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Western Theme Table Contest Sponsored by Gorman Chamber of Commerce

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been set for Thursday, March 30th. They are having the group called "The Cooper Fiddler's" from Abilene, Texas for the featured entertainment. There will be no speaker again this year. They will perform a variety of music, primarily country and we plan to use a "Western Theme" to decorate the tables this year. We are asking businesses and members to participate by entering a table contest. The winner will be awarded \$50.00 in Gorman Bucks. Each will have 16 feet of table space to use. Only 12 spaces will be available, so call soon. We look forward to seeing a lot of creativity and perhaps genuine country or western items used on these tables. Please call Judy Warren at 734-3230 to sign up for your tables and details. Be sure to come as you will be sure to enjoy a fun night.

Texas A&M University System To Hold Conference For Area Firefighters

The Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), a member of the Texas A&M University System, will be in Desdemona February 19th to hold a training conference for area firefighters. The conference, sponsored by the Upper Leon Firefighters' Association, the Sipes Springs Fire Department, and the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, will be held at Desdemona High School.

Volunteer and paid firefighters, along with industry firefighting personnel, will learn about the latest developments in the fire service and the most current fire control and fire protection methods. Participants may choose from 8-hour classes on a wide range of topics including fire science, satanic cults, power tools extrication, search and rescue, arson, ladders and wildland firefighting.

For more information, contact Chief Rocky Reisner at the Sipes Springs Fire Department at 940-842-5991.

Gorman Post Oak Gun Club To Host Hunters Educational Course on March 4th and 5th

The Gorman Post Oak Gun Club proudly announces a very important event - Hunters Educational Course, Saturday, March 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 5th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Gorman Senior Citizens Center. The cost will be \$10 per person, must be 2 and up to receive credit for the course. Contact David Guthery at 254-734-2836 for more information.

A Chill Supper will be served after the meeting on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

All course attendees and the public are invited at no cost!!! While there, Watch an important NRA Video - and enjoy the company.

The Peanut Festival Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorman Senior Citizens Center.

Several Local Eastland County Residents Receive Certificate As Scuba Divers at Balmorhea State Park Over The Past Weekend



Scubing Diving has become another interesting habit for some of the people pictured here as they were in Balmorhea State Park finishing up their classes leading to a Certification for Scuba Diving. The lessons were taught by The Dive Spot in Abilene, Texas. Pictured above are some of the students from Eastland County, Frank and Beth Murphy and James Schuman from Eastland, Lonnie Bennett from Gorman, and Jerry Furgeson from Stephenville, several students from Abilene Christian University also went down to Balmorhea to finish their certification. Also pictured is J. Wilson and Steve Freeman and Jerry and Bryan Ivy all from Abilene.

Cross Timbers Peanut Shortcourse To Address Challenges in 2000

Possible assessments, insurance changes, higher input costs, opening up the farm bill - all of these and more are challenges peanut growers in the Cross Timbers area of Texas face. It is these challenges to peanut production that will be addressed at a multi-county Peanut Shortcourse to be held Thursday, February 24. This is the first time growers from throughout the Cross Timbers including Erath, Comanche and Eastland counties along with the scattered growers in Brown and Callahan counties will join together as a group to address grower concerns and issues. The Cross Timbers Peanut Shortcourse will be held at the De Leon City Hall Building on Hwy. 16 in De Leon. The program will start at 8:00 a.m. with registration and then get underway at 8:30 a.m. There is no cost to attend but participants are asked to preregister by calling the local Extension office or 915-356-2539. A sponsored lunch will be served and two pesticide credits, one in IPM and one in General, will be offered to private and commercial applicators.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Comanche County at 915-356-2539 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

The Peanut Shortcourse will feature many well known speakers to Cross Timbers growers. Leading off the program will be Larry Meyers. Larry represents southwestern peanut growers in Washington, D.C. as well as writing for Southwestern Peanut Grower News. He is popular speaker with peanut growers because of his insights into politics and how it affects peanut production. The topic of his presentations is "What's In Store From Washington."

Following Mr. Meyers will be Dan Hunter with Southwestern Peanut Growers Association. There is tremendous concern among growers about the loan and grower assess-

ments. Dan will give growers a "Peanut Program Update."

Peanut insurance has played an increasing role in peanut production as farm programs shift to a reliance on insurance payments during disaster. To discuss Federal Crop Insurance guidelines and changes for the year 2000, Sam Cameron with FCIC out of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be present. Growers will find this session very informative as they make insurance plans for 2000.

Dr. Charles Simpson, Peanut Breeder, Texas A&M University has had some outstanding results in this breeding program for nematode resistance. The Coan variety has already been released and is a tremendous help but later releases are proving even better. Dr. Simpson will present data on variety performance and the future of nematode resistance.

Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV) is a serious disease of peanuts and this area has experienced plenty of problems from TSWV in the past. Dr. Forest Mitchell, Research Entomologist, has done extensive research on this problem from South Texas to Central Texas and the past two years he has focused on resistant varieties and a possible planting window. Forrest will present information on his research findings at the shortcourse.

Dr. Chip Lee and Dr. Robert Lemon both are known across the state to peanut growers. Dr. Lee will bring an update on fungicides growers can use in 2000 including some new changes and Dr. Robert Lemon will talk about the peanut varieties to use including how they perform under less than ideal conditions.

The last presentation is "Are You a Competitive Peanut Farmer?" Dr. Ken Stokes and Chad Hobbs from the Texas A&M University Ag Economics Department have put together this presentation geared to Cross Timbers producers. Remaining competitive will be the main issue a peanut farmer faces as peanut production continues to change.

Remember the program is free of charge and all Cross Timbers growers are encouraged to attend.

Eastland County Employees Say Thanks on "Old Rip Days"

Monday, February 28, 2000 marks the 72nd anniversary since the reemergence of old Rip from the cornerstone of the courthouse.

This year, the Eastland County employees and officials wish to express our gratitude to the citizens of Eastland County.

All Citizens of the County are invited to attend a reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, the 28th

of February at the Eastland County Courthouse. Sandwiches, chips, Toad cookies, Punch and Coffee will be served and is sponsored through donations of your County employees and elected officials.

Special invited guests will include witnesses who actually saw Old Rip the day he was lifted from the cornerstone, Representative Jim Keffer, Retired County Judge Scott Bailey, Eastland County Historical Commission members, H. V. O'Brien and the people of Eastland County.

Special thanks to Cathy Jentho, County Clerk and Sandy Cagle, County Tax-Assessor-Collector for Orchestrating this event.

Please allow us to express our appreciation by joining us as we celebrate our history, heritage and the illustrious "Old Rip".

CORRECTION

In last week's paper we stated that Grand Champion Market Pig was shown by Mike Dickerson. The picture should have been Grand Champion Breeding Gilt - Adam Torrez.

FISH FRY

There will be a FISH FRY on Friday, February 18th at the De Leon American Legion from 6 p.m. til 9 p.m. All You Can Eat - \$7.50. The Fish Fry will benefit the Promontory Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Dathan Wright Named To 2000 All-Star Game

Dathan Wright of Gorman High School has been chosen to play in the inaugural Big Country All-Star Football Classic to be held Saturday, June 3, in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Dathan is the son of Ronny and Dee Dee Wright, he was one of 70 area athletes selected for the first annual game, which benefits the Big Country Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 38 area schools, the rosters for the North and South squads were announced Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Abilene.

About 100 players were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 75-mile radius of Abilene. The teams were chosen by a selection committee made up of the eight all-star coaches, former McMurry College coach Wilford Moore, retired Abilene Reporter-News sportswriter Bill Hart and radio sportscaster Jimmy Pogue.

The North team will be coached by Steve Warren of Abilene High and assistants Hank Dowell of Sweetwater, Denny Faith of Albany and Gerald James of Colorado City, Hugh Sandifer of Abilene Wylie will be the head coach for the South, along with assistants Steve Freeman of Brownwood, Randy Quisenberry of Abilene Cooper and Danny Slaughter of Ballinger.

Players from Class 5A through Class A - in addition to two players from Abilene Christian High School, a private six-man program - make up the team. By classification, the two 35-man squads break down like this: 8 from 5A, 12 from 4A, 17 from 3A, 14 from 2A, 17 from A, plus two players from ACHS. Sixteen additional players were selected as alternates and will participate if a roster spot becomes available due to injury or other circumstances.

Teams will report for two-a-day workouts on Tuesday, May 30. A Sharing the Victory Banquet honoring the players and local FCA huddle members will be held Friday night, June 2.

All proceeds generated from the game will benefit the Big Country chapter of the FCA. The Big Country All-Star Association is a newly formed non-profit organization. Major sponsors for the event are Dr. Pepper and Lawrence Hall Chevrolet. Other key sponsors include Abilene Diagnostic Clinic, Athletic Supply, Big Country Athletics, Fast-

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NOTICE --- COMMUNITY POUNDING

for the Gorman Food Bank

sponsored by The Family Bible Church
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Sunday, February 27th from 5 to 8 p.m.

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There is No Admission

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There will be Refreshments Afterwards.

