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CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 16TH

Well it is that time of year again and the Business Alliance is sponsoring their Fourth Annual Christmas Lighting Contest and Santa's Helpers.

If you need help this year or know someone who does please let a member of the Business Alliance know or send us the name, number in family, ages and sex to Box 28, Gorman. If you would like to make a donation it can be left at Movies Galore, Lasaters Dept. Store, Bob's Grocery or Sav-On-Foods. In the past the Alliance has accepted used clothing, but due to lack of space clothing will not be accepted this year.

Deadline to ask for help is December 16, and deadline to donate is December 20th.

Deadline to enter the lighting contest is December 16th. Judging will be done between December 18th and 20th. Please leave your lights on until 10 p. m. each night. Residential lights will be judged on originality and spirit.

This year the Alliance is adding inside decorating to the business contest. There will be two different categories, outside and window decorating and window decorating and inside decorating.

Deadline to enter is December 16. To enter notify Brent Lasater, Ina Scitern or Jeannie Whittier.

The Alliance would like to encourage everyone to help do the judging. If you see someone's house or business that you think deserves to win, please let the Alliance know.

Your neighbor may be too modest to submit their entry, but you can do it for them.

So let the Alliance hear from you!

—GP—

THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to give our thanks to the Fire Department for responding like they did to our call. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Thanks again.

Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Torres, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rone and family

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to especially thank our friends and neighbors for the delicious food, for the telephone calls, flowers, cards, and visits during the loss of our loved one, Roy D. Taylor.

Also our thanks to Homer and Mary Lee Langford and Homer and Rena Mae Kirk for bringing lunch and visiting the day of the funeral and for all those who remembered us in prayer.

God bless each and every one of you.

Arlie and Jessie Lee Taylor

—GP—

IT'S A BOY FOR MARK AND KRISTINE SESSUM

Mark and Kristine Sessum of Carbon wish to announce the birth of their son, Bobby Joe (B. J.) on November 18, 1989 at 11:57 a. m. in the De Leon Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 8.3 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Kathy Hickey of Mineral Wells and Ron and Janie Hickey of Allen. The paternal grandparents are the late Bobby Joe Sessum and Parilee Sessum of Mineral Wells. The great-grandparents are Carol Hickey of Pleasant Grove and Jim and Ruth Thixton of Irving.

—GP—

Graveside Service For Alyssa Nicole May Held

Alyssa Nichole May, infant daughter of Robert E. and Jule May of Gorman, passed away Tuesday, November 28 at the De Leon Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at Murray Cemetery, near Carbon, with Ron Carroll officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Grice of Gorman; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Morgan of Graham; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogan of Carbon, Mrs. Lee Simpson of Eastland; and Ima Brown and Purnia Faye Smith, both of Gorman.

FFA is Selling Fruit and Meat For X-MAS

The Gorman FFA Chapter will be selling oranges, grapefruit and apples and mixtures of these fruits for the holiday season.

They will also be selling sausage, hams, bacon and smoked turkeys.

If you need to order fruit or meat contact any FFA member.

The fruit and meat will be delivered on December 18 and 19. Please do not pay for fruit and meat orders until delivered.

We appreciate your support of the FFA and the help our community has given us over the years.

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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Brumbelow of Stephenville were visitors Sunday afternoon with Pauline Dennis.

Class of 1954 Reunion



Ladies attending were (L to R) Joyce Graham Eaves, Lou Evelyn Lasater Rodgers, Norma Jacobs Webb, Barbara Dickey Nowlin, Frances Robertson Warren, Peggy West Collum Brooks, Gowell Thomas Hicks, Mary Evelyn Laminack Eison.



Men attending were (L to R) Donnie Mauney, Jimmy Odell Gilmore, G. L. Whitley, Bill (Manning) Fairbetter, Browner Lee Files, and Bob Love.



NEWEST \$2,000 WINNER — Aline Burns is shown above receiving her winnings from Lester Norris. This is the second \$2,000 winner in Gorman in the Let's Go To The Races being played at Sav-On Foods Stores in the area. Congratulations to Aline.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Eastland County Retired Teachers will hold their December Luncheon Meeting on December 11th at 12 noon at K-Bob's in Eastland. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Jeffress. The agenda is a Christmas Special.

Don't Forget the Musical at the Gorman Firehall, Friday night December 8th. Concession Stand will Open at 6 p.m.

NEED HELP???

We would like to invite you to join our OPEN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings. Meetings will be held at the old fire hall in Gorman at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services on 2nd - 3rd - 4th Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Elder Barry Brown, Pastor - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

GORMAN ISD TO OFFER GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gorman ISD will be conducting a program for students with above average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12 next year. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually and creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Counselor's office or the appropriate school office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing.

Deadline for nominations is December 15, 1989.

15 PANTHERS NAMED ON 16A ALL DISTRICT

15 members of the 1989 Gorman Panthers, winners of the District 16A title and the Area Playoff game with Bronte, have been named to the 16A All-District Teams for the season.

Some of the Panthers made both offensive and defensive teams.

Also the Gorman Panthers Coaches were named as "Coaching Staff of the Year in District 16A by coaches of the district.

