

## Central Texas Peanut Quality Conference Slated For Feb. 4th

"Bringing Profitability Back" will be the focus of the 1997 Central Texas Peanut Quality conference scheduled for Feb. 4th at Z.J.'s Steakhouse in downtown Gorman, Texas. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m.

Central Texas peanuts and peanut producers wuffed a major blow in 1996 with problems related to weather conditions and diseases: stated Davy Vestal, County Extension Agent-Ag, Eastland County. Cool August and September weather contributed greatly to the low grades posted throughout the peanut harvest season in Central Texas. The major factor in yield losses was a disease known as Tomato Spotted Wilt, an insect transmitted virus that infected early planted irrigated or lush growing peanuts.

While some disasters are certainly non-controllable such as weather related and often times marketing, producers can take control of their production expenses and manage them for a greater profit potential. Dr. Dallas Hartzog, Extension Agronomist-Peanuts, from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System has done extensive research in tillage systems. Dr. Hartzog states "that it is essential under the Freedom to Farm Act that we downsize our expenses while maintaining yield and quality". Dr. Hartzog will present an informative presentation and question/answer sessions during this year's Central Texas Peanut Quality Conference.

Dr. Mark McFarland, Extension Soil Fertility Specialist from Texas A&M will discuss how an extensive fertility program fits well with a reduced tillage system. "Soil fertility and management plays a key role in peanut production, even more so when reduced tillage is incorporated into the

management plan" states Bob Whitney, County Extension Agent-Ag, Comanche County.

Mr. Ross Wilson, Manager of Southwestern Peanut Growers Association in Gorman will discuss peanut marketing price support as it applies to the 1997 crop.

Just before noon winners of the ISK Bioscience sponsored tour from Eastland and Comanche counties will be named. Top growers of both Runner and Spanish type peanuts will be recognized and receive an all expense pain grower/industry tour for 3 days and 2 nights to Houston.

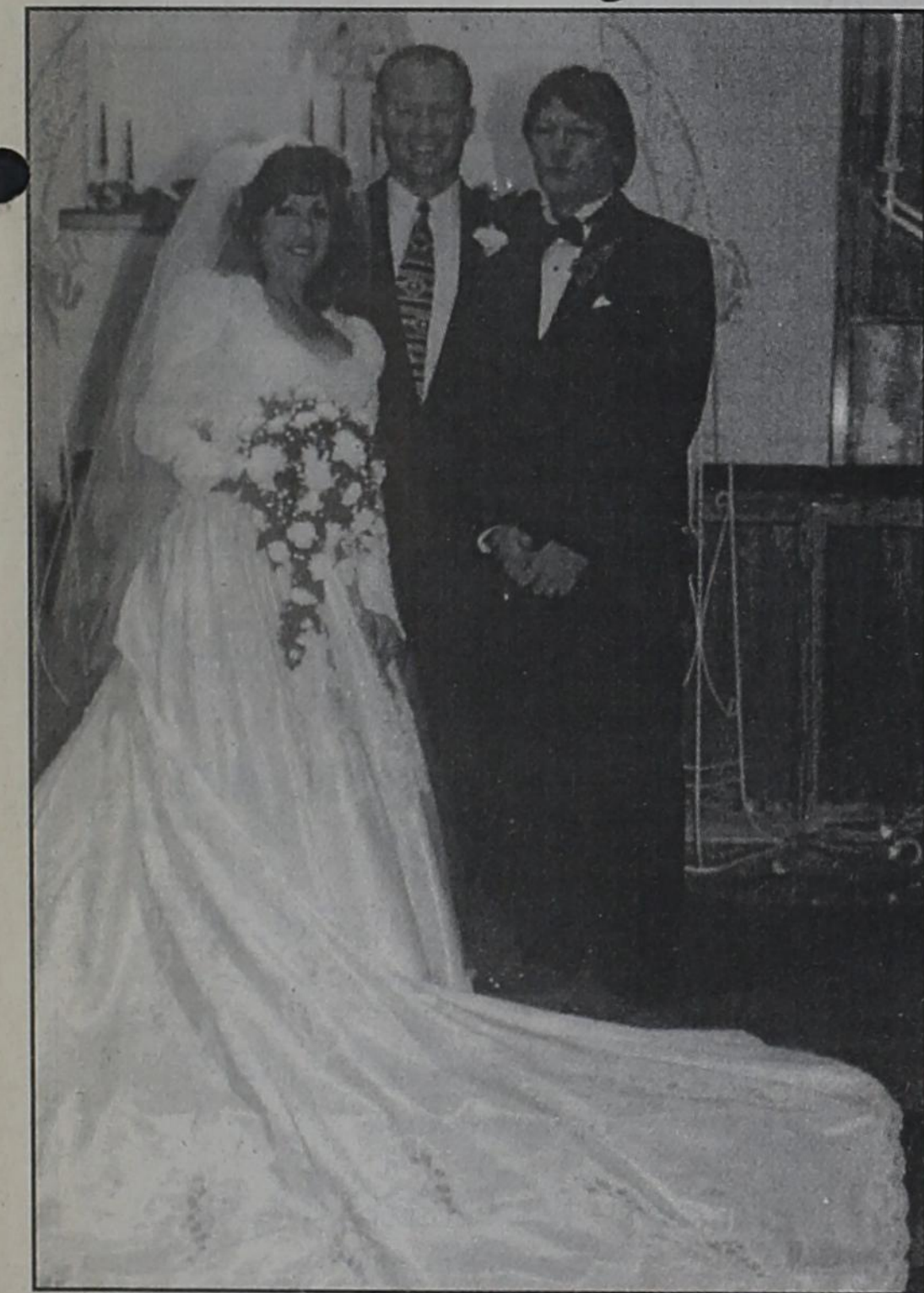
After lunch, Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialist will discuss 1996 demonstrations, 1997 suggested cultural practices and quota leasing, selling and buying; Dr. Robert Lemon, peanut Agronomist from College Station, Dr. T.A. "Chip" Lee, Peanut Pathologist from Stephenville and Dr. Gerald Cornforth, Economist from Stephenville have each played major roles in developing plans to help "Bring Profitability Back" to Central Texas peanut producers.

