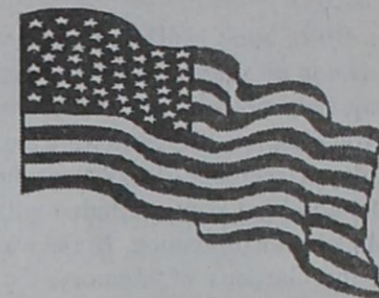


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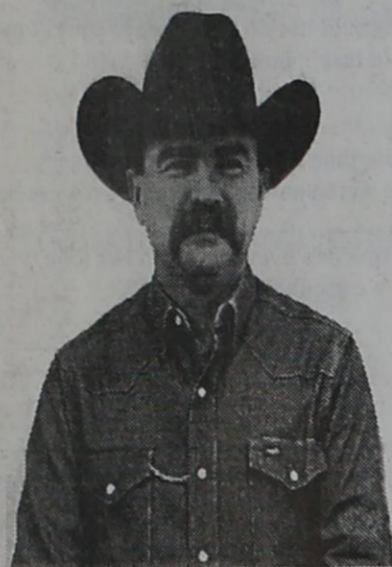
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Ray Shipp Candidate For CCC Prec. 4



Ray Shipp filed for Democratic candidate for Comanche County Commissioner, Precinct 4, March 12, 2002 primary election. He is a 1974 graduate of Granbury High School. He was raised in farming and ranching. He is currently in the livestock and horse business in the Rucker community, which he has lived since 1985. He is married to Lee Ann Shipp who is an LVN at Comanche County Health Care, and has one daughter, Carrie, who is a junior at Gorman High School.

Ray states, "I feel like I have a good understanding of the needs of the community. I will try to the best of my ability to meet these needs. I will be honored to represent the entire community as Commissioner of Precinct 4. I appreciate your support." Vote March 12, 2002.

Paid for by Ray Shipp, 150 CR 475, DeLeon, Texas 76444

Gifted and Talented Programs Slated

Dear Parents,
Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-6 during the coming school year.

Any child in our school whom you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. The program will specifically be for those students who score extremely high on Achievement Tests, Intelligence Tests, and Creativity Tests.

If you wish to nominate your child, please do so by going to the elementary office and complete the proper forms. Any nominations should be made before January 18, 2002.

Finally, please be aware that if your child is nominated by you or your teacher, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process. In order to make the screening process move more quickly, you will be asked to grant your permission for that testing at the time you place your nomination.

Sincerely,
s/Kristin Matteson
GT Coordinator

Eastland County Stock Show Entries

For those 4-H and FFA members who plan on showing livestock or poultry projects at the Eastland County Livestock Show, February 6-9, 2002, they need to have their entries and entry fee money turned into the County Extension Office or their Ag Teacher before January 15th. Entry fees are \$5 for breeding sheep, hogs and goats; market hogs, market goats and market lambs; \$10 for cattle; \$5 boilers, market rabbits; \$1 for breeding rabbits.

Remember January 15th is the entry deadline! Call Bob Bailey, County Extension Agent at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222 for more information of entry cards.

Square Dance Lessons To Be Offered in Dublin

Square Dance lessons will begin on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, at the Recreation Building in Dublin City Park just off Hwy 6 in the west part of Dublin. The Dublin Cloverleafs' Square Dance Club will offer beginner square dance lessons from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Tuesday for 18 weeks. The cost is \$45.00 per couple or \$22.50 for a single for the entire 18 lessons. The first three lessons are free, and couples and singles are invited.

For more information call Gerold Harris in Carbon at 639-2301, J.S. (Rip) and Glenda Ripley in Gorman at 734-2178 or Fred and Jackie Tucker in Eastland at 629-1956.

Cross Timbers Community Health Center To Extend Hours on Wednesdays

Cross Timbers Community Health Center in DeLeon will begin extending their Wednesday clinic hours until 7:00 p.m. on February 6, 2002. This late clinic will be in addition to one already established on Tuesday evenings. Providing late clinics will enable us to serve our patients more efficiently.

Reception Slated To Honor Ed Rodgers On Retirement

A reception honoring Ed and Ruth Rodgers will be held at West Texas Medical Center in Denver City, Texas on February 1, 2002 as Ed ends his career in hospital administration. He is a native of Gorman and became Administrator at the Blackwell Hospital and Clinic in December 1962.

"Gorman has always been home and I welcome the opportunity to spend a lot of time in the area. Ruth (Holridge) grew up in De Leon. We look forward to seeing many of our old friends, relatives and classmates. We plan to build on the ranch land west of town."

After leaving Gorman, he served in Brownwood, Seminole, Falfurrias, Alpine, and Denver City. Currently he is a Vice President of Covenant Health System of Lubbock and is serving as CEO of Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City, Texas.

It's A Girl!!



Karsyn McKenzie Scitern was born to Kris and Kristin Scitern on December 19, 2001 at Harris Methodist Erath County Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Carole Rae Ervin and Johnny and JoAnn Scitern. Great grandparents are Chester and Elsie Ervin, Troy and John Scitern, George Johnson and Verna Pinson. Great-great grandparents are Otilla Hall and Maudie Aston.

Oakland Cemetery Report

Well folks it's that time of year again. We are coming to you with the first of our twice yearly report on the cemetery's financial needs.

Our donations have dropped off some in the past several months, but the expenses are still to be met.

We ask each of you to please help us at this time. The cemetery is in real good shape at this time, but we need you to help us keep it that way by doing what you can to meet those payments.

We have a very good caretaker and there are some things he is working hard to correct and keep it that way. Drop by and meet him and tell him you appreciate his efforts. I know he would be pleased.

Thanks to each of you for your help in the past and we know you will do so again.

The new mailing address for the cemetery is:

Oakland Cemetery Assoc.
503 N. Fisher St.
Gorman, TX 76454

s/ Opal Burton, Secretary

Police Report December 2001

There were 10 arrests made this month for the following: 5--Warrants, 1--DWLS, 1--Fleeing, 1--P.I., 2--DWI.

There were 147 citations written this month covering 13 violations as follows: 80--Speeding, 15--No DL, 26--No Insurance, 5--Defective Equip., 4--Exp. Registration, 2--Ran Stop Sign, 1--Passing school bus, 1--Contesting speed, 4--Exp. Inspection, 1--Curfew, 2--Open container, 1--MIP, 1--PI.

There were 9 investigatable offenses reported.

There were 41 other contacts made with the public where investigations, information or assistance was required. Animal calls--6, Accidents--1, Disturbances--12, Suspicious vehicle/person--2, locked vehicle--3, Medical emergencies--1, Fire Assist--3, Prowlers--1, Juvenile--2, Welfare checks--1, Funeral escorts--5, Other--4.

Senior Citizen Dance--DeLeon

There will be a Senior Citizen Dance on Saturday, January 12th at the DeLeon City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Traditional country and western music will be provided by the Country Gold Band. Admission charged.

