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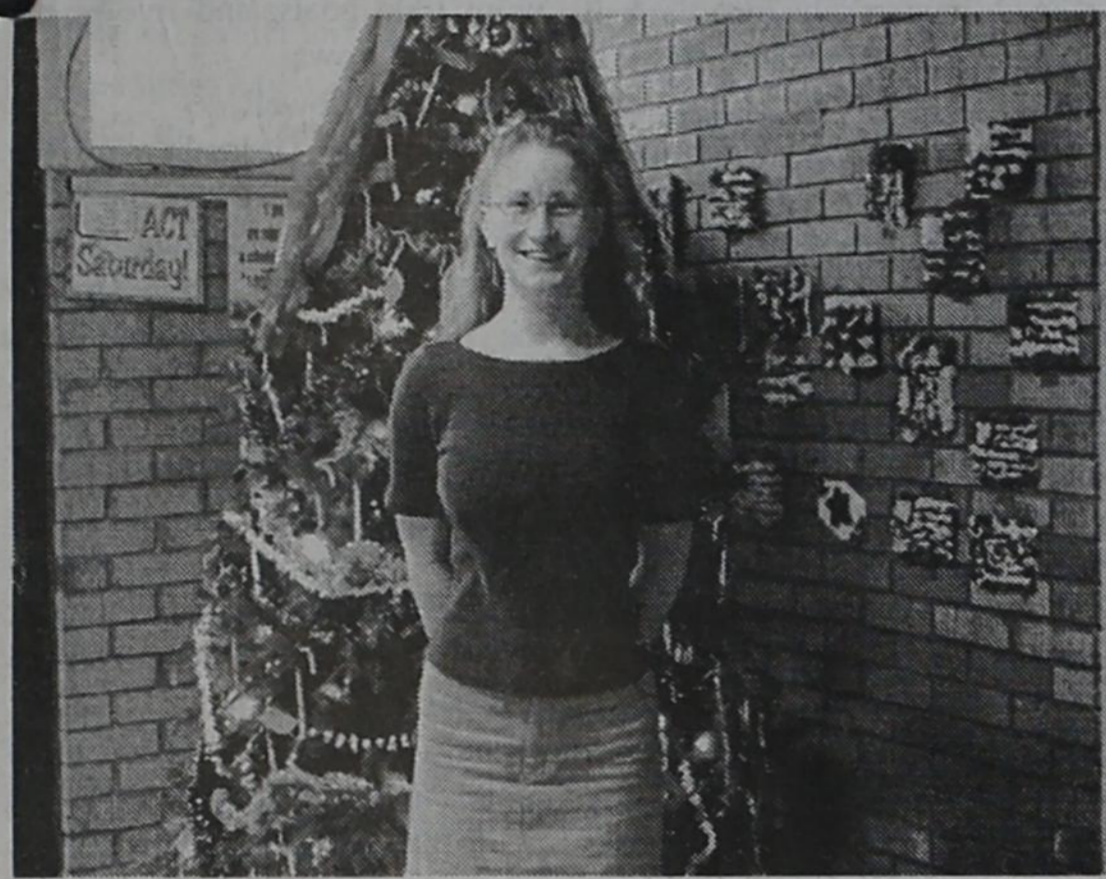
Open House At ASB Dec. 13 and 14

American State Bank will hold their Open House on Thursday, December 13 and Friday, December 14 at the Bank all day long. Refreshments will be available. Cash prize drawings will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday for the "American State Bank is the Bank for Me" Contest. Total cash to be awarded is \$225.00.

Christmas Concert

The Gorman bands will present their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Bands performing will be the 5th and 6th grade band, Jr. High band, High School band, and there will be vocals.

Lana Howard Qualifies For State Choir Auditions



Lana Howard, a senior at Gorman High School, has qualified to compete in the State round of choir auditions by placing 4th in the pre-area round. She will be competing against mostly 4A and 5A schools and is the only 1A student from this region. This will pose a great challenge for her, but not one so great that she can't achieve a winning chair. Lana has the talent, drive and determination to come out on top. Let's all cheer her on and wish her luck at the final auditions in January. This is truly a great accomplishment and a tremendous honor for our school.

Lana is the daughter of John and Charlotte Howard of Gorman.
s/Lisa Laminack

Gorman National Honor Society Inducts 14 New Members

The Gorman High School Chapter of the National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony at the First Baptist Church on December 6th. Fourteen students were inducted through a formal candlelighting ceremony. Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The inductees were: Chris Dodd, Ryan Hagood, Heather Keaton, and Miguel Cruz (seniors); Chad Robertson (junior); and Holly Abbe, Casandra Cooper, Marcie Davis, Andrea Files, Lacy Howard, Thomas Hurd, Melinda Leal, Kalyn Porter, and Crystal Williams (sophomores). NHS members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community.

The NHS members would like to thank Bro. Bill Campbell for allow us the use of the church and Terry Treadway for creating the beautiful and delicious cake. We would also like to thank all of the parents, family and friends who took the time to attend the ceremony. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Photos inside this issue of the induction ceremony.



Emmett Lasater, representative of TXU, presents a donation to the Gorman Voluntary Fire Department in appreciation for service to the community. Accepting the donation are Gene Foster and Jack Harrison. Lasater encourages other to give to local organizations.

Lighting Contest Entry Form

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest. The contest is open to all residents in a 5 mile radius of Gorman. Entry deadline is Friday, December 14. Judging will be on Saturday, December 15th. No Entry Fee. Prizes will be awarded for First Place - \$75; Second Place - \$50; and Third Place - \$25.00.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Directions to House _____

Forms need to be turned in at City Office

Athletic Director News

By A.D. Coby Tyson

It was a busy week in basketball this past week, but things will slow down a little with semester finals coming up next week and the Christmas Holidays to follow.

The 7th grade boys and 7th grade girls competed in the Bluffdale Tournament this past weekend. Both teams won their first games, but fell short in the next two. Both the boys and girls teams finished fourth in the tournament.

The JH teams played Cross Plains here on Monday and played very well. The 7th grade boys and girls won their games and the 8th grade boys and girls dropped very close games to the Buffaloes. The JH will not have a game until school starts back up after the Holidays.

The JV boys and girls got to see a little action last weekend. The JV girls lost to the Evant Elks, and the boys dropped games to Strawn and Evant (May Tournament). Both teams will have hosted Santo this Tuesday. The JV boys and girls will travel to Leuders-Avoca on the 21st for a start time of 4:00.

