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Merry Christmas!!

All the
Best to
You On
Christmas



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

Christmas For Kids Sponsored By Police Dept.



Pictured are Alyssa and Tanna Grissom, Lacy Howard, Tasha Ritter, Sarah Lewis, Shari Marlow, Emma Marin and Chad Robertson. Not pictured Ashley Hornback and Mrs. Lacy Majors.

Annual New Years Eve Singing Set At NHBC

The Annual New Years Eve singing will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 10 p.m. and the singing will continue until midnight with the traditional ringing of the church bell to "ring in the new year" at 12 o'clock. This is a community-wide event. Come join us at any time between 8 p.m. and midnight.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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.

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. Glenn Glasson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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

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.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

DANCE — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

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

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

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 Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, 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 - JANUARY 15TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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Obituary

Georgie Fae Skaggs

Georgie Fae Skaggs, age 89, of Gorman passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2002 in the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Saturday, December 21, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Rev. Craig Rhoton and Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Skaggs was born on September 20, 1913 in Comanche County to Roscoe Sanders and Etta Hirst Sanders. She married Archie E. Skaggs on December 6, 1931 in the Rock Bluff Community. He preceded her in death in July of 1998. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs of Gorman; daughter and son-in-law, Julia and Wallace Cook of DeLeon; daughter, Emma Jane Larch of Irving; sister and brother-in-law, Bobbie Joe and Arvel Barnett of Gorman; six granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Susan and Trace Eden, Kaycee and Kurt Richarz, Sharon and Randy Ellis, Kendria and Steve Leighton, Kelli and Kent Styron and Karla and Todd Swearingen; seven great grandsons and five great granddaughters, several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

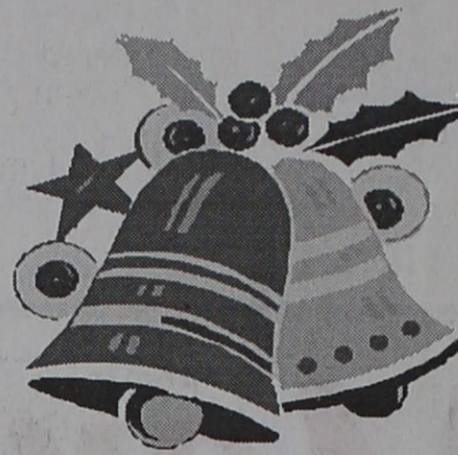
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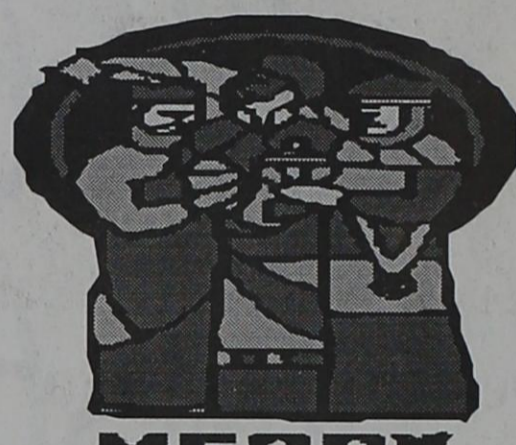
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Nov. 18	Ranger	Home	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Nov. 18	Deleon	Home	7 th Blue	4:00
Nov.25	Baird	There	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Nov. 25	Baird	There	7 th Blue	TBA
Dec. 2	Cross Plains	There	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Dec. 9	Albany	There	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Dec. 9	Albany	There	7 th Blue	TBA
Dec. 16	Gorman	Open	7 th and 8 th	5:00
Jan. 2	Ranger	There	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Jan. 6	Baird	Home	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Jan. 6	Baird	Home	7 th Blue	TBA
Jan. 11	Cross Plains	There	7 th Red/ 8 th	TBA
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Jan. 13	Cross Plains	Home	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Jan. 16/Jan. 18	Lingleville	There	7 th Blue	TBA
	Tourn.			
Jan. 20	Albany	Home	7 th Red/ 8 th	5:00
Jan. 20	Albany	Home	7 th Blue	TBA
Jan. 27	Gorman	Open	7 th / 8 th	
Jan. 30/Feb 1	Albany Tourn.	Albany	7 th Red/ 8 th	TBA
Feb. 3	Ranger	Home	7 th / 8 th	5:00

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Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

The winners' of this years lighting contest are:
 1st - Danny & Charla Burgess
 2nd - Sue Spivey
 3rd - Bob & Brenda Hammontree

Thank you to everyone who entered the contest and to the many others who have taken the time to decorate their houses.

