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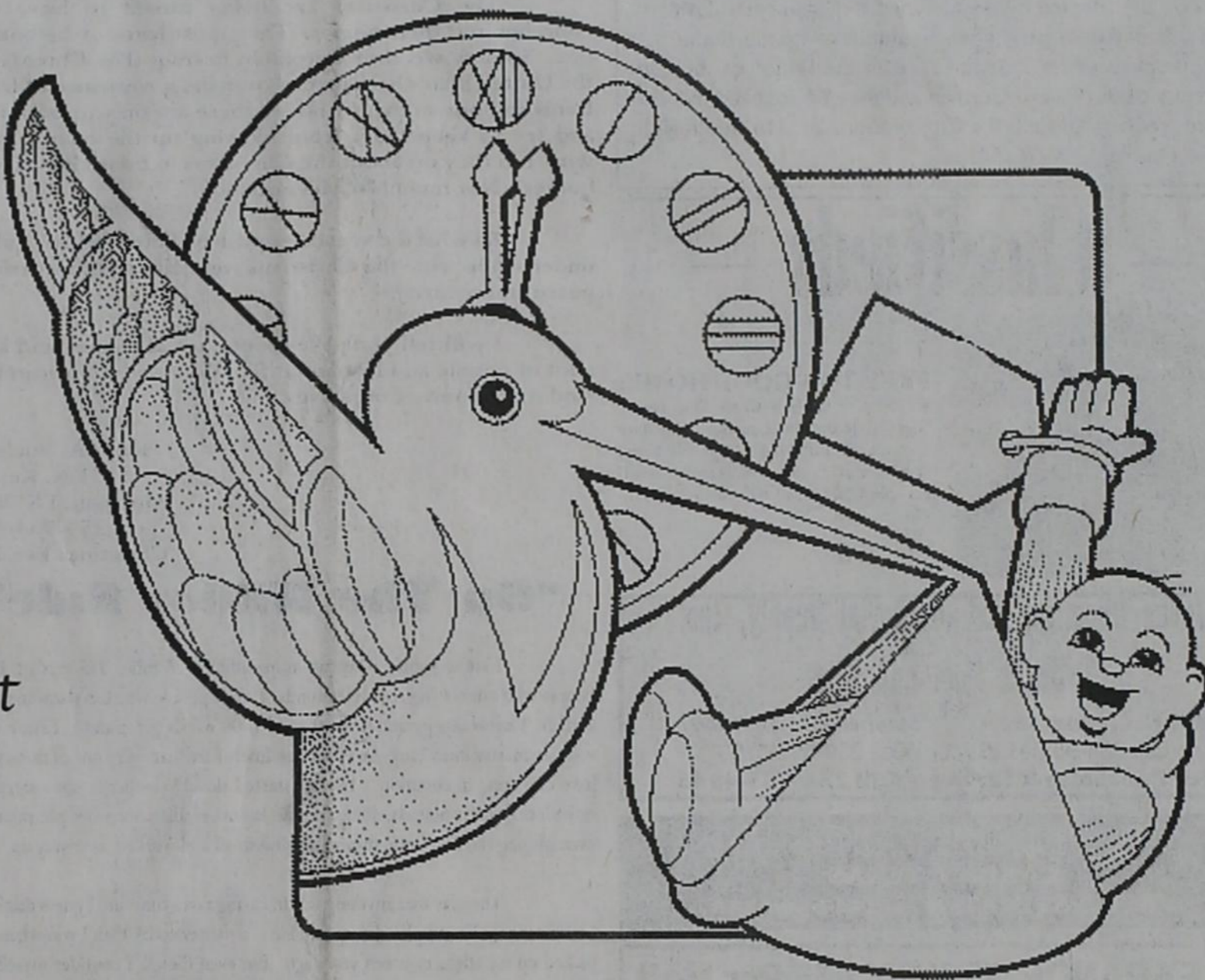
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# Happy New Year



From  
Lonnie and Debra Bennett  
Joe Bennett  
And Correspondents

## Local Paramedic Named to State Injury Prevention Committee

During the 2010 Texas EMS Conference & Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council's meeting which was held in Austin during the week of Thanksgiving, Tim Dennis, a local paramedic, EMS Educator and Child Passenger Safety Technician was reappointed to the Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council's, Injury Prevention Committee for another 3 yr term. Tim, was first appointed to this statewide committee back in November 2007.