The Varsity teams played two games last week against two strong opponents. Traditionally strong Priddy defeated our varsity boys and girls last Tuesday. The Elks from Evant then took advantage of some Gorman mistakes to hand both the boys and girls their second loss of the week. Both boys and girls look to improve this week with games on Tuesday against Santo here. Then on Thursday - Saturday (13th-15th), our boys and girls teams compete in the Gordon Tournament.

Christmas Holidays are just around the corner and there are a few things that you should know. All athletes are eligible during the school holiday. This begins when school is dismissed on Friday December 21st and ends when we return to school on the 2nd of January. The varsity boys and girls will be competing in the Brooksmith Tournament on December 27-29th. All (gym, weight room, etc) school facilities will be closed for 5 consecutive days during the holiday time in order to comply with UIL regulations. Our facilities will be closed from the afternoon December 21st thru December 27th. Our teams will be competing in the tournament on the 27th, 28th, and 29th, so the facilities will probably be closed on those days as well.

Holiday workout schedules will be sent home with the players next week. Powerlifting will have no organized workouts during the holidays, but they are encouraged to do as much as they can on their own.

Most of you, I'm sure, have completed your shopping for
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Christmas In The Park and Parade of Lights Held

Hooray for the donations of Christmas lights to this year's Christmas in the Park! There was an estimated 3000 lights and \$20 in cash donated to the project! More lights than we had extension cords and outlets to handle! Saturday morning, braving the cold and the chilling winds, Melissa and McKenzie Osborne, Kathey, Robert, and Candace Ervin, Veronica Seaton, and Robbie, Lori, and Kayce Dodd worked in the park hanging lights, making extension cords, and singing and dancing to Christmas carols. Providing the Christmas tree ornaments and bows was Liz Brinegar and the First Baptist Church G.A. group. It was cold but it was really fun!

Saturday evening at 6 PM was the Parade of Lights. The weather was perfect for a Christmas Parade. Although our parade is not so large, it is geared toward community participation. Two new categories of entrants was added this year. An invitation was extended to all the school grades to enter as a grade or class. First place was Mrs. Lewis' 1st grade class as Santa and Reindeer. Second place went to the entire 4th grade as Christmas carolers. First place won a pizza party and 2nd place won a popcorn and Dr. Pepper party. There were lots and lots of kids in some very creative costumes and some really imaginative use of lights. First place in the individual child category was the "Wizard of Oz" group of Maressa Gillen, Kimmy Seaton, Justin Little, Kourtney Seaton, and Britney Smith. Second place went to 'Christmas in Peanutland' with Jacquelynn and Samuel Rainey, and Katlynn Smothermon. Third place went to Meghan and Raime Preston. All three places won a Movie Survival Kit with a movie rental from Gorman Video, popcorn, and a drink. First place in the Adult category was Bill Babbitt and his Dr. Pepper mini-car, 2nd was Gorman Chamber of Commerce Miss Gorman Andrea Files and Little Miss Gorman Haven Gibbs. Third place went to a great antique car owned by the Whitakers. The last entry was our new fire truck bringing in Santa himself!

After the parade, everyone went to the Community Center. Many excited children ran to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their wish list for Christmas. Terry Treadway and Judy Warren were Santa's helpers with candy and pictures with Santa. There were crafts to browse and buy, chili pies and nachos to eat, hot chocolate to sip, or lemons with peppermints for a trip back to your childhood. Many spectators sat and enjoyed listening the Contentials sing a mixed



HO - HO - HO - Santa visited Gorman by arriving on one of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department trucks driven by Jim Guthery.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Several people joined in singing Christmas Caroling.

variety of Christmas carols and their famous gospel favorites. We were also visited by Pretty Peggy Pepper and the Dublin Dr. Pepper delivery truck.

Thanks to everyone for all their hard work to make this possible. Thanks to Jason and Dana at ZJ's for use of the PA system for the

parade, thanks to Gorman GROW for taking on this project, and thanks again to everyone who donated lights for the park. If you have ideas or suggestions for next year, come to the GROW Christmas party Monday Dec. 17. We would love to have lots more involvement. See you there.

First Baptist Church
GA's and RA's present
A LIVE NATIVITY
On the lawn of the First Baptist Church
Wednesday December 19, 2001
Performances at 6:00 and 6:30 in the evening
Reception to follow each performance

Make Christmas Bright
Please take on Ornament from the
American State Bank Christmas Tree
and purchase a gift for the Heritage Manor
Residents. Return the wrapped gift to
American State Bank and the Gorman 4-H Club
will deliver the gifts on Christmas Eve.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every 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.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

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.

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 DECEMBER 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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. Larry Majors, Worshipful Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Gorman City Commission Minutes

December 06, 2001

The Gorman City Commission met in Regular Session on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Alex Granado, Judy Warren, and Bill Vaughn. Absent was Commissioner Donnie Rodgers. Others present were Glenn Scitern and Lori Dodd.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

Judy made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alex made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

On Citizens In Put Lori was concerned about the lights on the building tops that needed to be replaced. She also requested that an Officer be at the Christmas in the Park planned for Saturday December 8, 2001.

Lori requested that the Commission have on the next voters ballot a 4B sales tax 1/2% increase. Upon discussion Alex made the motion to compose the ordinance and place the increase on the next voting ballot. Judy made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

One bid was submitted on the 1983 Ford Pick Up. Judy made the motion to decline the bid, place a for sale sign on the pick-up, and set a price. Alex made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

At 6:25 p.m. Judy made the motion to go into Executive Session. Alex made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

At 6:50 p.m. Alex made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Judy made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Bill made the motion to pay two employees for one week of vacation, due to the fact that these employees were unable to take off. Judy made the second and the motion carried 3-0.

The Commission requested that the City Employees begin taking more pride in our City by taking more pride in their job performance.

There being no further business for discussion Judy made the motion to adjourn with a second from Alex. Motion carried. Time was 7:00 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you, our Desdemona friends, for the words of comfort, kindness and food you so generously gave in the passing of our uncle, Joe Pool.

He loved the Desdemona area and people. Joe always called Desdemona home.

