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Merry Christmas From Joe - Lonnie

Correspondents - Zelda Jordan, Nancy Hendricks and Vonnie Guthery

Annual New Year's Eve Singing Slated At New Hope Baptist Church Saturday, December 31

The annual New Year's Eve Singing will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Saturday, December 31 beginning at 8 P.M. This long-standing event is a time for the entire community to come together and enjoy a time of celebration in welcoming the new year.

Singing continues until about 1 O P.M. when there is a break for refreshments and visiting. After the break, the singing resumes and continues until midnight.

The program consists of a mix congregational singing, groups, solos, and instrumentals. Please accept our invitation to come and be a part of this joyous time of celebration and praise.

Christmas Eve Celebration at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship

Here's a great way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas! The community is invited to a special event on Christmas Eve, from 5:00 to 6:30PM. There will be free food, special music, a testimony from a man who has been wonderfully freed from drug and alcohol addiction during this past year, and a reading of the Christmas story from the Bible. The dress is casual and there will be childcare available. Come as you are. (Firstfruits will not have a worship service on Christmas morning.) Call the church for more details: 254-734-3203.

First Baptist Church of Gorman To Hold Candle Light Service

There will be a Candle Light Service at the First Baptist Church of Gorman on December 24th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend this service.

"Tell Me The Story Of Christmas"

There will be a "Tell Me The Story of Christmas" presented by Children In Action at the First Baptist Church of Gorman on Sunday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENTION TEENAGERS: Party at God's House on New Year's Eve Party at God's House is a safe and wholesome alternative to the usual party scene on New Year's Eve. The event is a cross-denominational New Years Eve party created specifically for teenagers (7th thru 12th and college singles). The Party will be December 31st at River of Life Youth Center in Eastland, TX. There is no entry fee and the event will begin at 9:00 p.m. and end at 1:00. A 25-cent menu of nachos, hot dogs, and corn dogs will be available; however, drinks and sweets are free. The party will consist of two local Christian bands, Nobody Famous and Branches. Trustworthy parents and Youth Ministers from around the county will be overseeing every aspect of the event.

Free transportation will be provided from Firstfruits Christian Fellowship. The church van will depart at 8:30 p.m. and return around 1:30 a.m. Please call Firstfruits Christian Fellowship at 254-734-3203 to RSVP or to inquire.

Lady Panthers Win Consolation At Rising Star Tournament



R. W. "Junior" Hampton

R. W. "Junior" Hampton, age 60, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Stogsdill officiating. Burial was at Gorman Cemetery.

Junior was born May 1, 1945 to Royal Hampton and Doris (Martin) Hampton. He maried Marilyn Cardwll on May 31, 1985 in De Leon. Junior was a graduate of Gorman High School. He was a farmer and a member of the Church of Christ. He loved to enter his antique tractors in area parades and tractor shows.

He is survived by, wife, Marilyn Hampton of De Leon; two sons, Adam Hamptoin and wife Sylvia of Gorman and Josh Hampton of Gorman; one brother, Jimmy Hampton and wife Valerie of Gorman; two sisters, Marilyn Mason of De Leon and Rosa Lee Bodie of Waco; grandson, Hayden Hampton and granddaughter, Jordan Hampton both of Gorman. He was preceded in death by a son, Trey Hampton, parents and a sister, Rheta Dell Fortune.

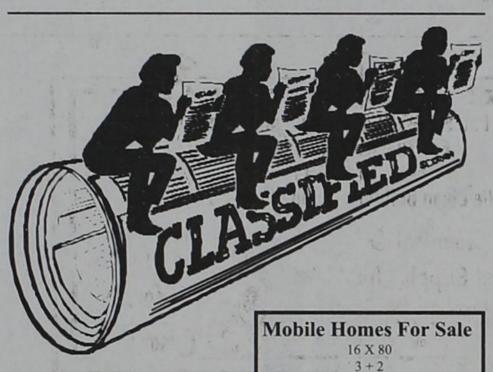
Lucille Roberts

Lucille Roberts, age 90, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2005 at the home in Brownwood.

Graveside services were at 3:00 p.m. Saturday at Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman with Bro. Williams officiating. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Mrs. Roberts was born September 26, 1915 in Red River County, Texas to the late R. B. White and Jossie (Suggs) White. She married Jesse Roberts on January 1, 1949 in Haskell. She was a licensed vocational nurse and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Jackie R. Abbe and wife Lorene of Fort Worth; one daughter, Ernestine Minor of Brownwood; two brothers, Burtis White and wife Chan of LeFors, Tx and Jimmy White and wife Faye of Mt. Pleasant, Tx; one sister, Paulene Thomas of Montaque; twelve grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.



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George Allen

George Allen Terrill, age 88 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Friday, December 16, 2005 at Comanche County Medical Center.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2005 at De Leon First United Methodist Church with interment in De Leon Cemetery. Under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home in De leon. With Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Music provided by Dotty Hare.

He was born October 24, 1917 in Comanche County, Texas to the late Emory Terrill and Mary Etta Petty Terrill.

He was a farmer/rancher; graduated from De Leon High School in 1936; served in U.S. Navy as electricians mate 3rd class where he was stationed aboard USS Morris during WWII; resided all of his life in De Leon and member of De Leon First United Methodist Church.

