experience persistent pain while undergoing treatment, and 70 percent to 90 percent of people with advanced cancer experience persistent pain and may experience breakthrough cancer pain.

Breakthrough cancer pain is a treatable flare-up of moderate to severe pain. This pain breaks through medication administered at regular intervals for persistent cancer pain.

There is always a way to alleviate pain but, unfortunately, most cancer patients do not receive adequate cancer pain treatment and often experience a diminishing quality of life, notes Gilles Frydman, president and founder of the Association of Cancer Online Resources (ACOR), the largest online community of cancer patients. We created Cancer-pain.org to fill a void on the Internet and to help educate and motivate patients to better understand cancer pain and seek effective treatments.

Cancer-pain.org features sections about the causes of cancer pain, breakthrough cancer pain, pain treatment options, quality-of-life issues, as well as tools to help patients communicate effectively with healthcare providers about cancer pain. The site also has:

- a complete list of medications currently used in the U.S.
- information about complementary and alternative methods of pain control.

Cold Virus Or Allergy Attack?

How To Tell The Difference And Find Relief For Each

Colds and allergies affect millions of Americans every year. At the first sign of symptoms, many people will take just about anything in their medicine cabinet for temporary relief. Distinguishing between cold and allergy symptoms, however, can sometimes be difficult.

What's the difference between the common cold and an allergy? An allergy is a physical reaction triggered by a substance known as an allergen. Some common allergens are pollens, indoor mold spores, dust mites and animal dander. Allergens enter the nose and throat causing an immunological response and immediate physical reaction such as sneezing or a runny nose.

The common cold, on the other hand, is caused by the rhinovirus that generally enters the body through the nose and resides in the nasal passages and cells. It then infects and re-infects the body for a period of several days, eventually overwhelming the body's immune system.

Since the symptoms of each often mimic one another, how do you tell the difference between an allergy and a cold? Here are a few tips:

- Itchy eyes and nose: Allergies often cause these symptoms, plus a constant watery post-nasal drip. Cold viruses do not produce itching symptoms and nasal discharge is usually thick.
- Cold symptoms typically come on gradually and may be accompanied by a fever. Allergy symptoms often hit quickly as seen in sneeze attacks.
- Allergy symptoms can persist for weeks to months. The typical lifecycle for a cold is 10 to 14 days.
- Finding relief for colds and allergies can often be as difficult as distinguishing between the two. Following are a few helpful hints to help you stay healthy during the cold and allergy seasons:
 - Manage stress: Rushing around trying to balance activities can wear you down. Give yourself some time to relax every day.
 - Seasonal cleaning: To reduce and prevent allergic reactions, remember to regularly wash bedding and use allergy-proof encasings when possible. Use a vacuum cleaner with a double-bagged high efficiency particulate (HEPA) filter.
 - Stock up on remedies that effectively treat each: Two over-the-counter remedies receiving praise from doctors and consumers nationwide are Zicam Cold Remedy and Zicam Allergy Relief.
 - The medical community is supporting alternative remedies that are clinically tested to be safe and effective treatments, says Dr. Michael Seidman, Henry Ford Hospital. For example, recent clinical studies have been published in peer-reviewed medical journals on homeopathic remedies such as Zicam cold and allergy products.
 - By monitoring lifestyle, listening to their bodies, and making healthy choices, consumers nationwide can minimize their cold and allergy risk. This could be the season to start getting well sooner!

For more information about colds and allergies, log on to www.zicam.com.

- a dedicated section for caregivers to help them advocate for appropriate pain control treatment(s)
 - an interactive section so patients and caregivers can exchange information
 - updates on developments in cancer pain treatment
 - links to other cancer sites, such as the National Cancer Institute
- In the future, Cancer-pain.org plans to feature a Healthcare Professionals Corner for professionals to exchange information about cancer pain therapies, post relevant journal articles and clinical research, and participate in continuing medical education courses about cancer pain treatment.

For more information, visit www.Cancer-pain.org.