The complete list of players include:

All-District 16-A

FIRST TEAM
Offense
 C — Toby Long, 6-1, 185, Sr., Rising Star
 OL — Allen Havens, 6-3, 200, Sr., Rising Star; Brian Lasater, 6-0, 180, Sr., Gorman; Josh Koder, 6-0, 220, Sr., Hico; Justin Underwood, 5-10, 170, Jr., Gorman; Larry Hollis, 5-11, 170, Jr., Rising Star; Mickey Donley, 6-0, 155, Sr., Hico
 TE — Chad Campbell, 6-1, 181, Sr., Gorman; Daryl Bates, 5-10, 170, Sr., Evant
 WR — Stephen Scitern, 6-2, 154, Jr., Gorman; Jason Rice, 5-9, 155, Sr., Hico
 QB — Kevin Hirst, 6-1, 180, Jr., Gorman
 RB — Derrick White, 6-0, 200, Sr., Rising Star; Donny Alcorn, 6-1, 190, Jr., Rising Star; Clay Ferguson, 5-9, 160, Soph., Lometa; Jody Brown, 6-0, 180, Soph., Cross Plains
 P — Dain Anderson, 6-3, 160, Sr., Hico
 MVP — Jason Rice, 5-9, 155, Sr., Hico
Coaching Staff of the Year — Gorman (Larry Nabors, Dudley McCarty, Doug Shanefelt, Eddie Pettit)

Defense
 DL — Joe Rodgers, 5-11, 170, Sr., Gorman; Justin Underwood, 5-10, 170, Jr., Gorman; Alan Havens, 6-3, 200, Sr., Rising Star; Daryl Bates, 5-10, 170, Sr., Evant; Josh Koder, 6-0, 220, Sr., Hico
 DE — Toby Smithy, 5-10, 160, Sr., Hico; Chad Campbell, 6-1, 180, Gorman; Larry Hollis, 5-10, 170, Jr., Rising Star
 LB — Robby Hand, 5-10, 165, Sr., Gorman; Sheldon Bennight, 5-10, 170, Sr., Evant; Derrick White, 6-0, 200, Sr., Rising Star; Mickey Donley, 6-10, 150, Sr., Hico
 DB — Jason Rice, 5-9, 150, Sr., Hico; Stephen Scitern, 6-2, 154, Jr., Gorman; Deron Duffy, 5-7, 155, Sr., Cross Plains; Toby Brown, 6-0, 180, Soph., Cross Plains
 K — Donny Alcorn, 6-0, 190, Jr., Rising Star
 MVP — Sheldon Bennight, 5-10, 170, Sr., Evant; Mickey Donley, 6-0, 150, Sr., Hico

SECOND TEAM
Offense
 C — Jeffery Morua, 5-10, 190, Sr., Evant
 OL — Joe Rodgers, 5-11, 170, Sr., Gorman; Bobby Flores, 5-10, 240, Jr., Rising Star; Matt Harmon, 5-10, 195, Soph., Rising Star; Bobby Bomar, 6-1, 285, Jr., Cross Plains; John Hamby, 5-8, 145, Sr., Hico
 TE — Dain Anderson, 6-3, 160, Sr., Hico; Brian Baxley, 5-10, 175, Jr., Rising Star
 WR — Jason Dittmore, 5-10, 170, Soph., Gorman; Judd Wall, 5-10, 170, Sr., Evant
 QB — Sheldon Bennight, 5-10, 190, Sr., Evant
 RB — James Christian, 5-9, 160, Sr., Hico; Brandon Gilmore, 5-10, 157, Sr., Gorman; Gary Browning, 5-9, 164, Sr., Gorman; James Stone, 5-7, 150, Sr., Lometa; Tommy Wilhite, 5-7, 150, Sr., Lometa
 P — Donny Alcorn, 6-1, 190, Jr., Rising Star
Defense
 DL — Jason Barron, 5-8, 165, Sr., Cross Plains; Donny Alcorn, 6-0, 190, Jr., Rising Star; John Hamby, 5-8, 145, Sr., Hico; Brian Lasater, 6-0, 180, Sr., Gorman
 DE — Chuck Fonville, 5-10, 162, Sr., Gorman; Matt Harmon, 6-0, 195, Soph., Rising Star
 LB — Kevin Clark, 5-9, 180, Jr., Cross Plains; Toby Long, 6-1, 185, Sr., Rising Star; Gary Browning, 5-9, 164, Sr., Gorman; Craig Willis, 5-8, 150, Sr., Hico; Martin Maldonado, 5-10, 160, Sr., Lometa
 DB — Brad Koonsman, 5-10, 140, Jr., Hico; Jeremy Dittmore, 5-8, 140, Jr., Gorman; Cody Wilson, 5-9, 145, Sr., Rising Star; Shaun Hamilton, 5-8, 160, Sr., Lometa
 K — Sheldon Bennight, 5-10, 195, Sr., Evant; Chad Campbell, 6-1, 180, Sr., Gorman

GORMAN BOYS AND GIRLS WIN HONORS IN ZEPHYR TOURNAMENT

Congratulations are in order for both the girls and boys basketball teams of Gorman on winning top honors in the Zephyr Tournament during the weekend.

The Pantherettes defeated the Priddy girls in the finals played at the Mullin gym, and the Panthers defeated the Mullin boys to win the tournament.

In Thursday night action the Pantherettes defeated Santa Anna 49 to 22. Tonya Caraway led the Pantherettes with 16 points.

