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Allthe Best to Christmas

Merry Christmas from Joe - Lonnie and Marilyn and the Correspondents - Zelda, Vonnie and Nancy

Mr. and Mrs. David Glover request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Janice Elaine

Jeremy Mark Derington son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maynard on Saturday, the twenty-second of December Two thousand and one at two o'clock in the afternoon First Baptist Church 218 West Ross Gorman, Texas

Make Christmas Bright

Please take on Ornament from the American State Bank Christmas Tree and purchase a gift for the Heritage Manor Residents. Return the wrapped gift to American State Bank and the Gorman 4-H Club will deliver the gifts on Christmas Eve.

Results of Christmas Lighting Contest

First Place - Daryl and Cecilia Hirst; Second Place - Bob and Brenda Hammontree; Third Place - Danny

and Charla Burgess.

We had 16 entires this year. All are very well decorated and are worth your time to drive by and look. Others who entered are Eddie and Gloria Murphy, Karen Guthery, Becky Laminack, Todd Forbus, George Simmons, Mary Miears, Kenneth and Shirley Good, Sue Spivey, Ricky Rone, Tommy Campbell, Jeremy and Jennifer Sparger, Valerie Hampton, and Dave Freeman. Thank you all for your participation. You make our town look great. The Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline for getting news in the Progress for the Dec. 27th issue is Dec. 21 and Dec. 28 for Jan. 3rd issue. Sorry for the inconvenience. This is so we can meet our printing scheedules.

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

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 7:00 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 DECEMBER 19TH FROM 9 -12 NOON.

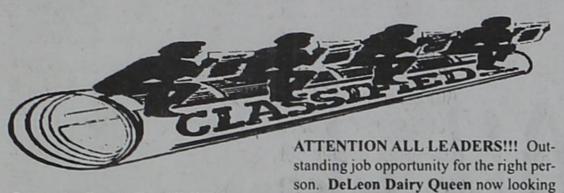
Mrs. Snider was born February 17, 1915 in Eastland County to James Richard Jumper and Letha McDonald Jumper. After the death of her February 4, 1918 to Austin Moore Knox and Lela Alice Crawford Knox. parents when she was a you girl, she was raised by her uncle and aunt, She married Clifton Jarrett on February 4, 1939 in Carbon. She was a Mr. and Mrs. Amos Jumper. She married C.L. "Pete" Snider on December 9, 1933 in Gorman. He preceded her in death on January 26, 1964. She was a homemaker and member of the Kokomo Baptist Church. She year. She completed two Real Estate courses at Cisco Jr. College. She had lived in Gorman area all of her life.

daughters-in-law Ted and Charlotte Snider, Gene and Kay Snider, Danny and Dianne Snider all of Gorman, and Dwayne and Connie Snider of member of the New Hope Baptist Church. Stephenville; one brother, T. W. Jumper of Houston; ten grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Bobbie Max Snider in 1937, and two brothers, R.S. Jumper and O.L. Jumper.

Bobby Hallmark Laid to Rest

Bobby Gale Hallmark, 69, of Crystal City passed away on December 10, 2001, at Des Peres Hospital in St. Louis. Mr. Hallmark was a draftsman for an architectural company. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force having served in the Korean War, and was a member of American Legion Post 253. He was born on April 19, 1932 in Gorman, Texas, he was the son of the late George David and Ozy Leslie (Eison) Hallmark.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Juanita Fay (Wigger) Hallmark of Crystal City; a son, Daniel Hallmark; two step-sons, Kevin (Nancy Skaggs of DeSoto, Terry (Carey) Skaggs of Fredericksburg, VA, and Janet (Henry) Iddings of Fredericksburg; four sisters, Ruth Cagle of Clyde, Nell Alldredge of Eastland, Joy Rogers of Gorman, and Sue Burrows of



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NEW LISTING: 30.48 acres be-

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vated, small amount timbered.

NEW LISTING: 45 A. near Gor-

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Services Held for Frankie Jarrett

Frankie Lee Jarrett, age 83, passed away Wednesday, December 12, Richard Watson officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Jarrett was born 3 miles south of Carbon in Eastland County on graduate of Carbon High School. She played basketball for Carbon High School and her team was named Eastland County Champs in her senior was a seamstress for Hollywood Vassarette for 26 years. After retire-Survivors include a daughter, LaVon Snider of Gorman; four sons and ment, she worked for Birdsong Peanut and Blackwell Hospital. She had been living in the Gorman area since 1946. She was a homemaker and a

> She is survived by her husband, Clifton Jarrett of Gorman; daughter Kay Watson and Bill Johnson of Gorman, daughter Rita and Jerry Hall of Kerrville; brother, Alvis Knox of Baytown; sister, Lavelle Crowley of Comfort; five grandchildren, Jeff Watson, Steve Watson, Mark Watson, Trevor Robertson and Tanya Robertson; two great grandchildren, Jaclyn Watson and Jarrett Robertson and a host of friends and relatives.