He married Euna Anglin on January 12, 1946 in Dublin, Texas.

Survivors include wife, Euna of De Leon; two sons, Steve Terrill and wife Estelle of Willow Park and Mark Terrill of Roanoke; one brother, Ralph Terrill of Pampa; one sister, Bety Durham of Longview and one grandson, Michael Terrill and wife Carrie.

He was preeded by his parents, L. Terrill.

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Terrill

Greta Jo Gardner, age 74, of De Leon, Tx passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at Comanche cal Center. County Medical Center.

ber 17, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at Nowlin ment in De Leon Cemetery. Ken- Auvenshine was minister. neth Wilson officiated and La Robinett were singers.

She was born on August 6, 1931 G. Pittman and Gladys Adams Pittman.

operator of Dairy Queen in De Leon Leon High School; resided in De Jessie Lou Tunnell. Leon area all of her life; member of Round Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Mike Gardner and wife Sue of De Leon and David Gardner and wife Barabara of De Leon; one daughter, Debbie Tomerlin and husband Ted of Tolar; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, James Gardner; one sister Sue Ripley and her parents.

Edmond L. Carlile

Edmond L. Carlile, age 77 of two brothers, Eldon Terrill and F. Bastrop, TX passed away on Monday, December 12, 2005 at Central

Christopher Nabors. Honorary: 1928 in Snyder, Tx to the late Bird

days from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and 6 p.m. Auvenshine was minister with eulogy by Ed Covington.

> Edmond was a commercial truck driver; served in U.S. Army during Korean Conflict; resided in Bastrop 14 years, having previously lived in Del Valle, Tx and De Leon, Tx. He was a Southern Baptist.

He is survived by a daughter, Valrico, Florida; one step-son, Ed Covington of Lubbock; 6 grandchildren and devoted companion of 11 years, Lois Vinzant of Lockhart.

He was preceded in death by his www.randy.house.gov. wife, Betty Holdridge Carlile.

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Barbara Jo Gregory

Barbara Jo Gregory, age 89, of Golden Age Manor Nursing Home in Dublin, Tx passed away on December 13, 2005 at Comanche Co. Medi-

She was born September 17, 1916 in Comanche County, Tx to the late Services were Saturday, Decem- Joseph E. Grisham and Daisy Dean Allsup Grisham.

Services were held Friday, December 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with inter- Funeral Home Chapel with interment in De Leon Cemetery. Jackie

She was a seamstress/homemaker; lived most all of her life in De Leon Ressie Wilkerson and Vicki area. She was a member of De Leon First Christian Church.

She married U. A. Gregory.

Survivors include: one son, Thomas Gregory and wife Reba of in De Leon, Tx to the late Lowell Cleburne; three grandchildren, Sandra Hutchison of Stephenville, James Gregory of Cleburne and Lesa Gregory of Fort Worth; 5 grandchildren, Jennifer Breitweiser, Veronica and Matthew Hutcheson, Sydney Barnes She was a homemaker; owner/ and Tyler Gregory; one brother, John Grisham of De Leon.

She was preceded by her husband, U.A. Gregory, four brothers, Marvin, for many years; graduated from De Lynn, Lloyd, and J. D. Grisham, and two sisters, Lula Merle Mauney and

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer December 19, 2005

House Passes Border Security Measure

The Border Security measure that I have been talking about the past few weeks passed the House on Friday. I believe that this is a good bill that moves America closer to our goal of regaining control of our borders.

First and foremost, this legislation reinforces our nation's respect for the rule of law by increasing penalties for those individuals and businesses that break current immigration laws. This bill also ends the misguided "Catch and Release" practice, and calls for the use of a wide range of tools to patrol our borders, ranging from fences to sophisticated, 21st century technology. These provisions work to cut off illegal immigration at its source by reducing the incentives for illegal immigration and securing our borders.

This bill represents just one aspect of our comprehensive strategy to Pallbearers were Jimmy Dale Texas Medical Center in San secure our borders and fix our broken immigration system. Over the past year, Congress has passed legislation that provides \$1 billion for immi-He was born on October 10, gration custody operations; \$135 million for transportation and removal of illegal immigrants; and funds for 40,000 new detention beds, tripling current capacity.

In the coming year, Congress will build on the progress made in 2005 Services were held Sunday, De- and continue to work on fixing our broken immigration system. Recogcember 18, 2005 at 3 p.m. in Nowlin nizing the fact that tens of millions of illegal immigrants have already Funeral Home Chapel with inter- entered the United States, Congress will specifically address the fundament in De Leon Cemetery. Jackie mental task of enforcing immigration laws already on the books.

Bright Spots and Disappointments in Hong Kong

Our trade negotiators have just returned from Hong Kong where agriculture trade policy was a focus of discussion. As is often the case with this type of negotiation, there were reasons to be encouraged and reasons to be disappointed. Our negotiators, particularly U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, stated that our domestic support for agriculture is not the cause of Africa's farm-He married Betty Holdridge on ing problems. They stressed the need for developing countries to learn February 23, 1963 in Fort Worth, and implement farming techniques that lead to better productivity and larger yields. That is the truth, and I commend Ambassador Portman and Secretary Johanns for making that case on the world stage.