In the boys action the Panthers won over Santa Anna by a 58 to 35 margin. Lance Sharp led the Panthers with 17 points and Brandon Gilmore had 11.

In action on Friday the Pantherettes defeated Zephyr 48 to 31. Caraway led the Pantherettes with 20 points and Womack led Zephyr with 8.

In JV action the Gorman JV boys lost to Santa Anna 79 to 29. Steve Taylor led the Panthers with 11 points.

Michael Don Foster Laid To Rest On Tuesday

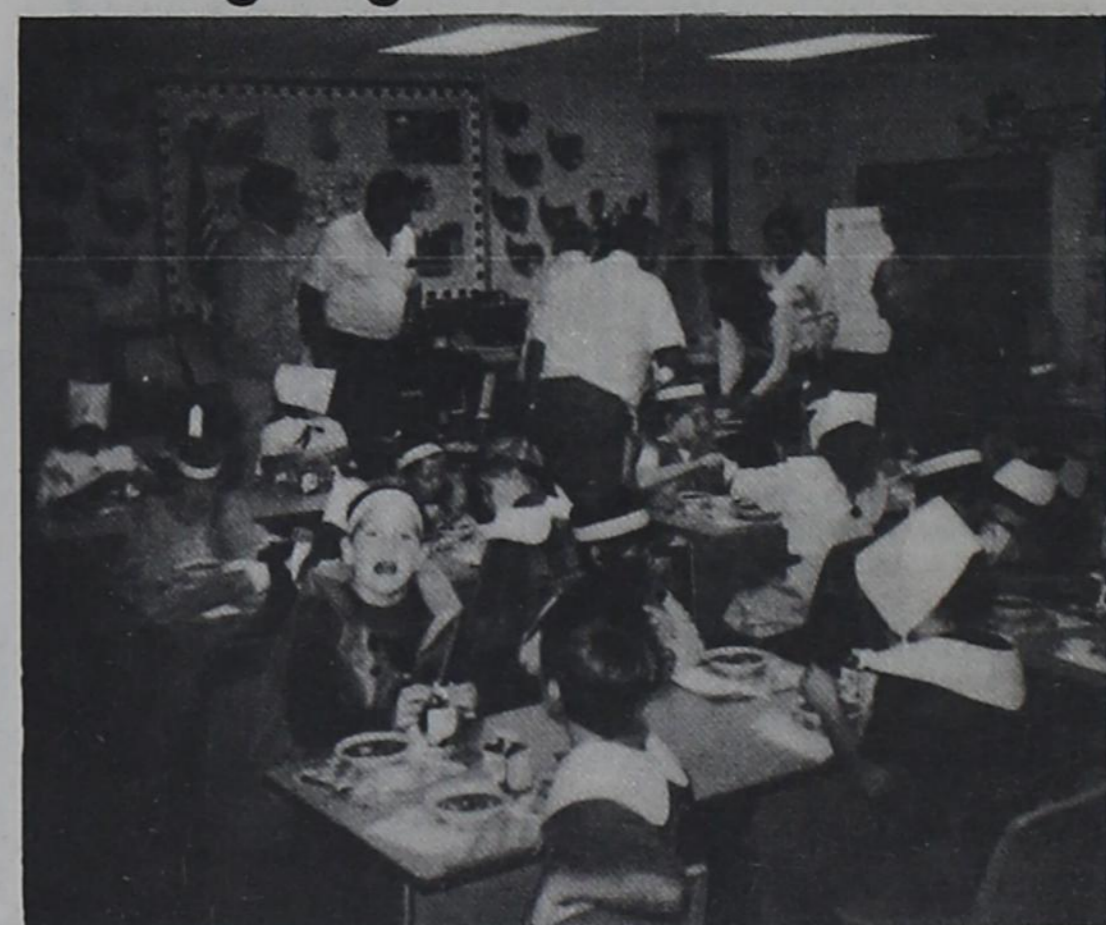
Michael Don Foster, 42, of Gorman, passed away at his home after a long illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Curtis Maness officiating, assisted by Gary Montgomery. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery in Gorman.

Born in Gorman, he graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree. He taught in the Joshua Independent School District for 15 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Johnson County Sheriff's Posse and the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze of Gorman; a sister, Dolores Underwood of Crane; a brother, Brent Foster of Gorman; two stepbrothers, Joe Ed Baze of Eula and Bill Baze of Cleburne; a stepsister, Paulette Black of Cleburne; and five nephews.

Scenes From Second Grade Class Thanksgiving Dinner



Both Second Grade Classes enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day Dinner on November 22nd. The class enjoyed a bountiful meal of stew and fruit salad. The teachers are Jean Lasater and Mary Reeves.

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

Monday - Rice, toast, juice and milk.

Tuesday - Boiled egg, toast, juice and milk.

Wednesday - Biscuits, gravy sausage, juice and milk.

Thursday - Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, juice and milk.

Friday - Pancakes, syrup, apple-sauce and milk.

LUNCH

Monday - Steak fingers, buttered potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, honey and milk.

Tuesday - Bean burrito with chili and cheese, salad, oranges and milk.

Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, fruit and Jello, gravy, hot rolls and milk.

Thursday - Barbecue wieners, creamed potatoes, spinach, peanut butter cookies, cornbread and milk.

Friday - Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, tater tots, ice cream and milk.