Svarovsky Update

James and Eula Mears went to Dallas on Monday night to see Richard's team play basketball. University of Science and Arts-Oklahoma was playing Paul Quinn University and won in overtime 103-102. This was a fast-paced game with the lead changing several times. USAO swamped Oklahoma Panhandle State 98-65 last weekend. USAO and Northwestern Oklahoma State are tied for the conference at the present, with 3 games yet to play.

Keeping Up with Friends

Buster and Louise Brown of Stephenville visited with friends in Gorman on Tuesday and checked on their property here. Buster had a visit with friends at the DQ and Louise visited with friends including Margie Hudson. We miss the Browns around here. Kay Ann Craddock visited part of last week with her mother, Estelle Craddock and other folks.

Third Grade Classes Study San Antonio

The third grade classes recently studies a unit on San Antonio. We learned that San Antonio originated in the 1700's as 5 Spanish missions, set up by priests to teach the Catholic religion to the Native Americans in the area. Parts of the missions are still standing in San Antonio today, and can be toured by visitors, in order to see how the Spanish and Indians lived long ago. Some are even still used as churches. The most famous of these missions, the Alamo, was the site of a battle between a small band of Texas soldiers and a very large Mexican army during the Texas and Mexican War. The Texans lost the battle of the Alamo, but won the war against Mexico for independence by defeating Santa Anna's army at San Jacinto. San Jacinto Day is still celebrated during the Fiesta, a week-long festival in San Antonio held in April each year. The Fiesta is only a part of the rich heritage and culture that makes up the great

Gorman Cagers Drop Games to Cross Plains

The Gorman Cage teams both were defeated by the Cross Plains cagers this final game with the Cross Plains Lady Buffs winning 42 to 31 and the Buffs defeating the Panthers 42 to 27.

In the girls action, the Lady Cats were up 8 to 6 at the first period mark. However, the Lady Buffs added 12 in the second while Gorman scored only 2 to make the halftime score 18 to 10. The Lady Buffs added 12 points in each of the final quarters while the Lady Cats hit for 21 and Cross Plains had the victory 42-31.

Rodriguez led Gorman with 13 points. Thomas and Goode each had 7. Sanchez got 3 and Guthery 1. This gave the Lady Cats an 8-17 record and a 2-8 record in District.

In the boys actions the score was tied 6-6 at the end of the first period. Then in the second quarter the Buffs hit for 16 while the Panthers had 12 for a halftime score of 22 to 18. The

team played on fairly even terms in the third with the Buffs scoring 14 and the Panthers 12. In the final period the Panthers outscored the Buffs 7 to 6 but came up short on a 42-37 margin.

Lynch led Gorman with 16, Hogan and Dodd each hit for 6. Longoria had 4, Seaton scored 3 and Johnson hit 2. This gave the Panthers an 8-17 season mark and 2-6 in District.

The Gorman JV girls defeated Cross Plains by a 29-17 margin.

The JV boys game saw the Buffs winning 27 to 19.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department will host a "Firemen's School" on Saturday, February 19th at the Community Center (school building). Area firemen are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at noon.

The garage sale and lunch benefit fro the local firemen was well attended. The firemen would like to tell everyone how much they appreciate those who worked so hard to prepare of this day and those who attended.

Bernard and Ann Keith returned home last Friday after a vacation and sight-seeing in Mission, Texas.

Bill and Tami Sanders and Robyn of Chicota visited the weekend with her parents, Bernard and Ann Keith.

Albert Holdman is recovering from surgery of a complete knee replacement. Albert and Pat are staying in Tomball with their daughter, Don and Ann Vardeman until Albert is able to return home.

Diantha (White) Dennis was in Tulsa, Oklahoma first of the week to attend a cancer treatment center where she will be evaluated for possible treatment. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this time.

Visitors last Sunday at the First Baptist Church were Jean Walker of

Ranger, Johnnie Ruth Sparkman and daughter, Vicki of Stephenville. Special music was presented by the pastor, Jim Haggard and Annette Cummings with Camron Cummings at the piano.

Several in our area still on the sick list and some recovering from recent surgery. Remember these with your cards and prayers.

Please contact this reporter with your news each week.

Have a nice day.

Income Tax Preparation Richard Watson 254-734-2906

The first dog to ever receive star billing in a movie was a German Shepherd that went by the stage name of Strongheart. The movie, made in 1921, was The Silent Call.

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Jesus the Christ has been given ALL authority. In Colossians 3:17 the Bible says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of (or by the authority of) the Lord Jesus." Jesus has been given all authority and He expects and commands us to honor and recognize His authority. We have already noticed that (1) Jesus taught with authority (Matt. 7:28-29); (2) the authority of Jesus is greater than that of Moses and the prophets (Matt. 1:8); (3) Jesus is God's all authoritative prophet for this age (Acts 3:20-23); (4) Jesus still has all authority as THE one and only Head of His church (Eph. 1:19-23); and (5) Jesus is to have "first place" in all matters of religious authority (Col. 1:13-18).