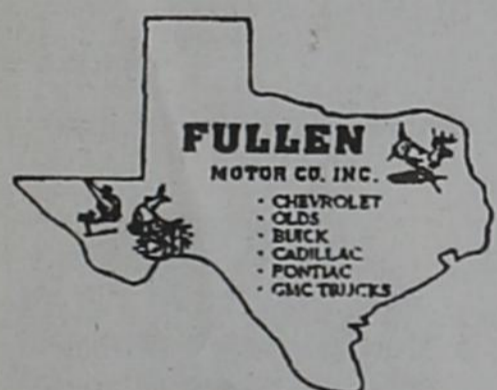
Finding The Right Time To Tackle Crabgrass

Timing is everything. This age-old adage is especially true when you are trying to rid your lawn of pesky crabgrass. The best time to beat the tenacious weed is just before it germinates. Because crabgrass germinates when soil temperatures reach 55°F, the proper time to use a crabgrass preventer could be as early as late winter or early spring (January through the beginning of March) in the deep south. Crabgrass germination periods migrate north as the year progresses, and may even be delayed until late April or May in northern climates. Then, remember that soil temperatures warm up faster on sunny southern slopes than they do when the lawn is shaded or on slopes facing north. By planning ahead, homeowners can beat this unsightly weed that chokes out healthy grass and leaves bare patches in the fall.

A popular crabgrass preventer, Dimension, has been formulated with fertilizers to work on crabgrass and 25 other weed species for up to five months, while nurturing the lawn and being safe to most turfgrasses and landscape flowers, trees and shrubs.

Fertilizers formulated with Dimension crabgrass preventer can be applied up to eight weeks before germination and as many as four weeks after. This 12-week long application window means greater flexibility for homeowners, enabling them to treat already germinated weeds that other herbicides may miss.

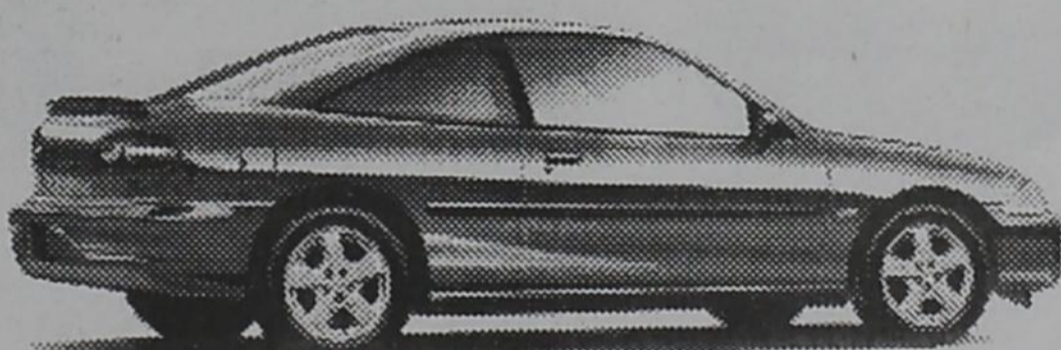
- Here are a few more tips homeowners can use to beat crabgrass:
- Set mower blade height to about three inches, a height which prevents weeds from sprouting.
 - Keep blades sharp and mow frequently.
 - If there is little or no rain, thoroughly water the lawn at least once a week.
 - Spread extra seed to cover bare spots in the late summer or early fall so young grass shoots have plenty of time to develop before the following spring.
 - Dandelions may mean the grass is too short or that there is too little fertilizer or that the lawn has been watered too much. Save time with fertilizer products formulated with Dimension crabgrass preventer, which fertilizes while preventing weeds at the same time. The non-staining Dimension formula does not require more than one treatment.
 - For more information, write to Dimension Crabgrass Preventer, Rohm and Haas Company, 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106, or call 1-800-987-0467, or visit the Web site at www.crabgrass.com.
 - Applying a crabgrass preventer at the proper time of the year can result in lush, green lawns. Call 1-800-987-0467 for further information.