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NEWS

Spending the Thanksgiving holidays with E. J. Whitlock were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitlock of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sherrod of Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wampole and sons of Corsicana, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whitlock, Eric and Brittany of Eastland and Kevin and Julie Snider and sons of Fort Worth.

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At 2 p. m. on Thursday, Nov. 30th the Kokomo EH Club helped with the Canterbury Villa birthday party. Residents honored were Minnie Dupuy, Check Smith, Burma Hickey, Robert McClellan, Irene Herbert, Lonzo Coffman and S. Dee Gilmore.

Sylvia Bridgewater had Joyce Eaves to make a diet birthday cake served with frosted diet punch. She dressed the table in pink and had pink plates, napkins and cups.

Velma Bennett, Bertha Gregory and Geraldene Wright also baked cakes.

The First Baptist Church have liquid soap, the Church of Christ have body lotion, the home gave corsages and baskets of puppies made by Billie Stacy.

The group had a nice surprise when Mr. Hershell Cordell came and sang many beautiful songs and played the guitar. Everyone sure appreciated and enjoyed Mr. Cordell.

Other guests were Anna Rush, Icie Munn, Sylvia Bridgewater, Jo Smith Idell Warren, Modess Burgess, Nancy Hendricks, Berneice Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Ava Rodgers, Billie Stacy, Odell Dupuy and Joan Fraley.

Those visiting Varona Taylor were Bro. Curtis Maness, Anna Rush, Billy, Janda, Tracey and Steve Taylor, Pauline Allen, Bonnie Cox, Paula, Scotty and Kevin Lewis, Joe O'Neal, Cecil and Christine Self, Nancy Hendricks, Dee Smithy, Scythia Alldredge, Georgie and Frankie Stacy.

On Wednesday Estell Erwin, Anna Rush and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Winners were Wilma Rawls, Iola Johnson, S. Dee Gilmore, Emma Shugart, Ora Mar Atchison and Harley Rawls.

On Thursday at 10 a. m. Bro. C. M. Avery brought the devotional for 12 residents.

Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo on Friday. Winners were Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Wilma Rawls, Ruby Vandergriff, Ida Lewis, Emma Shugart, Mae Quinn, S. Dee Gilmore, Harley Rawls, Veno Hale and Iola Johnson.

Bro. Ron Carroll brought the Sunday school lesson to 10 residents at 10 a. m. Sunday.

Mae Quinn enjoyed a trip to Saginaw to visit her son and wife, Wayne and Betty Quinn. Those visiting Mae and Cleo Clement were Glen and Shirley Clement and Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon, Chris Bibby of Cottonwood, Bernice Fraley of Rock Bluff, Ima Lee Burleson of Desdemona, Sue Seaton, Archie Skaggs of Gorman and Wayne and Betty Quinn of Saginaw.

Those from the Carbon Baptist Church coming on Sunday were Bro. Donnie Auvenshine, Billie Stacy, Jenoise and Euell Allison, Carol and Elizabeth Sandlin for the 2:30 p. m. service.

At 4 p. m. those from the Gorman Church of Christ were Bro. T. A. Grice, Bro. Curtis Maness, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Bud and Dee Smithy, Cecil and Christine Self, Juanita Files, Zina Simpson, Vera Rodgers, Floydene Gilbert, Purnia Faye Smith, Jessie Lee Jones, Stella Scott and Lorene Foster.

Those visiting Lorene Duggan were Rusty and Harriette Duggan, Harry Overstreet of Lake Jackson, Darren, Sandra and T. J. Duggan of

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On Monday Irene West and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Winners were Harley Rawls, Cleo Clement, Nellie Morgan, Garnet Adams, Emma Shugart, Mae Quinn and S. Dee Gilmore.

Those visiting Annie and Veno Hale were Barbara Tucker, Rosa Bennett, Edith Barber, Cindy Comack and Emma Shugart.

Visiting Bertie Self were Charlene, Lisa and Travis Daniels, Laneta Rodgers and Dave Freeman of Arlington, Bobby and Jean Burns of Fort Worth, Bob and Celia Self and children, Natilee and John of Manny La., Joe Barnett of Eastland, Elmer and Donnie Ruth Mathis of Carbon, Cecilia and Mandy Wilcoxson of Desdemona, Cecil and Christine Self, Purnia Faye Smith, Jessie Lee Jones, Jaunita Files, Frankie and Georgie Stacy, Curtis Maness and Janda and Tracey Taylor.

Wanda Stacy brought the Monday devotional.

Visiting Clara Rich were Wilda Holt and Edith Underhill of De Leon.

It was so nice of Bert Kent and the Eastland VFW to get us new numbered bingo balls. We really appreciate them.
Those helping Cody and Pauline Love celebrate their wedding anniversary were Mandy Wilcoxson, Carol and Kristin Ervin of Desdemona, Bill and Mary Ann Lipps, LeAnn and Jack Carey of Houston, James Lipps of Texarkana, Kyce and Fran Love of Lafayette, La., Stella Rider of Austin, Mozelle Rhymes, Nancu Hendricks, Murtice Rodgers, Mayvis Lasater, Stephanie Bryant, Anna Rush, Ora Mae Atchison, Opal Mauney, Emma Shugart and Lois Buchanan.