> She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Hallie McCullough, and three brothers, Otis Knox, Bonner Knox and Crawford Knox, one grandson Douglas Edward Robertson, one great grandson Jason Arland Watson.

> Breckenridge; six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by a sister, Deene Reynolds; and four brothers, Tom, Billy, and Horace Hallmark.

> Funeral services were December 13, 2001 at Dietrich-Mothershead Chapel in DeSoto, officiated by Don Bahr. Burial, with full military honors was at the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks.

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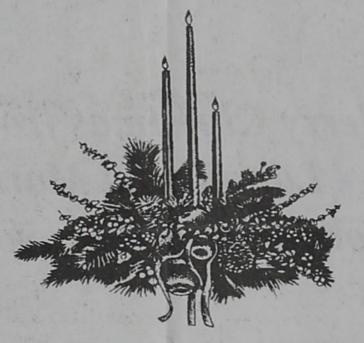


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Billy Earl and Francis Simpson

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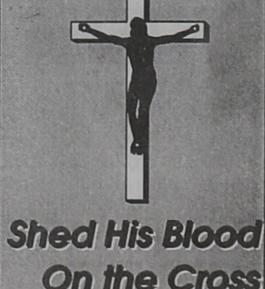


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City of Gorman City Council and Employees

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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: Meli Osborne, Gorman GROW Cookbook Project, Route 1 Box 231, G. man, Texas 76454. Recipes can also be emailed to gormangrow@hotmail.com.

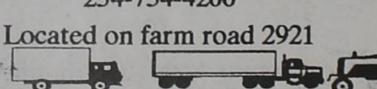
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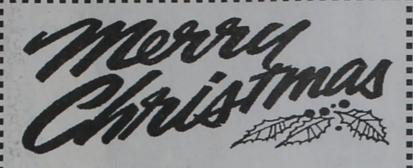
future needs.

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Joe Bennett - Publisher

It's our hope and prayer that each of you will be richly blessed at this Christmas Season and for the New Year. There has been so much turmoil and tragic happenings recently which make all of us more aware of the precious gift of life and the love of our families and friends. It is our earnest prayer that the good Lord will see fit to bless us with a solution to all the havoc that has been released against our country and its people and that these sinful, godless people will receive God's wrath and they will get their just

We hope that you and yours will make it a point to enjoy your family and friends during this season and take advantage of the opportunity to be with loved ones because we never know what will happen in the future. So enjoy these precious times together while you can.

It's with heartfelt thanks and appreciation that The Progress family has the opportunity to publish the Holiday editions at Christmas and New Years and we urge you to thank the advertisers and supporters of The Progress when you visit the firms on your next

God Bless you all.

Let's all give thanks to the Lord for the marvelous rain we have received the past several days. Most folks have reported from an inch and a half to almost three inches. It has been fantastic and we hope and pray that the Lord will bless us with some more rain to refill the lakes and ponds in the area. We need some runoff

moisture to refill the reservoirs for

Work is progressing on the new Texaco facility being built on Hwy 6 east on the site of the former Bertie's Diner. We will have more on this project as progress continues.

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Merry Christmas!!!

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The Gorman ISD Tax office will be closed for the Christmas holidays Dec. 22, 2001 through Ian 1, 2002.