Now we will notice that (6) Jesus has been given all authority both in Heaven and on earth by the Father, Himself (Matt. 23:18). And since Jesus' authority is recognized both in Heaven and on earth, no other authority can supersede that of His. Not the words, teachings and decisions that originate with men, not our personal beliefs or feelings, no our traditions or the traditions of our parents and not what the majority thinks, but Jesus

alone has ALL authority. Jesus is recognized His own authority and therefore so should we. Do you recognize the authority of Jesus? Jesus is the One that we should listen to and follow today. No one else. Now notice that (7) Jesus is God's all authoritative Spokesman for this age (Heb. 1:1-2). Today God speaks to may through His Son. Today we must hear and obey Jesus if we are going to be acceptable to God. Are you doing that.

The only way to eliminate the confusion and the chaos that exists in the religious world today is to accept Jesus the Christ as THE STANDARD of authority. Do you recognize Jesus as your standard of authority in matters religious? Next week we will see that the authority of Jesus is vested within His Word. As always the reader is invited and welcome to come visit us. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you.

Sunday Services Bible class 10:00 a.m. A.M. Worship 10:45 a.m. P.M. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m. The Gorman Church of Christ P.O. Box 747 Gorman, Tx. 76454

Wilfred Benitez is the youngest world champion in boxing history. He was 17 1/2 when he won the light-welterweight title in his home country of Puerto Rico in 1976.

Searching For The History Of Elm School House

Located West of Gorman * Did you or someone you know attend this school and what years they were there.

* Do you possess a photograph that might include an image of the school house. I would love to have a copy made.

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CARBON NEWS

By MICHELLE THACKERSON

I hope every one had a Happy Valentines Day.

Carbon Community Baptist Church had a Valentines Banquet Saturday night. This was our first one to have but we plan to make this a yearly banquet. We all had a good time fellowshiping with each other. We also had king and queens. The young king and queen were Austin Forbus and Lindey Thackerston. The adult king and queen were my husband, Tony, and I.

Also as you all most likely know our church building are the Carbon School grounds. All the Carbon exes received thier information for the re-

union this year and contrary to the letter stating that the school grounds will not be open, they will be open all day and you may come and see all the work we've done and the Lord has blessed our church.

The Carbon City council meeting will be Monday 21st.

My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." Song of Solomon 2:10

When was the last time you said "I love you" to a special person in your life? Think of a quality you appreciate in that person and tell him or her about it. A word love can make a world of difference.

Have a good week and God Bless.

Ranger College Offers Med Aide Course

Ranger College Continuing Education is offering a Medication Aide Course. Advance your medical career with this 140-hour course and become licensed to administer medications. Training Requirements are that all person must be at least 18 years of age, be a graduate of high school or have a GED, be currently employed in a facility as a certified nurse aide. Class will be held at the Ranger College Early Center, located at 819 Early Boulevard in Early, TX. Class will begin on March 6, 2000 and run through May 4, 2000. Class will be held from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thurs-

day evenings. Jamie Pruitt will be the instructor for this course. You must pre-register by phone if you are interested in taking this course. Call Nanette Patton at (254) 647-3234 for more information.

School Menu

Week of February 21

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, toast, milk, juice
Tuesday--Cheese toast, hash browns, milk, juice
Wednesday--Sausage pancake on stick, bananas, milk, juice, syrup
Thursday--Eggs, toast, milk, juice
Friday--Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Ham sandwiches, vegetable shoup, peanut butter bar
Tuesday--Chicken pot pie, salad, cinnamon crisp bar
Wednesday--Taco salad, refried beans, pears, sugar cookies
Thursday--Sliced turkey, green beans, creamed potatoes, apple crisp
Friday--Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, fries, peach cups

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be at the Eastland Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, Second Floor on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 9:30 AM.

You can call Social Security toll-free any weekday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at 1-800-772-1213.

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KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN - PHONE 254-639-2289

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day with their special Valentines. We think of Valentine's Day as a special day to honor that special love of our life, but it is also a day to remember all of those we love and have meant so much to us. It should also be a time to say thank you to God for loving us so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins that we might be saved and forgiven of our sins and know God's wonderful love. Every day is a special day in God's sight.