On the flip side, the European Union remains unwilling to make mean-Michelle Carlile LeGrande of ingful concessions, and I'm concerned that cotton is being treated differently than all other commodities. It is important to note however these negotiations are not complete, and this round of talks will continue on into 2006. There still remains opportunity to achieve a better deal for cotton. My full reaction to the Hong Kong Ministerial is on my website,

--Randy

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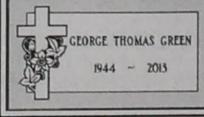
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Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be canceled on Saturday, December 24th due to the busy holiday season. This musical is scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month and the next musical will be held on January 28, 2006 at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. We have hopes to start the New Year with a large group of musicians, singers and visitors. More details later on.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday, December 12th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. It was a nice Christmas Luncheon with plenty of good food and good fellowship. Gifts were exchanged. Hostesses were Jo Holdman and Barbara Bush of Desdemona, Linda Gibbs and Ruth Rodgers of Gorman. Others attending were Ima Brown, Vonnie Guthery, Gay Moore, Rena Maltby, Betty Duke, Gail Clayton, Anna Brazell, Estelle Lindley and Mildred Million all of Desdemona, Joy Dyson of De Leon, Mitzi McGaha of Carbon and Louise Smart of Gorman. These ladies monthly socials are scheduled for the second Monday on each month and the next one will be on January 6, 2006. Time and place will be announced later on.

Jeff Roberts of Dallas, Kelsey and Cameron Caddell of Fort Worth spent the past weekend with Dorothy Roberts.

Colin Garcia of Desdemona celebrated his 10th birthday with a fam-

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The Christmas program at the Kokomo Baptist Church will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, December 21st.

Following the program Santa will be there to visit with the children. There will be a barbecue sandwich supper in the fellowship hall following the program and the gift exchange. Visitors are welcome.

There will be only one service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Christmas Day. There will be no Sunday School and the worship service will Season. begin at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn preached at both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, December 18th. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music "If I can Help Somebody" in the morning service. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Verna Lee and Jimmy Little. A mission emphasis on the Lottie Moon Christmas offering was given by Joe Bond. Chelsea Buckley of Desdemona was a visitor.

Bro. Haggard's wife, Bobbie, was a visitor on Sunday night. The special music was rendered by Bobbie Haggard, Helen and Woodrow Browning and Joe Bond with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Chelsea Buckley of Desdemona visited with her grandparents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Junior Hampton who passed away last week. He was a brother of Jimmy Hampton and an uncle of Michael Hampton of our community.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Carolyn Gillbert, Bertie Stacy of Gorman, Zelda Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Fort Worth and her brother and sisterin-law, Dude and Carol Westbrook enjoyed a visit at the Nelson Farm near Carbon during the weekend. The men did some hunting.

Joe and Justin Miles of Austin and Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene visited with their grandma, Zelda Jordan, during the weekend.

Shannon and Raegan Bond of Copperas Cove came on Monday for a visit with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond. Shannon also did some deer hunting.

I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ily meal, birthday cake etc., hosted by his parents, Roy and Angela Powledge, Kaley and Lane. Others attending were Karen Eaves, Lorin Eaves, Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Webb and Holly Guthery all of Desdemona and Blaine Garcia of De Leon.

Dorothy Roberts was in Fort Worth on Monday for a Dr. appointment with a Bone and Foot Specialist. She has a broken bone on her ankle and was fitted with a walking cast to be worn 6 to 8 weeks. She returned home on Tuesday trying to get adjusted to this cast, etc.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, December 23rd. Pug thinks he deserves a "Purple Heart", says he has been wounded several times. But you know what that could be "One Man's Opinion"

Gail Clayton had neck surgery on Wednesday at a Fort Worth Hospital. She is reported to be doing much better.

Desdemona Post Office. We would like to keep Mitzi here for full time postmaster. She is the daughter of Winford and Elnora Lindley of Des-

Samantha Duke of Desdemona graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Tarleton State University in Stephenville on Saturday, December 17, 2005. Rudolph and Betty Duke of Desdemona hosted a family luncheon for Samantha on Saturday at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Those attending were her husband, Rusty Duke of Desdemona, Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney, Scott and Risa Ashley and daughter, Lauren of Midlothian, Kayla Duke ful to me the sinner." Jesus said that the second guy (and not the first) and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville, Gregg and Cathy Goode of Gorman, Zandy and Carol Goode of Lorena, Chad, Jenny and Hyson Foreman of Lubbock, Tana, Billy, Brennan and Alyssa Grissom of Carbon, Ronnie and Jane Goode of Pampa, De Verl and Etna Goode of Cross He died in the place of sinners because every one of us desperately needs Plains, Ina May Stewart of Lubbock and Rebecca Parker of De Leon.

Wanda Martin fell last week in De Leon and was rushed by ambulance to the Comanche County Medical Center where she had hip surgery on Wednesday.

Sue Pettigrew spent a few days in the Eastland Memorial Hospital with the "Bug" that is going around in our area.