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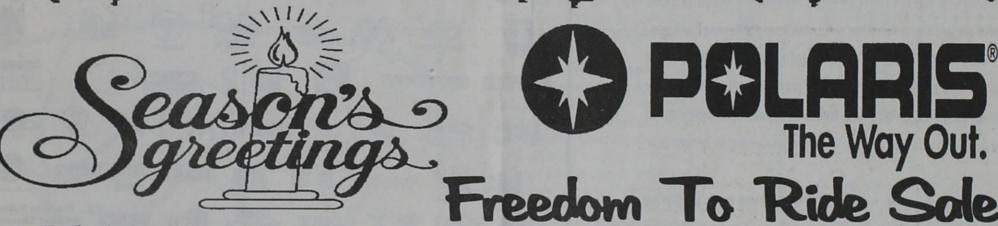
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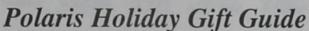
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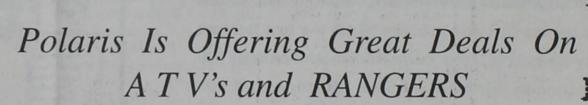
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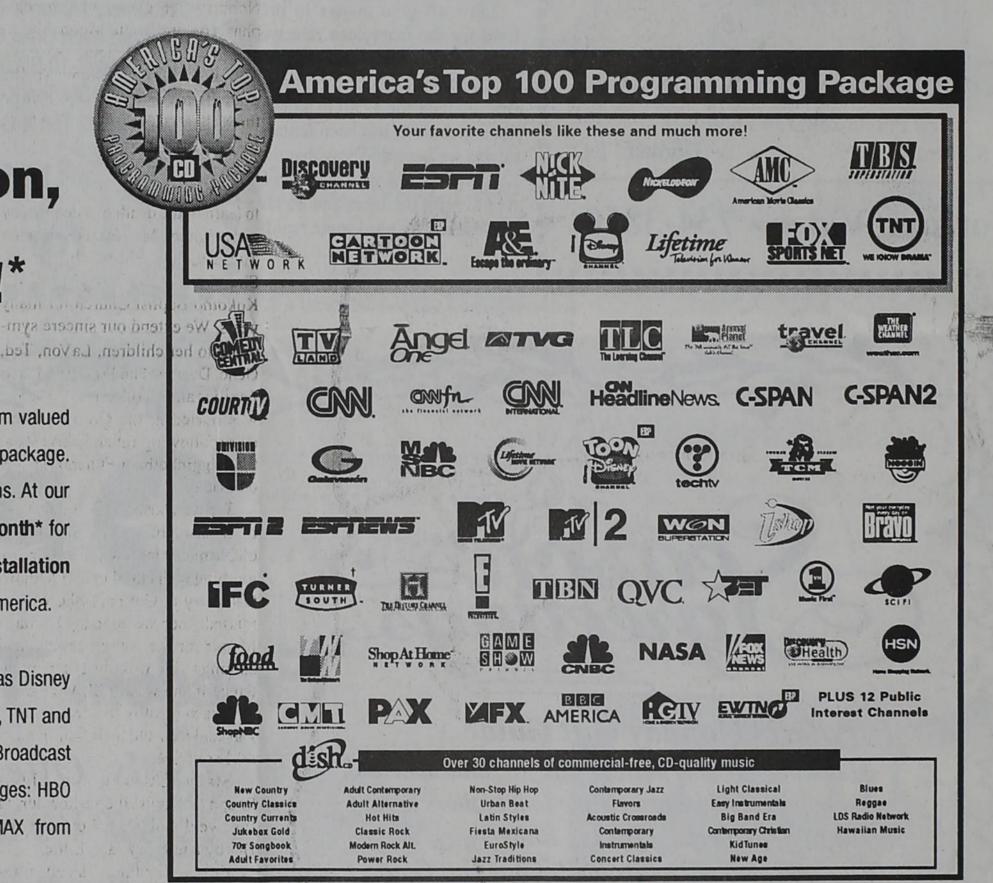
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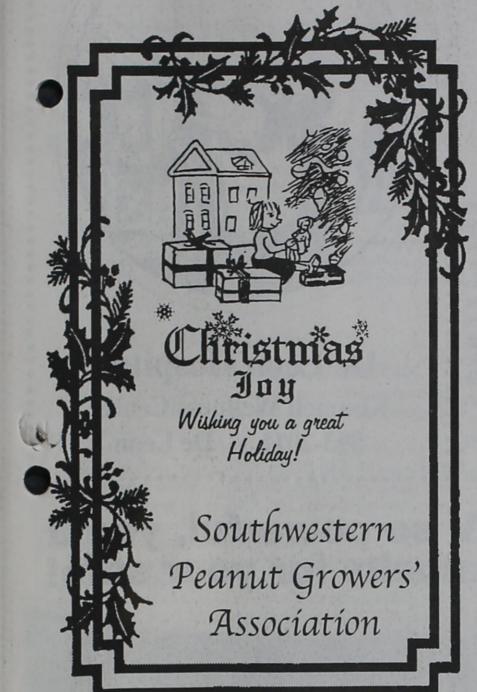
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Words are hard to find to express our thanks to each one for every act of kindness shown to our family during the loss of our loved one, Hazel Snider. Special thanks to Ray Daniels and Staff from Gorman Higginbotham Funeral Home, the special words of comfort from Brother Clarence Wilson and Brother Richard Watson, the Kokomo Baptist Church and the Kokomo Baptist Church Choir. The cards, food, flowers, memorials, visits, and prayers will never be forgotten.

LaVon Snider Ted & Charlotte Snider & Family Gene and Kay Snider & Family

Dwayne and Connie Snider & Family Dan and Dianne Snider & Family T.W. Jumper & Family



ASB's annual Christmas open house was held on Thur. And Fri. last week. Our long time customer, Russell Cordell had the honor of drawing for the prizes. The cash winners are: \$100.00 - Kay Snider, \$75.00 - Irene West, \$50.00 Danny Snider. Other gift prize winners were: Maudelle Poyner, Joe Bennett, Maria Gonzales, Diane Casey and Evah Sparkman. We all enjoyed the fellowship and visits with all of our customers and friends and truly appreciate all of you. THE STAFF OF AMERICAN STATE BANK.