Cub Basketball News

The Gorman 8th grade boy's basketball team took on the Baird Bears Monday night in Baird. The Cubs came up short in their effort by the score of 12-64. The Cubs could only muster up 4 points in the first half to the Bear 39 points. In the second half, the Cubs did a better job by knocking in 8 of their 12 points of the night. Leading the Cubs in scoring were Tim Guerra and Jesse Simpson with 6 points each. The Cubs will travel to Cross Plains on Saturday to compete in the Cross Plains tournament

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| Baird | 21 | 18 | 16 | 9 |

In the 7th grade basketball game, the Cubs fell short in their effort against the Bear by the score of 25-28. Reggie Sanchez led the Cubs in scoring with 8 points, Matthew Smith, Josh Cox, and Brad Seller all had 4 points each for the Cubs. The Cubs will host Ranger next Monday night in Gorman.

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| Baird | 8 | 11 | 3 | 6 |

Coach Gerick

Texas Law Enforcement Complies with Senate Bill 1074 Racial Profiling

This department supports the 77th Texas Legislature's mandate prohibiting racial profiling in Texas. Our police officers work under a departmental policy that is consistent with all state and federal laws. The policy includes provisions for citizens to contact us if they have a conflict with any Gorman police officer.

The Gorman Police Department realizes that there will be disagreements, from time to time, with individuals that come in contact with our officers. We realize that confusion, different perceptions or possibly the timeliness of information could result in information that may produce different accounts of the same incident. These disagreements between citizens and officers need to be addressed. We trust that the vast majority of contacts between citizens and officers are conducted in a positive, professional manner. The relationship between the community and our officers is based on confidence and trust. We cannot be effective without both the community and our officers working together to achieve this goal.

Citizens feeling that they have a legitimate concern may make a formal complaint to the Gorman Police Department at any time by contacting any member of the this department for information on the complaint process. Additional information about this process may be obtained by calling us at (254)734-2317.

The Gorman Police Department would like to know about positive police contacts. Please write the Chief a letter or note to let him know about a positive contact that our officers. Chief Caffey will let the officer know about your letter and a copy will be placed in the officer's personnel folder. We are very proud of the relationship the Gorman Police Department shares with the community. Our longstanding goal is to provide our citizens with a safe community where all may live without the fear of crime.

s/ Doug Caffey, Police Chief
Gorman Police Department



Cameron, age 9, and Coby, age 7, with 9 and 8 point bucks they shot in Albany, Texas over Christmas vacation. Both boys are sons of Debbie and Steven Davenhauer and grandsons of Gorman Chief of Police Doug and Becky Caffey. The span on the 8 point was 21 1/2 inches.

CORRECTION

In last weeks issue of the Progress, it was stated that Kennon Hornback was the son of Lee and Sonja Hornback, the article should have read son of Lee Hornback of Desdemona and Jeanene Hornback also of Desdemona.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

FOOD PANTRY
Second Thursday of Each Month

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Larry Majors, Worshipful Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE JANUARY 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

You are invited
to help
A. B. and Dee Smithey
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45th Wedding Anniversary
on January 19, 2002
from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
at the
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No Gifts Please!!!

Services Held for June McDaniel

Billie June McDaniel, 66, of DeLeon passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2001 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Saturday, December 29, 2001 at the DeLeon First Baptist Church with Mark Routh officiating. Burial was at the Gardens of Memory, Comanche County.

Mrs. McDaniel was born on May 21, 1935 in Comanche, Texas to the late William Wiley Wright and Maudie Pearlene Pell Wright. She married Billy Neil McDaniel on December 24, 1954 in Comanche, Texas. She was a school teacher, received her Masters Degree in English from Tarleton State University; homemaker; member E.S.A. Sorority, and member DeLeon First Baptist Church. She taught for many years in the DeLeon school system and served on numerous civic clubs and organizations. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many.

Survivors include her husband Billy Neil McDaniel of DeLeon of DeLeon; one daughter, Jill Huddleston and her husband, Joe Bob of Stephenville; one son, Neil McDaniel of DeLeon; two sisters, Ruth Johnson of DeLeon and Jean Stokes of Stephenville; three grandchildren, Whitney Huddleston, Lindsey Huddleston and Amy Fosser and three great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

Larry Stewart Laid to Rest

Larry Jess Stewart age 59, passed away Monday, January 7, 2002 at an Abilene hospital. Services were Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Larry was born February 5, 1942 in Stephenville to George "Jack" Stewart and Clover Louise Beyer Stewart. He married Ramona Stacy on May 15, 1976 in Lingleville. Larry had been a dairy farmer, worked for Texas Federal Inspection Service and manager of Parnell's Peanuts. He owned and operated the Peanut Hut in Gorman for the past 18 years as well as owner of the Branding Iron Restaurant. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona Stewart of Gorman; five sons, Guy Stewart of Huckabay, Todd Stewart of Chicago, IL, Larry Gene Stewart of St. Charles, MO, Vic Stacy of Comanche and Van Stacy of LaGrange; two daughters, Gay Pack of Morgan Mill and Lana Sharp of Gorman; one brother, Redge Stewart of Crum; thirteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services Held for Jimmie Snelson

Jimmie Ray Snelson, 86, of Lubbock, a retired oil field/rancher died Thursday, January 3, 2002 in Lubbock. He was a longtime resident of Gorman.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 5, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Monahans, Texas with Donna Ware officiating. Burial was at the Monahans Memorial Cemetery with Masonic Rites.

Mr. Snelson was born in Beyers, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Gorman Masonic Lodge #716 and played semi-pro baseball.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas Jefferson and Willie Helen Snelson and his wife, Margaret Imogene Snelson.

He is survived by a son, Jimmy Snelson of Alvin, Texas; daughters, Willie May Shoemate and Margaret Trantham of Lubbock; brother, Charles Snelson of Monahans; sisters, Cleo Collins of Monahans, Vera Trussel of Denver, CO, Tillie Webster of Brownwood, Verna Livingston of Odessa, and Marie Hancock of Alexandria, VA; and five grandchildren.

Willie Tunnell Laid to Rest

Willie O. Tunnell, 78, of DeLeon, died on Saturday, December 29, 2001 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home. Services were Tuesday, January 1, 2002 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in the Victor Cemetery.

Mr. Tunnell was born on June 17, 1923 in Desdemona to the late David Orton Tunnell and Mary Lucinda Young Tunnell. He married Johnnie Butler on January 31, 1952 in Rotan, Texas. He was a farmer and had resided in the DeLeon/Victor area since 1967, coming from Rotan, Texas; he was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald D. Tunnell of Victor and Larry Alan Tunnell of Dublin; two sisters, Bernice Sledge of Hurst and Mary Louise Smith of Farmers Branch; 3 granddaughters, Amanda Jenkins, Pamela Juhaz and Misty McDermott and two great-grandsons, Sean and Ryan McDermott.

He was preceded by his wife, Johnnie Tunnell on October 18, 2001; by one daughter Johnnie Faye Tunnell and one brother, Jessie Tunnell.

Billye Richards Laid to Rest

Billye L. Richards, 76, died Sunday, December 23, 2001 at the Community Nursing Home in Stephenville, Texas. Services were Wednesday, December 26, 2001 at the Lacy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Nance and Rev. Ann Hitt officiating. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Billye was born on July 26, 1925 in Desdemona to the late Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Richards of Desdemona. She attended the Desdemona schools and graduated in the Class of 1945. She attended Tarleton State University where she studied music and art. She taught piano and was an accomplished artist. She was involved in church and many other activities. She was affiliated with Oakdale United Methodist Church.

Survivors are an uncle, Glen Richards of Stephenville, and an aunt, Agatha W. Nance of Stephenville, and several cousins.