Friends in Desdemona sends Get Well Wishes to all these on the sick list. Remember them with your cards and prayers during this Holiday

"Happy Birthday" to Roy Lee Whitlock. He would enjoy cards from his friends in this area. His address is Heritage Manor, 601 West Roosevelt, Gorman, Texas 76454.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL (Part 2)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." (Matthew 5:7) Jesus taught that we should be generous to all and kind even to our enemies because His Father is kind to ungrateful and evil men (see Luke 6:35-36) When we live and love like God we are His true children. Being merciful is therefore not so much a prerequisite to receiving mercy from God, but the proof that one has already begun experiencing God's mercy. Having experienced God's mercy one can begin to truly bear the

fruit thereof and joyfully expect to continue in God's mercy.

There are basically two types of people on our planet: those who have Mitzi McGaha of Carbon is presently serving as Postmaster of the personally and experientially encountered and embraced the God of mercy, and those who haven't. One can go to church and not have experienced divine mercy. One can read the Bible and say prayers and still miss out. One can keep his/her nose clean and avoid the sins looked down upon in our culture and yet miss out. Jesus spoke of a proud religious person who stood on the street corner and prayed out loud, "God, I thank you that I'm not like all the sinners around here. I pray regularly and give one-tenth of all my income to the temple..." Jesus went on and said there was another guy who at the same time refused to go up to the temple but who from a distance, "...lowered his head and beat his chest saying, 'God, be merciwent home right in God's sight. Only the one who acknowledged his need for mercy received it.

Remember: the Baby in the manger became the Savior on the Cross. the mercy of God's forgiveness. God's mercy is in no way a cheap "tolerance" for sin. His mercy comes to us at the price of Christ's own life and blood. But some still think they will take their chances and stand before God on their own merit alone! "I'm not a bad person. Besides, at least I'm not a drunk or a hypocrite..." Like the proud religious person praying on the street corner, they have built a straw house of self righteousness. They think they will go to heaven because they can find fault with their neighbors or with local church-goers. But mercy is the distinguishing feature of those who have truly met God. Having a plastic Baby Jesus in your yard or on the mantle on Christmas is cute. But having the Lord of mercy truly dwelling in your heart and actions is far more important! (Questions or comments? Email dane@txol.net)

LOOK WHO'S NEW IT'S A BOY

Luke Griffin Wilson was born December 7, 2005 weighing 8 lbs 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Lowell and Kimberly Wilson of Stephenville, Texas. He was welcomed by his big brother, Justin Pack.

His maternal grandparents are John and Ann Callahan of Stephenville, Texas and Ronald and Eleanor Kraantz of Connecticut.

His paternal grandparents are Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Texas.



that case on . Secretary Johan Merry Christmas



(L-R;back row) Matt Boyd, Brett Wilson, Dennis Westmoreland, Speedy Swift, James Carlson, Steve Centers, Lorrie Shelton, Maria Feist, Dwayne Snell, Hervey Suarez, Ed Moyers, Rockey Hidrogo, (middle row) Jason Grimshaw, Jodi Gibson, Marty Roberts, (front row) Tim Slagel, Randy Butler, Roger Lewis, Joe Casey, Steven Diaz, Tiny McNutt, Eric Garcia, Scott Hayley, Andy Villalba, Brian Weaver, Taysha Feist, Stephanie Bayer, Ty McCullough, Kaylee Hicks, Chas Bayer, and Mitchell Bayer. (Not pictured: Taylor McCullough and Ronald Wilkerson.)

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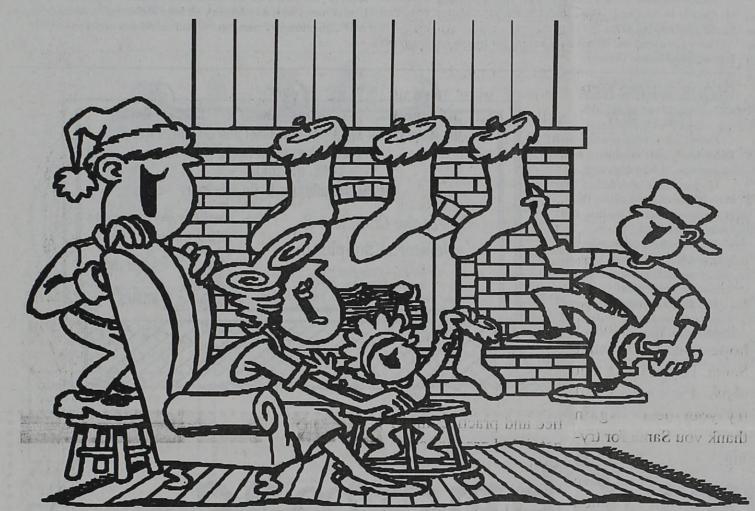
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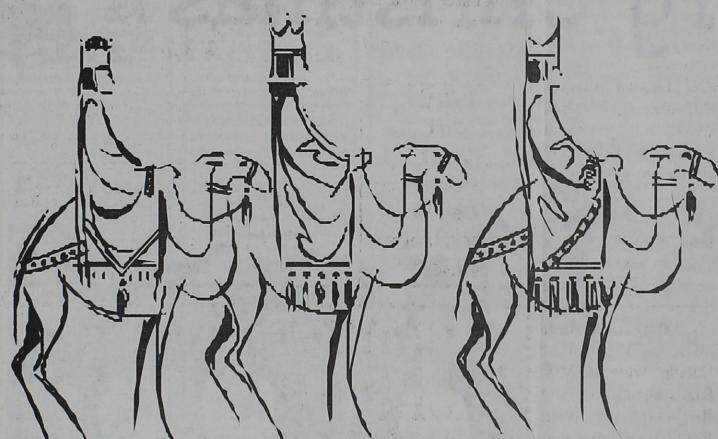
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SANTA'S LETTERS

Dear Santa: Dear Santa: For Christmas I want I would like to have a

a X-Box, go-cart, and a go cart becuse I am

Hunter Childers ways is Dear Santa:

I would like to have two cats and one dog and a big robowrapter, a Dear Santa: big dinsoer and a X-box and a drat bicke.