Sunday was a special day at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Woodrow and Helen Browning rendered the special music with Glynda Bond at the piano. Following the morning the morning worship service Glynda Bond was recognized and honored for being so faithful in her service to the church. Glynda is the church organist and plays

the piano for the choir's special music and is also a Sunday School teacher. She has suffered with an ongoing illness for quite some time and has many times put forth an extra effort to be in church to give her service to God and her church when she really didn't feel well. We want Glynda and her husband, Joe, to know how much we love and appreciate them. Joe serves as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher of the Kokomo Baptist Church, and is principal of Ranger High School, and Glynda is a teacher in the Ranger Schools. They live in the Kokomo Community and are the parents of two sons, Shannon and Brian. Shannon and wife Stephanie live in Copperas Cove. Brian lives in Coppell.

Valentine's Day was celebrated with a wonderful time of fellowship and a bountiful meal in the fellowship hall that was so beautifully decorated in the Valentine theme at the noon hour. Our many thanks to the Social Committee for all their time and effort to make it such a special time.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor on Sunday afternoon for church services were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond, Johnnie B. Griffith, Hope Joiner, Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan. The special music was rendered by Woodrow, Helen, Leona and Joe with Glynda at the piano.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Darlene Hampton of Gorman, Ruth Bryant and Hope Joiner. Doris and Nancy visited in Fort Worth on Monday with Doris's brother and sister-in-law, Vernon and Tommie Pearce.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson, and Gladys, Alexis, Tiffany and Ethan Nelson of Fort Worth visited during the weekend with Clifford Nelson and Cassie and David Brasher.

Joe Fields of Carbon was a visitor with vernon, Deon and Lindell Fields.

Glenda Priest of Abilene visited with her mother, Zelda Jordan on Wednesday night. Bro. Clarence and Leon Wilson visited with Zelda on Sunday afternoon.

Be sure to keep in mind the Benefit Stew Supper on Saturday, February 26 at the Kokomo Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Going Away Party

There'll be a celebration, the time not yet at hand;
 When family and friends will gather to honor me as a man.
 I'm no sure that I'm deserving of being the honoree,
 But by life's pure tradition, I have no choice you see.

They'll talk of all the things I've done,
 My achievement will be the theme;
 But they haven't peered into my closet or know the in-betweens.
 I've trod this old planet triumphantly;
 Found my niche and identity.
 There's been a lot of "I wish I had 'nts," but,
 Wishes aren't reality.

Please, let there be no sadness for I've lived my allotted share.
 I've had a lot of love and help from those who really care
 And if I've brought a smile or two, been forgivin wherein I've failed;
 Life's torch I'll pass along to you and know that love has prevailed.

Written January 29, 2000 by Leo Williams, Class of 1945, Desdemona High School, A Special Day

HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note from the Administrator

Valentine's Day, one of the most romantic holidays of the year. Women seem to love Valentine's Day. Men seem to have problems with Valentine's Day. If most men are like me, they never know what to do with this holiday. My wife has already told me not to get her anything because she already bought what she wants. So what do I do? If I buy her something

she says, "What did I tell you?" If I don't purchase something, I am asked why? What do I do? If you have an answer tell me.

Here at the Nursing Home we will have a party and crown a King and Queen. Hope you have a great Valentine's Day! See you at the Nursing Home.

/s/ Jeff

Now that Valentine's Day has come and gone residents have sweet memories of all those who gave them Valentines. They say "Thank you."

The next birthday party will be Friday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Ollie Halcomb, Frankie Jarrett, Ora Mae Atchison, Patti Whitehorn and Stella Reynolds.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Glenn Edward Glasson, Gena Gwyn Rone, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater.

On Sunday morning, A.V. Seay taught the Sunday School lesson for S.D. Gilmore, Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Velma Bennett and Iola Johnson.

Some of A.V. Seay and Myrtle Hale guests were Thomas and Vicki Seay, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Argie and Margie Hale, Thurman Hale of DeLeon, Diana Gilder, Amy Hale.

Visiting Jack and Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Eunice Love and Mayvis Lasater.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Ernest Wall, Nina Joiner, Juanita Fuller, Nelda Mauney, Louise Hall, Kenneth Good, Geraldine Wright and Anna Rush. Residents were Mae Eison, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, Zadie Terry, S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, A.V.

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Dathan Wright Named To 2000 All-Star Game

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The game will be televised and shown on tape delay by KTAB-TV of Abilene. A live radio broadcast will be produced in Abilene by KWKC 1340 AM and will be heard throughout the area on the Big Country All-Star Classic Radio Network.

Hall of Fame coach Gordon Wood of Brownwood has agreed to be on hand to present two awards - named the Gordon Wood Most Valuable Player Awards - honoring the top players in the game.

For more information, contact Phil Ashby at 915-676-0519 or e-mail at pashby@swconnect.net.