Correction

The school calendar for the 2002-2003 school year of AUGUST 19, 2002 not September 19, 2002.

Leslie Vann

Houston Mailing Address For Allen and Dena Scitern

Anyone wishing to correspond has a scheduled start date with Allen and Dena Scitern while Allen is having treatments in Houston may write to them at the following address:

4202 Del Bello Rd. Manvel, Tex. 77578

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Kokomo Baptist Church will be Thursday night, December 20 at 6:00 P.M. Following the program enjoy fellowship with one another. Santa will be there to visit with the children and help pass out the gifts from the Christmas tree. Visitors are welcome, and if you bring a child please bring a gift to put on the tree for that child. A barbecue sandwich supper will be served in the fellowship hall after the program. It will

The Christmas program at the be a wonderful time to worship "the Reason for the Season", Our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, and then

> There will be regular services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 23, but there will be no evening services.

Special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 16 was rendered by the choir: Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Norma Webb, Helen Browning, Daryl Hirst, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond, Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Norma Webb gave a mission emphasis on our Lottie Moon Christmas offering encouraging us to give as generously as possible so the gospel might be proclaimed throughout the whole world. Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville were visitors.

Our community was saddened to learn of the death of a dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Hazel Snider, on Tuesday night. She will be missed. She was a faithful member of the Kokomo Baptist Church for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to her children, LaVon, Ted, Gene, Dwayne and Danny and their families and all other relatives. She was buried in the Gorman Cemetery following funeral services at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel on Friday.

We were also saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Frankie Jarrett of Gorman. Her funeral was Friday morning with burial in the Oaklawn Cemetery at Gorman. She will be missed when we go to the Heritage Manor for the church service and singings. She was always in attendance if she wasn't ill. We extend sincere sympathy to her daughters Kay and Rita and their families and other relatives.

Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the weekend with her parents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Zelda Jordan visited with Johnnie B. Griffith on Wednesday. Zelda spent Thursday night in Abilene with her daughter, Glenda Black, and had a nuclear stress test on Friday at the Hendricks Professional Center. Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell visited with her and Glenda on Thursday night and they all enjoyed dinner at the Golden Corral,

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Mineral Wells with Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin on Sunday evening and attended the Christmas Program at the First Baptist Church.

Wasn't the rain on Sunday and Sunday night wonderful? I received about three and a half inches at my house. Hopefully the stock tanks, creeks and lakes received some run-

Due to the Christmas holidays, I won't have any news next week, but be sure to get your Christmas news to me for the following week. I wish each and everyone of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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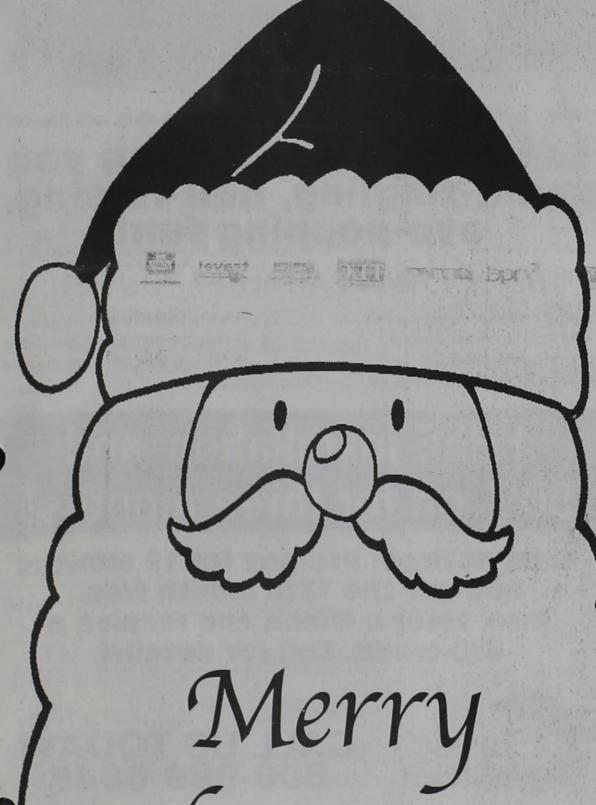
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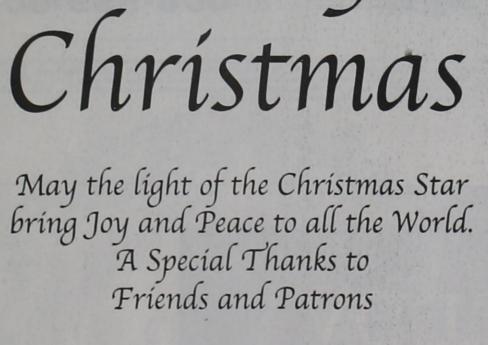
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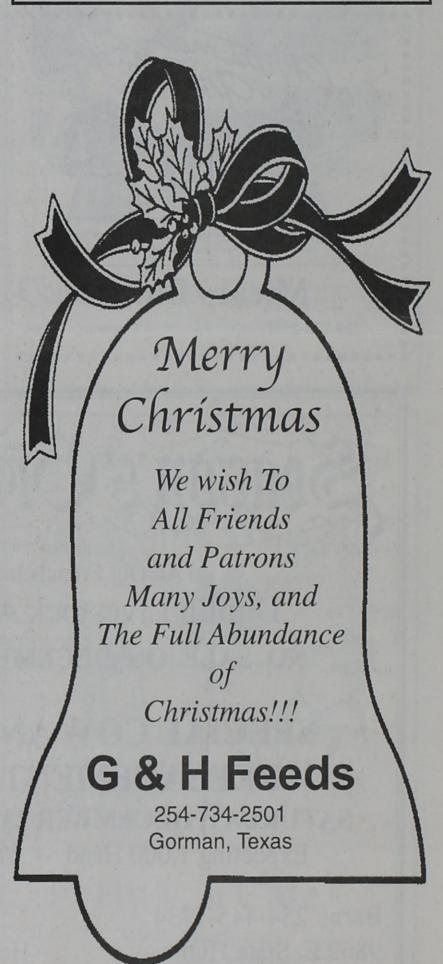


