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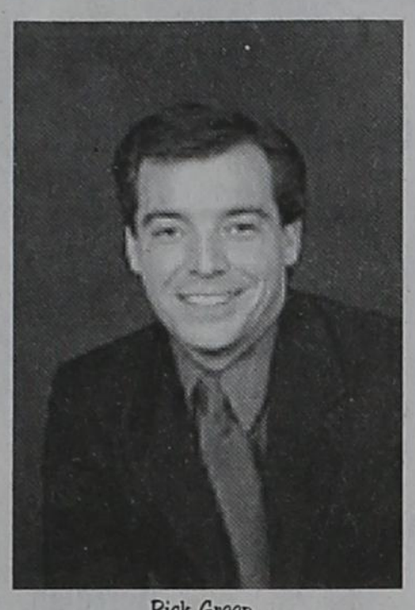
Carbon Community Baptist Church To Host Chili Supper

Rick Green To Be Speaker

The Carbon Community Baptist Church will be holding a Chili Supper on January 11th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.



Rick Green

Rick Green seems to have always bee in a hurry. He finished a four-year college degree in just two years, started law school at the age of 20, started his first company while still in law school, married at 23, became a father at 25, and launched his first political campaign at the age of 26 challenging a powerful incumbent.

One election night in 1998, he went to bed believing had lost his bid for State Representative by a mere 20 vote out of over 30,000 cast. After a recount two weeks later, he was declared the winner by 36 votes and entered the Texas House of Representatives as the youngest freshman. Representative Green served a second term after winning by a twenty percent margin in November 2000. As a result of his service to the people of the great State of Texas, Rick has been recognized by the United States of America Non Commissioned Officers Association with the "State Legislature Vanguard Award" for passage of the Teach Freedom Act, House Bill 1776. In addition, he has received Free Market Foundation's "Leader of Excellence Award" and Eagle Forum's "Freedom and Family Award".

Rick now travels the nation speaking for David Barton's WallBuilders organization, dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious and constitutional heritage. Rick and David co-host the national daily radio program "WALLBUILDERS LIVE!"

Rick is here to challenge each of us to do our part in preserving and passing the torch of freedom by living out our liberty as the Founding Fathers envisioned.

He and his wife Kara have three sons and one daughter, or as he calls them, "the queen and her subjects". Rick is an American leader dedicated to renewing America by restoring her foundation of traditional values.

Please help us welcome the Honorable Rick Green.

REMINDER

THURSDAY JANUARY 4, 2007 WILL BE LARGE ITEM PICK UP DAY. IF YOU HAVE A LARGE ITEM FOR TRASH PICK UP, PLEASE HAVE IT CURB SIDE BY REGULAR RESIDENTAL PICK UP TIME.

Look Who's New It's a Boy!!

Rhett and Tessa Harrison have been blessed with the arrival of their son, Thomas Robert. He was born on November 21 at Harris Hospital Stephenville. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19.5 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Tommy and Betty Harrison of Gorman, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Jackie Davenport of Cameron, Texas and the late Robert Davenport, III.

Paternal great grandmother is Irene Easley of Gorman, Texas.

Look Who's New It's a Boy!!

New big sister, Katie Nabors along with proud parents, Jill and Shane Torres would like to announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Ethan Chase. Ethan was born Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 12:56 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed into this world by his mom, dad, sister, his Nana (Martha Rainey), his Aunt Renee and cousins, Cassidy and MiKayla.

Atmos Energy Announces "Round Up" Initiative

DALLAS (Dec. 26, 2006) – Atmos Energy Corporation (NYSE: ATO) has announced a new initiative that will make it easier for its customers to help their less fortunate neighbors pay their natural gas bills this winter.

Atmos Energy Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Robert W. Best said that customers can now "round-up" their payment to the next highest dollar amount with the difference going directly to the "Sharing the Warmth" program.

Atmos Energy's "Sharing the Warmth" program supports approximately 2,000 community energy-assistance agencies nationwide. These agencies use federal funding and customers' donations to help the elderly, the disabled and low-income families pay their energy bills. The total funds distributed last year accounted for about one-fifth of the annual energy costs of low-income customers.

"Last season, our customers donated more than $370,000 through 'Sharing the Warmth,' which when combined with our donation of $500,000, meant that some $870,000 went toward helping people pay their gas bills. We think that this new 'round-up' program will enable us to greatly expand that support," Best said. "Our goal is to double the amount the Sharing the Warmth program raised from customers last year."