Three (3) CEU's (Continuing Education Units) will be available to all private, commercial and non-commercial applicators.

A noon lunch will be prepared by Mr. Jonathan VanDusen-owner of Z.J.'s Steakhouse and sponsored by Peanut Industry supporter and local lending institutions.

Please R.S.V.P. to the Eastland County Extension Office at (817) 629-1093 or Comanche County Extension Service Office at (915) 356-2539 by Friday, January 31st, so proper meal arrangements and seating can be obtained.

## Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Watson United in Marriage Dec. 21



On Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, in the First Baptist Church, in Gorman, Sandra Shem and Jeff Watson were united in marriage. Bro. Craig Rhoton performed the double ring ceremony.

Ruby Kinser played several selections on the piano as the guests arrived. Monty Grant ushered the guests into the sanctuary and also lit the candles.

Shortly after two, the groom, his attendants and the minister came in. Steve Watson served the his brother's best man. Monty Grant was the groomsmen. They all wore matching black tuxedos.

Gwen Watson was matron of honor and Jessica Kidman was bridal atten-

tant. They wore sleeveless long hunter green velvet gowns with matching green satin bows. The bride chose a long white wedding gown with sequins and seed pearls on the bodice. It had long sleeves and a long train. The bridal bouquet was made with burgundy and white carnations, with the attendants carrying a smaller bouquet with the same color flowers. The men of the wedding party wore carnations.

The bride came down the aisle to the traditional wedding march. After they repeated their wedding vows, Sandra lit her candle from Jeff's and they both lit the unity candle.

Honored guests were the mother of the groom, Kay Watson and the groom's

## Eight Grade Girls Win Top Honors In PTO Tournament

The Gorman Eight Grade girls basketball team took top honors in the Gorman PTO Tournament held here on January 16, 17 and 18th.

In the first round the Gorman 7th grade girls won over Rising Star 22 to 13. Rachel Thomas hit 13 points, Jasmine Burns 5, Rachel Mayfield 2 and Charla Davis 2.

In the first round of the 8th grade bracket, Gorman won 26 to 19 over Rising Star. Eva Rodriguez hit 12, Anita Loba 5, Emerald Guthery 3, Rachel Rainey, Amy Thomas and Krissy Roberts each had 2 points.

In the second round the Gorman 7th grade lost to Ranger by a 20 to 3 margin. Jasmine Burns scored 2 points and Catie Davis 1.

In the second round in the 8th grade bracket Gorman defeated Santo 28 to 15. Eva Rodriguez scored 12 points, Emerald Guthery 7, Christina Mauney 3, Krissy Roberts and Jessica Lora each had 2. This was the consolation game.

In the Championship finals, Gorman 8th grade won 27 to 14 over Ranger. Eva Rodriguez hit 10, Emerald Guthery 8, Kendra Roberts and Krissy Roberts each had 4 and Summer Speck had 1.

This was the championship final and the girls had worked all year to get to this game and win it. It was a team goal to win this tourney.

Coach Pruett stated she was very proud of all these young ladies, both 7th and 8th grades.

## Gorman Begins Powerlifting Events

The Gorman High School boys powerlifting team travelled to DeLeon and Hico over the last two weeks. The boys competed very well, as Kris Carlton finished third at the DeLeon meet with a total of 1,400 lbs. in the 242 lb. weight class.

Powerlifting is a new sport at GHS this year. It consists of three attempts at three lifts; the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift. The score is tallied by adding the best lift on each of the three platforms. Carlton's total of 1,040 included a 400 lb squat, a 225 lb. bench press, and a 415 lb. deadlift. The contestants are divided into several weight classes ranging from 114 lbs. up to 272 plus. Ten lifters qualify to regional competition in each class at the end of the year. Other participating at DeLeon were Shannon Mauney in the 220's, Lonnie Grumbles in the 198's, Cy Cypher in the 165's Aaron Petree and David Seaton in the 123's and William Curb also in the 165's.

The Panthers fared much better the following week at Hico, as three lifters finished in the medals, and one finished sixth. Kris Carlton finished 2nd with a total of 1,095; Shannon Mauney finished 3rd with a total of 1,025; Jeremy Bryan finished 4th with a total of 940 lbs, and Aaron petree finished 6th in the 114's with a total of 555 lbs. Each of these young men is currently in position to advance to regionals, if they can hold onto their top ten ranking through the last qualifying meet on February 22nd.

Other powerlifters include Blake Guthery, Cody Maupin, Alex Morales, Margo Sanchez, Allen Bradshaw, Cory Carruth, and Clay Sandlin. IN all, fifteen young men are involved in the sport with only two being seniors. It has been a great year so far, as all have improved every week and gotten stronger. The regular season wraps up on February 15th at Cisco for the Panthers, with qualifiers advancing to Regionals at DeLeon on March 1st.

If you've never seen a powerlifting meet, I would like to encourage you to come out and watch our athletes compete at Cisco or at the Regional Meet. They are representing our school and

daughter, Jaclyn Watson.

The reception was in the home of Gala and Dick Troutman and was hosted by Kay Watson, mother of the groom and aunts, Gala Troutman and Joyce Brinegar. A long harvest table held both the wedding cake and the groom's cake. The wedding cake was white with burgundy roses, topped by a second smaller tier. The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate roses. Hot spiced tea, punch, coffee, nuts and mints were served to the guests. Serving the wedding cake was another of the groom's aunts, Rita Hall and Linda Lou Warren, cousin of the groom, served the groom's cake.

The reception lasted until late afternoon, with the couple visiting with family and friends.

our community very well and can always use the support.