Dear Santa:

four wheeler, a house and a stuffed ber mottercicle, a real new and skates. picture phone, a bike with breaks, a limbo set and a go-cart. Dear Santa:

Love Bring me a Nintendo Dear Santa:

is a Baby Annabell doll, they for my big sister a 3 movies they are Cadet CD player with CDs. Kelly, Get a Clue, and And for my dad a watch. Homemake over. A By Santa. I will see you camera.

Yulissa Madera Christmas.

Dear Santa:

I would like a four weeler for christmas. I Dear Santa: promes I want ride it on the rode. If I do my mom me a a gamebag and a would pobaly ground camera and shoes and me for a month.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a fourwheeler, a celphone, a toys, a Barbielson anich abute

> Love Betty Montelongo

Dear Santa:

I want a duel disk YO-GO-HO cards, kuputur, a fourweler and Dear Santa: a motorcycle.

Dear Santa:

more Wa

I want a Texas Longhorns cap. I want a Xbox 360. I want a GameCube. I want a Gameboy, I want a fourwiller. I want a Texas Longhorns bracelet and a real Texas Longhorns helmet. I want a Texas Longhorns blanket.

Love Flavio

dirt bike, moster truck. alway bord. AJ never Love plays with me. Rhys alplaying gameboy.

> Sincerely Garet

I want for Christmas is a Baby born and a stuffed Love horse and a santa and a Kane Wilson dvd player and a stuffed roodph and a stuffed I would like to have a Christmas tree and a doll

> TO CHOICE OF THE Bailey

Kourtney Seaton then bring a necklace for my mom. And for my I want for Christmas, sister brig me a real dog. in my presents. And I see Love you again another

Tereza

I ben god. Ples send pants a movie named Love polar express a watch Brenton and backball.

> Love Christina

Dear Santa:

I want a dragh it is gold amef dragh and a silver dragn and a medl drogh and a Jak in the box and a X box. I wont a casle.

Love Keighvin

For Christmas I wot a Love go car and a x-box 360 Freddey and a game cube and book of horses and monkys and a TV and a cars and a trans and a

> Love Rodrigo

Dear Santa:

We have somthing for you. We love you so mutch. I want a x box and a Computer and a bike and a toy horse and a doll and a toy dear and a bike and a purse.

Stephenville

Love Kaleena

Gorman City Commission Minutes

December 15, 2005 met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, and Tony Carter. Absent was Charlie Torrez. Let the record show that Joe was late - conflict with work. Others present were Lori Dodd, David he was more than happy to serve tower improvements. Tony made Perry, Mary Perkins, and Graciela on the board. He was very sup-

Tony led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:39 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes, with mention to check the license of Curtis Gilder made a motion to approve the from the previous meeting. Tony made a second. Motion carried 2-0.

Tony made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 2-0.

Mary Perkins was present to dis-

the commission. A compromise was reached.

Graciela Longoria addressed the Commission with a complaint partment.

Joe arrived.

Mr. Perry addressed the Commission on issues of the EDC and the EDC board of directors. He expressed to the Commission that portive of the projects and of the work that Lori Dodd was doing.

An amendment had to be made on the Articles of Incorporation of the 4A sales tax adoption. The Gorman Industrial Development Corp. now will be The Gorman Development Corporation. Joe amendment with a second from

Tony. Motion carried 3-0. Joe made the motion to adopt Resolution # 2005-04R authorizing the filing of a grant application with the West Central Texas cuss a delinquent water account with Council of Governments for a Re-

gional Solid Waste Grant Program Grant. Tony made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

The City received a letter from The Gorman City Commission on about the Gorman Police De- Randolph and Associates inquiring if the City would be interested in applying for a grant for the 2006 funding year. Nathan made the motion to move forward with filing a grant application, which would be used for water line and a second. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 3-0. Time was 6:57 p.m.

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Dear Santa:

How are you doing in also like a dog and a cat. stuffed santa claused. I hope that you have a good trip.

> Love Omar Velaquez Dear Santa:

Dear Santa:

How have you been? I think I have been nice. How has Rudolph been? I would like a real pupp, an armyman, a scooter, toolls and cat, I would also like a toy Santas. How has Mrs. Claus been?

Love Asahel Garcia

Dear Santa:

How have you been Santa? Have your elves been dooing good? I have. I think. I have been good. I want to see you. How is Rudolph and his nose? I love him and you. How is Mrs. Claus doing? do you really have reindeer? Santa, I would like a car, a watch, a poster with you on it, a reindeer and a truck with you on it. That's all. I will try to late cookes. I'll leave another list under the christmas tree.