Thank you again,
The family of Joe Pool

Cubs Basketball

The Gorman 8th grade boy's basketball team took on the Cross Plains Buffaloes Monday night in Gorman. The Cubs came up short in their effort against the Buffaloes by the score of 34 to 38. The Cubs out score the Buffaloes in the first half 16 to 10. However, in the second half, the Buffaloes out score the Cubs 27 to 18 with their tough man defense. Tim Guerra led the Cubs in scoring with 13 points, and Jesse Simpson and Tim Patel both contribute 9 points each for the Cubs. The Cubs next game will be January 4 against May.

In the 7th grade game, the Cubs pick-up their third win on the year by defeating the Buffaloes by the score of 40 to 27. David Ibarra led the team in scoring with 19 points, and Reggie Sanchez chip in 12 points of his own to help seal the win for the Cubs. The Cubs led at half time 21 to 10.

8th grade Game
Gorman 8 8 9 9 34
Cross Plains 2 8 18 10 38
7th grade Game
Gorman 6 15 5 14 40
Cross Plains 7 3 9 9 27

The Gorman 7th grade boy's basketball team competed in the Bluffdale tournament this past weekend. The Cubs open tournament play on Thursday by beating Lipan, by the score of 27 to 15.

Reggie Sanchez was the leading point shooter for the Cubs with 15 points.

In the second game, the Cubs took on a very strong Santo team. The Cubs fell short in their quest by the score of 11 to 35.

David Ibarra led the Cubs in scoring with 9 points.

In the last game, the Cubs could only manage 2 points by Matthew Smith to Garner 48 points. Brad Seller was voted to the all tournament team from the Cubs.

1st game
Gorman 6 6 6 9
Lipan 2 2 2 9

2nd game
Gorman 0 1 4 6
Santo 10 8 12 5

3rd game
Gorman 0 2 0 0
Garner 12 10 16 10
Coach Gerick

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Lady Cub Basketball

On Monday December 3rd the Lady Cubs travelled to Ranger to take on the Bulldogs for the second time. The previous times both girls teams defeated Ranger by large margins. These games were no different, Ranger felt the wrath of the mighty lady Cubs. In the 7th grade game the Lady Cubs rolled on to victory.

Their team consists of Tiffany Perez, Amanda Regian, Brittany Shirley, Kaci Seaton, Kristy Carlton, Mindy Keaton, and Rosa Herrera. These girls represented Gorman very well.

The 8th grade game was the same song, just a different verse. The Lady Cubs rolled on to victory 21 to 16. All of the lady Cubs saw a good amount of playing time, and proved that teamwork really counts.

The eight grade girls team is made up of Samantha Regian, Kendra Swanner, Krista Brown, Jessica Williams, Nora Mendoza, Amber Ervin, Nikki Keith, Shannon Roberts, Summer Olvera, Hollyann Wright, and Sharla Perez. Come on out and support your Lady Panthers.

s/Coach Sowell

Bluffdale ISD hosted a 7th grade boys and girls tournament December 6th-8th. Thursday night the 7th grade girls got a taste of some real competition with the 7th grade team from Lipan. The Lady Cubs took an early lead, but soon learned why everyone calls Lipan a basketball school. The Lady Indians soon forced their way into a tied ballgame and then proceeded to take the lead. Not for long however, the Lady Cubs wouldn't give up. They kept fighting until the bitter end. It looked as if the game might go into overtime, when the score was tie 22 to 22. The Lady Cubs didn't want that to happen. They scored a quick layup, then later Brittany Shirley was fouled. With a very loud gym, and much pressure, Ms. Shirley stepped up to the freethrow line. She swished the first, and nailed the next. The score was now 24 to 22. With only 2 seconds left at this point, the Lady Indians knew they had been had.

CONGRATULATIONS Lady Cubs on an impressive win!

In the next game the Lady Cubs met up with Tolar. They were a quick bunch and they pressed most of the game. In the end the Lady Cubs fell short. This put them in the consolation game with Garner. After a slow start in the first half, the Lady Cubs came back in the

second half and played good defense and scored some key offensive points, but it wasn't quite enough to edge the Garner team. Gorman ended up with 4th place in the tournament of 16 teams. Congratulations Lady Cubs on a Job Well Done!!!!

ByCoachSowell

On Monday, December 10th the Lady Cubs took on the Cross Plains Lady Buffs. Gorman was host to the 4 teams from Cross Plains and quite a crowd came out to watch the teams face off.

The 7th grade game belonged to the Lady Cubs as the devoured the Lady Buffs rather quickly on in the game. The final score was Gorman 21 Cross Plains 5. The Lady Cubs pounced on Cross Plains with a full court man to man press near the beginning of the game, forcing the weak ball handlers from Cross Plains into many errors. The Lady Cubs then scored quickly, as they left the Buffaloes "roaming" around.

The team this year consists of Amanda Regian, Tiffany Perez, Kaci Seaton, Kristy Carlton, Amanda Brown, Mindy Keaton, Brittany Shirley, and Rosa Herrera. Way to go Lady Cubs!

The 8th grade girls game had a different ending than did the 7th. Cross Plains had some rather developed shooters who took the ball to the hole at every opportunity. The Lady Cubs didn't take the loss easily though. Even though Cross Plains had a commanding lead at the half, Gorman bounced back to give them a run for their money. The Lady Cubs ran a full court press to make up for some points they lacked, and got the loose ball to score some buckets. They also work hard offensively and Cross Plains soon found their way into foul trouble. But so did the lady Cubs! At the end of the game the score was 27 to 19.

The Lady Cubs will have more opportunities to take on the Lady Buffs because of another district game, and they will also be competing in Cross Plains' annual tournament.

The 8th grade team is made up with Hollyann Wright, Nora Mendoza, Sandra Lara, Summer Olvera, Kendra Swanner, Shannon Roberts, Samantha Regian, Krista Brown, Jessica Williams, Nikki Keith, Sharla Perez, and Amber Ervin.

By Coach Sowell

Lady Panther Basketball

On Friday November 30th, the Lady Panthers headed down the road to take on the Santo Lady Wildcats. The game sated out in favor of the Lady Panthers as they scored 12 to Santo's 9. However, the Cats were just getting warmed up. In the second period alone they answered back with a 28 point increase. Starting the half the score was Santo 37 Gorman 24. In the 3rd period of play the Lady Panthers scraped 11 points up and in the fourth quarter tallied 13. The final score was Santo 82, and the Lady Panthers 48.

Although the loss was tough for the Lady Panthers they will bounce back in fine fashion, learning from each situation.