This state committee looks at various injury prevention programs as well as evidence based strategies for injury prevention in Texas. During the November meeting, the committee looked at Red-Light Cameras as Injury Prevention tools, Programs that deal with preventing falls in the elderly, and DWI checkpoints. This committee also supported the Booster Seat Law that took effect this year. Several of the committee members are a part of the Coalition that helped get the new law passed. All meetings of the Injury Prevention Committee are open to the public and are held in Austin on a quarterly basis. Information on the GETAC schedule maybe found at [www.dshs.tx.state.us/emstraumasystems](http://www.dshs.tx.state.us/emstraumasystems). Go to the link that says "Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council. For contact information on the Injury Prevention Committee members, click the link that says GETAC Committees, then on the Injury Prevention Committee link. Tim's contact information can be found there.

Tim is currently the Program Director for the Eastland County Child Safety Seat Program & Tech\*Star EMS Education. He is also a paramedic for a special event medical provider in Ft. Worth and will have been involved in EMS for 24 yrs in January.

It should also be noted that during the Kidz in Motion National Conference, which was held in Ft. Worth back in August, that Tim was only one of two people from Texas that was recognized as a "Child Passenger Safety Hero" by this group for his work in promoting child passenger safety in the community.



## Tech\*Star Host Annual Air-Medical Christmas Dinner

On Friday, December 17, 2010, Tech\*Star EMS Education hosted a Christmas Dinner for some of the area Air-Medical providers that service the Eastland County area. "Since 2007, we have hosted a Christmas Lunch or Dinner for these providers to show our thanks for the service that they provider to this area", states Tim Dennis, EMTP and Program Director for Tech\*Star EMS Education. This year's event was held at Boom Town Café in Desdemona. This year, Air-Evac Granbury & CareFlite Granbury was in attendance. Air-Evac Mineral Wells was unable to attend, as they caught a flight before leaving for the Dinner. Our next event will be in May 2011 for Texas EMS Week.



L-R: Darren Pieren, EMTP - Air Evac, Larry White, Pilot - CareFlite, John Dineen, RN/EMTP - CareFlite, Steve Marksteiner, Pilot - Air Evac, Traceen Debellefeuille, RN - CareFlite & Steven Nelson, RN - Air Evac

## COMMUNITY WIDE NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

New Hope Baptist Church will be hosting the annual New Year's Eve Singing on Friday, December 31 from 8pm to 12 midnight.

There will be a break around 10pm for refreshments and fellowship.

Come for any part or the whole time and sing in the New Year 2011 with us!

## Fourth Monday's Gathering Canceled To Meet Again on January 24th

Since the 4th Monday is the so soon after Christmas and many of us will still have family or will be traveling, it was decided to cancel December's gathering and meet again in January. Mark your calendar for January 24, 2011, 6:30 pm, at Leon River Cowboy Church. There will be several pilgrims just returning from their Walk #362 (Jan. 20-23) at Brownwood and many workers from the same walk that we hope will attend and share with us about their experience.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

DeColores,  
Cyndee Groce

## NOTE OF THANKS

The Bride of Christ Church would like to thank Harold Fritz and Gorman Milling for their generous donation made to the Church.

Thank You Very Much

## What Is Your Story?

How do you remember January 1, 2006 --- The beginning of a new and very different time in the lives of many folks?

As we approach the five-year anniversary of the Carbon Area (much of Eastland County) burn perhaps you would be willing to share your story with others.

This horrible fire forever changed the lives of so many people -- We would like to know your feelings and/or observations of that day and the following days, months, years.

The suggestion is "on the table" to possibly make these articles into a book as a fundraiser for the county fire departments. Your story will appear as written -- Please mail to:

Jody Forbus, Chief, CVFD  
P. O. Box 566  
Carbon, Tx 76435

Thank you

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Food Bank**  
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Second Thursday

**Boy Scouts**  
Meeting Weekly  
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.  
Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

## All About The Economy

By Henry A. Buchanan

The United States overthrew Iraq because Saddam Hussein was a bad man who did bad things to his own people and plotted bad things for us and our friends – meaning Israel – and such a man was not to be tolerated by a Christian nation such as the United States of America. So we conquered Iraq and threw down the statue of Saddam. We even managed to get him hanged and we had the people of Iraq – those we had not killed or driven from their homeland to vote on new leaders for their country and to write a constitution by which the country would be governed – justly, we hoped.