In addition to their powerlifting accomplishments, three of these young men also received numerous post season honors in football. Kris Carlton was named; first team all-district offensive and defensive lineman, ARN Super team, first team all-area by ARN first team all-area by Ft. Worth Star Telegram, and first team all-state by the A.P. sportswriters. Jeremy Bryan was named; first team all-district and ARN all-area. Blake Guthery was named; second team all-district LB, Ft. Worth Star Telegram all-area, and Honorable mention all-state by the A.P. sportswriters.

Congratulations to these young men!!

## 4 H Project Show- Feb. 7th

All Eastland County 4-Hers are encouraged to enter the annual 4-H Project show which will be held in conjunction with the County Livestock Show on Friday, February 7th.

Entries are due from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The show will be in the large concession stand building.

Hosting the show this year is Cisco 4-H Club parents and members.

## Kokomo TCE Club Will Meet Feb. 3rd

The Kokomo Family Community Education Club will meet on Monday February 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mary Frances Bishop, 721 South Dixie St., Eastland, Tx.

County Extension Agent Mrs Janet Thomas will give the program "Early Breast Cancer Detection."

Members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.

Reporter: Nancy Hendricks  
President: Norma Webb

## Jeanna Grice and Randy Burns Pledge Nuptials

Jeanna Grice and Randy Burns were married January 18 in a small ceremony, attended by family and close friends, at the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Grice are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burns, all of Gorman.

Julie May of Gorman was the matron on honor and Kevin Snider of Keller was the best man.

Larry Linaam of Carbon officiated. The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to San Antonio. They will live in Gorman.

## Gorman High School Students Complete Senate Scholars Program



AUSTIN — Gorman High School Senior Loni Bessar (right) and Junior Sarah Reeves (left) on the floor of the Texas Senate with Lt. Governor Bob Bullock. Bessar and Reeves recently participated in the Senate Scholars Program sponsored by Sibley.

AUSTIN-- Gorman High School senior Loni Bessar and junior Sarah Reeves recently visited the Texas Capitol to participate in the Senate Scholars Program started by state Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

The Senate Scholars Program gives Texas Senate District 22 high school juniors and seniors a firsthand look at the operation of state government.

Started during the 74th Legislative Session in 1995, the program was a big success in its first year with twenty-two schools sending 51 students.

Bessar and Reeves served as pages

on the floor of the Texas Senate, met Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, observed a Senate committee hearing, watched the Texas House debate bills and toured the Capitol during their trip to Austin.

"Hopefully a day at the Capitol brought to life lessons the students are learning in their civics and government classes," Sibley said. "I've been very impressed with the students who have been chosen for the Senate Scholars Program."

Students from 86 high schools in Sibley's senatorial district were invited to participate in the Senate Scholars Program.

## Bobby and Merlene Wisdom To Mark 50th Anniversary



Bobby and Merlene Wisdom will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at an informal Open House at the Desdemona First Baptist Church Annex beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 1997.

Their Daughters and Families welcome family and friends to attend the celebration honoring the couple on their Golden Anniversary, January 30, 1947 by joining the reception of a casual dinner buffet and domino tournament.

CASUAL DRESS and NO GIFTS PLEASE

## CITIZEN UPDATE "Dog Problem"

I have been informed by the Mayor that no action has been taken before because of lack of support by the Citizens.

Please attend the Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m.

We Need You There!!!

Sue Spivey



# Gorman Panthers District Results

The Panthers have been competing in the toughest district in the state, and are playing with lots of effort. Currently, the Panthers are 7-16 on the year. "Our athletes are competing to the best of their abilities. That is all that can be asked of them. We understand that we do not make the schedule. It is our job to play it. We have and I am proud of our kids, this year we are outclassed. It will take a few years to build a competitive program," said Coach Harley.

District results are: January 7 - Gorman 48 - Santo 70; January 10 - Gorman 58 - Lipan 78; January 14 - Gorman 54 - Tolar 92; January 17 - Gorman 26 - Baird 77; January 21 - Gorman 49 - Brock 94; January 24 - Gorman 49 - Santo 62; January 28 - Gorman at Lipan; January 31 - Tolar at Gorman; February 4 - Baird at Gorman and February 7 - Gorman at Brock.

Leading Scorers for the Panthers are: Posey with 104 points, Burleson with 26 points, Seaton with 23 points, A. Rodriguez with 15 points, Perez with 9 points and Sanchez with 7 points.

## JV Panthers 6-0 in District Play

The Gorman Panthers Junior Varsity team has run up against another tough district like the panthers. "Our JV is (like the varsity) playing with exceptional effort. Many of our JV players are short on experience and fundamentals. However, if these athletes will commit themselves to improving, they will. This can be accomplished only through time and constructive repetition," said Coach Harley.

Members of the Junior Varsity are Chris Fox #3, Eric Cruz #4, James Hogan #5, Robert Lewis #10, Eric Madera #12, Levi Roberts #20, Leslie Wood #24, William Curb #25, Bradley Gilmore #30, Francisco Madera #24, Christian Schorling #40, and Adrian Torres #44.

District results are: Gorman 27 - Santo 75; Gorman 25 - Lipan 62; Gorman 26 - Tolar 61; Gorman 27 - Baird 57; Gorman 36 - Brock 86; and Gorman 30 - Baird 50; Gorman at Lipan - January 28th; Tolar at Gorman - January 31th; Baird at Gorman - February 4; and Gorman at Brock - February 7.

## John Deene Scott Laid To Rest - Saturday

John Deene Scott, age 91 of Downing died Thursday, Jan. 22, 1997 at the Western Hills Nursing Home in Commerce.

He was born Dec. 1, 1905 in Downing Texas. He was a retired farmer and rancher and a member of the Downing Church of Christ. He married Kathryn Adelle Loudermilk Dec. 22, 1930, who preceded him in death Dec. 6, 1994.

Funeral services were held Jan. 25th at the DeLeon Church of Christ under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home. Minister A.C. Morris officiated. He was laid to rest in the Downing Cemetery.