Racheal Thomas scored 8 points, 4 of which were freethrows, Jamie Maupin got on the board with a ducee. Melinda leal scored four with 2 points being from freethrows. Lydia Royster also scored a pair, by a field goal. Kalyn Porter had 31 points, 10 being from field goals, 2 by point field goals, and five points from freethrows.

By Coach Sowell

On Tuesday December 3rd the Lady Panthers were "On the Road again," visiting the Priddy Pirates. Gorman got off to a slow start in the first, only scoring one field goal, while Priddy racked up a whopping 21 points. After some quick adjustments by Coach White the Lady Panthers did limit the Pirates scoring in the second to only 10. However Gorman couldn't get the ball bouncing so to speak in the first half of play.

They only had 4 total points in the 2nd quarter of play makin an at the half score of 6. The ending result was Gorman 18, Priddy 55.

Racheal Thomas has one field goal, Lydia Royster had 6 points, 2 from freethrows, Kalyn Porter had 10 points all from field goals.

Come out and support our Proud Lady Panthers!

By Coach Sowell



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Do We Have Your Recipes Yet?

Gorman GROW is still collecting recipes for the community cookbook project to commemorate Gorman's Centennial in May of 2002. We would love to have your favorite recipes. Just type or print your recipes on an 8" x 11" sheet of paper and send them to: Melissa Osborne, Gorman GROW Cookbook Project, Route 1 Box 231, Gorman, Texas 76454. Recipes can also be emailed to gormangrow@hotmail.com.

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Christmas already. If you haven't and/or you are looking for that last something for your child here are just a few ideas from the coaching staff: 1. No play station, nintendo, X-box, sega, video game/computer game stuff at all. We already have the strongest thumbs in the world. 2. How about a good old fashion football to play outside with. 3. A quality outdoor basketball would be nice. 4. A good basketball goal would go great with that basketball. 5. A glove, a ball, and a bat are a good choice as well. 6. If you have a large family or your children have friends over all the time, then a volleyball net and volleyball are perfect. 7. Weight machines or free weights are nice to have for younger children (older kids can use the schools wt room safely). 8. Bicycles are a classic gift.

I hope you found that amusing. But seriously, there is a common theme here. It would be nice to see more gifts involve outside and active entertainment. It would promote a healthier lifestyle and not to mention, improve the coordination and physical skills of our youth. There was a statistic used in an article earlier this year that went something like this: Youth from age 8 to 17 spend an average 5 hours everyday after school either playing video games watching TV, or on a computer. The average would have been higher if not for factoring in those that participate in extracurricular activities. I'm sure all of us remember being a kid and playing stick ball, tackle football, horse, 3 on 3, wall ball, sand volleyball, or some sort of made up game that you played outside and it actually taught you physical skills. As a coach, I have noticed year after year, that youth today spend a lot less time doing these such things.

Remember these things when you are doing your last minute shopping. And if you are wondering what this old coach wants for

**Gorman National Honor Society
Inducts 14 New Members**

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Induction Ceremony held recently



Reception Held Afterwards

Christmas, well let's see; besides that mentioned above, I would like to have all participation numbers in all sports increase and I would like to have every athlete dedicate themselves and sacrifice to be the best they can be, and lastly I would like for one day those young men and ladies use that dedication and sacrifice to succeed in their personal endeavors. Note to my wife: That doesn't get off the hook, you still have my other list.

School Menu

- Week of Dec. 17 - Breakfast**
Monday--Cereal, milk, juice
Tuesday--Breakfast burritos, milk, juice
Wednesday--Cheese toast, milk, juice
Thursday--Muffins, milk, juice
Friday--Biscuits, sausage, milk, juice
Lunch
Monday--Tuna or pimento cheese sandwich, vegetable soup
Tuesday--BBQ chicken, potato salad, Ranch style beans
Wednesday--Nachos with meat cheese sauce, salad, fruit
Thursday--Pizza, salad, corn
Friday--Hamburgers, fries, fruit

A Big Thank You

The family of Murl E. Pittman would like to thank the many people who came to help him during an accident. A very special thanks with candor to our kind and caring neighbors, Frances and Billy Earl Simpson. Billy Earl not only helped us in looking for Murl on that dark night, but he also called an ambulance and law enforcement officers in Gorman. Officer Baxter and others helped him get into the ambulance. We also appreciated Gene Foster and others who came to the house during the power shortage. Murl is doing fine and recuperating from surgery after his fall. He does not want to live anywhere else but in Gorman with all the good folks around. Thank you all again and may you all have a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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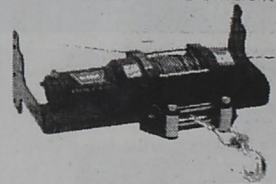
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

We've had a couple of frosty mornings, but the sun is shining beautiful this Monday morning and it is warming up.

The choir rendered the special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Glenda Black of Abilene was a visitor.

The Continental 2, Daryl Hirst and Glenda Black, presented a program of Christmas and Gospel music at Heritage Manor in Gorman on Sunday afternoon. Others from the Kokomo Baptist Church attending the service were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy Little, Hope Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith, Zelda Jordan and Wynelle Brown of Carbon.

The Christmas program at the Kokomo Baptist Church will be on Thursday night, December 20th at 6:00 p.m. Following the program, the gift exchange and Santa's visit with the little ones, there will be a barbecue sandwich meal in the fellowship hall. Visitors are welcome to come worship with us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and then stay and fellowship with us as we enjoy the food.

Several from Kokomo enjoyed the Christmas parade in Gorman, and the music presented by the Continental 2 in the Senior Citizen Center on Saturday night. Later, some of us drove around town to view the many beautiful Christmas light displays.

Charles and Carolyn Little hosted a Thanksgiving family dinner in their home on Sunday, December 2. Those attending were Jennifer and Steve Milsap, Chelsea, Coltin and Landin of Hewitt, Larry and Amy Sandlin, Aaron, Arieanna, Skylar, Micah and Abigail of Eastland, Jerry and Stacy West, Chris, Cory and Kelsey of McGregor, Caye and Scotty Mauney, Zack and Zane of Santo, Charla and Danny Burgess of Gorman, Alan and Shellie Little, Justin and Ally of Kokomo, and Jim and Judy West of McGregor.

James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb of Glen Rose were recent visitors with Oren and Norma Webb.

Delmon Eaves attended the funeral of a cousin, Oliver Smith, in Pioneer on Friday. Our sympathy to Delmon and the family.