Dear Santa:

think I have been good puter. this year. Is it cold in the North Pole because it is geting cold in Texas. I want for Christmas a laptop, a bratzs doll, a baby doll, a play station 2, and play nail. I also want a new pair of shoes, cloths, a pair of socks, a jaket, and a car. I will leav you cookys, milk.

Vanessa Longoria

Dear Santa:

jakat, a puppy, 2 dirt and a angel cookie. bikes, a tent, a rabbit and a Xbox game boy.

> Love Ethan May

Dear Santa:

How is Rudolph? I hope Have the elves been the elves made enough good? Have the reindeer toys for the kids. I would been good? Has it like a set of drums, a new pare of shoes and a also like a bike. I hope you hve a safe trip.

> Love Rylan Laminack

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I want the North pole? I want a Santa C19 use to bring Mrs. Claus been doing? truck, a set of cars, gold Meg toy truck and a I have been doing good. fish, and a bied. I wood football and bike ond a Santa remember last

have been mean. Can I This is what I want: tell you something? You know what I want for doll. 2. A dream life Christmas? I want a game which can connect scooter for Chrismas to a t. 3. I want a new and a Santa Claus dress. purse that everyone is I will leave you milk and using. 4. I want a CD cookies.

Dear Santa:

How have you deen. I have been good to my Mom, Dad, Orlando, and Ernist. I want a slime canoe, jeep and a x-box 360. I would also like a water grenade, tattoos, a water gun, and a toy shotgun.

Tomas Rodriguez

Dear Santa:

How is Rudolph doleave milk and choco- ing? How are you doing Santa? How are the reindeers doing? Are the elves doing great? How Love is Mrs. Claus doing? I Thomas Trevino want a game cube, drums, a toy monster truck, a jersey with foot-How are Rudolph and ball pads, toy puppy, a Mrs. Claus doing? I toy snake and a com-

Jose Maldonado

Dear Santa:

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I think Ive been Dear Santa: good this year. I want a

> Love you. Kathryn Woodall

Dear Santa:

How are you Santa How are you doing? and how is Rudolph? snowed at the North Pole? I would like a real new bed spred. I would puppy, a toy, a toy Mr. and Mrs. Claus. I hop you have a safe trip.

> Love **Cassidy Tolan**

Dear Santa:

How have you and year I got a desk. I have Home Love been on the A honor roll Rolahdahl since I started the year. How is Rudolph and the elves? Well you know I I think I been nice. am a good girl. I've been How is rudolph? I hope getting presents this none of the reindeer year. I would be happy.

1. I want a baby born player. Santa I will be Love sure to leave you milk Alexia Madera and cookies when you come to my house.

Arlette Giles

Dear Santa:

How are you doing Santa? Are the reindeer doing great and are the elves doing great too? I want a collar for my dog Kiss. What I want for myself is a moster truck. Then I want a phone. I would also like a shirt for Kiss too. Santa is the North Pole cold? In Texas it's getting cold. I hope you can do that Santa, If you can't that okay. I know you will try your best. Again thank you Santa for try-

> Love Turner Whitten

Dear Santa:

How is the North think. Pole? I want a go car for christmas an x box 360, x box, a game cube, and a fourwheeler. I would also like a computer.

> Love Rafael Mata

How has Rudolph new baby, cloths, new been this year? Have baby cloths, and a the elves made lots of stuffed rudolph. I would toys? Have the reindeer also like a toy Mr. and been making fun of Mrs. Claus. I would like Rudolph? How has Mrs. a tab top and a dress. Claus been? does she How is Rudolph doing? like living the North How are Rudolp and did you elves get stuff Pole? How have you the elves doing? I det done? I love you, Santa. been this year Santa? they made a lot of toys. I'm leaving you some What I want for Christ-I want a toy car, 3 cookies and milk. I mite mas is a baby bed and a games, a comepuder, a leave you a bell cooky baby stoler. I will leave cookies and milk for

Love Kodie Sparger

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Second Place - Don Underwood

Third Place - Marco Herrera

Third Place - James Hunter

Letter To Santa

Dear Santa:

All year I've tried to be good. That;s why I'm writing this note. You see I've wanted a guitar for a very long time. That's why I want a microphone too. I also want the guitar too be yellow with pink and purple flowers if I don't get coal in my stocking! Between you and me I think your number 1!

Please give me that yellow with pink and purple flowers please! I'll try not to fight with my sister all year I promise. Please give me that guitar if it's not to late to ask. I really really want it please it's my once and only chance to ask you I hope you will bring it on Christmas Eve please I'm begging and pleading for it and I'll practice and practice until I get right I promise cross my heart and promise I will only if I get a guitar I think I need it to teach me responsibility and learning that's defiantly

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

The smiling young man in the picture is Adam Coleman from Ranger. He won the rifle that was raffled off by the Desdemona Activity Center committee as a fundraiser for our new building. Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle and visited our Christmas Store.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New



Card of Thanks

"A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it."

Our family certainly found that to be true in the recent loss of our mother, Floy F. (Crenshaw) Morrison.