Survivors include: one son, John D. Scott Jr. of San Antonio, one granddaughter; Carol Scott of Fairfax, VA.

He was preceded in death by his parents Benjamin Franklin Scott and Ellen Kelly Scott, three brothers, Henry Scott, Andy Scott, and Othor Scott, four sisters Annie Sledge, Mollie Wilson, Oma Loudermilk, and Rosa Flanagan.

## Chamber to Select Community Service Award Recipient

The Chamber of Commerce would like to ask the community for their recommendations as we choose the 1997 Community Service Award recipient. If you have a recommendation this year, pick up an award recommendation sheet from area businesses and fill it out or write the name, include the reasons why you think this person should receive the award, and please sign it. No consideration will be given to those turned in that are not signed. Please give your information to Gene Foster at Foster Floral or mail it to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 266, Gorman, Tx. 76454, no later than March 10th.

Thanks for your help.

## Items Needed for One-Act Play

The One-Act-Play cast and crew are collecting items for the stage set. Items still needed are:

- \* A wheelchair
- \* Beach umbrellas
- \* A tea service
- \* A coffee service

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## DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY  
PHONE 75802665

First Baptist Church of Desdemona observed Baptist Men's Day last Sunday, January 26th. All men's choir was led by Elwood Ragland with Philip Lewis playing the fiddle, Leo Williams playing the harmonica and Bro. Joe Wortham playing the guitar. Those singing in the choir were Wayne Eaves, Pug Guthery, Glyn Thiebaud, Moody Koonce, Albert Holdman, Jimmy Wortham, Robert Lewis, Keith Grubbs and Chris Fox. Several men gave their testimonies for morning and evening services. For the evening services those singing were Gary, Brian and Chad Iley with their mother, Sharon at the piano. These three boys are grandsons of Wayne and Wilma Fay Iley. Albert and Pat Hodman and their family were visitors, also other visitors but this reporter failed to get names of each one.

Lee Martin Maynard Clayton, Clarence Denson, Clydell Lewis, Albert Clark, Marge Henslee, Wanda Lemaster, Novis Rushing, Lorene Koonce, Kenneth Lewis and others are on the sick list in our area. Remember these with your cards and prayers.

Funeral services for Ilene King, 86, of Nocona was held on December 27, 1996. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery. She was born on February 4, 1910 in Desdemona, Tx. and the daughter of the late Lige and Connie Parker Glass. Survivors include a son WW King Jr., of Houston, two sisters, Irene Bowen of Longview and Reba Morris of Nocona.

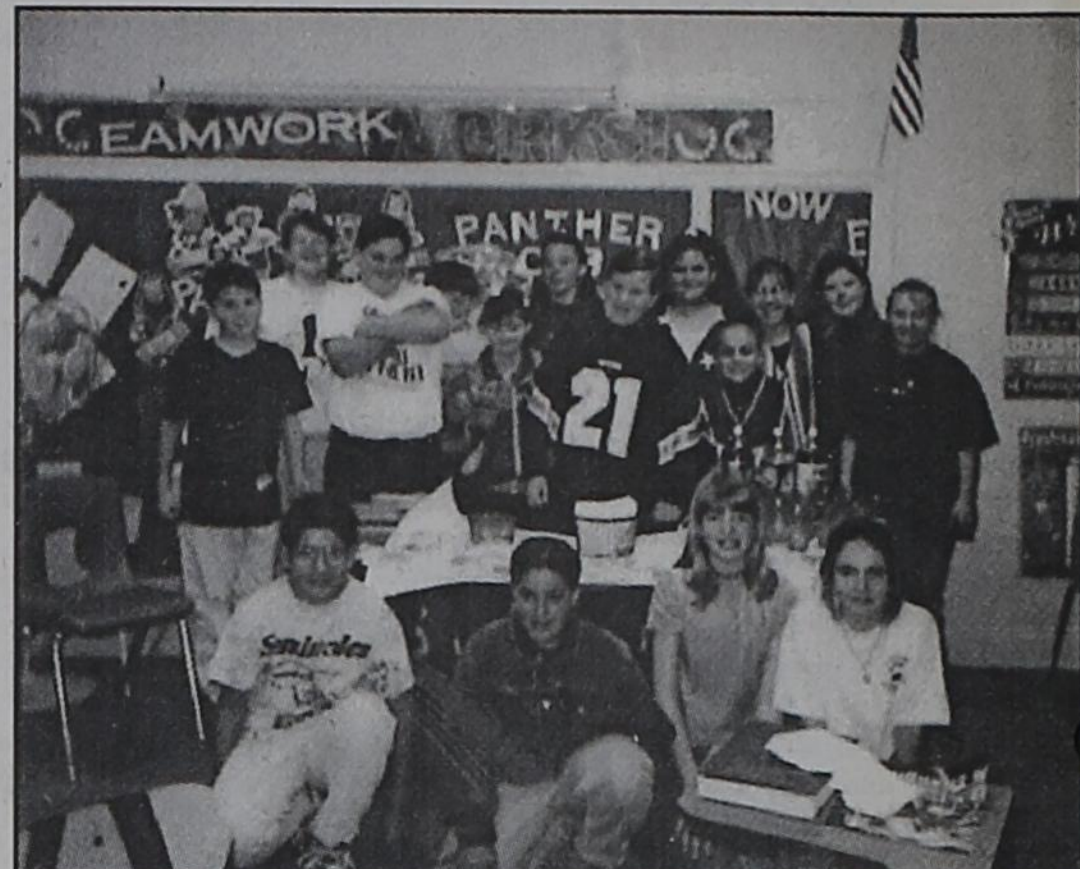
"Congratulations" to Bob and Merlene (Hogg) Wisdom of Desdemona who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 1, 1997 with a reception at the Baptist Annex beginning at 5:00 p.m. hosted by their daughters, Linda Barker of Teague and Marsh Johnson of Lovington, New Mexico. Grandchildren are Garrett Barker of Meridian, Billy Williams and Chris Johnson of Lovington, New Mexico. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. No gifts please.