We are happy that Hazel Snider is able to be home after several days in the Eastland hospital. We wish her continued improvement. Visitors with Hazel were Richard Watson, Marjorie Treadway, LaVon Snider, Gene and Kay Snider, Ted and Charlotte Snider, Jamie Snider of Altus, Ok, Susan Wheat of Ranger, Mike Snider, Dan Snider, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Kathy, Dale and Scott Collum of Huckabay, and Zelda Jordan who took them their new Sunday School quarterlies. Hazel and LaVon are really missed in their Sunday School class and at the church services at the Kokomo Baptist Church and we pray they will be able to be back with us real soon.

GARRETT GATLIN HONORED ON 3rd BIRTHDAY

Gary and Donna Gatlin of Mineral Wells honored their son, Garrett, with a party in celebration of his third birthday at their home on Friday December 7th. The birthday cake theme was railroads with Thomas The Tank Engine. Those helping Garrett celebrate were his parents and sisters, Gary, Donna, Lesley and Melanie Gatlin, grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning of Gorman, Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and other little friends.

A few days before Garrett's birthday, Woodrow and Helen took him to Fort Worth for a shopping treat for him and had lunch at Chunky Cheese.

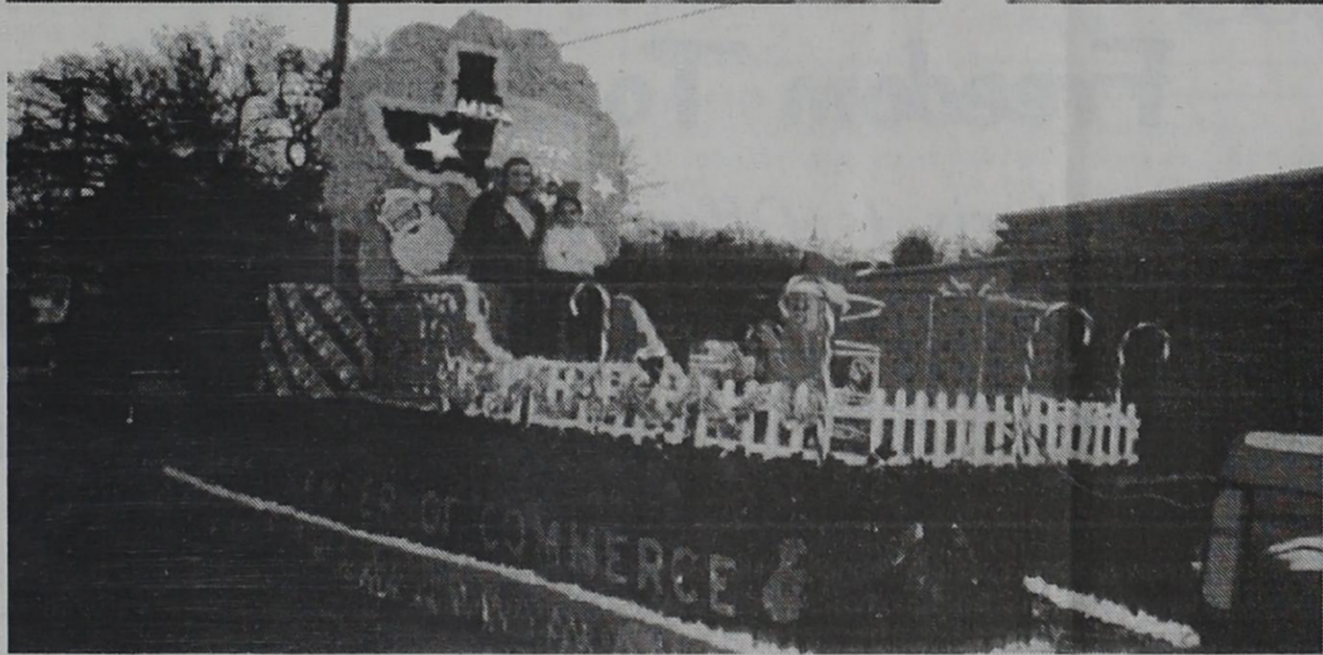
Emily Browning of Graham spent Thursday night and Friday with her grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Mineral Wells on Sunday with Gary, Donna and children and attended the Christmas Musical Program at the First Baptist Church on Sunday night. Lesley, Melanie and Garrett participated in the program.

Glenda Black of Abilene spent the weekend with her mother, Zelda Jordan. Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Fort Worth visited with Zelda on Friday.

Christmas in the Park and Parade of Lights

Photos By Veronica Seaton



Gorman Independent School District Regular Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2001

The trustees for Gorman ISD met in regular session Monday December 10, 2001 at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Maxfield Elementary. President Windell Treadway called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm following an invocation given by Bobby Rich. The minutes were read and approved. Disbursements and payroll were also approved.

During the new business section of the meeting, The board in a motion presented by Freddie Gilmore approved the Gorman High School and the Maxfield Elementary Campus plans presented by Ronny Wright and Betty Morris. The next item of business discussed was a plan that provides assistance to educational aides who attend college and major in the field of education. The program is designed to promote and develop quality teachers. The motion to approve the plan was presented by Bob Powell receive 6 - 0 vote. Glenn Glasson made motion to appoint Ron Childers as the Districts integrated pest management coordinator and the board approved the motion. Finally, the board approved membership to the TASB Legal Assistance program.

In the personnel section of the meeting, Leslie Vann presented the Board with the superintendent evaluation forms. The board discussed the evaluation process. Mr. Vann will receive the completed evaluations at the regular meeting in January.

A report on the fund balance and a tax report were presented by Mr. Vann. The principals presented a report on the Elementary and Junior High UIL contests held at Baird on December 6 and announced that the second half of the contest would be held at Baird on December 11. They also announced that the annual Winter Band Concert was scheduled for Sunday December 16 at 4:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. The administration reminded the board that school would dismiss at 1:00 pm on December 21, 2001 and that classes would resume on January 2, 2002. Betty Morris informed the board that the enrollment for the elementary was 218. Ronny Wright stated that the students have been provided local e-mail accounts. The students' accounts are monitored closely through a program called Gagle Net. Inappropriate messages are blocked and routed to Mr. Wright's office for disciplinary action. Mr. Wright also provided the board with a copy of the semester exam exemption policy for students in grades nine through twelve.