Do We Have Your Recipes Yet?

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

We anticipate a great demand for these cookbooks. If you would like, we can reserve a cookbook in your name for a \$5 deposit.

To Billye

Words do not reveal the thoughts we feel when a friend is laid to rest. This life is a wonderful story of how adversity can bring forth humanities best. Born a palsied child, she was a revered classmate and friend. She never frowned on her infirmities, but used them to inspire others time and time again.

She never new there were things she could not do, she always sought more. With her talents on display, she would teach, paint or play; Always seeking to explore.

As a classmate, she taught more of life than a teacher ever could. While we ministered to her needs, we were unaware that our own were being understood.

She never knew a lover's touch, but touched everyone with her love. She gave to life Creation's gifts that we are thankful of.

Written by Leo Williams
Classmate of 1945
Desdemona High School

We who attended school will miss her greatly and will always remember the very valuable lessons she taught. She was a profile in courage, determination, and zest for life.



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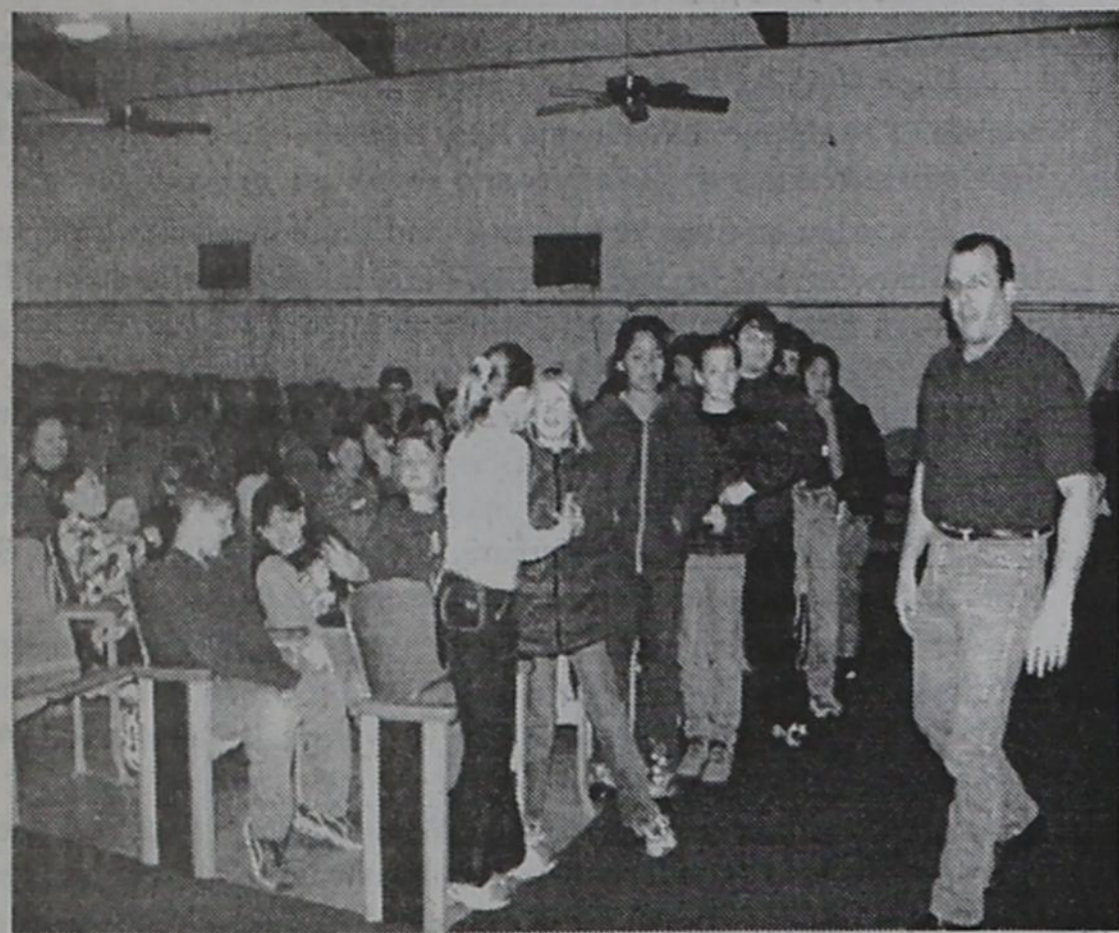
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Come Together Against Drugs Programs Starts



Gorman Fifth Grade Students attend a program at the Gorman School Auditorium on Friday afternoon to introduce the "Together Against Drug Abuse" program sponsored by the Masonic Lodge of Gorman. The program teaches students about the importance of not abusing drugs.

Maxfield Elementary Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

1st grade, Mrs. Lewis--A Honor Roll--Kacie Keith, Austin Marlow, Angelena Perez, Ezequiel Sanchez, Viridiana Maldonado, Jaron Majors, Dakota Pacheco, Skye Lewis; **A-B Honor Roll--** Shawn Rainey, Miles Tuner, Travis Naeseth, Pascual Sanches, Juan Olivares, Daniel Cruz

1st grade, Mrs. Smith--A Honor Roll--Taylor Holdman, Jasmeen DeLaTorre, Sergio Hipolito, Dalton Murphy, Katie Nabors, Margarita Oronia, B.J. Ramirez, Andrew Shook, Rachel Tucker, Tyson Underwood; **A-B Honor Roll--**Andrew Shook, Jaime Villalobos

2nd grade, Mrs. Lasater--A Honor Roll--Courtney Carlton, Ally Little, McKenzie Osborne, James Thomas, Stetson Thompson, A.J. Vaughn; **A-B Honor Roll--**Jonathon Fenley, Charlie Jackson, Jeffery Rainey, Katey Thackerson

2nd grade, Mrs. Snider--A Honor Roll--Josh Ryan, Raime Preston, Colby Cockburn, Courtney Shirley, Nathan Ettinger, Joseph Simpson, Rebekah Powell, Cody Self, Chance Whitten; **A-B Honor Roll--**3rd grade, Mrs. Caraway--A Honor Roll--Jaime Johnston, Luis Martinez, Stephanie Risueno; **A-B Honor Roll--** Matt Keith, Abby Pacheco, Amy Regian, Jorge Tavaréz, Dylan Keith

3rd grade, Mrs. Spivey--A Honor Roll--Brice Campbell, Jacob Singleton; **A-B Honor Roll--**Cecilia Olivares, Cameron Clark, Randy Woodall, Maria Raygoza

4th grade, Mrs. Russell--A Honor Roll--Jonathon Flores; **A-B Honor Roll--**Ben Burgess, Edna Gonzales, Laura Herrera, Skylar Jones, Tyler Johnson, Cole Underwood, Brenda Velasquez

4th grade, Mrs. Matteson--A Honor Roll--Jarrett Blankenship, Kimmy Seaton, Jessica Shook; **A-B Honor Roll--** Chris Gryder, Kassandra Madera, Jose Velasquez, Alex Giles, Perla Maldonado

Gorman High School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

7th Grade-A-- A-B--Kristy Carlton, K'Ann Howard, Stephanie Hughes, Maria Oronia, Amanda Regian, Matthew Smith

8th Grade-A--Cindy Lopez; A-B--Sandra Lara, Amber Lewis, Sterling McCauley, Sharla Perez, Nathan Ritter, Jesse Simpson, Kendra Swanner, David Wilkins, Hollyann Wright

9th Grade-A--Ashlee Hornback; A-B--Kendra Bailey, Martha Cruz, Elizabeth Hipolito, Clint Jones, Laura Raygoza

10th Grade-A--Lacy Howard; A-B--Holly Abbe, Casandra Cooper, Marcie Davis, Andrea Files, Kalyn Porter, Emily Thornton, Blake Van Dusen, Crystal Williams.