Those present for the Tuesday singing were Oma Dee Garrett, Estelle Erwin, Joe O'Neal, Anna Rush, Melba Frasier, Opal Mauney, R. Lee McDaniel, Billie Stacy, Ava Rodgers, Nancy Hendricks, Wanda Stacy, Willo Rice, Berneice Rodgers, Sylvia Bridgewater, Velma Bennett and Dorothy Roberts.

Visiting Dessie Cooper were Verna Hankins of Houston, E. Cooper and Bonnie Mann of Glen Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Burns.

Those visiting Ida Lewis were Jimmy Lewis, Ora Lee Lawrence, Joe O'Neal, Lucretia Fairbetter, Janda Taylor and Pauline Love.

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CARBON NEWS

Dorothy Jackson Phone 639-2540
The weather man just keeps on giving us nice weather. We could sure use a good soaking rain. In fact, the cover crops will not do very good without a rain soon. We are way above average with our rainfall this year. I have recorded 34.40 inches of rain so far this year.

Time is running out if you have not done your shopping. It seems as we get older time runs faster. When we were children, it seemed it was forever from one Christmas to the next and now by the time we turn around its Christmas again. I repeat, please be careful with your shopping. We want everyone around next year.

Some men of the Baptist Church served as the "moving committee" Saturday, December 2. They gathered and helped move our new pastor, Bro. George Weeks nad his wife, Margie, to their new place of residence. Let's all welcome them to our community and our church.

Our church Christmas program will be Sunday night, December 17th at 7 p. m.

It's nice to be called to be a substitute teacher. They way you get to go into different classes and have the opportunity to learn a lot, and believe you me, there is a lot to learn.

Junior High basketball teams will travel to Lingleville Dec. 11 at 6 p. m.

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Eastland County Delegates Attend Farm Bureau Convention



Seven voting delegates from Eastland County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 56th annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention November 26-29 in Fort Worth.

They were President, Leo Williams, and wife, Eloise, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Fambrough and Truett Ray Hart.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 216 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held January 7-11 in Orlando, Fla.

Speakers featured at the convention included Scott KcKain, a motivational speaker from Washington, D.C.; S. M. True of Plainview, TFB President; Steve Bearden of Harlingen, TFB secretary-treasurer, (financial report); and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director. Baseball great, Nolan Ryan also attended the convention to announce his decision not to run for Ag Commissioner.

Mr. Ryan stated that "although I have a deep personal interest in Texas agriculture, I cannot, at this point in time, give the time and attention needed for my family, for baseball and the position of State Agriculture Commissioner."

The business session covered the final two days of the president, Mr. S. M. True of Plainview.

Voting delegates representing Eastland County Farm Bureau at the 56th annual convention in Fort Worth Nov. 26-29 included, front row (left to right) Mrs. B. D. Walton, Mrs. Eloise Williams, Mrs. Evelyn Fambrough, and Mrs. Charlotte Johnson. Second row: B. D. Walton, Leo Williams, Truman Fambrough, Roy Johnson and Truett Hart.

Roy and Charlotte Johnson attended as special guests of the convention as Roy served as a former state director.

Last Rites For Anna Mae Ross Held Saturday

Anna Mae Ross, 88, of De Leon, passed away Thursday, November 30 in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Payne Hattox officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery.

A lifelong Comanche County resident, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Orval T. Ross of De Leon; five sons, Loyd Reed of New Braunfels, Clyde Reed of Ranger, Charles Ross of De Leon, Ray Truman Ross of Plano and Jimmie Lee Ross of Odessa; a daughter, Gwendola Sosebee of Houston; a brother, Bill Mull of De

CARBON ISD STAFF AND GUESTS ENJOY PRE-HOLIDAY PARTY

Good food and fellowship was enjoyed on Saturday night by a group of Carbon ISD staff members and guests at a pre-holiday party.

Zentner's Daughter in Abilene served delicious steak dinners to David and Bonnie Windham; Roger and Ann Boone; Susan Lewis; Jerrel and Elisane Harris; Woody and Jo Ann Notgrass; Frank Middleton; John and La Tonne Rodgers; Chip and Janell Lange; Mary Thiebaud; Gail Thompson and Billy Massengill.

Special guest and speaker was Charlie Jordan, formerly of KTAB-TV and now executive director of Ben Richey Boys Ranch in Abilene.

Leon; three sisters, Veda Lewis of Desdemona, Lois Cardwell and Morene Armstrong, both of De Leon; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizens News

Mozelle Rhymes

Spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Anna Rush were her daughter and granddaughter, Karen and Amy from Aurora, Colo.; her sister, Ina Faye Sutton and daughter, Debra of Roby; a granddaughter, Wendy Rodriguez of Wichita Falls; sons, Russell Cordell and family and Hershell Cordell and family of Gorman and Leland Warren.

Ryan Preston and family spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Iris Preston.

Mozelle Rhymes' visitors Sunday were Gary and Skip Rhymes of Abilene; Anthony Anderson of Stephenville; Jim Ray Cox of Rising

Area pecan growers win top honors at annual Eastland County contest

EASTLAND — Five pecan growers won top honors at the Eastland County 37th Annual Pecan Show here Thursday.

L.R. Boch of Ranger exhibited the champion commercial pecan with a Sioux variety that shelled 62.5 percent kernels.