After a long time we withdrew some of our troops and turned the governance of the country over to Iraqis who entered their offices to which they were elected but they did not do much to govern the country and Iraq continued to be in turmoil with suicide bombers blowing up the country and killing people.

But the United States decided that Iraq could govern itself with our help and the United States shifted its emphasis to Afghanistan with the hope of conquering the forces that had taken over there. Not much success. In fact, a lot of failure. But in the meantime something bad was happening in Iraq under the new government and its constitution. Iraqis were killing Christians!

It's legal, because the constitution does not allow Iraqis to be Christians. Only Muslim are granted the protection of the law under the constitution. And what is to be done about it?

The Christians are being forced to leave their churches and their homes. They must leave or be bombed out. So now we have a problem in Iraq. The Christians of the United States have turned over the governance of Iraq to Iraqis and our soldiers who are there are only to train Iraqis and try to keep them from blowing up the country. But what can they do about the Christians in their churches and homes? Not much! Maybe nothing!

So what did we accomplish by getting rid of Saddam under whose rule the Christians were allowed to worship in peace and security.

I will tell you. We spent a lot of money and killed a lot of people and lost about five thousand American lives. And made fools of ourselves.

Henry A. Buchanan  
1131 N. Kent St.  
Gorman, TX 76454  
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Christmas Eve 2010

## "On The Wilder Side"

I know people who run in marathons (26 miles 385 yards). I know people who can bench press 300 pounds. I know people who can slam-dunk a basketball. I know one person who can read 1000 words per minute. I know others who are master musicians. And I am absolutely sure that every one of these people have one thing in common... they all started slow. Whether it was running one mile, lifting thirty pounds, doing the first lay-up, reading one word per minute, or even playing the first note, they all started small and worked their way up.

They say that anything worth having takes time and I guess that's true. For instance, I like to play drums and I am far better today than I was when I first picked up my sticks eighteen years ago. But even though I consider myself a fair player, I still don't have the coordination that I want to have. I want to get to the point where my arms and legs work completely independent of each other. I know that I won't get there if I do my same routine practice every day. I have to constantly stretch myself to try new rudiments and new beats. Maybe one day I'll get where I want to be but that is still hours of practice away. I'm sure you have something in your own life that you may want to improve.

Now it's time for spiritual application... Have you made a spiritual new year's resolution? Maybe you should develop your prayer life and really work on "praying without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). Maybe you want to learn or memorize scripture, give more money, get involved with a ministry, teach a class, organize a fellowship event, or be more active in leading worship services. You've got to be willing to step out of your repetition and stretch yourself. No one can grow spiritually by doing the same thing over and over. Remember, the marathon starts with the first mile.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder  
Gorman Church of Christ

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S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.  
Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000  
S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.  
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. \$2,950.00 A.  
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## Letter To The Editor

I would like to clarify a few things that came out in last weeks Gorman Progress' column Homestead Happenings. Several people have ask me if I was going to continue to write the article. No I am not and I did not write the one in last weeks paper. Since I was the one that use to write it, the Progress already had the heading set up and no one told him that I didn't write or who did write.

Next thing, I started to work at the nursing home May 8, 1991. My last day there was Dec. 3. So in May I would have worked there 20 years(not 18). My goal was to work there for 25 years, but due to circumstances beyond my control I felt I had to quit. I did not retire and no there was not a "retirement party" as so many people have ask me. Most people who know me know that I am not a quitter unless I have a good reason to do so.

I would like to thank everyone who has been such great supporters during this time.

Ina Smith

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Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Our family was able to gather together on Christmas day this year instead of having to accommodate work schedules. We had a great time!

Even though we had a wonderful rain last week, it wasn't enough to break the drought. As far as I know at this time, the burn bans are still on.

The Desdemona Activity Center is having a New Year's Eve dance this Friday evening. Johnny Johnson's band will be playing for us. The tickets are \$20.00 for the dance and a meal. We will be serving ham, brisket, black-eyed peas, cornbread and desserts. You may purchase your tickets at the door or reserve a table for 8 for \$150.00 by calling 254-758-2420.

Please remember that we will not have 'Breakfast at the DAC' on the first Saturday in January, as this is New Year's Day. Beginning in February, breakfasts will be held on the first Saturday of each month as usual.