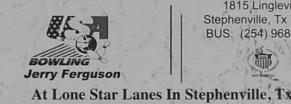
We send our thanks to the ladies of the Church of Christ for the meal they prepared and served; long time friends who went out of their way to offer confort; and the community as a whole. Ample proof that we indeed find what we need at home

> The family of Floy Morrison

Dorcas Class To Deliver Gifts To Heritage Manor



Delivering Christmas items on behalf of the entire Dorcas Class to residents of the Heritage Manor are members from the Gorman Church of Christ. This group makes handmade gifts throughout the year for distribution to members of the community during the holiday season. Pictured left to right are Linda Simmons, Monda Oldham, Francis Simpson, Joy Rogers and Floydene Gilbert.



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"What deeds of power are being done by his hands!" - Mark 6:2

In His Hands

The Hands that made the world and gave the sun and moon, their light are the tiny Hands of a baby born one cold Decem ber night... The Hands that stilled the wind and tamed the fury of the sea are the calloused Hands of a carpenter who lived in poverty... The Hands that held the power to break the binding chains of sin are the gentle Hands that washed the feet of tired and dusty men.. The Hands that cleansed the leper, healed the blind and raised the dead are the praying Hands of one who cried, "Not My will, but Thine instead..." The Hands that shaped the universe and flung the stars in space are the nail-pierced Hands of a dying man who suffered in our place... The Hands of our Creator, Lord and King of Heaven above, are the Saviors's Hands, forever reaching out to us with love.

ATTN: The resident Birthday Party will be Thursday, December 29th at 2:30 p.m. Three residents will be honored for having December Birthdays. Friends and guests are welcome to attend in front lobby.

Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris of De Leon, Pam Childers, Annie Faye Foster, Harold and Tody Zink and Delbert and Joy Watson of Ranger.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. those coming from the First Baptist church for Sunday School were James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Nelda Mauney and Frances Warren. Guests were Howard and Pat Hagood. James taught the lesson "Call to Faith". Biblical Truth - God will save all who place their faith in Jesus but gives people the freedom to receive or reject salvation. Bible passages Romans 10:1-21. Key verse Romans 10:9. There were nineteen residents present.

Some visitors were Thomas and Vickie Seay, Tommy Lynn Seay, Zelda Jordan and Daisy Slaton.

On Sunday afternoon four beautiful young ladies from Carbon Community Baptist Church came and put up Christmas decorations for Heritage Manor. They were Ashley Rich, Paige Preston, Nicole Forbus, and Chloe Byers. What a nice thing to do!!

Some guests were Bud and Dee Smithey of Granbury, Billy Earl and Frances Simpson, Tacy and Madison Warren, Durward Webb, Sherrell Everton of Gorman, Casey Simpson of Clyde, Cody Simpson of Lubbock, Jackie and Becky Simpson of Brownfield, Bonnie Craft of Lake Leon, Johnnie Hoover of Abilene and Christene Hammontree.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church for Gospel Singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy Little, Kay Snider, Joe Bond and Nancy Hendricks. Woodrow led the singing accompanied by Ruby Lee. Special - "Plan of Salvation" by Jimmy and Ruby Lee, also special "What A Day of Singing" by Ruby Lee, Woodrow, Helen, Ray and Jimmy. Joe led the closing prayer. Thirteen residents were present.

Recent guests were Robert and Becky Moore, Leslie Green and Emily Green of De Leon, Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon, Frankie Stacy, Raymond Hattox and Mary Turner.

On Monday morning residents were happy for Karen Guthery to come open the Beauty Shop for hair styling.

Some visitors were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmett and Kay Lynn Lasater, Dorothy Cate and Connie Cate of Eastland, Pam and David Wheat of Possum Kingdom, Brad, Treva, Jake Keith of Allen, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Bonita Richards of Lake Leon, Bonita Richards of Fort Worth, Irene West, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield.

Residents appreciated the good magazines that Sylvia Buchanan gave

From the Manger To The Cross

It is that special time of year. We celebrate Christ's birth. Remembering the Angel's song, of peace to men on Earth.

The plan of god for all mankind, he sent his only son. To be a shining, guiding light, until his task was done.

A stable for his place of birth, A feed trough for his bed. Bundled up in cast-off rags, just like the angel said.

What kind of king is born like that, in such a humble way. Kings should be-in riches born, the so-called wise would say.

This gift from God would also die, A most inhuman death, And on that cross, forgiveness give, with his last dying breath.

Most people get, this time of year, wrapped up in worldliness. Of parties, gifts, and selfish thoughts I'm guilty, I confess.

But, just this once, let's separate The silver from the Cross. Let's humbly think of God's own son From manger to the Cross.

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Some guests were Brawner and Nell Files of Carbon, Jimmy and Verna made cookies and ice tea.

Lee Little of Eastland, Joe Bond, Zelda Jordan and Nancy Hendricks. Recent visitors were Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Jackie Whitlock Killebrew of De Leon, James and Ruby Lee Kinser and Billy Joe Dennis. of De Leon, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of

Cisco and Diana Snider.

Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Billy Joe Dennis, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Christine Hammontree, Majorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell and Nancy Hendricks. Special music by Ruby Lee, Woodrow, Beaty of Dallas, Melba Frasier and Norma Tedford. Helen, Billy Joe, "Standing Outside", "Wonderful Is Jesus" and "Have A Little Talk With Jesus." Billy Joe gave the closing prayer. There were came for Chapel. Message was "Stewarts of Christ". Bible passage I nineteen residents attending.