The reserve champion commercial entry was a Cheyenne shown by H.W. Patterson of Cross Plains. It shelled 57.4 percent kernel.

The champion classic pecan was a Ranger exhibited Boch. That entry shelled out 66 percent kernels. Reserve champion classic was an entry of Barton variety that shelled 57 percent kernels.

Bill McCleskey of Eastland won the native champion plaque. His native entry contained 48.5 percent kernels. Reserve champion native honors went to James Alexander of Pioneer. His entry contained 60.9 percent kernels.

There were 111 entries in the

oldest pecan show in the state.

County extension agent DeMarquis Gordon said the quality was especially good this year. The pecan crop was smaller than normal due to late winter freezes and spring hailstorms.

The following growers won ribbons at the pecan show:

Apache — 1. L.R. Boch, Ranger; 2. T.E. Robertson, Kokomo; 3. Dan Childress, Cottonwood.

Burkett — 1. Donald and Marcia Hale, Carbon; 2. Dale Walker, Carbon; 3. Anton White, Cisco.

Caddo variety — 1. L.R. Boch; 2. Dan Childress.

Cheyenne — 1. H.W. Patterson, Cottonwood; 2. T.E. Robertson, Kokomo; 3. Buttery Pecans, Rising Star.

Choctaw — 1. H.W. Patterson; 2. T.E. Robertson; 3. Rudolph Little, Olden.

Comanche — 1. L.R. Boch; 2. Charles Walker, Eastland; 3. T.E. Robertson.

Desirable — 1. L.R. Boch; 2. Dan Childress.

Kiowa — 1. L.R. Boch; 2. Buttery Pecans; 3. Dan Childress.

Mahan — 1. Dora Schaefer, Nimrod; 2. L.R. Boch; 3. James Alexander, Pioneer.

Maramec — 1. Dan Childress.

Mohawk — 1. Lorene Jennings; 2. L.R. Boch; 3. Bernard Keith, Desdemona.

San Saba Improved — 1. Dale Walker; 2. James Alexander.

Melrose — 1. Dan Childress.

Podsednik — 1. Charles Walker.

Schley — 1. James Alexander; 2. Buttery Pecans.

Texas Prolific — 1. Ruby Williams; 2. James Alexander.

Texan — 1. Dan Childress.

Known hybrids — 1. L.R. Boch.

Variety seedlings — 1. James Alexander; 2. Bill McCleskey; 3. T.E. Robertson.

Other varieties — 1. L.R. Boch; 2-3. Dan Childress.

Native — 1. Bill McCleskey; 2. James Alexander; 3. T.E. Robertson.

Shawnee — 1. T.E. Robertson; 2. L.R. Boch; 3. Dan Childress.

Sioux — 1. L.R. Boch; 2. Buttery Pecans; 3. Dan Childress.

Stuart — 1. Anton White; 2. Dick Hodges, Olden; 3. Ruby Williams.

Tejas — 1. T.E. Robertson; 2. Charles Walker; 3. Dan Childress.

Western — 1. T.E. Robertson; 2. Ray Don Craighead, Gorman; 3. Charles Walker.

Wichita — 1. L.R. Boch; 2. Charles Walker; 3. Buttery Pecans.

Barton — 1. Charles Walker; 2. L.R. Boch; 3. Dan Childress.

John Garner — 1. James Alexander.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

Phone 758-2665

The Ladies Monthly Social will be a Christmas Party on Monday, December 11th in the home of Dorothy Greenhaw. Bring a small gift wrapped to exchange. Arrive at 11 a. m.

Carolyn McKillip Rogers and Kenneth McKillip will sing at the Stephenville Country Opry on Saturday night, December 16th.

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be cancelled for December - but will be ready to "Go" again in January. See you then!

The Benefit Supper, which was planned December 16th for the Roy Phillips family, has been cancelled.

Bernard and Ann Keith visited Friday in Big Spring with her brother, Johny and Sandy Cameron.

Star; Larry, Beth and Brian Anderson of Cransfill Gap; Steve, Brenda, Scott and Ginger Rhymes of Abilene; and Ozella Pulley of Gorman.

Spending Thanksgiving holidays with Bertha Gregory were Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Goodwin of Elida, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Decker, Jr., William, Wendy and Kristi of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Goodwin and Brandt of Carthage.

On their way home they stopped at Clyde for their monthly musical, visited a friend, Mary Allen, and on to Cisco to visit Carson and Oma Lee Holdridge.

BELATED PRESENTATION

This last Tuesday, November 28th Vicki Robinett of De Leon was giving her regular piano lessons in Desdemona. She had no idea what would happen to her later that evening.

Her husband, De, and her children Nikki, Keitha and Derek, gathered at the home of her parents, Bernard and Ann Keith. Later that evening, Vicki Robinett was reminded that before she married in 1969, she had been the recipient of the "John Phillip Souza Award" for excellence in marching band at Crockett Junior High School in Odessa.

After working, striving, practicing and excelling in band and winning the award, it had never been presented to her. It was finally presented at the family gathering on November 28, 1989 after twenty-one years.

The award consisted of a certificate from the school and a certificate lapel pin and dish trophy. Her name and instrument are engraved on a plaque at Crockett Junior High in Odessa.

Annual Wolfenbarger Reunion Held On November 23rd

The annual Wolfenbarger family reunion was held Thanksgiving Day at the Old Fire Hall.