## Lacy Pack On President's List at Cisco Junior College

Lacy Pack of Carbon was listed on the President's List at Cisco Junior College for the fall semester of 1996. The Presidents List includes students earning a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 system.

Lacy is the daughter of Ronnie and Jeanna Pack of Carbon. She is a graduate of Gorman High School.

## Sixth Grade Success!!



Each six weeks students in Mrs.

Remember the old saying handed down through the years - "if it thunders in February, we will have killing frost in April." The old sayings do sound a little crazy at times but they do come true.

Elwood and Nell (Grimshaw) Ragland visited a few days this past week with his twin brother, Dorwood and Mac Ragland in Lockhart.

Jimmy and Jill Wortham and son Jacob of Tyler visited the past weekend with his dad, Bro. Joe Wortham and Misty.

Leo and Eloise Williams was in Austin on Monday to attend a Texas Farm Bureau Meeting. Leo is a state director.

Hampton's and Mrs. Lewis's sixth grade classes have a three week and six week party. This is to celebrate passing grades and an unlowered conduct grade.

This party included heart-shaped chocolate chip cookies, soft drinks, candy, and playing bingo for school supply prizes. Those meeting all the requirements for this party were: Anthony Ramirez, Joe Landa, Tana Goode, Sarah Lewis, Derrik Adams, Shari Marlow, Brian Hunt, Dylan Cogburn, Rhesea Rainey, Tasha Ritter, Josh Bridges, Mayra Lopez, Enrique Landa, Linda Olivares, Kristina Everton and Carrie Shipp. (Not pictured Ryan Keller). A fun time was enjoyed by all!

## Special Services For Children With Disabilities

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## KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN -- PHONE 639-2289

I have some very happy news for our family to report this week. I have new twin great-grandson, Ryan and Kody Daniell who were born on Thursday, January 23rd in the Abilene Regional Medical Center. Sheri and Wade Daniell are their parents, Glenda Priest of Abilene is the maternal grandmother. Mother, Daddy and Babies are doing fine and got to go home from the hospital on Sunday.

I visited in Abilene from Thursday until Saturday with my daughter, Glenda Priest and with my granddaughter and family, Sheri, Wade, Ryan and Kody at the hospital. They are beautiful babies, and what a joy it was to get to hold them.

The special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning was rendered by Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Leona Wilson, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning, Bill Hetrick, Jimmy Little and Joe Bond with Glynda Bond at the piano.

The special music on Sunday night was rendered by Glynda Bond, Leona Wilson, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning, Joe Bond and Jimmy Little with Wynelle Brown at the piano.

Richard and Teresa Nachtigall of

Morgan Mill, Taylor Nachtigall of Stephenville, Joe and Falyn Fields of Carbon and Jamie Thomas of Gorman and Harvey and Bud Winn of Carbon visited during the weekend with Vernon, Deon and Lundell Feilds.

Billie Jeanne Grisham and Kathy Skaggs of Deleon were visitors with Hope Joiner. Other recent visitors with Mrs. Joiner were Lucille Joiner and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville and Amber Craddock and Jewl Huddleston of Comanche.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Troy and John Scitern, Darlene Hampton of Gorman and Katie Thackerson of Carbon, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner and Zelda Jordan.

Visitors during the week with Hazel Snider were Leona Wilson and Johnnie B. Griffith, Ted Snider, Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider. Sandra spent Saturday afternoon with Hazel and La Von.

Hazel Snider and La Von Snider attended church at the Calvary Baptist Church in Stephenville on Sunday morning Jan. 26. Dwayne Snider was the speaker on Sunday morning during the weekend layman revival. Ha-

## SCHOOL MENU

Week of Feb. 3rd thru Feb. 7th  
BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, jelly, milk.

TUESDAY-Oatmeal, toast, juice, jelly, milk

WEDNESDAY-Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, milk

THURSDAY-No school

FRIDAY-No school

### LUNCH

MONDAY-BBQ Bun, pork-n-beans, mixed fruit, cookies, milk

TUESDAY-Roast w/brown gravy, baked potatoes, california blend veg., peach crisp, hot rolls, milk

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak, cream potatoes, green beans, gravy, hot rolls, cake, milk

THURSDAY-No school

FRIDAY-No school

zel and La Von then had lunch with DeWayne, Connie and Lisa Snider.

Oren and Norma Webb were in Comanche on Friday night to visit with Stacy, Brenda, Jacob and Kaci Webb and to see Jacob play basketball.

## Jr. High Boys to Meet Brock and Bluffdale

The junior high basketball season is drawing to a rapid close as the 7th and 8th grade boys prepare to wrap up their 1996-97 campaign on the road against Brock next Monday and Bluffdale on February 10th. The 7th grade Panthers are currently 1-5 on the season after posting a convincing 38-29 victory over Baird on January 27th. Michael Lynch, Ben Longoria, and Keith Treadway combined for thirty points, while Chris Cox and Jacob Johnson led the way defensively. Billy Grissom, Jason Hogan, Wes Wilkins, Michael Leal, and the rest of the 7th grade contributed also as the 7th grade posted their first win of the season.

The 8th grade Panthers are currently 7-3 on the season with a six game winning streak in tact, which includes 3 wins in their own PTO tournament and a championship trophy back on January 18th. Cody Foster, David Seaton, and Mark Glover were "outstanding tournament" players as they combined for 80% of the Panther's points in two tourney wins over Ranger and one over Rising Star. Mike Torres, Bobby Cox, Joshua Grumbles, Joseph Suvall and the Simpson duo of Cody and Casey contributed defensively as did the rest of the Panthers, including Erick Park, Josh Johnson, Terry Perez, Raul Madera and Colton Van Dusen handled the rebounding chores effectively as well.