All donations are tax deductible and go directly to local people in need that meet criteria established by each individual program's guidelines. The new "round-up" option will appear on future monthly bills. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.atmosenergy.com.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Happy New Year!

We have had a busy 2006 and hoping to have a great 2007. The first Saturday breakfast at the Desdemona Activity Center will be this Saturday, January 6th. We will be serving all those delicious items for breakfast. Sausage, biscuits, gravy, bacon, eggs, pancakes, coffee, juices and the side items of syrup, jelly, butter and sometimes cinnamon rolls. We hope to see you there. If you don't want to eat, just come for a visit.

We will also be having a potluck dinner at the Activity Center, Saturday January 13th, at 5:00 P.M. Be thinking about your favorite dish to bring. We will be have a business meeting, meal, and hopefully lots of good music. Bring your musical instrument, (piano & organ is provided) and you might get to perform.

We are making plans for other events, but they will be announced later.

Our community was saddened this month with the death of Patty Dold & Carol Pellâ's mother. The funeral service was held December 21st in Indiana. Patty & Dwight, and Ron & Carol will be returning to Desdemona soon. We send our sympathy to these families and pray for them during this difficult time.

We wish you a wonderful and blessed 2007!

Dolores Tucker

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library Has More Books

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library has a large selection of recently donated books. We are grateful to those who remember us with donations. The library is open every day Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Also on Tuesday and Saturday morning from 9 to 12 noon.

Photos From Basketball Games

Obituaries

D. D. Lowery

D. D. Lowery, age 85 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Monday, December 25, 2006 at Brownwood, Texas. Services were held Friday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Jack Auvenshine officiating. Music by Daryl Hirst and Martha Bunting. Interment was at Garden of Memory in Comanche County, Texas.

He was born on July 5, 1921 in Erath County, Texas to the late John Wesley Lowery and Beulah Mae White Lowery. He married Betty Joyce Burleson on April 24, 1947 in De Leon, Texas.

He was self-employed farmer/rancher, businessman, member of De Leon Masonic Lodge #445; served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific during WWII; and a member of De Leon First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Lowery of De Leon; one son, Burl Lowery and wife Agatha of Brownwood; one daughter, Becky Golden and husband Ronnie of De Leon; three sisters, Geneva Murray of League City, Tx, Johnnie Faye Lowery of Stephenville, and Margie Hedge of Granbury; 5 grandchildren, Diana Flanagan and husband Corby, Melody Davis and husband Brian, Tara Lowery, Amber Bates and husband Justin, Hunter Golden; 5 great-grandchildren, William Flanagan, Ryan Flanagan, Zach Davis, Kaitlyn Davis and Jacob Davis.

He was also preceded by one sister, Imogene Floyd.

Pallbearers were Mike McCormick, John Floyd, Gary Dale Murray, Alan Hedge, Russell Hedge, Jim Burlison, Joe Burnett, and Mike Huddleston. Honorary pallbearers were Trent Thomas, Billy Fox, Red Floyd, Warren Mitcham, Cecil Everton, Robert Hodges, Danny Owen, Jackie Pounds, Wendell Pounds, Hunter Golden, Corby Flanagan, Brian Davis and Justin Bates.

William Kyle Glazier

William Kyle Glazier, age 23 of Proctor, Texas died Thursday, December 28, 2006 at Comanche County, Texas. Services were held Saturday, December 30 at 1:30 p.m. at De Leon First United Methodist Church with Bobby Weathers officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

He was born on April 22, 1983 in Fort Worth, Texas to Mac Glazier and Lena Nickels Glazier.

He was an Insurance salesman; had resided in Proctor for two years, coming from North Richland Hills. He was a member of Proctor Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Mac and Lena Glazier of Proctor; grandparents, Clifford and Leta Glazier of Bedford; sister, Lori Foster and husband Michael of Euless; aunt, Amy Lang; cousin, Jeremy Lang; great uncle, M. O. Branum; great aunt, Mrs. J. A. Branum; great cousins, Marsha and David D'Avignon, Carmeleta and Wayne Bradshaw, Shawn and Rachel Branum and Ruthie Long; and his buddy Mike Schultz.

Pallbearers were Casey Carnes, Roland Mattern, Shawn Branum, Shane Golden, C. M. Caraway, Jr., Matthew MacDaniell, Larry Simpson, Jr., Talmadge Hodges, John Hewitt and Buddy Sharp.