Those enjoying the food and fellowship were Doyle and Fern Wolfenbarger of Sundown; Donna, Clay and Shanda Cooper of Leavenworth, Kans.; Keli Cooper, Jimmy, and Ester Wolfenbarger and Shirley Clement of Dallas; Craig Cooper of San Angelo; June and Leon Biffle of Rule; Jerry, Patsy, Dwayne and Angela Kelso of Irving; Betty Snow of Jal, N. M.; Velma, Royce, Connie, Vanessa, Tammie and Justin Clement of Cisco; Melba, Rodney, Shannon, Shaylor and Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona; Tammy, Eugene, Misty Genia and Michael Battenfield, Otho and Dale Cogburn of De Leon; Bonnie and Willie Wolfenbarger, Winston and Thelma Brown, Sue, Dalton and Trina Keesee, Shanna, Melissa and Christy Lewis, Shirley, Dwayne, Kay Harvey, Tammy, Jessica and Zachary Bryan, Mildred, Tommy, Bimbo, Anna Lee, Levi, Kendra, Adora, Krissy and Dawn Roberts, Melinda, Chuch, Holly and Andy Abbe, Alton, Geraldene, Quintin and Keri Wright, all of Gorman.

We are looking forward to another good time next year.

Cable TV Company Launches Toys For Tots Campaign

Officials at TCI Cablevision of Texas, Inc. have announced the kickoff of their holiday Toys for Tots campaign. This annual event brings the cable company together with members of our community in an effort to make the holiday season more special for needy children. TCI is working to ensure that all toys donated are distributed to needy children in our community in time for Christmas.

"It's hard to think of a child not experiencing the joy of getting a gift on Christmas," said Robert Moore, System Manager. "By bringing in a toy, you really make Christmas special for a little boy or girl."

Gramm Opposes Hike Cong. Pay

Washington — U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm will vote against the latest proposed pay raise for Congress, saying that proponents "aren't fooling anybody" by calling the pay raise an ethics bill.

"The day the federal government finally balances its budget is the day Congress ought to consider raising its pay, not until then," Gramm said.

"At a time when automatic spending reductions are in effect because Congress failed to deal with the

deficit and when senior citizens are being gouged by a monumentally unfair Medicare surtax, members of Congress just don't deserve any increase in pay," the senator said.

"And if all that isn't enough reason to turn down a pay raise, Congress must have the courage to say no to itself now so we can say no later to the special interest groups which will be demanding increased taxes and more federal spending when the next congressional session begins," Gramm said.

The senator has consistently opposed pay raises for Congress during his six years' service in the House of Representatives and five years in the Senate.



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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan
Phone 639-2289

I think that the peanut harvest in our community is just about completed. We don't farm peanuts any more, but I remember how good we felt to finish with our harvest, and then to start thinking about "next year" and making preparations for the new year.

Did Crowley of Houston was a visitor at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Helen and Woodrow Browning, Leona Wilson, Norma and Oren Webb, and J. L. Morrow rendered the special music at the evening service at Kokomo Baptist Church.

Nancy Hendricks attended the basketball tournament at the Cisco Jr. College on Saturday to see her grandson, Yancy Buchanan of Clyde, play.

The Eastland Rotary Club held their Christmas Banquet at the Kokomo Community Center on Monday night, December 4th. The banquet was catered by the ladies of the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club and the Kokomo Community Club.

Nancy Hendricks accompanied Velma Bennett to Abilene on Monday.

I guess everyone is very busy getting ready for Christmas and

didn't have any news to report. Maybe there will be more next time.

Our congratulations to the Gorman boys and girls basketball teams for winning the Zephyr Tournament.

—GP—

Services For Lena May Harris

Lena May Harris, 74, of Grand Prairie, passed away in a Grand Prairie nursing home on Friday, December 1.

Graveside services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday in Flatwood Cemetery, near Carbon, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Born near Carbon, she moved to Houston in 1946, to Eastland in 1964 and to Grand Prairie in 1987.

She was a cook in the Old Rip Cafe and worked in the Cattleman's Restaurant and the Eastland County Bowling Center. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Carbon, and was the widow of Gardner Harris.

Survivors include her daughter, Fay Cox of Grand Prairie; a brother, J. T. Wilson of Eastland; and two grandchildren.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR SECOND SIX WEEKS AT GHS

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SECOND GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
Melinda Eaves, Brenda Ibarra, Robert Lewis, Levi Roberts, Jackson Worsham, Alma Sanchez, Kandace Johnson, Bubba Hagood, Chris Fox, Sheryl Everton and Mark Campbell.

A-B Honor Roll
Becky Garcia, Bradley Gilmore, Miranda Hogan, Tracy Kennedy, Pam Osborne, Cole Sandlin, Adrian Torres, Patricia Madera, Melissa Tarver, Ashley Rich, Manuelita Madera, William Curb and Zack Burns.

THIRD GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
Ruth Reeves, David Rone, Patricia Rodriguez, Joshua Eaves, Jeremy Eaves, Leslie Wood and Samantha Goode.

A-B Honor Roll
Jodi Norris, Richard Nowlain, Jason Perez, Belinda Snider, Margariot Sanchez, Ashley Laminack, Rachel Smith and Robert Seaton.