Thank You

The family of June McDaniel is sincerely grateful for every gesture of kindness during the arduous illness and recent death of our loved one. Because she was such a precious wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, we are devastated in our loss. She dearly loved the people of this community, and as her family, we sincerely appreciate your returned love and support for us.

Throughout her illness we have always treasured the prayers of the people in all of the churches. Several times her doctors said, "June is being sustained by a higher power than that of medicine." We understood clearly, and we thank you for those prayers. We have also always appreciated the kindness and concern extended by the DeLeon ISD and the entire faculty.

We are grateful to the medical profession, especially Dr. Miller, Dr. Long, and Dr. Dickey for their medical care. The nurses at the DeLeon Hospital are the kindest, most gentle, most caring professionals we have found anywhere. Also, we thank Sheri Morgan for her assistance in providing pain control and in getting the medicines prescribed for June.

So many, many friends extended genuine kindness to all the family members. Thank you for sitting with us during the long days and nights at the hospital. Thank you for the encouraging cards, concerned telephone calls, personal visits, lovely flowers, and sustaining food you brought to us at the hospital, at home, and at the church. We especially appreciate the innumerable gestures of concern from June's loyal and loving classmates, the Joy Sunday School Class, and her many former students.

We also deeply appreciate Donnie Nowlin and the staff of Nowlin Funeral Home for their kindness and assistance. We appreciate the

11th Grade-A-- Sarah Lewis, Shari Marlow; **A-B--**Derrick Adams, Joel Espinoza, Kristina Everton, Tana Goode, Russell Jay, Joe Landa, Mayra Lopez, Anthony Ramirez, Natasha Ritter, Chad Robertson, Carrie Shipp

12th Grade-A--Ryan Hagood, Lana Howard, Heather Keaton; **A-B--**Robert Abbott, Chris Cox, Charla Davis, Chris Dodd, Billy Grissen, Jason Hogan, Michael Lynch, Jamie Maupin, Rachel Mayfield, Rachel Thomas, Keith Trayway, Mandy Warren, Wes Wilkins

Keeping Up with Friends

Bonita Moorman of Beaumont and Estelle Craddock of Gorman visited New Year's Day with Benton Echols of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in DeLeon.

It's a Boy

Kendra and Kent announce the birth of their nephew, Brandon Kyle Coker, the son of Chad and Deedra Coker of Bowie. Brandon was born on December 27, 2001 in Decatur, Texas. He weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Abel and Sally Saldana of Gorman and Kyle and Lana Coker of Rising Star.

School Menu

Week of January 14th

Breakfast
Monday--Cereal, Graham crackers, milk, juice
Tuesday--Sausage & pancake on stick, milk, juice
Wednesday--Danish, Graham crackers, milk, juice
Thursday--Muffins, milk, juice
Friday--Biscuits, sausage, milk, juice

Lunch
Monday--Ham or bologna sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, veg. soup, cookies
Tuesday--Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice
Wednesday--Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans
Thursday--Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, corn
Friday--Hamburgers, fries, fruit

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generous ladies of the first Baptist Church for the meal for the family and Rev. Mark Roath for the spiritual support and poignant memorial service. We are grateful to Dotty Hare for the beautiful music and for the assistance of Rocky Bunting.

To everyone who sent flowers for the funeral service or later carried flowers to the cemetery, we are deeply grateful and moved by your love and concern. To the people at the florists who worked so diligently, we appreciate you. The memorial gifts are all so very special.

May the kindness that you have shown to us in our time of grief come back into your own lives. We are deeply grateful for every effort to help us bear our loss and grief.

Billy Neil McDaniel
Jill & Joe Bob Huddleston,
Whitney, and Lindsey
Neil McDaniel
Ruth & Dale Johnson and Families
Jean and Floyd Stokes and Families

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Now that the holidays have come and gone, I guess that everyone is getting back to a normal routine. I hope that everything is going well and this will be a very good year for everyone. I'm sure hoping for a better year health wise than I've had this past year.

Bro. Jim Gillespie of Stephenville was the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 30th as the pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson was ill. Jimmy Little led the music with Helen Browning at the piano and Ruby Lee Kinser at the organ.

Bro. Wilson was feeling better and able to be back at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, January 6. Mr. and Mrs. James Woods of Gorman were visitors. The special music was rendered by the choir: Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Crystal Snider, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond, and Woodrow Browning with Glynda bond at the piano.

Johnnie B. Griffith spent the Christmas holidays in Midland with Ken and Janie Riley, and Scott. Chad Griffith of Lubbock and Lara Jane Griffith of San Marcos also visited in the Riley home. Lara Jane came by from San Marcos and took her grandmother, Mrs. Griffith to Midland and Janie brought her home.

Mark, Margaret and Preston Eaves of Charlotte, NC visited from Thursday, December 27th until Monday, December 31 with his parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves. Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis visited with them from Friday until Sunday. Others enjoying the late Christmas celebration were Bill and Paulette Black, D'Ann, Jamie and Magan of Cleburne, and Matt and Amy Hawkins, Mark and McAlister of Fort Worth. Cliff and Doris Graham of Eastland also visited in the Eaves home.

J.T. and Carolyn Lemley of Canton and Rev. Marion Fonville of Vernon visited with Charles and Carolyn Little the weekend before New Year's. New Year's Eve visitors with Charles and Carolyn were Charles and Patsy Bryant of Novice, Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Ronnie and Jeanna Pack of Carbon and Bo and Pat Caraway of Kokomo.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited the weekend of December 30th with his brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Marian Bond of Plano and Lynn and Shirley Bond of Richardson in the James Bond home. They also visited with a niece, Sue and Choc Christopher at Salina.

Shannon Bond of Copperas Cove visited during the weekend with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond and did some dove hunting.

Those enjoying a New Year's Day dinner in the home of Leon

and Glenda Black in Abilene were Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell of Abilene and Zelda Jordan of Kokomo.

Zelda Jordan entered Hendricks Medical Center on Wednesday morning for an angiogram, and a stent was inserted in an artery in her heart. After an overnight stay in the hospital she went to the home of her daughter, Glenda Black. She came home on Friday and is doing well. Many thanks for all the prayers, telephone calls and cards.

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Weight Loss Puzzles Doctors

ATLANTA, GA -- Doctors were surprised when two separate studies found that a natural dietary supplement could help cause significant weight loss.

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According to a spokesperson for Phillips Gulf Corporation, the exclusive North American distributor of Bio-Rex 3000, the company is considering additional studies in order to get federal approval to make pharmaceutical claims. Currently, weight loss claims for the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement are limited. However, with the requisite approval, the company could say that Bio-Rex 3000 decreases sugar cravings, increases metabolism and interferes with the body's ability to produce excess fat.