Landrum M. Wooten

Landrum M. Wooten, age 82, died Saturday, December 23, 2006. He was born May 1, 1924 in Lampasas County, Texas, he married Emma Jean Walker in 1965 at De Leon, Texas. He was a retired Service Station operator.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 27 at Murray Cemetery near Carbon, with Rev. Barry Schahn officiating.

He is survived by his brother, Preston Wooten of Eastland; his sister, Evelyn Rich of Jacksboro. He was preceded in death by his wife and son James Wooten.

2006 – 2007
Gorman Panther Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Site	Time	Games
Nov. 2nd	Huckabay (Scrimmage)	Gorman	3:00	VG
Nov. 4th	Cross Plains (Scrimmage)	Cross Plains	TBA	JVG, VG
Nov. 4th	Santa Anna (Scrimmage)	Cross Plains	TBA	JVG, VG
Nov. 14th	Covington	Gorman	5:00	JVG, VG
Nov. 17th	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Nov. 21st	Millsap	Millsap	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Nov. 28th	Sidney	Gorman	5:00	VG, VB
Nov. 30th - Dec. 2nd	Rising Star Tournament		TBA	VG, VB
Dec. 5th	Gordon	Gordon	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG,
Dec. 7th - 9th	Cross Plains Tournament		TBA	VG, VB
Dec. 12th	Gordon	Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 15th	Evant	Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 19th	Gustine	Gorman	5:00	JVB, VG, V B
Dec. 28th - 30th	Zephyr Tournament		TBA	VG, VB
Jan. 2nd	Richland Springs	Gorman	6 ;30	VG, VB
Jan. 5th	Meredian	Meredian	5:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 9th	Tolar	Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 12th	Ranger	Ranger	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 16th	Santo	Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 19th	De Leon	De Leon	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 23rd	Perrin Whitt	Perrin Whitt	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 26th	Tolar	Tolar	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 30th	Ranger	Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 2nd	Santo	Santo	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 6th	De Leon	Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB

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NEW: Desdemona, nice 3-2 mfg. home, 1549' LA (CAD), open floor plan, fireplace, beautiful fenced 1 acre, water well, stg. bldg., numerous fruit and pecan trees. $82,500.

NEW: 30 a m/l, water well, elec., barn, coastal, old pond, good fences, 100s of small pecan trees. $2,500 acre.

NEW: 40A. near Gorman, paved road, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil. $2,750 A.

NEW: 100 a west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick. 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights $295,000.00

NEW: 160 A m/l east Gorman on FM2921: 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral, indications show lots deer, turkey and hogs, mineral rights. $2,900.00

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- 165 A, 3-1 newly remolded frame home, w/office, 12 waterwells, large reservoir, highway frontage, cross fences, coastal, pecan orchard, pipe corrals, storm cellar, barns, hunting, minerals. [ED01] ~~$549,000~~ REDUCED $495,000
- 100 A, w/4,961 sq. ft.(CAD) 5-4½ 2-story brick home, fireplaces, game room, office, 2-car garage, 2-car carport, underground sprinkler, swimming pool, deck w/hot tub, 2 ponds, pipe corrals, pecan & oak trees. [FS01] $850,000
- 80 A, w/1,943sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, barns and shed, 3 wells, stock pond, cross fences, steel pens, almost completed roping arena. [CD01] $459,000
- 70 A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, metal roof, carport, fireplace, approx. 14 acres pecan orchard, both sides of Leon River, coastal, 2 reservoirs, 4 wells, 3 barns, pipe corrals, equipment, hunting, [BC01] $396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] $250,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] $70,000
- 10 A, horse facility w/16x76 Mobile home, approx. 2,600sf of barns and sheds, cross fenced into four pastures, highway frontage [KW01] $125,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] $850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] $473,850
- 240 A, with pivot irrigation system, 2-stock tanks, approx. 7,000sf of barns and sheds, pipe corrals, creek, hunting, minerals [LJ01] $798,500
- 158 A, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, well, coastal, native, cover for deer and turkey hunting, all weather roads, minerals. approx. 4 miles from Dublin [CS01] $395,000
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [LO01] $442,500
- 140 A, recreational, cattle, or horse, creek running thru, water wells, good fences, hunting deer, turkey, hogs, some farm eq. available, minerals negotiable, possible owner financing. [CSK01] $350,000
- 100 A, with 5 stock tanks, water well, pipe corrals, good fences, improved varieties of coastal, native pasture, cultivation, and hunting. [MMS01] $225,000
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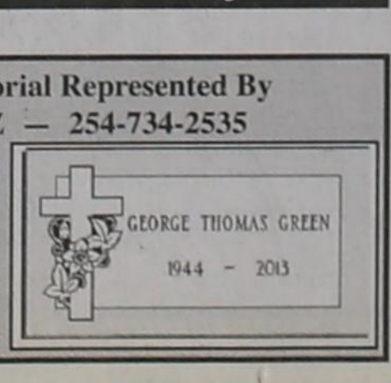