Also, in January, our second and fourth Friday night dances will be back on their regularly scheduled nights.

Holidays are great but it is always nice to get everything back to normal!

See you in Desdemona!

Happy New Year! -- Carol Pell

## The 2010-2011 GORMAN PROJECT SHOW



Junior Lamb Showmanship - Austin Bryd



Reserve Champ Finewool Cross - Lauren Spivey



Champion Medium Wool - Madison Warren  
Grand Champion Market Lamb - Madison Warren



Champion Southdown - Madison Warren

Fine Wool: 1st Madison Warren  
2nd Austin Byrd

Fine Wool Cross: Light Weight  
1st T J Warren  
2nd Austin Byrd  
Heavy Weight  
1st T J Warren  
2nd Lauren Spivey

Southdown:  
1st Madison Warren  
2nd Karsyn Scitem  
3rd Madison Warren

Hair Sheep  
1st Reese Byrd  
2nd Madison Warren  
3rd Kendle Coan

Medium Wool  
Light Weight  
1st Madison Warren  
2nd Austin Byrd  
3rd Rees Byrd  
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2nd T J Warren  
3rd Madison Warren  
Heavy Weight  
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3rd Lauren Spivey

### MARKET GOAT SHOW

Light Weight  
1st Madison Warren  
2nd Madison Warren  
3rd Karsyn Scitem  
4th Madison Warren  
5th Kendle Coan  
Med Weight  
1st T J Warren  
2nd Rees Byrd  
3rd Rasha Rainey  
4th Lauren Spivey  
5th Rebecca Rainey  
Light Heavy Weight.  
1st T J Warren  
2nd Madison Warren  
3rd Austin Byrd  
4th Rees Byrd  
5th Ally Little  
Heavy Weight  
1st T J Warren  
2nd Lauren Spivey  
3rd Brenton Coan  
4th Ally Little