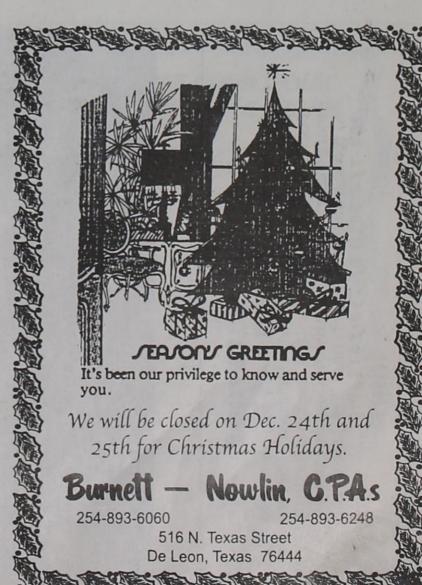




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In the past the West Texas Fair Parade in Abilene was held the same day as the Peanut Festival and most of the area towns have taken their floats to Abilene. The committee hopes with the changing of our Peanut Festival we will have more out of town entries in the parade, booth spaces

If you know of another local event happening on this date please let the Peanut Festival committee know so that a definite date can be set.

Exit TAAS Tests To Be Taken February 19-21

more parts of the test. By current state law, students must pass

Forms must be completed and are to be received in

need to register for this test.

Persons who have not finished high school and who are interested in obtaining their diplomas, must fulfill the requirements for graduation that were in effect when their class graduated. Therefore, if the TAAS was not required for a person's class, it would not be required today. Texas Tech also has a correspondence program enabling a person to receive a high school diploma correspondence courses. GED tests are offered monthly at Ranger College and Cisco Junior College.

For more information in any of these areas contact Linda Glover, Gorman High School Counselor.

The TAAS tests will be offered this February at Gorman High School to those students who need a passing score in one or all sections of the test in order to receive a high school diploma.

Anyone in the community who has completed all graduation requirements except for passing the TAAS may take these tests to try to earn a high school diploma. A person only has to take that portion of the test that he or she did not pass in high school. Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to retake a portion of the TAAS may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus. At Gorman High School registration forms are in the Counselor's office. Registration forms may also be completed online by accessing the web site at http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oos.

Iowa City, Iowa, no later than January 18, 2002. Students who are currently enrolled in Gorman High School do not

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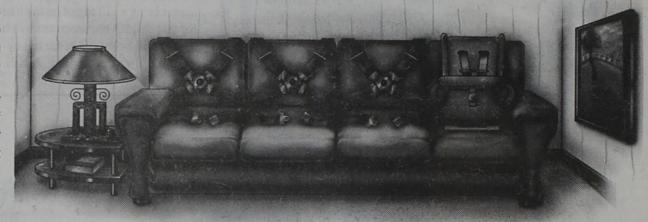
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AG TALK

By Charlie Stenholm

Senate Farm Bill

The Senate continues to work on the farm bill and, as of Thursday, December 13, this legislation is still a work in progress.

Farm groups have continued to urge the Senate to complete work on the farm bill as soon as possible so that Senators and House Members can meet in a conference committee to work out differences between the two

Once a conference is completed, both the House and Senate would still have to vote on the final version before it could be sent to the president for a signature.

The House pushed hard to complete a farm bill this year and I hope Senate will do likewise.

Senate Finance Committee Approves TPA

Last week, the House passed legislation granting the President trade promotion authority (TPA). Formerly known as fast track authority, TPA would increase the president's authority to negotiate international trade agreements with other countries.