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NEW CREDITS, SERVICES HIGHLIGHT 2002 FILING SEASON; IRS ENCOURAGES FRESH LOOK AT E-FILING

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service kicked off the 2002 tax filing season Wednesday with new and expanded services, features and credits to help taxpayers. The agency also encouraged taxpayers and tax practitioners to take a fresh look at e-filing following a new study spotlighting the program's growing popularity with users.

This week, more than 40 million tax packages and 23 million computer-filing brochures will begin reaching the nation's mailboxes in advance of the April 15 tax deadline for individuals. In all, the IRS expects to receive about 132 million individual returns this year.

"We are working hard to improve and expand service to taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "We want to take as much of the headache out of tax time as possible. E-filing is better than ever, and I highly recommend that taxpayers and practitioners try it."

Rossotti urged taxpayers to use IRS e-file this year following a new study showcasing the program as an example of high customer satisfaction among government agencies. The American Customer Satisfaction Index placed the satisfaction rate for electronic filers at 77, marking the third year in a row taxpayers using IRS e-file expressed increased satisfaction.

The electronic score helped the IRS post an 11 percent increase in overall customer satisfaction among all individual tax filers since 2000 and a 22 percent increase since 1999. The IRS had the largest favorable gain out of the 30 government agencies surveyed.

In addition, the IRS electronic score came in nearly 7 points higher than the national score for private-sector services.

"The secret is getting out about e-file," Rossotti said. "People who use it like it. It's fast, accurate and dependable and delivers refunds in as little as 10 days."

This year, there's even more to like about e-filing. In all, 29 more forms and schedules have been added to allow access to e-file for virtually all individual taxpayers. An estimated 45 million taxpayers will use the safe, secure e-filing system, which delivers refunds in half the time of paper tax returns. When combined with direct deposit, using e-file delivers refunds in as few as 10 days.

Rossotti encouraged taxpayers and tax practitioners who already use computers to consider e-filing. About 40 million tax returns are prepared on computer but are still sent in on paper. With little effort, these returns could be sent electronically.

Other highlights taxpayers should watch for as they file tax returns for 2001:
Higher child tax credit. This year, eligible parents will get a maximum \$600 tax credit per child, a \$100 increase from the previous year.

Easier problem solving. A new feature on the 1040 form allows a taxpayer to designate a trusted family member, friend or tax professional to talk directly to the IRS about any tax return processing questions. Last year, 37 million filers selected a smaller-scale version of the time-saving feature.

Tax rate reductions. Due to lower tax rates, most people received an Advance Payment Check last year and will not need to do anything on their 2001 tax returns. However, those who did not get the maximum check amount (\$300, \$500 or \$600 depending on filing status) may be able to get the tax cut benefit on their 2001 returns.

The IRS has added other features to provide taxpayers and tax practitioners with better service. The IRS has adjusted its toll-free telephone service hours to provide assistance during periods of heaviest use. Taxpayer Assistance Centers across the country will provide face-to-face help for resolving taxpayer problems. And tax practitioners will have access to the new Practitioner Priority Service, a nationwide, toll-free technical support system for taxpayers.

More information on these features and an array of other IRS changes is available as part of "News for You 2002." The feature showcases 13 fact sheets highlighting service improvements and changes affecting individual and business taxpayers as well as tax practitioners. The latest updates of "News for You 2002" are posted at www.irs.gov.

As part of this year's efforts, the IRS is redesigning its Web site. The new look, which will be ready later this year, will add new navigation tools and useful information to help taxpayers visit one of the world's busiest Web sites.

"Our web site is evolving to meet the changing needs of taxpayers and tax practitioners," Rossotti said. "We offer fast, free access any time to forms, publications and answers to frequently asked questions."

Rossotti urged taxpayers to get an early start on their taxes and not wait until the last minute.

"Our advice is simple," he said. "Start early, take your time, try e-filing and remember we're here to help."

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Gorman Livestock Show Results

Sheep Division--

Fine Wool--Light Weight--1st Meghan Preston

Fine Wool Champion--Meghan Preston

Medium Wool--Light Weight

1st--Mandy Warren, 2nd--Mandy Warren, 3rd--Cody Self

Medium Wool--Medium Weight

1st--Mandy Warren, 2nd--Josh Carruth, 3rd--Josh Carruth

Medium Wool--Heavy Weight

1st--Josh Carruth, 2nd--Josh Carruth, 3rd--Meghan Preston

Medium Wool Champion--Josh Carruth

Medium Wool Res. Champion--Mandy Warren

Market Lamb - Grand Champion of Show--Josh Carruth

Reserve Grand Champ. of Show - Mandy Warren

Showmanship Awards--Market Lambs

Senior Division--Josh Carruth

Junior Division--Meghan Preston

PeeWee Division--Raime Preston

Goat Division - Light Weight

1st-- Audrey Johnston, 2nd--Jamie Johnston, 3rd--Andrea Dodd, 4th--Brittney Van Dusen, 5th--Marc Gillen, 6th--Marc Gillen

Light Medium Weight

1st--Josh Carruth, 2nd--Brittney Van Dusen, 3rd--Andrea Dodd, 4th--Becca Powell, 5th--Jamie Johnston, 6th--Randy Woodall

Medium Weight

1st--Mary Powell, 2nd--Mandy Warren, 3rd--Josh Carruth, 4th--Mandy Warren, 5th--Becca Powell, 6th--Randy Woodall

Medium Heavy Weight

1st--Josh Carruth, 2nd--Audrey Johnston, 3rd--Rachel Tucker, 4th--Raime Preston, 5th--Cody Self, 6th--Rachel Tucker

Heavy Weight

1st--Meghan Preston, 2nd--Mary Powell, 3rd--Nathan Ettinger, 4th--Nathan Ettinger

Grand Champion of Show--Joshua Carruth

Reserve Grand Champ of Show--Meghan Preston

Showmanship Awards--Market Goats

Senior Division--Josh Carruth

Junior Division--Audrey Johnston

PeeWee Division--Nathan Ettinger

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

January Birthday Party will be January 25th at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Bea O'Neal, Glen Lasater, and Ruth Bryant. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Relatives and guests are invited to attend.

On Saturday morning Bro. Lonnie and Edith Grumbles brought the Bible Study for A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers and Veno Hale.

Visiting Olan and Margaret Helms were Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell and Mayvis Lasater.

Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Dorothy Beaty, Modess Self, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Lavona Sharp, Ola Walker, Buddy Winn, Buster Brown, Ava Rodgers, Margaret Helms, Ethel Weaver, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale and guest Louise Brown, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Jewel Snider and Glen Lasater were Maudie Husband, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Strawn, Garry Owens of Brownwood, Kevin Scitem, Amber, Mavis Lasater, Diana Snider, Howard and Pat Hagood, Alma Dickerson.

On Sunday afternoon, Rev. Richard Watson, Rachel Watson, Lane and Ernestine Campbell and Marjorie Treadway came from the New Hope Baptist Church for church services. Residents were Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Ethel Weaver, Dorothy Beaty, Clifton Jarrett, Margaret Helms.

Some of Ethel Weaver and Hallie Clark guests were Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Jo Ann Fraley.

Kevin Scitem came to the home and took Glen Lasater to his house for an outing and day of enjoyment.