### MARKET SWINE SHOW

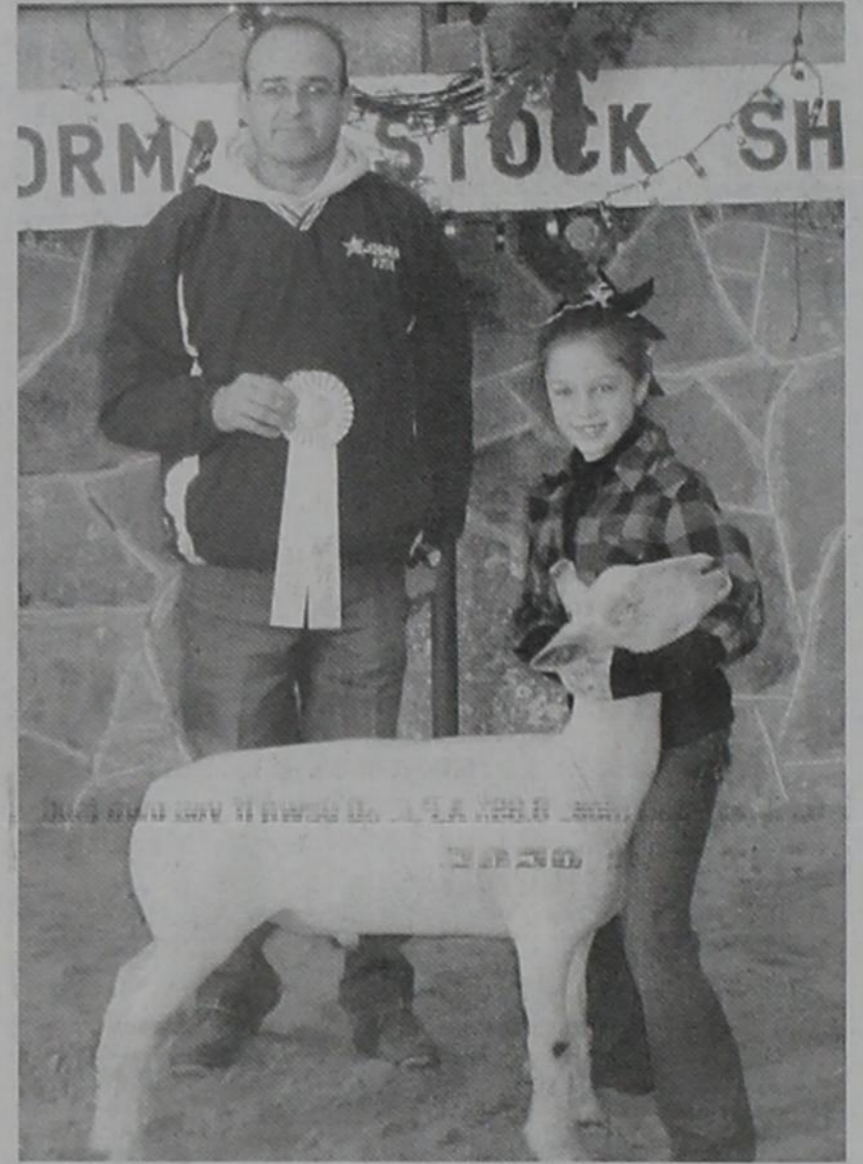
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2nd Zac Ryon  
Heavy Weight  
1st Madison  
Crosses Light  
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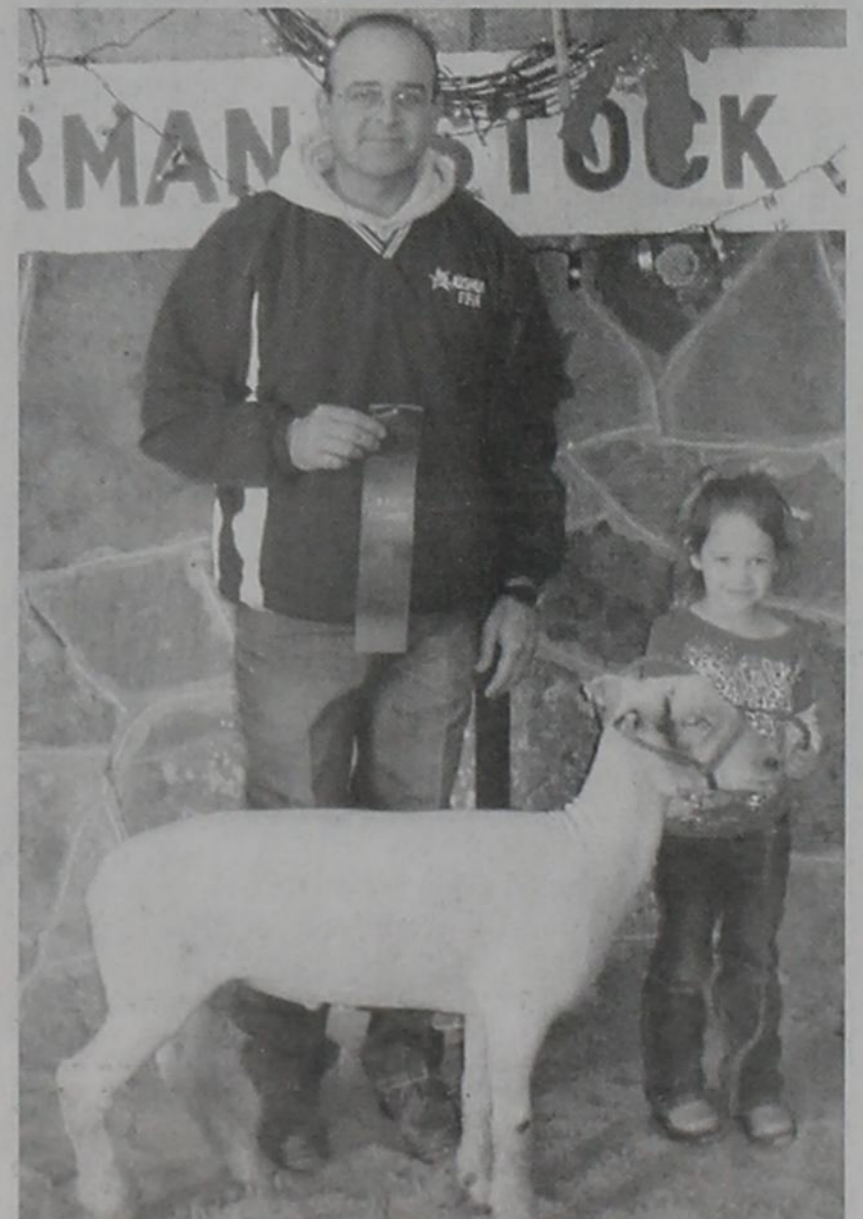
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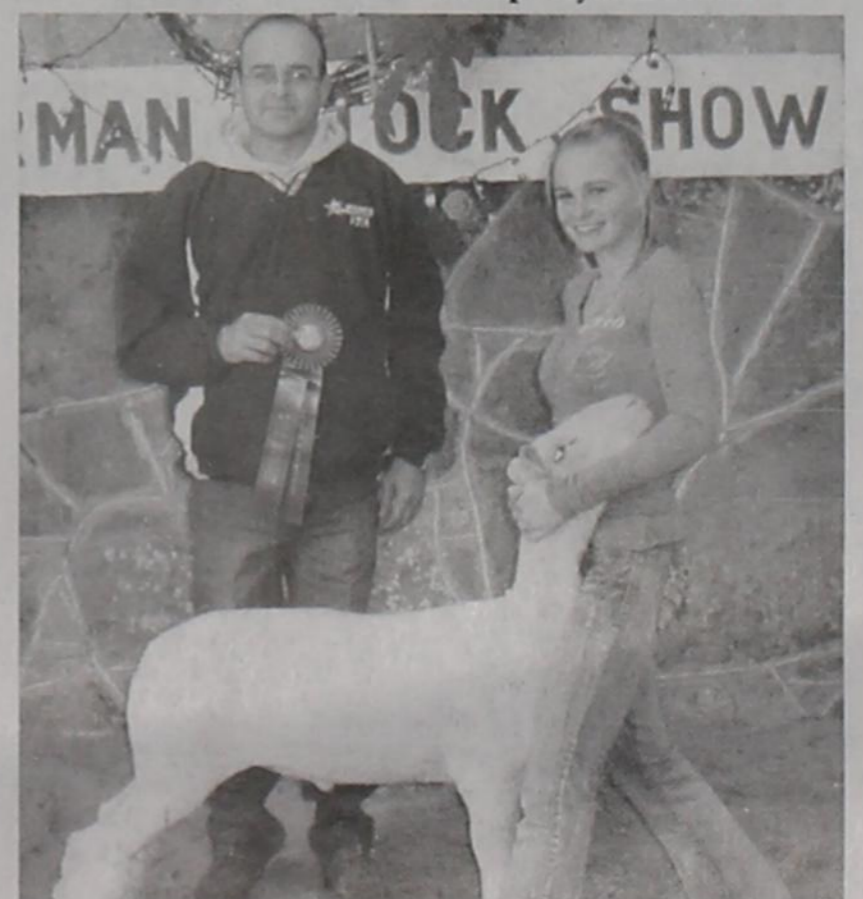
Reserve Champion Finewool - Austin Bryd