This week, the Senate Finance Committee overwhelmingly voted to give the president such trade authority. It appears, however, that this measure will not be brought before the full Senate until sometime next year.

U.S. Extremely Unlikely to Get Mad Cow Disease

Harvard University has now released a study indicating that the U.S. was "extremely unlikely" to get bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE (or mad cow disease).

According to the report, the measures that have been taken by govnment and industry make the U.S. robust against the spread of mad ow disease, in the event it should occur in the U.S. at some point in time.

The U.S. livestock and meat industries were understandably pleased with the report that confirms the effectiveness of the steps that have already been taken to suppress mad cow disease.

These include import controls that block imports of meat and live animals from nations with BSE; feed controls that prevent the introduction of the disease into herds; and a surveillance program that is statisti-

cally designed to detect, with a high degree of certainty, BSE in cattle. The USDA indicated that next year it intends to double the number of cattle it tests for BSE to more than 12,500.

U.S. Ag Exports on the Rise

U.S. agricultural exports for fiscal year 2002 are expected to reach \$54.5 billion, according to USDA. This will be the highest export figure in five years.

I should point out, however, that this forecast is \$2.5 billion less than USDA's August projection. This is because growing world surpluses and shrinking demand have reduced the prices that had been expected.

The fact of the matter is that the strong U.S. dollar makes U.S. exports less competitive with other nations. In terms of agricultural imports into the U.S., the figure remains steady at \$39 billion, which is unchanged from last year.

In an interesting development this week, a ship carrying 24,000 tons of U.S. corn is on its way to Cuba. This is a very positive development for U.S. agriculture.

The decades old embargo the U.S. has had on trade with Cuba has only served to hurt our own farmers and ranchers. Our trading partners benefit from trade with Cuba, and the U.S. needs to do likewise.

The trade potential with Cuba is tremendous, and I am hopeful this shipment of corn will be the first of many future shipments of U.S. commodities to Cuba.

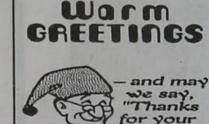
Ethanol Production Increases

Ethanol production continues to rise and, in October, averaged a record-high 121,000 barrels per day, according to the U.S. Department of

This year, U.S. ethanol production is on course to produce an annual cord of 1.8 billion gallons, according to the Renewable Fuels Associaon. Increased ethanol production is another positive development for U.S. agriculture.

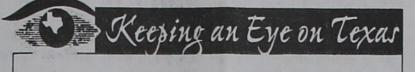
Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Merry Christmas!!



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New Fireworks Tax

Some holiday fireworks will cost Texans a little more money this season. As of October 1, 2001, fireworks retailers must collect a new 2 percent fireworks tax In addition to existing sales taxes.

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- Firecrackers
 - Rockets
 - **Roman Candles**
- **Fountains**

For more information about the new fireworks tax, visit the Comptroller's Web site at

http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx94_162.html.

Source: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us).



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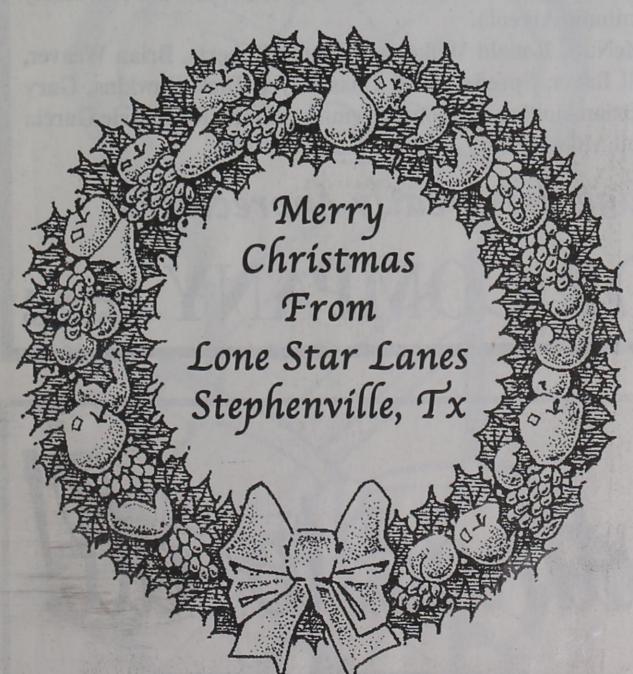
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DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Children's Christmas Program was presented last Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona during the 11:00 a.m. service. Several; visitors attended. Evening service was a fish fry with plenty of food and dessert extra for all the members and several visitors. Bro. Dewayne Brawner, pastor, and members would like to invite you to attend each ser-

Johnny and Sandy Cameron of Sanger spent last Friday night with his sister, Bernard and Ann Keith. Other visitors with the Keith's were their granddaughter, Nikki Febinger and son, Christopher of Stephenville.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Dale and Juanita (Hoskins) Langlitz at the First Baptist Church in Eastland last Saturday, December 15th.