Leslie Vann informed the board that there would be an employee luncheon on December 21, 2001 at ZJ's for all Gorman ISD employees. He also stated that the administration was currently working on the 2002 - 2003 school calendar with a starting date of September 19, 2002. Mr. Vann provided the board with an update on the administrators' evaluation process. The board received copies of the tax rates for all the governmental entities in Eastland County. A resolution from the state school board supporting individual prayer in schools was presented. Mr. Vann announced that the district would be receiving funding for a new bus. Finally, he informed the board that Lori Dodd had requested the opportunity to meet with the board at the January meeting to present information on the community TIF grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Special Note:

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Gorman ISD, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Please take the opportunity to spend time with you family and friends. Again, have a wonderful holiday season.

Leslie Vann

Gorman Area Members Needed

Cross Timbers Community Health Center of De Leon is currently extending invitations to anyone in the Gorman area interested in becoming a member of our Board of Directors for a progressive medical clinic environment. We feel we are on the cutting edge of medical technology for health centers and are in the process of opening another medical clinic in an area town. This board offers direction and provides assistance in this process during monthly meetings, which are held on the fourth Thursday of the month and last about one to two hours. If interested, please contact Karol Wilhelm, Executive Director, or Nancy Caraway, Administrative Assistant, at 1/800/445-5895.

Pause To Think

We are discussing mankind's struggle to believe. Last week we discussed Adam and Eve. This week, let us examine the life of Abraham. We know Abraham as the 'father of the faithful.' According to **Hebrews 11:8-10**, he was a man of faith as well. *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place, which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.* Also in **Hebrews 11:17-19** we find the following declaration of the faith of Abraham. *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

These accounts of Abraham were incredible actions of faith toward God. However, careful study of the scriptures shows that Abraham also struggled to believe the same as others do.

The first example, which we will examine, of Abraham's struggle to believe is found in **Genesis 20:1-11**. This particular narrative tells of Abraham's journey into Gerar. Upon entering this country, Abraham informs the king that Sarah is his sister. So, Abimelech the king sends for her and takes her unto himself. That night, God spoke to Abimelech in dream warning him that he was but a dead man due to the fact that he had taken another man's wife. The Bible states that Abimelech beseeched the Lord saying, *"Said he (Abraham) not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands have I done this."* God instructed Abimelech to return Sarah back to her rightful husband and declared Abraham a prophet. Have you ever thought that if you had the power, the authority, and the insight of a prophet that nothing could get to you spiritually? But here we find Abraham whom God declared a prophet withholding a portion of truth from Abimelech. Why did he do this?

That is exactly what Abimelech wanted to know. He called Abraham and asked him, *"What hast thou done unto us? And what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? Thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done? What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?"*

Abraham said, *"Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake."* We can see from this verse that Abraham feared for his life, therefore he and Sarah connived together to retain a portion of truth from those that they met in order to protect Abraham's life. The omission of any portion of truth establishes direction toward deception. Deception is a lie, no matter how much truth it contains.

This action of Abraham and Sarah reveals fear and a lack of complete trust in God. God doesn't need our help: we need his. Our only concern should be making sure that we are doing his will. How God is going to perform what he has asked us to do is not for us to figure out. Our responsibility to God is to obey directives. God's promise to us is that He will not leave us vulnerable to defeat, but will make a way of escape concerning every conflict that we encounter.

More next week. Address comments or questions to:
John Howard, Jr. jthjr77@txol.net
PO Box 399

Thank You

We would like to thank Dano Gressett and the wonderful people at First Fruits for hosting the reception of our 2nd Annual Tour of Homes. Your facility was lovely and your help was very appreciated. We would also like to thank Jerrie Brown, Pat Graham, Ellen Gressett, Deborah Nowlin and Connie Watson for allowing us to use their homes for the Tour. We would also like to publicly thank the significant others in their lives for helping and enduring preparation for the big day! (You know who you are!) The weather was perfect and so were all the homes. And once again, the delectable goodies were absolutely luscious! Thank you again for being a part of our Christmas Tour of Homes.

Happy Holidays to you all!
Most Sincerely,
Gorman GROW

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

First Baptist Church of Desdemona was blessed with good attendance last Sunday for the morning service. Special music was presented by Kristi, student at Howard Payne College in Brownwood. Other visitors were Jack and Nancy Corbell of Stephenville and Dale Kay. Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. Fish fry for all the church on Sunday night 6:00 p.m. at the annex. Visitors are invited.

Albert Holdman visited a few days this past week in Sunday with his son, David and Lori Holdman and children, Shelby and Troy.

Debert Williams of Stephenville spent the past week in the Stephenville Harris Methodist Hospital recovering from pneumonia. He is a former resident of Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1939.

Dorothy Roberts spent the past

weekend in Fort Worth visiting with her daughter, Ulenda and Kevin Weaver and grandson, Tanner. Other visitors in the home were Shelly Horan and Jeff Roberts of Dallas, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena of Granbury, Heather and Shawn Caddell and children, Kelsey and Cameron, Heath Weaver and Ashley Weaver all of Fort Worth.

"Congratulations" to Dale and Juanita (Kincaid) Langlitz of Eastland as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 15th. A reception will be given 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eastland. This event will be hosted by their children, Ronald Langlitz of Eastland and Connie Arnold of Granbury. Juanita is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school with the Class of 1949. Parents are the late Frank and Lena Kincaid.

Several from Desdemona attended the 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday, December 8th of Bob and Florine (Williamson) Bursleson in Stephenville. Bob graduated with the Class of 1948 and Flo with the Class of 1950, both from Desdemona.

Remember those in our area on the sick list with your cards and prayers. Doyle Welch will have surgery this week, Hazel Koonce is a patient in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene recovering from heart bypass surgery, Bob Tucker is recovering from heart bypass surgery, Helen Collum and Dorothy Roberts are recovering from recent foot surgery, Johnnie Sparkman is recovering from knee replacement surgery, several with bronchitis, colds and flu.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Ralph Ramseur of School Hill. Burial was on Wednesday in the Lingleville East End Cemetery. Survivors are his wife, Juanita Ramseur and family.

Dale Kay and wife visited the past weekend with his niece, Ruth Daffron.

Have a great day—Vonnie

Thank you to Everyone

Dear Members of the Gorman Masonic Lodge,

I would like to publicly thank you for the lovely award that was presented to me recently. I was so surprised, but mostly I was honored to receive such a prestigious award. Your words were kind and encouraging. They provided me with strength and support and were truly appreciated. But I know that my efforts and works are not new to our community. There are people who have been diligent and given and given for years to make Gorman the community we are now. People like Pat and Howard Hagood, Daryl Hirst, Jud and Ann Maxfield, Ina Smith and others, who have lived here all or most of their lives, and put their heart and energy into who we are and what we have today.