In addition to tournament wins, the Panthers have defeated Cross Plains,

## IT'S TWIN BOYS Thank you for Your Support

Wade and Sheri Daniell of Abilene are happy to announce the birth of their twin sons, Ryan Wade and Kody Lynn on Thursday January 23, 1997 in the Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene, Texas. Ryan was born at 1:31 p.m. weighing 5 lbs. 9 oz. and Kody was born at 1:42 p.m. weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. Ryan was 18 1/2 inches long and Kody was 19 3/4 inches long.

Glenda Priest of Abilene and Roddy and Judy Miles of Dublin are the maternal grandparents. Zelda Jordan of Gorman and Mary Miles of Houston are the great-grandmothers.

Loyd and Gail Daniell of Abilene are the paternal grandparents and Lois Daniell of Abilene and Ruby Cardwell of Tatum, NM are the great-grandmothers.

## Paula Harris Named to ACU Honor Roll

We are proud to announce that Paula Harris of Cisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eaves of Gorman, recently was named to the ACU honor roll. Congratulations Paula, Keep up the good work!

Tolar, Santo, and most recently Baird, while suffering three early season losses to Tolar, Lipan and Baird.

The Panthers are playing superb basketball right now and look forward to wrapping things up on the road with a bang.

## Last Rights for Judy Ann Hanifan Set for 2:00 Thursday Jan. 30th

Funeral services set for 2:00 p.m. Thursday Jan. 30th at the First Baptist Church of De Leon with interment in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

A complete obituary will be published in next weeks Gorman Progress.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**NOTICE!!** - The Gorman City Commission will meet Tuesday, February 4th at 5:00 p.m. instead of February 6th.

**MUSICAL** - There will be a Musical at the Sipe Springs Community Center on Saturday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited, especially all musicians.

**"SHAME ON YOU"** to the person who dumped 7 bags of trash along our county Road #180 on Saturday night. Please come and remove your trash. **Residents of Co. Road #180.**

**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 FEBRUARY 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.**

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Gene Grisham, Worthy Matron - 893-6777 and John Grisham, Worthy Patron 893-6777.

# Tax Deferral Available For Over 65 Residential Homeowners

Section 33.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires the following information concerning the Deferral of Certain Property Taxes to be publicized.

Property taxes on the residence homestead property of those persons sixty-five (65) years of age may be deferred or abated if they satisfy the requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The property owner must (in most cases) occupy the residence homestead on which the tax is being levied or on which a suit has been filed for collection of delinquent taxes.

To obtain a deferral, the individual must file with the Chief Appraiser of the Appraisal District in which the property is located; an affidavit stating that he or she is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and that he or she does own and reside in the residence that the tax is being levied on.

If a suit has already been filed by a tax unit, the individual must file with the court in which the suit was filed the same type of affidavit.

By filing the affidavit with the proper authority, the payment of taxes or forced collections through suit is postponed until the person filing the affidavit no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

It is emphasized that the tax is only deferred; it is not cancelled. A tax lien remains on the property and interest in the amount of eight (8) percent per year will continue to accrue during the period that the collection of taxes is deferred.

For information concerning the tax deferral or abatement, contact the Eastland County Appraisal District. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse in Eastland, Texas. The telephone number is 629-8597.

## SUMMER SCHOOL PLANNING

Summer School planning has begun. We are considering having the school beginning June 9th and ending July 3rd. The school day will be from 9 o'clock until 12 noon. The school will be for those students who need help in reading or math and those who fail the TAAS.

This summer all students are encouraged to use the library. It will be open one day a week. Students will be able to earn A. R. points for the summer and earn prizes. Prizes will be awarded during the summer.

Cold temperatures ruin the taste and texture of tomatoes so don't store them in the refrigerator. Wait until you're ready to serve them before you slice them; once cut, their flavor fades.

**DE LEON LOCAL "42" TOURNAMENT**  
Saturday, February 1, 1997 -- 8:00 a.m.  
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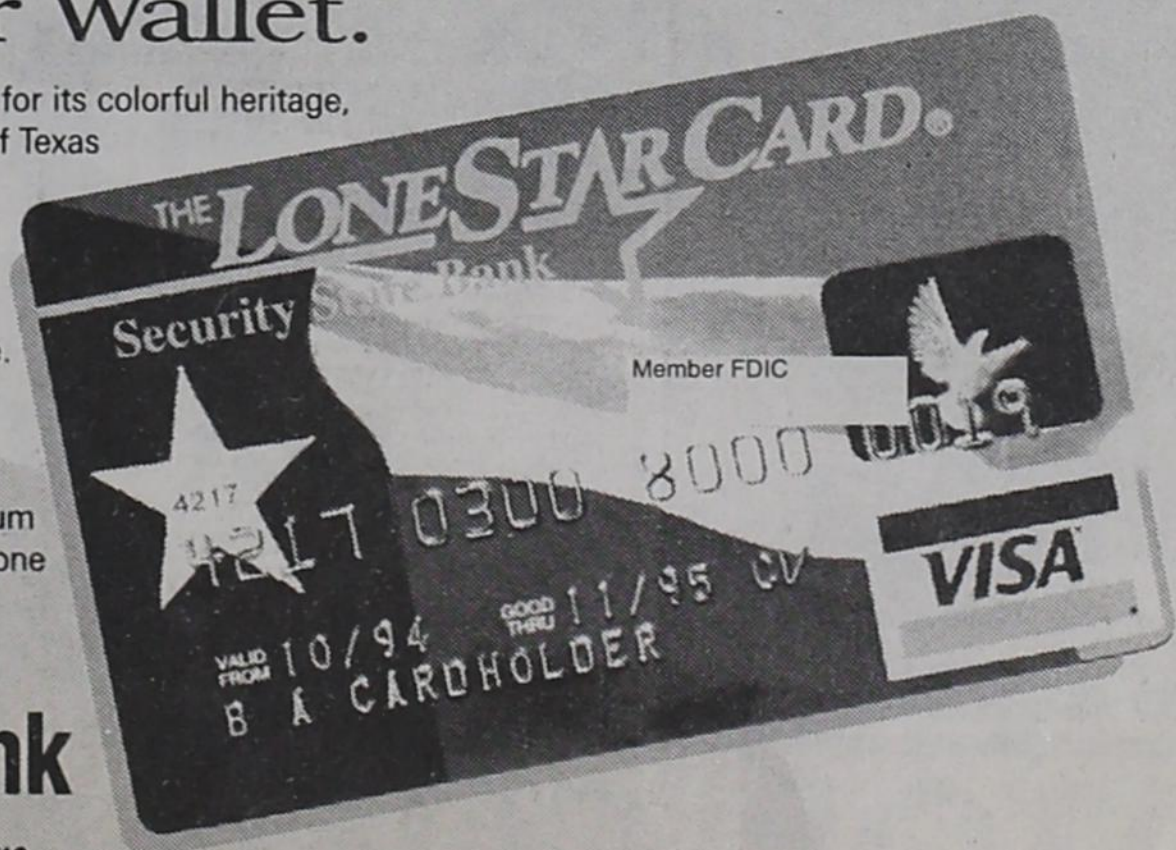
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# HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