Visiting Veno Hale and Stella Files were Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice love, Diana Snider, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

A.V. Seay Attends Family Reunion

Vicki Seay took A.V. Seay to Desdemona Community Center on Sunday to the Guthery Reunion. This was planned by Vonnie Guthery and was really enjoyed by A.V. She said there were over 40 people in attendance.

Some of T.D. and Patti Whitehorn guests were Glen and Vivian of Dallas, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene, Marie Cook and Sylvia Este of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

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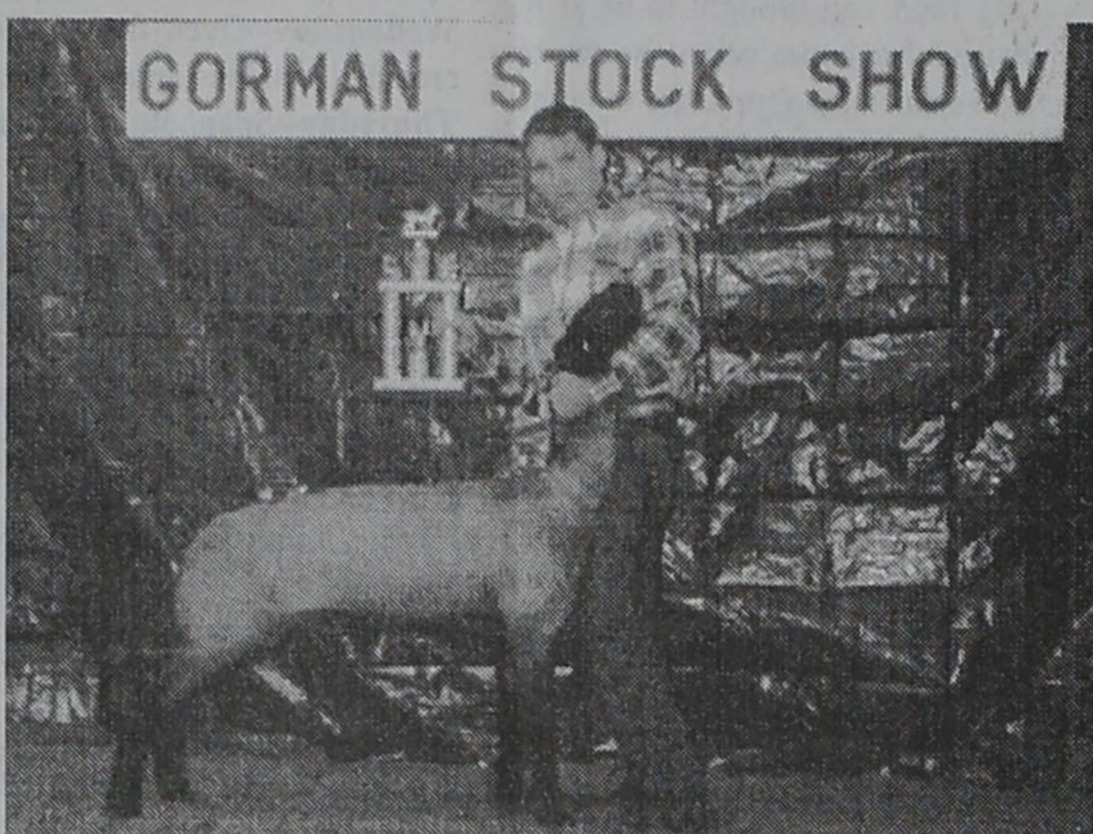
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Reserve Grand Champion Lamb--Mandy Warren



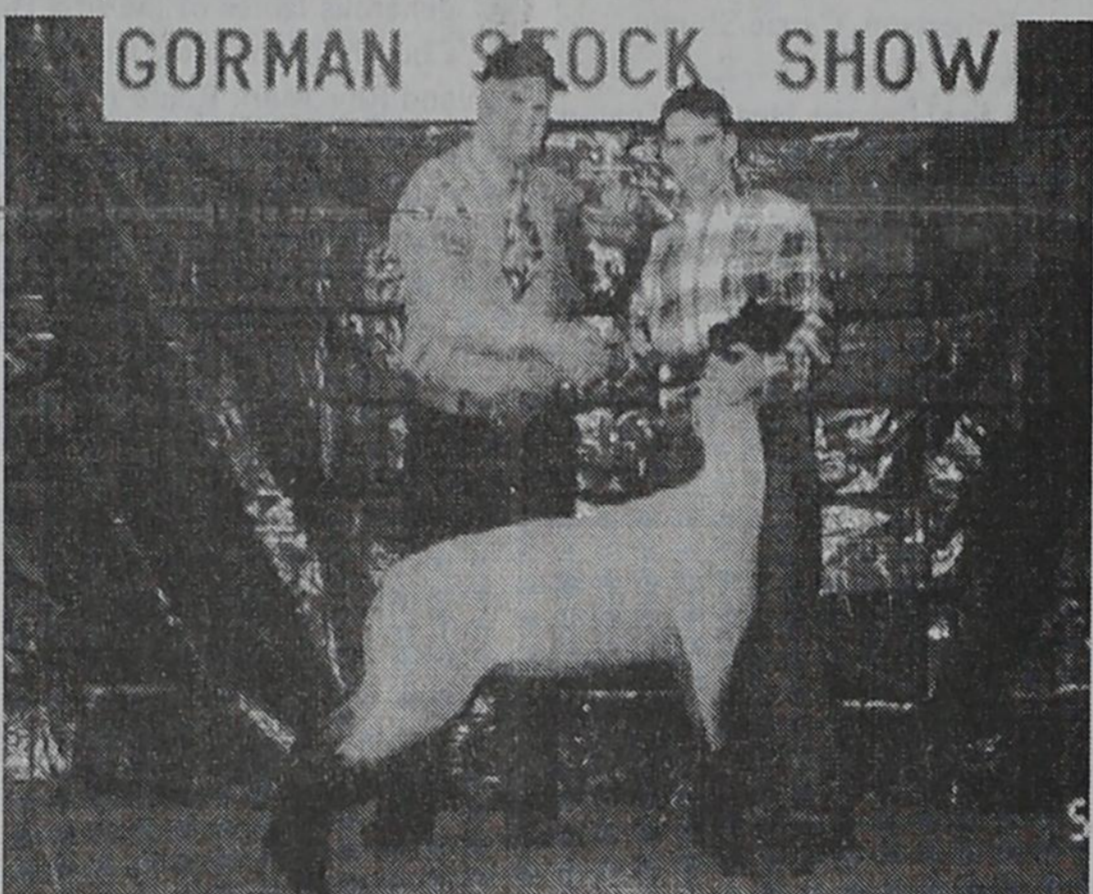
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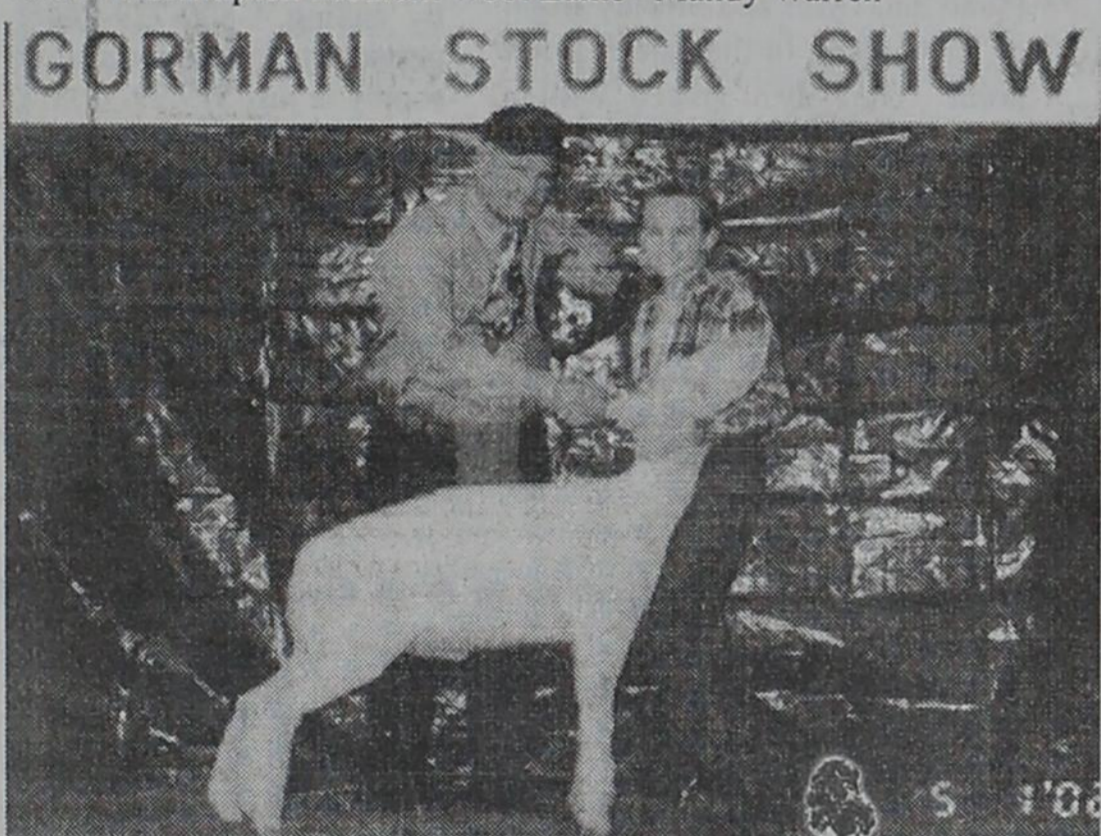
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Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb--Mandy Warren