Reserve Champion Southdown - Karsyn Scitem



Pee Wee Lamb Showmanship - Kyndall Scitem



Champion Finewool - Madison Warren  
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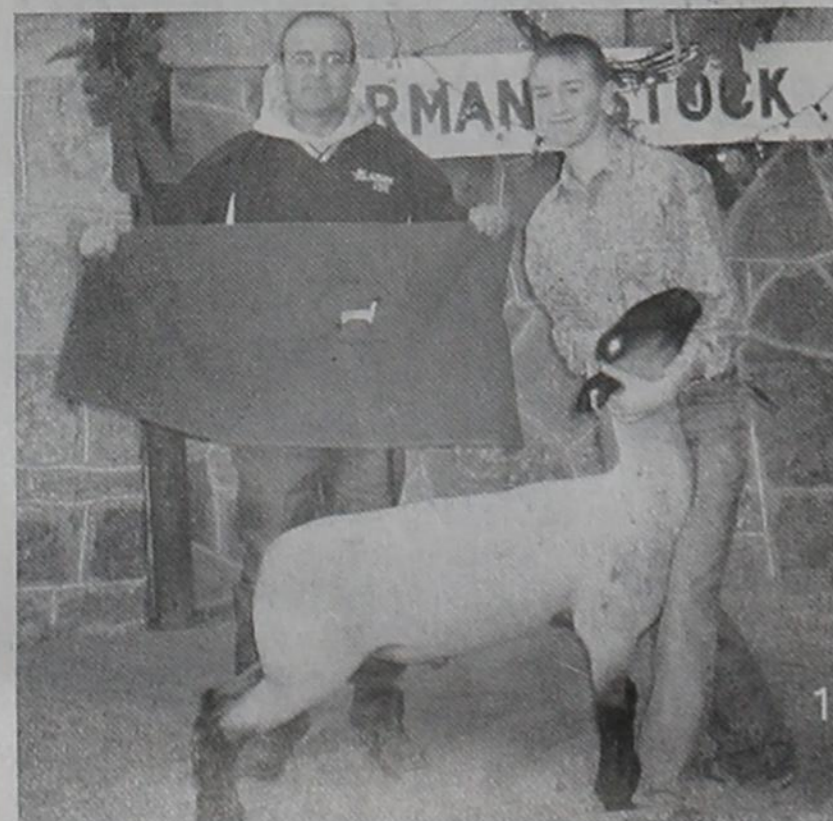
Champion Hair Lamb - Rees Byrd