I am very proud of my award, and again, appreciate your vote of confidence. There are many fine programs and opportunities available in this new millennium, and I hope that I am not alone in wanting to bring many of these opportunities to Gorman. My job title may be Economic and Industrial Development director, but I believe that first it is Community Development. What good would it do to bring more industry into our community if we do not have humanity and community-based pride and integrity as the foundation to support new this industry?

Thanks again for your award. And thank you to everyone for your support of Gorman's Economic Development Corporation, Gorman GROW, and our local Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,
Lori Dodd

Lead Testing Conducted at Bass Lake by TSU Students

-by Heather McKinney & Kim Brumley

For the past three semesters, students from Tarleton State University's Department of Nursing have been performing an ongoing environmental and health assessment of Gorman. First and foremost, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous amount of help and support that was bestowed upon us as we collected research materials and conducted interviews for this assessment project.

This semester, we performed a comprehensive assessment of Gorman with our priority being lead. The main goal for this assignment was to test for lead in both a body of water and in a patch of soil. We decided to obtain samples for both the water and soil from a public facility: Frank A. Grey Park. Our focus was on obtaining samples from an area where it would be probable that, if lead were present, many children would be affected.

Lead is an organic element that cannot be naturally broken down by our environment. It is routinely used in the production of chemical compounds and is also a by-product of combustion. Prior to 1978, high amounts of lead could be found in a variety of products. Almost all paints were composed of a lead based substance to increase the paint's durability. Canned foods were often soldered with a lead material. Ceramic and crystal glassware also possessed elemental lead. Gasoline most commonly contained high amounts of lead versus today's unleaded gasoline. Petroleum products continue to have a small amount of lead. Lead was also used for plumbing, piping, and fixtures. Governmental regulations, however, have dramatically reduced the incidence of contamination, but lead exposure continues to be a major environmental hazard.

Lead contamination can occur in a variety of ways, however, ingestion is the most common means of contamination. Children are most at risk related to high absorption and hand to mouth activity. Lead contaminated dust particles may settle on a child's toy. The child may then either touch the toy and then place his contaminated hand in his mouth, or put the contaminated toy in his mouth.

Once lead is in the body, it is there to stay. There is no treatment to completely remove lead from the body. Venous blood sampling is the only method available to determine the amount of lead within the body. Practically all organ systems are affected by lead contamination. Long-term low-level exposure is how most health effects are caused. The most commonly noted effects of lead exposure include mental disability and behavioral abnormalities. As lead exposure increases over time, effects can include mental retardation, hearing loss, impaired growth, and even sterility.

The water collected was directly from Bass Lake and the soil from a nearby area. Each sample was placed in a clean container and sent to Talem Environmental Services in Fort Worth for lead testing. Sample one was the water sample. Results from testing revealed that less than 0.040 UG/L. This is well below the federal standard of 15 UG/L of allowable lead in water. Sample two consisted of the soil sample. Testing showed that it contained a level of 5.2 ppm. This level falls well below the federal hazard standard level of 2000 ppm of allowable lead in soil.

Sample results indicate that lead contamination is not a problem at Frank A. Grey Park. If you would like more information concerning lead, you may go to these websites:

- About Lead Poisoning: http://www.aecfp.org/main_page_3_sub.html
- Elemental Lead: <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/search>
- Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning: A Federal Strategy Targeting Lead Paint Hazards: <http://www.epa.gov/children/whatwe.leadhaz.pdf>
- Dangers of Lead Still Linger: <http://www.efsan.fda.gov/~dms/fdalead.html>
- How Lead Gets Into People: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/leadsafeinf3.htm>
- Testing your home for lead: <http://www.epa.gov/lead.htm>

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| Dec. 14 | De Leon | Home | 4:00 | JVGB |
| Dec. 21 | Leuders-Avoca | Away | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Dec. 27-29 | Brown County Classic - Brooksmith | TBA | | |
| Jan. 4 | Baird | Home | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Jan. 8 | Ranger | Away | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Jan. 11 | Cross Plains | Home | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Jan. 15 | Lingleville | Away | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Jan. 18 | May | Away | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Jan. 22 | Baird | Away | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Jan. 24-26 | Zephyr JV Tourney | TBA | | |
| Jan. 25 | Ranger | Home | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Jan. 29 | Cross Plains | Away | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Feb. 1 | Lingleville | Home | 4:00 | JV-VGB |
| Feb. 5 | May | Home | 5:00 | JV-VGB |

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

The next monthly Birthday Party will be Friday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Veno Hale, Ethel Weaver and Zadio Terry. Relatives and guests are welcome. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

On Saturday morning, Bro. Lonnie and Edith Grumbles brought church services for Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Glen Lasater, Veno Hale and Jewel Snider.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rogers were Frank and Ella Reeves of Irving, George Rodgers, Tootie Campbell.

On Sunday morning, Bobby Rich and Tootie Campbell from First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Buster Brown, Buddy Winn, Modess Self, Hallie Clark, A.V. Seay, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Margaret Helms, Stella Files and Frankie Jarrett and guest Louise Brown.

Visiting Jewel Snider and Glen Lasater were Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider, Kevin Scitern, Amber, Arl Lasater of Carbon, Rozelle Caraway of Eastland, Peggy and Bobby Ingram, Maudie Husband of Cisco, Gary Owens of Brownwood, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Buddy Winn and Ed Johnson guests were Harvey Winn of Carbon, Fay Johnson, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Those coming from the First Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon were Anna Rush, Gearldine Wright, Louise Hall, Nina Joiner, Tootie Campbell, Louise Brown, and Frankie Joe Shipman. Residents were Robin Taylor, Zadio Terry, Margaret Helms, Ollie Halcomb, Mildred Bellows, Patti Whitehorn, Ethel Weaver, A.V. Seay and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Veno Hale and Stella Files were Howard and Pat Hagood and Tootie Campbell.

Visiting Mary Williams were Iris Preston, Geraldine Wright, Anna Rush, Jerry Brown Durward Webb, Ima Brown and Iris Preston.