Senior Lamb Showmanship--Joshua Carruth



Junior Lamb Showmanship--Meghan Preston



PeeWee Showmanship Lambs--L to R: Cody Self, Raime Preston, Nathan Ettinger



Senior Goat Showmanship--Joshua Carruth



Junior Goat Showmanship--Audrey Johnston



PeeWee goat Showmanship--L to R: Cody Self, Rebekah Powell, Nathan Ettinger, Raime Preston, Rachel Tucker

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department will host a Firemen's School the third Saturday in February at the Community Center (school building). Fire Chief, Dwight Dold asked the citizens in this area to call 911 to report a fire.

Dorothy Roberts spent the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth with her daughter, Kevin and Ulenda Weaver. Other visitors in the home were Shawn and Heath Weaver, Ashley Weaver and son, Tanner all of Fort Worth, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter Kena of Granbury, Jeff Roberts and Shelly Horan both of Dallas.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Billye Richards who was buried last Wednesday, December 26th in the Desdemona Cemetery. Billye was born in Desdemona on July 26, 1925 to the late Whitt and Vasta (Genoway) Richards. Billye graduated from Desdemona High School with the Class of 1945. She had lived the past several years in Stephenville Rest Home. She was much loved by all who knew her.

Lorin Eaves celebrated her 8th birthday on Saturday night, December 22nd. Hosting the party were her grandparents, Wayne and Karen Eaves. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Kandice Martin, and Holly Guthery all of Desdemona, Angela Creed and children, Colin and Kaley of Cisco.

Albert Holdman spent the Christmas holidays in Tomball with his daughter, Don and Ann Vardeman and family. Don is recovering from recent surgery.

Visitors during the holiday season with Bernard and Ann Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinett of DeLeon, Billy and Nikki Febinger and son Christopher of Stephenville, Keitha Robinett of Amarillo, Derek and Kristal Robinett of San Angelo, Nelda Keith of Gorman.

Wayne and Karen Eaves and granddaughter Lorin Kaye hosted Christmas dinner for the family. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Kandice Martin, Holly Guthery, Lee and Sonja Hornback, Ashlee and Kennon Hornback all of Desdemona, Angela Creed and children Colin and Kaley, Roy Powledge all of Cisco.

"Congratulations" to Virgil and Jo Holdman as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 12th at the Desdemona First Baptist Church Annex, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This reception will be hosted by their two sons, Virgil Jr. and Tracy Holdman of Desdemona and Dale Holdman of Dallas. Family and friends are invited to attend. No gifts please.

Donations are needed for the Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale that is now being planned for Saturday, February 2, 2002 at the school gym. If you have items to donate please contact this reporter at 758-2665. It will be appreciated.

Guthery Family Holiday dinner was held last Sunday, December 30 at the Desdemona Community Center. Those attending were A.V. (Guthery) Seay, Thomas and Vicki Seay, David and Martha Guthery, Karen Guthery, Jack and Deborah (Guthery) Jackson and daughters, Olivia and Carlie all of Gorman, Tommy Seay of Alpine, Frank and Ella (Guthery) Reeves, Richard and Glenda Garrett all of Irving, Joe Ben and Ann Koonce of Eastland, Bobby Gene Koonce of Stephenville, Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Wayne and Karen (Guthery) Eaves, Lorin Eaves, Belinda Guthery, Kandice Martin, Sonja Hornback all of Desdemona, Colin and Kaley Garcia of Cisco.

"Happy New Year" to all of our friends and neighbors from Pug and Coon Guthery.

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Donations needed for the Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale that is being planned for Saturday, February 2, 2002. If you have items to donate, please contact this reporter 758-2665. Your help will be appreciated. All proceeds will go to the Community Center Fund.

"Congratulations" to Bob Ford and Lou (Echols) Boyd both of Desdemona as they were united in marriage on Saturday, December 29, 2001 at the Church of Christ in DeLeon. The ceremony was officiated by Bro. Glen Boyd of Stephenville, son of the bride. A reception followed the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. They will reside in Desdemona.

Desdemona monthly musical will start back up on Saturday, January 26th (always on the fourth Saturday each month). This musical was dismissed during November and December due to the busy holiday season. An invitation to all area musicians, singers, and visitors to attend—to help get the Desdemona musical back going in 'full swing.' Remember the concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. each month with plenty of food, homemade pie and drinks. Make plans to attend.

Raymond and Vivian Hart of Ranger visited Christmas Eve with their friends, Bernard and Ann Keith.

Get Well wishes to Bernard and Ann Keith as they have been sick this past week with bronchitis, etc.

This report is proud to announce that Billye Faye Koonce is doing much better since her recent surgery. Take care of yourself, and don't "over-do-it." Okay?