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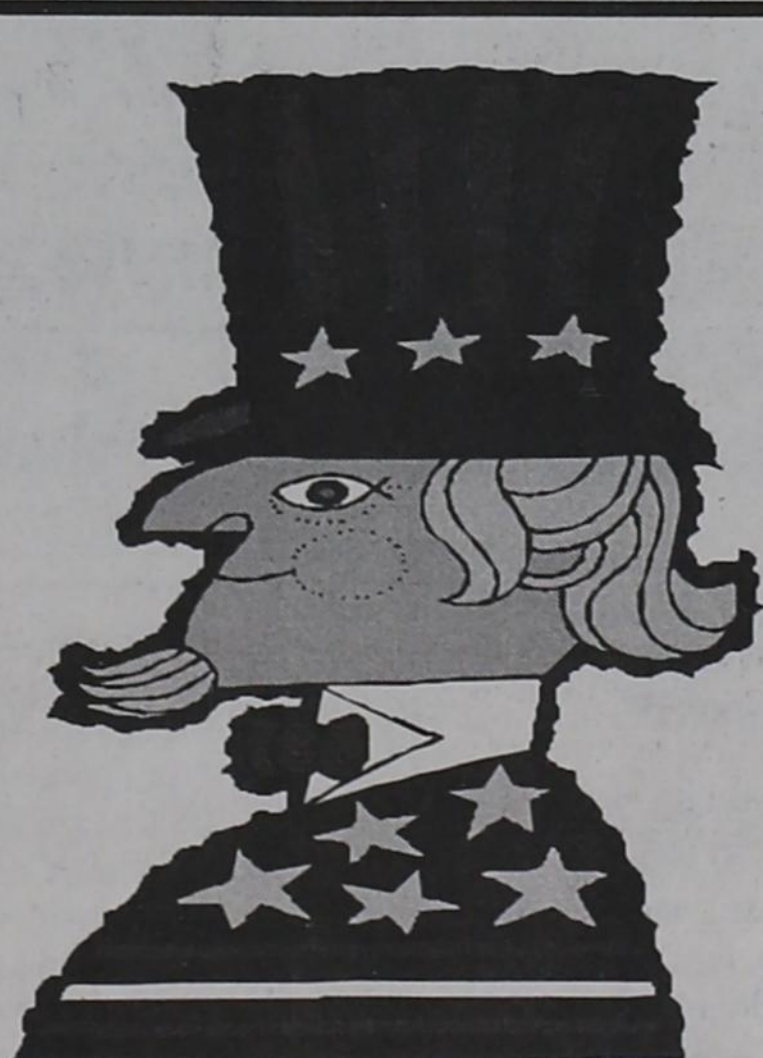
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Heritage Manor News
By Nancy Hendricks

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Seay, Ollie Halcomb and Myrtle Hale. Visiting Veno Hale and Lola Johnson were Ina Reynolds and Ruby Lee Norris of Carbon, Ruth Bryant and Alpha Mae Andry. Good-bye to Idell Warren who was able to return to her home. Mrs. Warren's family states they appreciated the tender, loving care she received while at Heritage Manor. Visiting Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison were Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Chesley Atchison and Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, and Fred Rogers. Karen Guthery gave Veno Hale a new permanent. Guests visiting Hallie Clark and Vadis Phelps were Martha Switzer of Cleburn, Joan Fraley, Stacey Fraley, Tommy Campbell, Fay Tucker of Carbon, Birdie Hogan of Fort Worth, Elnora Lindley of Desdemona, and Amy Fraley. On Friday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Lola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Zadia Terry, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Irene Heathington, and Ava Rodgers. Visiting Modess Self and Lola Walker were Robert and Jean Burns of Fort Worth, Cecil and Christine Self, David and Laneta Freeman, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington. On Friday afternoon, those enjoying "Horse Racing" with Ina Smith were B.T. Hanna, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Modess Self and Zadia Terry. Visiting Stella Files and Hazel Wisdom were Corinne Waldon of Clyde, Lendon and Frankie Jo Shipman, Leo and Eloise Williams, Bob and Merlene Wisdom of Desdemona, Pat Kincannon of Hico, Nell Files of Carbon. Residents appreciated the nice magazines Mrs. Juanita Files donated. Guests visiting Estelle Morris and Velma Bennett were Leon and Ollie Childress of Sidney, Benny and Marjorie Duske, Icy Munn. Visiting Cynthia Earles were Dick and Gala Troutman, Vardie Huff, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, A.V. Seay, Jacob Ervin, Kathy Ervin, Toni Ervin. Some of Stella Reynolds guests were Ray Bond, Ruth Bryant, Ava Rodgers, Edgar Reynolds, LeRoyce and Mackie Brantley, Stella Fay Scott, Amy Fraley, Keri Bond, Nancy Hendricks. Visiting Doris Fowler and Zadia Terry were June Salik, Iris Preston and Eunice Love. **Patti Whitehorn Honored** Rev. T.D. Whitehorn took Patti Whitehorn to Abilene to honor her 70th birthday on Saturday, February 5 to the Red Lobster for birthday dinner. Mary Estes and Sylvia Estes accompanied them. They were joined by her son and wife, Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn. After a delicious birthday dinner, they all went to Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn's home in Abilene for birthday cake and ice cream. Visiting Mary Williams were Geraldine Wright, Anna Rush, Durwood Webb, Bro. Paul Denton, Ruth Bryant, Amy Fraley, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon. **Frankie Jarrett Enjoys Birthday** On Friday, February 4th was Frankie Jarrett's 82nd birthday. It was also Frankie and Clifton Jarrett's 61st Wedding Anniversary. Clifton Jarrett, Rita Hall, Mark Watson, and Kay Watson and Frankie all made a short trip sight-seeing and then went to Kay Watson's for birthday cake, visiting