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CareFlite picture: Tim Dennis, Clinical Practices Director, Life Care Plus EMS & Tech*Star EMS Education, Larry White, Pilot, David Dunson, EMTP, Charlie Torrez, Billy Don Simpson, Carlos Herrera & Donnie Beeson, RN/EMTP.

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February 2007 EXIT Level TAAS and TAKS Registration Information

TAAS Exit Level Test Administration:

Dates	TAAS
Februay 20	Writing
February 21	Mathematics
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Dates	TAKS
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Dublin SquareDance Club To Offer Lessons

The Dublin Cloverleafs Square Dance Club will sponsor beginning lessons starting January 16, 2007. The lessons will be conducted in the Community Building at the Dublin City Park from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

You are not expected to know anything about square dancing. That's what lessons are for, and there will be experienced dancers there to help you learn. It is a fun way to get some good exercise, meet new people, and have a lot of fund in a nonsmoking, alcohol free environment.

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For more information call: Ken or Dean Herbert - 254-445-2485 - Dublin; Jay or Frieda Walker - 254-445-4606 - Dublin; Ray Piner - 254-435-2240 - Meridian; and Gerold Harris - 254-639-2301 - Carbon.

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Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly social will be held on Monday, January 8 at the Desde mona Community Center School Building. Visitors are always welcome to attend - to enjoy the good food and have fellowship with all the group.

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, January 20 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with good food, homemade pies and drinks. Dance will began at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. with the musical group - "Buck Sutton" and "The City Limits" of the Brownwood area. No alcohol or smoking allowed. An invitation is open to those who like to dance. Admission is $4.00 per person.

Desdemona "Country and Western" monthly musical will be held on Saturday, January 27 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with he group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. "FREE" admission.

Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane enjoyed Christmas Day with his parents, Dean and Judy Powledge in Cisco. Other visitors in the home were Marty Powledge of Fort Worth, Jackie and Debra Powledge and son, Rendon of Crowley.

Get Well Wishes to Grant Walston in Desdemona. He is slowly recovering from two surgeries in one week. Nurse Jody (his mother) is on guard making sure that Grant will take good care of himself.

John and Karen Fair and Lorin hosted Christmas Family Dinner. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan Jade, Gary and Jody Walston, Grant Walston, Travis Walston and son, Trevor, all of Desdemona; Kerry and Cathy Dameron of Lake Whitney.

Dorothy Roberts spent Friday thru Wednesday during the Christmas Holidays in Fort Worth visiting with her daughter, Ulenda and Richard Cofsky. Other visitors in the home were Heather Caddell and children, Kelsey, Cameron and Cain, Heath Weaver, Ashley Weaver and children, Tanner and Noah, Levester Cooper, all of Fort Worth; Jeff Roberts and Henry Rivas of Dallas.

Desdemona Community Center is selling a Colorful Tapestry "Throw" ($49.95). One this throw are several pictures of "Desdemona Boom Days"
- Magnolia Ball Tanks (with flying red horse) - Old Community Tabernacle - Duke #1 Discovery Well - Twin Oaks Hotel - All Three School Buildings and more. This throw will make a great gift. To purchase a throw, Call Ima Brown at 254-758-2634.

Desdemona Community Center has another big project going, called the "Wall of Memories" that is located in the entrance hall of the old School Building. Memorial Bricks can be purchased for $25.00 each with your choice of names, dates, etc. The first wall of 156 bricks has been completed. Another wall will be ready soon. Get your order in soon as possible. Call Gay Moore at 254-758-2240 or Vonnie Guthery at 254-758-2665 to purchase a brick. All proceeds from the throws and bricks go into the fund to help make repairs on the School Building, pay utilities, insurance, etc. Your help will be appreciated.

Karen Fair hosted a birthday party for her grand-daughter, Lorin Kaye on Friday, December 22. Family and friends attended to help Lorin celebrate her 13th birthday.