Happy Birthday to our friend, Roy Lee Whitlock on Thursday, December 20th. He is having some serious health problems and would enjoy hearing from his friends in Desdemona. Address is 207 Manchaca, Apt. 6, DeLeon, Texas 76444.

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

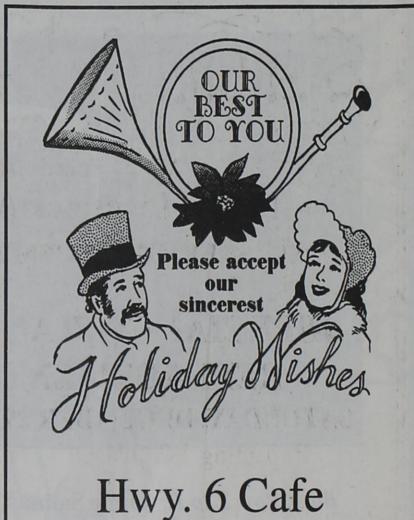
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Pause To Think

Abraham, the father of the faithful who obtained a good struggled due to the circum- something, the best thing we report by his faith, experienced stance of their age. They more than one incident where struggled even after God had he struggled to believe. Today we will examine the promise of posterity through Isaac.

Both, Abraham and Sarah struggled to believe that God

could give them a son, al- other generations after them. though he had declared it. They spoken of this birth to them many times. Their disbelief motivated them to make a decision, which resulted in many hardships for them as well as

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can do is wait patiently for it. It is never a good decision to attempt to help God bring it to pass. He has his perfect timing, as well as method of bringing it to pass.

Abraham and Sarah con-

they had arrived at the perfect answer to the dilemma of not When God promises us having any children in which to bring about the promise of God. We find this in Genesis 16:1-2. "Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now. the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her." And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. Therefore, Abraham acted upon their decision and the result has proved to be disastrous.

There have been many incidents of struggle between nations due to Abraham's decision. In fact, September the 11th would have never occurred, if Sarah and Abraham had patiently believed God concerning His promise. The birth of Ishmael, son of Abraham and Hagar, produced great bitterness. And, the struggle continues today.

It is sobering to think how widespread and how long this bitterness has grown, and the hardships that it has brought about since that time. Now, it has touched our lives almost 5500 years later. This thought should motivate us to careful consideration concerning the decisions that we make. We need to understand that it is possible that we could make a decision that would not just rock our world, but also affect world of generations far removed.

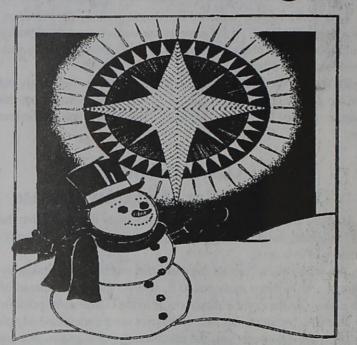
The study of mankind's

sulted together and thought that struggle to believe should encourage us to know that we are not the only ones who have struggled. In addition we need to take into consideration the promise of God in 1 Corinthians 10:13. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Keep the faith!

More next week. Address comments or questions to: John Howard, Jr. ithjr77@txol.net PO Box 399 Gorman, Texas 76454

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By Nancy Hendricks

On Saturday morning, Bro. Lonnie and Edith Grumbles brought the "Bible Study." Residents were Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Frankie Jarrett and guest Myrtle Hill.

Some guests visiting Ethel Weaver and Hallie Clark were Jo Ann Fraley, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Brenda Boyd, Howard and Pat Hagood, Howard and Georgia Iley of Desdemona, Mayvis

Sunday morning James Tucker and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Buddy Winn, Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Ola Walker, Patti Whitehorn, Buster Brown (guest Louise Brown) A.V. Seay, Margaret Helms, Frankie Jarrett, Stella Files, Irene Heathington, Hallie Clark, Ollie Halcomb, Ethel Weaver and Ava Rodgers.

Visiting Inez Rogers and Vera Henderson were Evelyn Hair of DeLeon, Patsy Kincannon of Hico, Joy Rogers, Denzel and Fay Ables, Alene Reeves, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Eunice Love, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Chester Henderson Jr. of Abilene, Zelda Jordan, Pat Graham, Howard and

Georgie Iley.

On Sunday afternoon, Daryl Hirst and Glenda Joyce Black gave a Christmas Concert for the Kokomo Baptist Church. Rev. Clarence Wilson gave the devotional and led prayer. Others from the church were Leona Wilson, Zelda Jordan, Jimmy Little, Wynelle Brown, Hope Joiner, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks and guest Ernestine Campbell. Residents were Margaret Helm, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Ava Rodgers, Dorothy Beaty, A.V. Seay, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Ethel Weaver and Mildred Bellows.