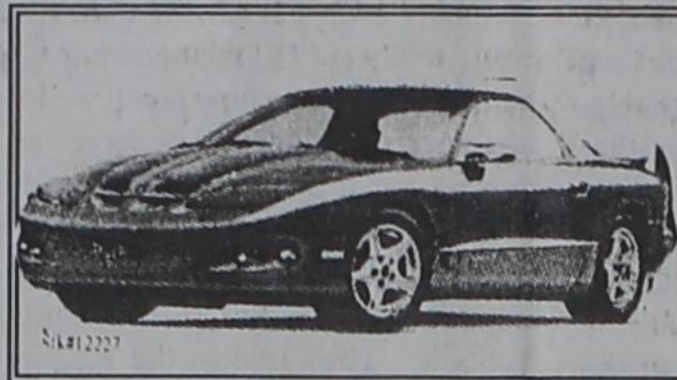
and opening presents. Mrs. Jarrett said it was a great day.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were David and Denna Halcomb, Jo Etheredge, Eunice Love and Mayvis Lasater. On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for Dorothy Beaty, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Irene Heathington, Lola Johnson, Frankie Jarrett, Ava Rodgers, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn and Modess Self. Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Durwood Webb, Alpha Mae Andry, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater. Visiting Muriel Prewitt were Bro. Paul Denton, Amy Fraley, Durwood Webb and Eunice Love. On Monday afternoon those coming for the "Sing-A-Long" were Ruby Lee Kinser, Nell Files, Alpha Mae Andry, Anna Rush, Geraldine Wright, Frankie Jo Shipman, Ernestine Campbell, Ethel Weaver, Margie Nell Treadway, Ruth Bryant, Zeld Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Nina Joiner and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Velma Bennett, Dorothy Beaty, Zadia Terry, Jack and Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Estelle Morris, Cynthia Earles, Ava Rodgers, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, Myrtle Hale, Mae Eison. Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Christine Self. On Tuesday, Betty Duke came and played the electric organ accompanied by Leo Williams and had singing for Modess Self, Veno Hale, Velma Bennett, A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Estelle Morris, Mildred Bellows, Ava Rodgers, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, Mae Eison, Lola Johnson, and S.D. Gilmore. Don Grumbles visited Addie Grumbles. On Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith had Arts and Crafts for A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Modess Self, Frankie Jarrett and Velma Bennett. Some of Dick Troutman's guests were Jacob Ervin, Kathy Ervin, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Frankie Jo Shipman, Anna Rush, Geraldine Wright, Gala Troutman, Chuck and Cheri Troutman, Harold and Tody Zink, Carol Stroud, Irene West, and Nikki Troutman of DeLeon, Amy Troutman of Stephenville. Jonathan VanDusen visited B.T. Hanna. Visiting Frankie Jarrett and Patti Whitehorn were Rita Hall of Kerrville, Marie Cook, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes and Ina Reynolds from Carbon, Kay Watson, Mark Watson and Amy Fraley. On Wednesday morning, Bro. Paul Denton brought chapel for Muriel Prewitt, Ava Rodgers, Lola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Modess Self, Frankie Jarrett, Zadia Terry and Mae Eison. Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Faye Tucker of Carbon, Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks. Visiting Ed Johnson and Buddy Winn were Faye Johnson, Edgar Reynolds, Harvey Winn and Ruby Norris of Carbon. On Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith had Crazy Bingo for Frankie Jarrett, Zadia Terry, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale and Cynthia Earles. Visiting May Eison and Voleta Richardson were Irene West, Eunice Love and Jo Etheredge. On Thursday afternoon those enjoying a western movie were Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Modess Self and Ollie Halcomb.