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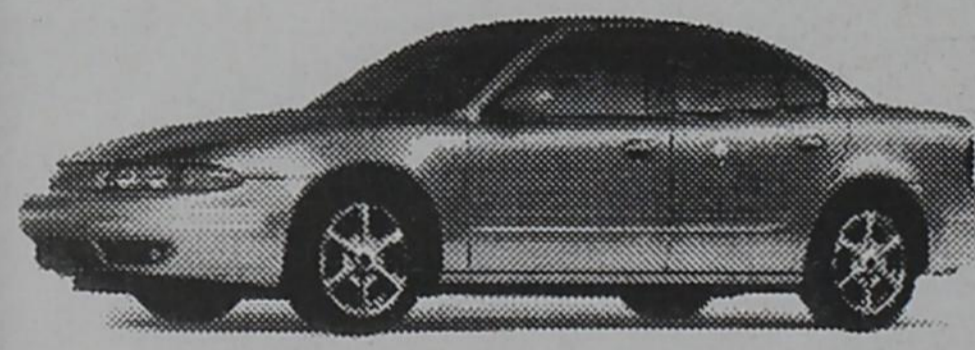
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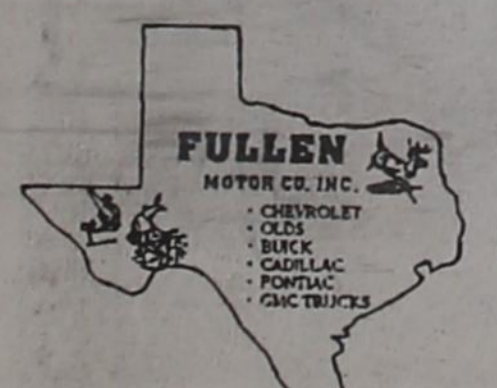


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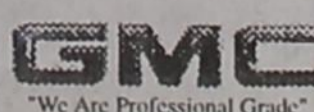
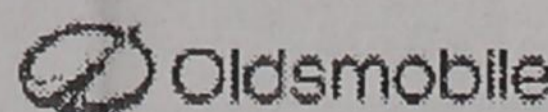
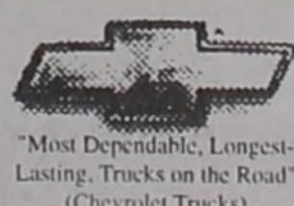
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The Ultimate Spare Tire! Racing Fans Rev Up With New OREO Tailgate Tire Pie Recipe

(NAPSI) For more than 10 million fans across the country, race season means making pit stops of their own at tailgate parties before cheering on their favorite driver. To find the perfect tailgate party recipe, Nabisco has gotten under the hood in its test kitchens and come up with the new Oreo Tailgate Tire Pie. Fans can enjoy this tailgating treat while looking for the Oreo logo on the hood of racing legend Dale Earnhardt's car during the 2001 season.

OREO Tailgate Tire Pie

Makes 8 servings

The Fuel

- 36 OREO Chocolate Sandwich cookies, divided
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter melted
- 24 Jet-Puffed Marshmallows
- 1/2 cup milk
- 11/2 cups heavy cream, whipped

OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies for garnish

The Road Map

Coarsely chop 10 cookies; set aside. Finely roll 26 cookies. Combine cookie crumbs and margarine or butter; press evenly onto bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate. Refrigerate.

Stir marshmallows and milk in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat until melted and smooth; cool completely. Gently fold two cups whipped cream into cooled marshmallow mixture; fold in chopped cookies. Spoon into prepared piecrust; refrigerate four hours or until firm.

Garnish with remaining whipped cream and cookies.

This tasty tire totally tops it off!

Improving Rural Life

(NAPSI) If you're one of the millions of Americans who live in a rural community, you'll be happy to learn about an organization dedicated to improving your quality of life.

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) recently conducted a Community Leader Assessment which identified the most serious needs of rural communities: access to affordable health care, attracting new business with higher paying jobs and setting high standards for quality education.

The questionnaire was distributed to rural community leaders across the country. Assessments were returned from hundreds of rural residents representing law enforcement, education, business and management, county extension, volunteers, the faith community and many others.

For the first time in its nearly 25-year history, the NRHA is inviting rural community leaders from outside the health care field to join the association. Through the new community member category, the association can now bring together leaders from all walks of rural life. Together they can address the challenging issues facing rural America and develop policy to support these needs in rural communities.