NANCY HENDRICKS - REPORTING

## A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello Everyone;  
Welcome home Agnes Hodge. Ms. Hodge has been in the Eastland Hospital for several days, and has just returned home on Saturday. She is doing much better.

Ms. Ava Rogers has been having visitors from Kokomo Baptist Church and has enjoyed visiting with them. Keep up the good work.

We are so grateful for this beautiful weather and people recuperating from the cold and flu symptoms.

All of you stay well and happy, and May God Bless.

Deane Christian McNeill  
Good News!

The Hogan Band will give a concert Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. All residents, family members and guests are welcome.

Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin visited his brother Eulon Perry.

On Thursday morning Ina Scitem and Jana Grice helped residents make valentines. Those present were S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Iola Johnson, Pattie Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Varona Taylor, Ora Mae Atchison and Ollie Halcomb.

Thursday January 30, at 2:00 p.m. will be the next birthday party. Honaries

are Ina Mae Tarrance, Iola Johnson, and Sylvia Hodges. Refreshments and entertainment! Guests are WELCOME.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison were Jessie Elvyn, Ruby Dell and Yvonne Atchison of Ft. Worth. Eddie Nicholas of Stephenville, Chelsey Atchison, Georgie Iley and Ima Lee Burleson of Desdemona, and Della Galloway.

On Saturday afternoon residents gathered in the front living room for visitation and exchanging stories of days gone by. They were Patty Whitehorn, Ruby Nowlin, Ola Walker, Cynthia Earles, Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Ava Rodgers, S.D. Gilmore and Effie Mae Brown.

Visiting Patty Whitehorn were Rev. T.A. Whitehorn, Mary Estes of Carbon, Chris Funderburk of DeLeon.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Brent Lasater of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Ollie Halcomb, Effie Mae Brown and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting Ollie Halcomb were David and Denna Halcomb who also visited Dorothy Beaty.

On Sunday at 2:30 p.m. those coming from the First United Methodist Church were Rev. Kevin Rockett, Sue

Ann Tarver, Jim Rice, Velma Bennett, Pat Hagood, Neva Robertson, Sonee Stacy and Velma Bennett. Residents were Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Dorothy Beaty, Varona Taylor, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ruby Vandergriff and Ruby Nowlin. Guests were Pat Graham and Chris Funderburk.

Anna Rush and Estell Erwin visited Ola Walker, Volita Richardson and Mary Williams.

Happy to report Agnes Hodge has returned home from the Eastland Hospital.

Some of Iola Johnson's guests were Ina Reynolds from Carbon, Della Galloway, Faye and Denzel Ables.

Visiting Frank Skiles were Ron and Nina Siles, M.L. Skiles, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Ina Scitem had bingo for Varona Taylor, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Leotis Meadows, Ora Mae Atchison and Cynthia Earles.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Odene Savage, Ruby Nowlin, Howard and Pat Hagood, Alpha Mae Andry, Anna Rush, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Chris Funderburk, Estelle Erwin and Maxine Frasier of DeLeon.

On Friday Ina Scitem had story telling and reading for Patty Whitehorn, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, and Ora Mae Atchison.

Visiting Cynthia Earles were Chris

Funderburk of DeLeon, Eunice Love, Jo Etheredge, Fay and V.O. Huff, Jessie Woosley, Nancy Hendricks, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Friday afternoon Ina Scitem had bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Leotis Meadows, Varona Taylor, Ola Walker, Jack and Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, and Dorothy Beaty. Guests were Pat Graham and Kevin Scitem.

Visiting Ruby Nowlin were John and Chris Funderburk of DeLeon.

On Monday Ina Scitem had bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Frank Skiles, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Patty Whitehorn and Skinnie Lewis and guest T.D. Whitehorn.

Visiting Georgie Whitlock and Sylvia Hodges were Flora Dale Clayton, Eloise Lewis, Diantha Dennis, Roy and Jackie Whitlock of Desdemona, Rosetta Carlton, Fay and Denzel Ables.

"Let's Make Pizza" with Ina Scitem and Pat Graham sure was good. Those present were Cynthia Earles, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Patty Whitehorn, S.D. Gilmore and Effie Mae Brown.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Jimmy Rodgers of Midlothian, Billie Stacy, Zelda Jordan, Kay Snider, Nancy Hendricks, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater.

Visiting Leotis Meadows were Le Atkinson of Duncan, Ok., Evette Meadows of DeLeon, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Betty Dukes of Desdemona delighted residents with music and sing-

ing on Tuesday morning. There were Sylvia Whitlock, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Frank Skiles, Skinnie Lewis, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Levenia Blair, Lois Cartwright, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Holcomb, Annie Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Ruby Nowlin and Leotis Meadows.