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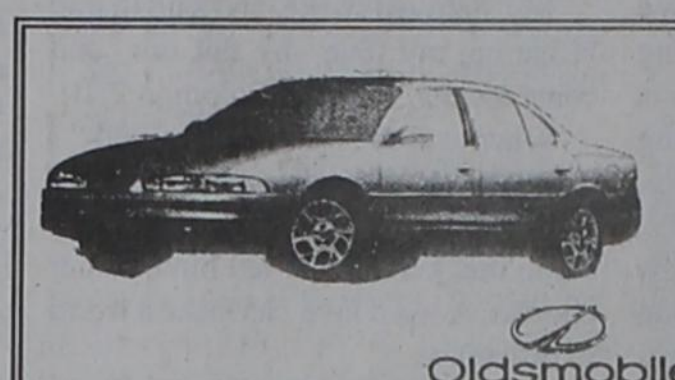
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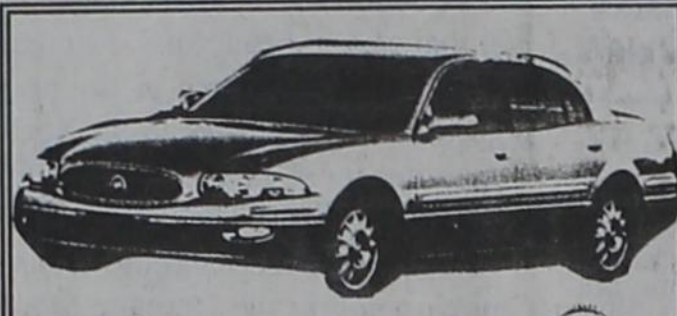
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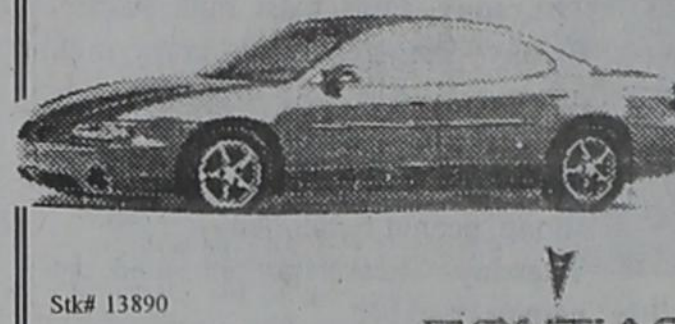
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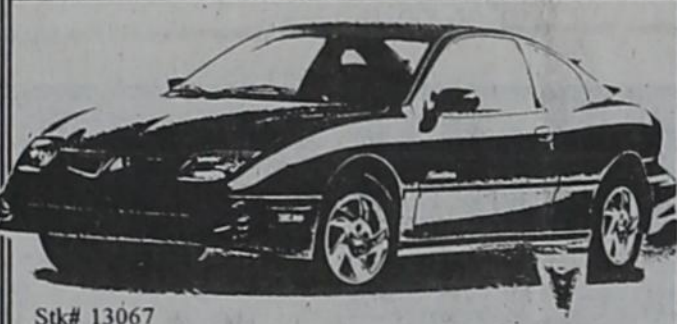


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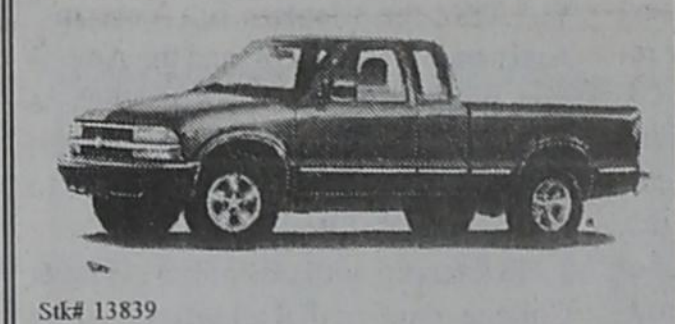
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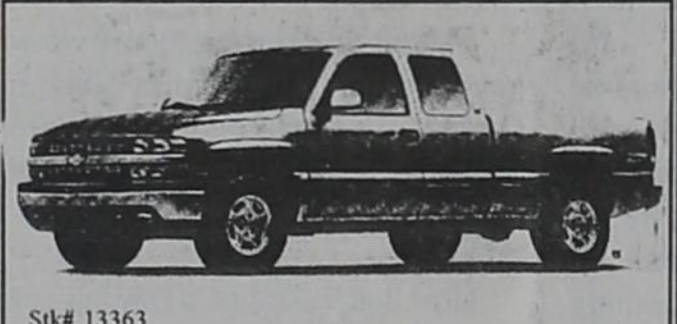


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