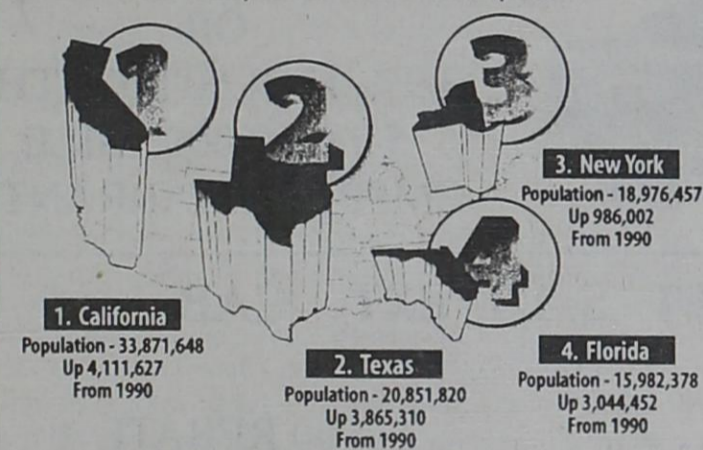
To receive a complimentary copy of the NRHA's community member publication, Rural Success, sponsored by Pharmacia Corporation, send your name and address to: NRHA, One West Armour Blvd., Suite 203, Kansas City, Mo. 64111-2087 or send by e-mail to mail@NRHArural.org. For more information about the NRHA, visit the web site at www.NRHArural.org.

Results of the study by NRHA reveal needs of rural communities.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Climbing the Ranks

The U.S. Census 2000 reports Texas is the second most-populated state, with figures that show 20,851,820 residents as of April 1, 2000. Texas gained nearly 4 million people in the 1990s, and the state's 22.8 percent increase boosted Texas past New York to the No. 2 position.



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7.9%60mos.

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Factory Rebate.....1,000
Bayer Discount.....1,260
Total Savings.....\$2,260

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MSRP.....\$27,323
Factory Rebate.....3,500
Bayer Discount.....2,060
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4.9% - 60 mos.

Sale Price **\$29,870**

2001 Park Avenue Sedan Stk # 16078

MSRP.....\$33,900
Factory Rebate.....1,500
Bayer Discount.....2,530
Total Savings.....\$4,030

Leather Interior, 3800 Series II V-6, AM/FM Stereo w/Power load CD & Cassette

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2001 Pontiac Grand Am SE1 Sedan Stk # 15343

1.9% - 36 mos.
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Sale Price **\$17,138**

MSRP.....\$19,530
Factory Rebate.....1,250
Bayer Discount.....1,142
Total Savings.....\$2,392

4 spd auto trans, tilt, cruise, pwr windows, locks & mirrors, 4-way manual drivers seat, split folding rear seat, 15" alum wheels
Smart Buy, 36 pmts of \$289 per month, 6.15% APR, WAC, \$1,000 down, plus TT&L, final payment of \$9,765, 12K miles per year

2001 Chevy S-10 Stk #15889

5.9% - 36mos.
6.9% - 48mos.
7.9% - 60mos.

Total Savings **\$2,240**

MSRP.....\$14,139
Factory Rebate.....1,500
Bow Tie Bonus Savings & Discount.....740
Sale Price.....\$11,899

Air, AM/FM Stereo, 5 Speed Manual Trans. with Overdrive

Choose Your Deal

2001 Chevy Silverado 1/2 Ton Ext. Cab Stk # 15859

SPECIAL APR(WAC)
4.9%36 mos.
5.9%48 mos.
6.9%60mos.

Sale Price **\$22,512**

MSRP.....\$25,586
Factory Rebate.....2,574
Bayer Discount.....500
Total Savings.....\$3,074

LS,4800 V-8, 4 speed, auto trans, AM/FM CD, air, power windows locks, mirrors, keyless remote

2001 Pontiac Sunfire SE Coupe Stk # 15302

36 month SmartBuy 36 payments 4.9% APR WAC \$1,000 down plus TT&L due at delivery Final payment of \$6,948.00 12K miles per year

\$254.62 per month

Total Savings **\$2,542**

MSRP.....\$16,540
Equip Savings.....\$525
Factory Rebate.....\$1,250
Bayer Discount.....\$767
Sale Price.....\$13,998

4 spd auto trans, tilt, air, CD, sun roof

All Rebate & Incentives to Dealer. Picture & Vehicle may vary. All W.A.C. All prices + TT&L.

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