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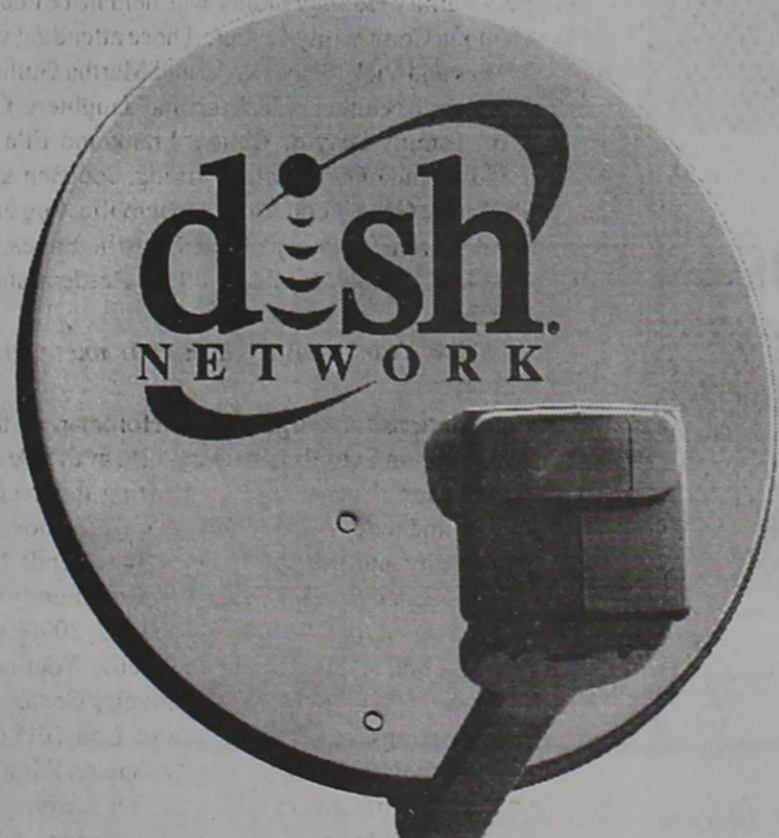
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Heritage Manor News

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Robin Taylor Enjoys Outing

Dalton Taylor took his daughter, Robin Taylor, on Sunday to James and Ellen's for a late Christmas dinner. Others were Rachel Taylor, Barbara Tucker and Emery Taylor of Bastrop.

Visiting marry Williams were Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Freda and Harold Harrison of Combine, Jeana Harrison of Abilene, Jeff and Mendy Harrison of College Station, Darrell, Kristi, Evert and Avery Carden of Amarillo, Jo Carey of Midlothian, Cherry and Patrick Frasier, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater.

On Monday, Ina Smith had bingo for Patti Whitehorn, Venno Hale, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Lavona Sharp, Clifton Jarrett, and Sara Rodgers.

Visiting Irene Heathington and Modess Self were Dave and Laneta Freeman, Christine Self, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Friday, Pat Graham and Lavelle Hallmark had bingo for Inez Rogers, Clifton Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Venno Hale, Ava Rodgers, Hallie Clark, Patti Whitehorn and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Mayvis Lasater, Estelle Craddock, Howard and Pat Hagood, Diana Snider, Ima Brown, Jana Grice.

Some of Mildred Bellows guests were Darrell and Pat Graham, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church brought chapel for A.V. Seay, T.D. Whitehorn, Hallie Clark, Buddy Winn, Dorothy Beaty, Lavona Sharp, Ola Walker, Ava Rodgers, Inez Rogers and Venno Hale.

Visiting Ruth Bryant were Diana Snider, Dr. Kyle Bryant, Larry and Martha Bryant, Mayvis Lasater, Susie Hampton, and Joan Foster of DeLeon.

Some of Vera Henderson and Inez Rogers were Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Diana Snider, Mayvis Lasater, Bobby and Kathy Yarbary of Dallas.

Ina Smith had bingo for Sara Rodgers, Clifton Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Lavona Sharp, A.V. Seay, Venno Hale and Patti Whitehorn. Visiting Buster Brown were Louise Brown, Tisha and Daniel Grice, Janice Grice of Stephenville, Glen, Gloria and Clarissa Glasson, Mayvis Lasater, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Muriel Prewitt guests were Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Durward Webb, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Kay Watson, Howard and Pat Hagood visited Clifton Jarrett.

Some of Edith Phillips and Ola Walker guests were James Phillips, Edie Phillips and Robert Phillips of Seguin, Jerry, Sherie and Mason Parrish of New Mexico, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had 'Concentration' for Venno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Lavona Sharp, Hallie Clark and Clifton Jarrett.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Glen, Gloria and Clarissa Glasson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater and Eunice Love.

Some of Zadio Terry guests were Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood and Tootie Campbell.

Visiting R.L. and Lavona Sharp were Larry and Jerry Majors, Kelli, Ruth Lewis of Desdemona, Glen, Gloria, and Clarissa Glasson.

On Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith had 'Crazy Bingo' for Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Patti Whitehorn, Cynthia Earles, Lavona Sharp, A.V. Seay and Venno Hale.

Visiting Buddy Winn and Ed Johnson were Harvey Winn of Carbon, Fay Johnson, Pat and Howard Hagood and Mayvis Lasater.

Some of Cynthia Earles guests were V.O. Huff, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables, Mayvis Lasater, Diana Snider and Tootie Campbell.



spotlight on health

A Quick Response Is Key to Stroke Recovery

(NAPS)—Most people call 9-1-1 if they have a heart attack, but what about a "brain attack"?

A stroke, or "brain attack," kills brain cells. To minimize the stroke damage, a patient must get to the hospital fast, even if the symptoms are temporary.

According to the National Stroke Association, every year, three-quarters of a million Americans suffer a stroke. Stroke occurs when a blood vessel is blocked or breaks, damaging brain cells and causing disability or death.

"The most important thing in limiting the effects of stroke is rapid treatment," said Dr. Al Anderson of the VA Hospital in Denver.

Kay Chilberg says she is living proof that getting to the hospital quickly can make a huge difference for stroke patients. Less than a year ago, she stood in her kitchen fixing her daily cup of coffee. Chilberg, 47, didn't know that her life was about to dramatically change.

"I couldn't talk. I couldn't move my right side. I couldn't see out of my right eye. And I wasn't really sure what was going on," she recalls. Knowing that something wasn't right, her husband called 9-1-1.

Chilberg had suffered a massive stroke or "brain attack." Doctors treated her with the drug Tissue Plasminogen Activator (t-PA). Approved in 1996 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, t-PA can reduce and sometimes reverse the damage caused by an ischemic (a blood clot blocking an artery) stroke.

But t-PA must be administered within three hours of the first stroke symptom. Physicians

Stroke Symptoms

- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

determine if patients are eligible for t-PA treatment, and hemorrhaging (bleeding) is a possible side effect.

"Time is the greatest challenge to stroke treatment," said Patti Shwayder, Executive Director/CEO of National Stroke Association (NSA). "It's critical patients and health care providers recognize stroke as a medical emergency. NSA wants patients to ask their doctors about stroke."

Despite the severity of her stroke, Chilberg feels fortunate. "I had my stroke on a Friday and by the end of Saturday I could move my arms. I could move my legs. I could see. I could do pretty much everything," she said.

Several acute stroke treatments are undergoing clinical studies. One study is investigating the possibility of expanding the time frame for immediate treatment to more than three hours.

For more information on stroke call 1-800-STROKES (1-800-787-6537) or visit www.stroke.org. National Stroke Association is a non-profit organization devoting 100 percent of its resources to stroke issues.

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