Senior Lamb Showmanship - Madison Warren



Champion Finewool Cross - T. J. Warren



Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb - T. J. Warren

More Picture of the Project In Next Weeks Issue of the Progress

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**First Baptist Church of Desdemona** was decorated very festive for the Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. There was thirty two in attendance to observe the "Lords Supper". Holiday Hymns were led by Jana Johnson. To close the evening service, everyone present taken part in the beautiful "Candle Light Service" singing "Silent Night".

**First Baptist Church** had several visitors for Sunday morning service. Bro. Charlie and Jana enjoyed having their two sons and family to visit on Sunday -- especially their only granddaughter, Corley.

Karen Fair and Lorin hosted Christmas Day dinner for family and friends. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery; Belinda Guthery; Holly Guthery and daughter, Jade; Roy and Angela Powledge and son, Lane; Gary and Jody Walston; Grant Walston; Todd and Mandi Strand and daughter, Matti-Jane all of Desdemona and other friends from out of town.

Robert and Ima Brown spent Christmas Day in Fort Worth visiting their son, Robert Alton and Jana Brown and family.

Holiday visitors with Bernard and Ann Keith were Brad and Priscilla Keith and children, Brett, Brian, Andrea and Jenna of Louisville, Kentucky; De and Vicki Robinette of De Leon; Keitha Robinette and Lexie of Abilene; Bill and Tami Sanders and Robyn of San Antonio; Billy and Nikki Febinger, Christopher, Allison and Erin of Cleburne.

Holiday visitors with Humpty and Betty Duke were Rodney and Debbie Duyke of Pantego; John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and daughter, Lauren, Brandon and Daydra Ashley and son, Dylan all of Midlothian; Russell and Susan Duke and son, Bram of Houston; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona; and Elise and Katie Duke of Early.

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

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We will come back on the 5th of January. See you next year. Carol

## A Holly Jolly Christmas for Doris Martin

Family and friends who made Christmas Special for Doris Martin were H. L. and Billie Martin of Aledo, Donald and Wilma Holder of Desdemona, Danny (Moinkey) Martin of Graford, Connie Martin of Desdemona, Kevin and Isaiah James and Cindy of Fort Worth, Neil Martin of DeLeon, Eddie and Donna Martin of Millsap, Sonja and Justin Hornback of Desdemona, Patsy Walker of Olden, Chad Walker of Morgan Mill, Tim Martin of Santo, Shirley Martin of Gorman, Bella Duskee of Gorman, Emily Lewis and Calif Ahrllette of Gorman, Terry, Suzie, and Tacy Martin of Mineral Wells, Tyler and Kayden of Weatherford, Daniel, Carrie, Calvin, and Ashlyn Martin of De Leon, Jessica Martin and Brian of Euleless, Rosie, Chazz, and Caiden Moergansteane of De Leon, Cody, Alisha, Kira Martin of Oklahoma, Lawrence and Sheila Perez of Gorman.

Calls came from Mary Valanty of Beverly Hills, Michigan, Ruby Martin of Lufkin, Dale and Joyce box of Mineral Wells, Dorothy Shutter of Dublin, Melissa Rutledge of Ranger, Scotty Martin of Ranger, Betty Jackson of Eastland, Darcy Rudford of San Diego, California, Nickie Martin of Arkansas, Russell Walker of Eastland and Kay Box of Oklahoma.

Thank you to all of those who made this Christmas so enjoyable for Grandma Martin!

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