Christmas Holiday visitors with Bernard and Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinett of De Leon; Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn of Converse; Brad and Priscilla Keith and children, Brett, Jenna, Andrea and Brian of Louisville, Kentucky and Billy and Nikki Febinger and children, Christopher, Allison and Erin of Cleburne.

Holiday Visitors with "Humpy" and Betty Duke were their children and families. They are Rodney and Debbie Duke of Pantego; John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa Ashley and children, Brandon and Lauren of Meridian; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville and Rusty and Samantha Duke of Desdemona.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery hosted the Guthery Family Dinner on Saturday, December 30 at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Those attending were Frank and Ella Reeves, Ron and Marquita Barbham, Eula Beth Cassol, Jr. Guthery all of Irving; Ricky and Ranell Foreman of Marbleton, Wyoming; Richard and Glenda Garrett of Justin; John and Karen Fair and Lorin, Belinda Guthery, Sonja Hornback and son, Justin, Kandice Cogburn and son, Dylan all of Desdemona; David and Martha Guthery of Gorman and Aaron and Tiffany Shurts of Flower Mound.

Visitors with Robert and Ima Brown during the Christmas Holidays were David and Fran Sanger of Kingman, Arizona; Robert Alton and Jana Brown and daughter, Julie of Fort Worth; and Lindsey Poole of Phoenix, Arizona.

Thought for today – *"Keep love in your heart – a life without love is like a garden without sun." "Loving and being loved brings warmth to life like nothing else can."*

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Have a Nice Day, Coon.

The Gift Of Giving

(NAPSA)—It has long been said it is better to give than to receive, and the growing popularity of gift cards has made giving to those less fortunate during the holidays a lot easier and more rewarding.

The holiday season brings a spirit of giving that inspires many people to donate to homeless shel-

A gift card provides the perfect way to support a cause during the holiday season.

ters and other charitable causes. With gift cards, there are a variety of choices that allow the gift giver to respond to the specific needs of the recipient.

Here are some examples of gift cards and what they can provide the end user:

- Sears or Macy's—clothes and bedding for a local homeless shelter
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- Barnes & Noble—children's books for learning
- Best Buy—Home appliances

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With denominations starting at $10, those who wish to donate gift cards have many levels of giving from which to choose.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I hope that the New Year will be a very good year for everyone. A year ago today on January 1, 2006, the wildfire came through the Kokomo Community and caused so much destruction and left us all so devastated as so many homes, the Kokomo Baptist Church building, Community Center, 4-H Club House, barns, pastures, fences, and cattle were destroyed. But God, families, friends, neighbors and strangers have been so good to us all and much re-building has been done. The community has been drawn closer together and that's good. We have so much to be thankful for, and hope and pray that a disaster like the fire never happens again.

Ed Rodgers was the speaker for the worship service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Woodrow and Helen Browning rendered the special music. The visitors were Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains and Bobby Patrick of Amarillo.

Visitors with Durwood and Aletha Burgess during the holidays were Billy and Cheryl Burgess of Granbury, Alissa Burgess of Bryan, Grant and Michelle of Gorman, Dan and Charla Burgess of Gorman, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley, Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Pleasanton, Ben Burgess of Gorman, Aline Garrett of Gorman, Joyce Pence and grandchildren, Sam and Lanie Pence of Granbury, Lisa Pence of Stephenville, Gary, Ann and Ginger Burgess, and Marco and Sonya Herrera and Boys all of Gorman, a[illegible] Bobby Patrick of Amarillo.

Stacy and Renee Webb of Comanche visited with Oren and Norma Webb on Saturday. Durwood and Aletha Burgess and Bobby Patrick of Amarillo also visited with the Webbs.

Bob and Beverley Phariss of Haskell and Steve and Cindy Forrest and children visited with Larry and Betty Strube.

Doris Bradshaw and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

LaVon Snider ate blackeye pea soup with Ted and Charlotte Snider on Sunday evening. LaVon also visited with Dianne and Sandra Snider in Gorman. Justin Snider, Kathy Collum of Huckabay and Kay Snider visited with LaVon.

Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider had New Year's Day dinner with their parents, Gene and Kay Snider.

Those enjoying a late Christmas celebration during the New Year's Eve weekend in the home of Zelda Jordan were Glenda Black, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Joe, Viki and Justin Miles of Austin, Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Meagan and Brad Miles and friend, Jenna of Waco, and Ray White of Hawley.

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