Frankie Jarrett Passes Away

Frankie Lee Jarrett, age 83, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman.

Services were 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 14th at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rich- and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Larry and DeLinda Snider, ard Watson officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Rozelle Caraway of Eastland, Arl Lasater of Carbon, Cemetery.

Mrs. Jarrett was born in Eastland County on Febru- Howard and Pat Hagood. ary 4, 1918 to Austin Moore Knox and Lela Alice Crawford Knox. She married Clifton Jarrett on Feb- Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, A.V. ruary 4, 1939 in Carbon. She was a graduate of Car- Seay, Veno Hale, Ava Rodgers and guests Kay Watson bon High School. She was a seamstress for Hollywood and Rita Hall.

Vassarette for 26 years. After retirement, she worked for Birdsong Peanuts and Blackwell Hospital. She had been living in the Gorman area since 1946. She was a homemaker and a member of the New Hope Baptist nent. Church.

She is survived by: husband, Clifton Jarrett of Gorman; two daughters, Kay Watson of Gorman and Rita Hall of Kerrville; brother, Alvis Knox of Baytown; sister, Lavelle Crowley of Comfort; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and three brothers.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Seay of Abilene, Pat Graham, George Rodgers, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

and Mrs. Bill Brown of Carbon donated.

Visiting Mary Williams were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Joe and Dan Carey of Midlothian, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, James and Mary Hagood, Durward Webb.

Wilson, Jimmy Little, Nancy Hendricks, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Zelda Jordan, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Hope Joiner, Pat Graham.

Hospital.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Glen Glasson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson. On Monday morning, Ina Smith and Pat Graham

had bingo for Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Patti Brown, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, B.E. Daniels, Tisha Whitehorn, and Sara Rodgers. Some of Ruth Bryant guests were Joan Foster of

DeLeon, Larry and Martha Bryant, Susie, Chance and Mykisha Hampton, Dr. Kyle Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Ima Brown, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton.

Visiting Glen Lasater and Jewel Snider were Bobby Ima Brown, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville,

Friday morning Ina Smith had bingo for Clifton and

Visiting Muriel Prewitt recently were Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Durward Webb, Harvey and Sandra Pippen.

Sorry to report Aubrey Griffin is a patient in the DeLeon Hospital.

Some of Cynthia Earles guests were Vardie Huff, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Pat Graham.

Karen Guthery gave Margaret Helms a new perma-

Some of Edith Phillips and Ola Walker guests were Jerry, Sherry and Mason Parrish of New Mexico, Robert Phillips and James Phillips of Seguin, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Clarence and Leona

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemo came played the electric keyboard and led singing for Irene Heathington, Margaret Helms, Dorothy Beaty, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Stella Files, Mildred Bellows.

Some of Modess Self and Irene Heathington guests Residents appreciated the good magazines that Mr. were Christine Self, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater.

Visiting Mildred Bellows were Dena Tidmore of Jesse of Abilene, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Midlothian, Gena Earley of Ft. Worth, Darrell and Pat Hagood, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Visiting Ava Rodgers were Bro. Clarence and Leona Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Mayvis Lasater.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ina smith helped residents make ice cream. They were A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Sorry to report Zadie Terry is a patient in the DeLeon Ava Rodgers, Modess Self, Hallie Clark, Frankie Jarrett Olan Helms and Inez Rogers.

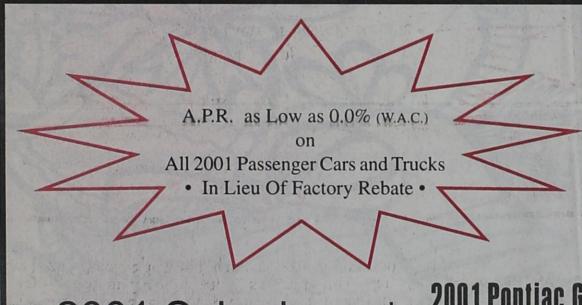
> Visiting Veno Hale and Stella Files were Jimmy Little, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan, Hope Joiner.

> Visiting Buster Brown were Tootie Campbell, Louise and Daniel Grice, Janice Grice of Stephenville, Glen

> On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell had chapel for T.D. and Patti Whitehorn, Ruth Bryant, Modess Self, Stella Files, Hallie Clark, Dorothy Beaty, Margaret Helms, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Ola Walker, Irene Heathington, Ava Rodgers, Ollie Halcomb.

> Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were David Halcomb, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love.

> Visiting Margaret and Olan Helms were Tootie Campbell, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood.



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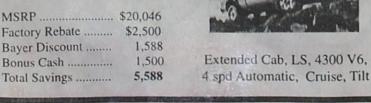


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