FOURTH GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
Joyanna Evans, Janice Glover, Sarah Reeves, Anette Snell, Kaycee Gilmore, Amanda Howard, Samantha Stephens and John Worsham.

A-B Honor Roll
Justin Burleson, Reece Clark, Jerry Flores, Stephen Gryder, Rosie Kennedy, Clay Sandlin, Jeremy Bryan, Aaron Grice, Mindy Laminack and Shannon Mauney.

FIFTH GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
Mary Campbell, Jennifer Goode, Sabrina Glasson, Marlena Guthery, Mark Smith, Allison Treadway and Chasta Underwood.

A-B Honor Roll
Ramiro Madera, George Nowlain, Keri Scitern, Scott Scitern, Mason Simmons, Amanda Swanner, Jace Underwood and C. M. Avery.

SIXTH GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
Justin Snider, Heather Sandlin, Jason Rich, Lacy Pack and Nic Burleson.

A-B Honor Roll
Allan Trinidad, Keri Wright, Deanna Torres, Jennifer Scitern, Amy Fraley, Toni Evans, Jackie De La Torre and Kim Campbell.

SEVENTH GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
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A-B Honor Roll
Melissa Clark, Jennifer Eaves, Lori Reynolds, Melissa Jobe and Linda Swanner.

EIGHTH GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
Noah Landa, Shane Caraway, Annette Love, Gloria Madera, Connie Rone and John Stephens.

A-B Honor Roll
Christy Lewis, Naomi Hawkins, Brent Skaggs, David Campbell and Joni Jackson and James Carroll.

NINTH GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
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A-B Honor Roll
Melissa Grimes, William Rainey, Timothy Fox, Tracey Taylor, Chris Laminack, Jade Warren, Lucretia Frasier, Daniel Sanchez, Stephanie Jobe, Jonray Childers and Jessica Espinoza.

TENTH GRADE
Distinguished Honor Roll
Russell Brown, Andy Cariker, Sylvia Ramirez, Cesar Escalante, Jason Ditmore, Shawnda Burgess, Carmelo Trinidad, Cory Pack and Steve Taylor.

A-B Honor Roll
Clinton Reynolds, Marty McCormick, Rebecca Inman, Jana Norris and Israel Ripley.

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Distinguished Honor Roll
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A-B Honor Roll
Tiffany Stephens, Jodi Gibbs, Latonya Caraway, Anissa Jones, Chad Campbell, Eric Rivers and Nikki Warren.

Scenes From Football Games



Gladys Chambless Hosts Edna Smith Class

On November 16th the Edna Smith Sunday School class met in the home of Gladys Chambless for their annual Thanksgiving supper and business meeting.

The supper consisted of the traditional Thanksgiving fare, chicken and dressing with all the trimmings, with each member bringing their favorite dish. Coffee and hot chocolate went with it.

Connie Hall asked the blessing. Geraldene Wright, the new president, presided over the business meeting with Frankie Jo Shipman leading in prayer.

Minutes were read and approved. All officers gave reports for the month of October. December 12th was selected for next month's meeting. We drew names for our Christmas Party.

We gave \$10 to the Spanish Mission.

Estell Erwin brought a beautiful Thanksgiving devotional by reading 118th Psalm, 1 through 15 verses. She read a poem "Thanksgiving", then read a poem and prayer written by herself. We'll call them "Thought of Estell."

Anna Rush closed the meeting with prayer. It was Anna's birthday and each one had brought her a gift. She had fun opening gifts and passing them around.

Then it was time to go back to the kitchen for dessert, consisting of pumpkin and pecan pie, and of course, a beautiful birthday cake made in the shape of a butterfly by Geraldene Wright.

Those attending were Louise Brown, Hazel Smith, Geraldene Wright, Anna Rush, Estell Erwin, Connie Hall, Frankie Jo Shipman, Hilda Kellerman, Leta Richardson and Gladys Chambless.

Congress Repeals Catastrophic Tax on Senior Citizens

Washington — The Congress has repealed the catastrophic health tax that it slapped on senior citizens last year, U. S. Senator Phil Gramm reports.

Gramm applauded the decision, saying the law threatened to take \$127 million out of the pockets of Texas' elderly next year unless it was repealed or reformed.

The Senate agreed to kill the 1988 law after the House rejected an 11th-hour offer to repeal the tax, but keep coverage for extended hospital stays.

"The tax will be repealed retroactive to last Jan. 1, when it went into effect," Gramm said, one of a handful of senators who originally opposed the tax.

Most former supporters deserted their law after senior citizens nationwide became outraged when they learned that they would be forced to pay a high tax - it amounts to hundreds of dollars per year for many retirees - for health care benefits they were unlikely to ever

receive. "The benefits...are inadequate, the charges are excessive," admitted one congressman who had helped write the original law.

While the House voted for a straight repeal, the Senate proposed to kill the surtax but keep much of the expanded hospital coverage provided by law.

Under the Senate's plan, continued hospital coverage and a package of other benefits, including mammograms, home health care and hospice care, would have been financed by a small monthly premium, but the House found that unacceptable.

The catastrophic program wound up in trouble because of an outcry from many of the senior citizens it was supposed to help. At one point, angry retirees cahsed a House committee chairman off the streets of his hometown, demanding that the tax be repealed.

A recent study showed that the tax would have cost the average taxpaying Texas senior citizen \$250 a year.

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