Visiting Inez Rogers were Brenda Boyd, Velma Carr, Fay and Denzel Ables, Fred Rogers, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Della Galloway.

We appreciate the magazines Mrs. Juanita Files sent to the residents.

Visiting Skinnie Lewis were Eloise Lewis, Ima Lee Burleson, Georgie Iley, Pat and Howard Hagood.

Denzel Ables and Fay Ables visited Ozella Pulley, Annie and Veno Hale, Jess Hallmark, Eulon Perry, Agnes Hodge, Dorothy Beaty and Vadis Phelps.

Jimmy Little visited Annie and Veno Hale.

Darrell and Pat Graham visited Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Those coming for the Sing-a-Long on Tuesday afternoon were Billie Stacy, R-Lee McDaniels, Ruth Knowles, Myrtle Higgins, Dorothy Light, Velda Jordan, Ruth Courtourie, Fay Ables, Denzel Ables, Nancy Hendricks, Della Galloway, Ethel Weaver, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Willo Rice, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Brenda Boyd, Nina Joiner, Daisy Slaton and Alpha Mae Anddry. Residents were Patsy Whitehorn, Ruby Nowlin, Levenia Blair, Varon Taylor, Voleta Richardson, Ava Rodgers, Cynthia Earles, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Leotis Meadows, Veno Hale Ola Walker.

Visiting Stella Smith were Glynn

Thompson of Hollywood, CA, Joe Brownlee, Mr. and Mrs. Olon Brownlee and David Brownlee of DeLeon, Lester Brownlee of East Tx, Leon and Billie Tidmore of Bridgeport, Arlton Smith, S.D. Gilmore, Nancy Hendricks, Roberta Conlee, Brenda Boyd.

On Wednesday morning those coming from the First United Methodist Church for chapel were Sue Ann Tarver, Nev Robertson, and Pat Hagood. Residents were S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, and Veno Hale.

Some of S.D. Gilmore's guests were Joyce Ann Pence of Grandbury, Modess Burgess, Effie Mae Brown, Durwood Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood, and Louise Hollywood.

On Thursday Ina Scitem had bingo for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Varona Taylor.

Diantha Dennis of Desdemona and Rosetta Carlton visited Sylvia Hodges. Barbra Smith and Wynogene Smith visited Travis Smith.

## Irene Heathington New Resident

Heritage Manor is proud to announce that Irene Heathington is a new resident. She is a retired nurse who worked at the DeLeon Hospital and Brownwood Hospital. She lived in the Duster community before moving to Brownwood. She is a member of the Brownwood Church of Christ.

Irene has one son, Dr. Ken Heathington, One daughter-in-law, Dr. Betty Sue (Rogers) Heathington of Knoxville, TN. (In Eastland presently.) Great grandchildren, Bobby and Janie Myers and their children Molly and Megan Myers of Nashville, TN.



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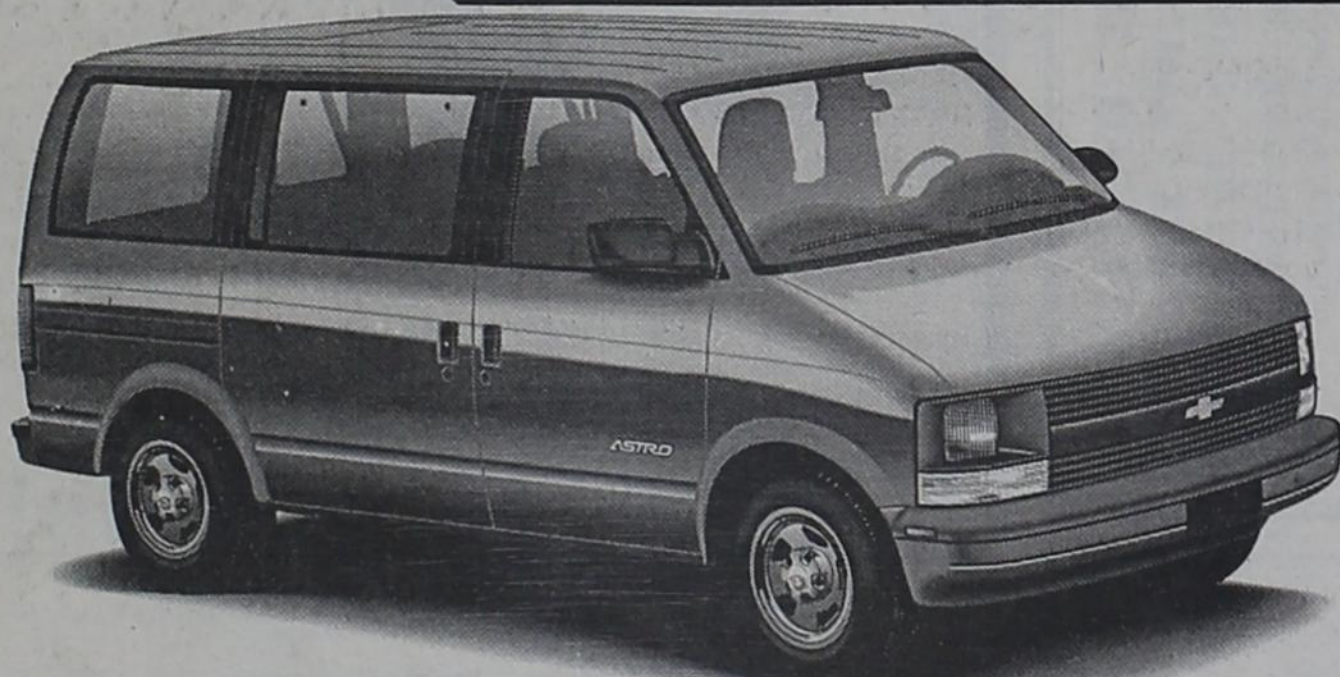
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