Louise Griffin Passes Away

Frances Louise Griffin passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2001 in the DeLeon Hospital. Graveside services were 2:00 p.m. Sunday in Oaklawn Cemetery. Rev. Bill Campbell officiated, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

A native of Gorman, she married James Aubrey Griffin on January 3, 1934 in Stephenville. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents William and Mattie Lee Andress and a sister, Faye Marshall.

Survivors are her husband James A. Griffin of Heritage Manor, 3 sons, James L. and Rita Griffin of Columbus, MS, Mike Griffin of Flower Mound, James A. Griffin Jr. of Ft. Worth and a grandson.

On Sunday, Arl Lasater of Carbon came and took Glenn Lasater to church.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Jim and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Ken and Betty Heathington, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Jack Bellows and Dean Pound Honored—On Sunday, Hospice of Dublin had a memorial service honoring the patients that have passed away. Two honorees were Jack Bellows and Dean Pounds from Heritage Manor.

There was a candle for each person. Pat Graham and Darrell Graham lit Jack's candle, a hospice member lit Dean's. Every candle was lit. They had a devotional, hymns were sung and also special music. Later, punch and cookies were served to everyone.

Some of Olan and Margaret Helms guests were Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell.

Visiting Rev. T.D. and Patti Whitehorn were Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Marie Cook, Sylvia Estes, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Robin Taylor guests were Tootie Campbell, Ellen Tucker. Karen Guthery gave Hallie Clark and new permanent.

Visiting Irene Heathington and Modess Self were Dave and Laneta Freeman, Howard and Pat Hagood, Ken and Betty Heathington, Donnie Mathison of Carbon.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, A.V. Seay and Ava Rodgers.

Some of James Griffins guests were James and Rita Griffin of Columbus, MS; Mike Griffin of Flower Mound, James Jr. Griffin of Ft. Worth, Howard and Pat Hagood, Daisy Slaton.

Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood visited with Cynthia Earles. Visiting Buster Brown were Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Vonita Richard of Ft. Worth, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Louise Brown, Glenn Glasson, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Iris Preston.

Visiting Muriel Prewitt were Howard and Pat Hagood, Durward Webb. Karen Guthery gave Margaret Helms a new permanent.

Some of Mildred Bellows guests were Gena Tidmore of Midlothian, Gena Earley of Ft. Worth, Howard and Pat Hagood, Darrell and Pat Graham.

Visiting Zadio Terry were Iris Preston, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Monday afternoon, those coming for the singing were Daisy Slaton, Alpha Mac Andry, Ruby Lee Kinser, and Donnie Mathison. Residents were A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Glen Lasater, Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, and Frankie Jarrett.

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On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Ava Rodgers, Margaret Helms, Ethel Weaver, A.V. Seay, and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Ruth Bryant guests were Dr. Kyle Bryant, Susie, Chance and Mykisha Hampton, Larry and Martha Bryant.

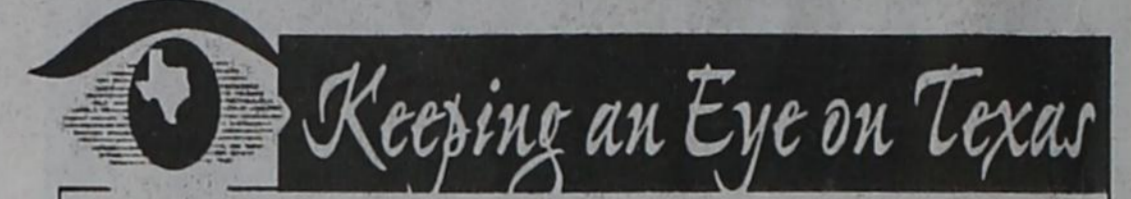
On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church for Buster Brown, Hallie Clark, Ava Rodgers, Frankie Jarrett, Ola Walker, Ethel Weaver, Patti Whitehorn, Bro. T.D. Whitehorn, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Robin Taylor and guest Louise Brown.

Visiting Ethel Weaver and Hallie Clark were JoAnn Fraley, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Frankie Jo Shipman, Billy Hair, Amanda Hair, Richard Watson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Iris Preston.

Thursday morning Ina Smith had 'concentration' for Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett. They received candy canes.

Visiting Clifton and Frankie Jarrett were Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Kay Watson, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Thursday afternoon, Ina had "Gift Bingo" for A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Mildred Bellows, Veno Hale, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett.

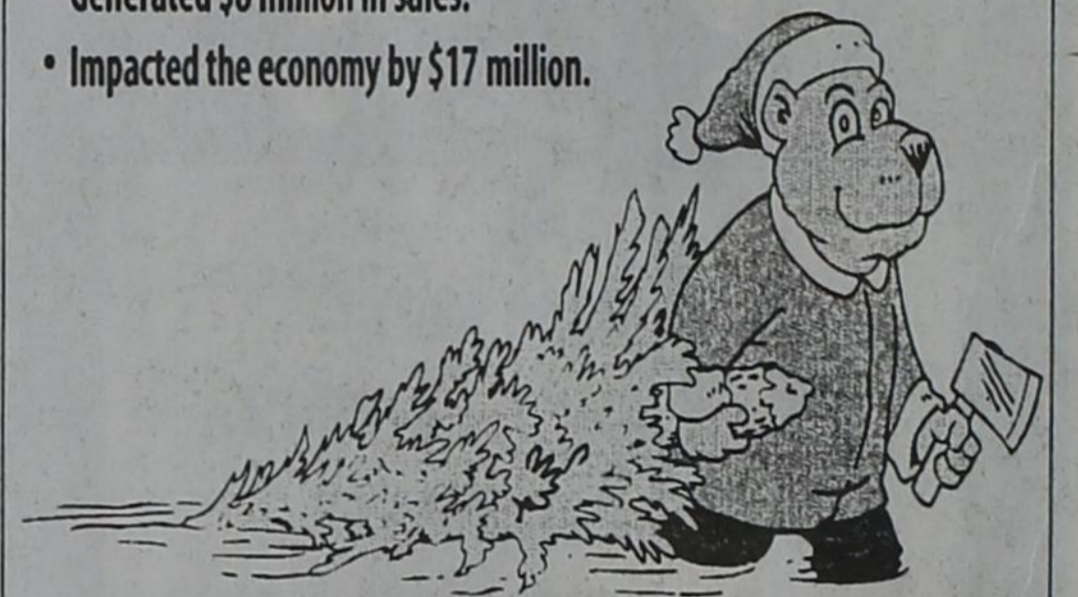


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