Some guests were Don Landers of Springtown, Jerry Majors of De Leon, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Lendon and Frankie Jo Shipman.

several residents.

Some visitors were virginia Skaggs, Kay Snider, Woodrow and Helen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon.

On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the Electric Keyboard and led singing for ten residents.

Recent visitors were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Billie Marble, Mary Jeffs, Frances Warren, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Syliva Estes of De Leon, James and Mary Jesse of Fort Worth. Howard and Pat Hagood and George Rodgers.

On Tuesday afternoon several residents enjoyed "Caring Hearts" with

Shawnah Bass. They made Christmas tree decorations and had home-

Some guests have been Judy Killebrew, Jeff Killebrew and Jason

Members of The Gorman Family Bible Church brought bags of fruit and candy and Christmas Cards for every resident. They were Jonell On Monday afternoon at 2:30 Gospel Singers coming were Ruby Lee Torrez, Alice Sherrod, Shasta sherrod, Denzel Ables, Fay Ables, Darlene Cariker, Ike Torrez, Reed Torrez, Norma Tedford, and Melba Frasier.

Visiting were Donald and Fay Cook and Sherry Cook of Carbon, Joe

Wednesday morning at 9:00 Bro. Larry Stogsdill of Church of Christ Corinthians 3-4-5. There were eleven residents present.

Some visitors were Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Kennard and Doylena of Gustine, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts and Rodney Roberts.

On Wednesday Shawnah Bass had "Caring Hearts" for several resi-On Tuesday morning Ina Smith and Judy Killebrew had Bingo for dents. They made Christmas Stockings and enjoyed peanut butter sandwiches and ice tea.

Some guests were Freddie and Kay Rodgers of Desdemona, Steve Browning, Sue Seaton, Chris and Suellyn Hunter, Pat Hagood and Glen Estes of Sanger, Ike Torrez, Reed Torrez, Denzel Ables, Fay Ables and Darlene Cariker.

Residents send "Heartfelt Sympathy" to the family of Junior Hamp-

Recent visitors were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene,

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'04 Ford Taurus	Loaded, V6, 18K, Warranty	\$11,900
'04 Ford F150 Reg. Cab	Auto, V6, 8K, Warranty	\$15,500
'04 Ford F150 Crew Cab	4X4, loaded, 17K, Warranty	\$26,500
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'03 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	4X4, loaded, 25K, Warranty	\$19,500
'03 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	4X4, loaded, 25K, Warranty	\$19,500
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'02 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	Loaded, LS, 60K, Warranty	\$14,750
'02 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, LT, 79K, Warranty	\$25,500
'02 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Auto, loaded, 73K	\$15,750
'02 Ford F250 X-Cab	4X4, diesel, Flatbed, 60K, Warranty	\$22,500
'02 Dodge 1500 Crew Cab	Loaded, V8, 48K, Warranty	\$15,500
'02 GMC 3500 Cab/Chassis	Diesel, 6-Speed, 167K	\$12,900

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'01 Buick Le Sabre	Loaded,	V6, 36K, Warranty		\$11,500
'01 Chevy Tahoe	3rd Row	Seat, loaded, 79K	Warranty	\$15,250
'01 Chevy Tracker		auto, V6, 61K, Wai		\$ 8,250
'01 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab		149K, Warranty		\$13,000
'01 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	The state of the s	auto, 69K, Warran	ty	\$17,500
'01 Chevy 2500 X-Cab		/8, 4X4, 57K, Warra	-	\$17,500
'01 Dodge Neon		, 38K, Warranty		\$ 7,000
'01 Ford F150 Reg. Cab		34K, Warranty		\$13,000
'01 Ford F150 Super Crew		ded, 101K, Warran	tv	\$14,750
'01 Ford F150 Super Crew		ded, 61K, Warranty		\$13,900
'01 GMC Sonoma X-Cab		, 81K, Warranty		\$ 9,750
'01 Mitubishi Montero Sport		loaded, 89K, Warr	antv	\$11,500
'01 Mercury Grand Marquis		loaded, 61K, Warr		\$11,500
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'00 Buick Le Sabre	Loaded, V6, 59K, Warranty	SOLL COL	\$ 9,950
'00 Ford Explorer	XLT, loaded, 71K, Warranty		\$ 9,500
'99 Ford Conversion Van	Loaded, auto, 79K, Warranty		\$ 9,250
'99 Lexus G5 300	Leather, loaded, 71K, Warranty		\$16,900
'99 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab	Leather, 4X4, 120K, Warranty		\$ 9,990
'99 Pontiac Montana	Loaded, LS, 55K, Warranty		\$ 8,950
'98 Chevy 1500 S-Cab	Loaded, only 71K, Warranty		\$ 9,500
'98 Dodge Dakota X-Cab	V6, 5 Spd., 53K, Warranty		\$ 6,250
'98 GMC 1500 X-Cab	Leather, loaded, 97K, Warranty		\$ 9,000 -
'97 Olds 88	Loaded, only 49K, Warranty		\$ 5,950
'97 Olds Aurora	Loaded, leather, 75K, Warrant		\$ 6,750

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