If you have not driven around and looked at the many decorations, make that part of your holiday festivities.

City Minutes

The Gorman City Commission met on the above mentioned date in Regular Session. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Bill Vaughn, Adam Hampton, and Alex Granado. Absent was Riley Curb. Others present were Lori Dodd and Glenn Scitern.

Commissioner Vaughn led the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Alex made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a

second from Adam. Motion carried 3-0.

Bill made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Alex. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present on behalf of Citizens In Put.

Alex made the motion to continue to allow the police officers to take the patrol cars out-of-town once a month to eat lunch or supper. If this privilege is misused it will be subject to reprimand or suspension. Officers on duty will only be allowed to leave Gorman, if another officer is covering during his absence, or two officers are on duty at the same time. A police officer will be on duty or call here in town at all times. Adam made a second. Motion carried 2-1, Bill being opposed.

Reports were submitted by each department head. Lori and Glenn were present to represent their departments.

No action was taken on agenda item for Denver Rainey.

There being no further business on the agenda, Adam made the motion to adjourn with a second from Alex. Motion carried. Time was 6:00 p.m.

Baked Pecan Oatmeal

1/2 cup canola oil
 1 cup brown sugar
 2 eggs
 1 cup chopped pecans
 3 cups quick oatmeal (uncooked)
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1 cup skim milk
 Nutmeg, cinnamon to taste

Combine oil, sugar, eggs and pecans in a large bowl. Mix well. Add oatmeal, baking powder and milk. Pour into a light greased 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg and cinnamon. Bake 350° for 30 minutes. Cut into squares, serve hot or cold, with milk or fruit. YIELD: 8 to 10 servings.

Butter Pecan Muffins

1 1/2 cups self rising flour
 1 cup chopped pecans
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1 egg
 3/4 cup milk
 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine flour, pecans and brown sugar in a mixing bowl; set aside. Mix together egg, milk, butter and vanilla; add all at once to flour mixture. Stir only until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon into greased muffin pan, filling 2/3 full. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes or until golden brown. YIELD: 10 muffins.

Granola

2 1/2 cups quick cooking oats
 1 cup chopped pecans
 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
 1/3 cup sunflower seeds
 1/4 cup sesame seeds
 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
 1/4 cup honey
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 1/2 cup wheat germ

Combine oats, pecans, coconut, sunflower seeds and sesame seeds in a large mixing bowl. Spread in a lightly buttered 11 x 17 inch baking pan and bake 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Stir occasionally in a small saucepan, combine butter, brown sugar, honey and salt. Heat. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Stir wheat germ into baking pan. Pour honey butter mixture over granola. Toss to coat completely. Bake at 350° for 10 to 12 minutes stirring frequently, until granola is golden. Remove from oven and cool completely. Store in an airtight container. Note: Serve with milk as a cereal or use as a topping on puddings or yogurt.

Hot Chicken Salad

2 cups chopped cooked chicken
 1 cup chopped celery
 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 1 cup mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 cup chopped pecans

Combine all ingredients except pecans and pour into a 1 1/2 quart casserole. Top with pecans and bake in a 350° oven for 30 minutes or until thoroughly heated. YIELD: 6 to 8 servings.

Bacon Pecan Sandwich Spread

6 slices bacon
 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
 1 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
 1 teaspoon grated onion
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1/2 teaspoon salt

Cook bacon until crisp; drain and crumble. Combine with other ingredients. Refrigerate at least 1 hour to blend flavors. Spread on pumpernickel bread. YIELD: about 2 1/2 cups

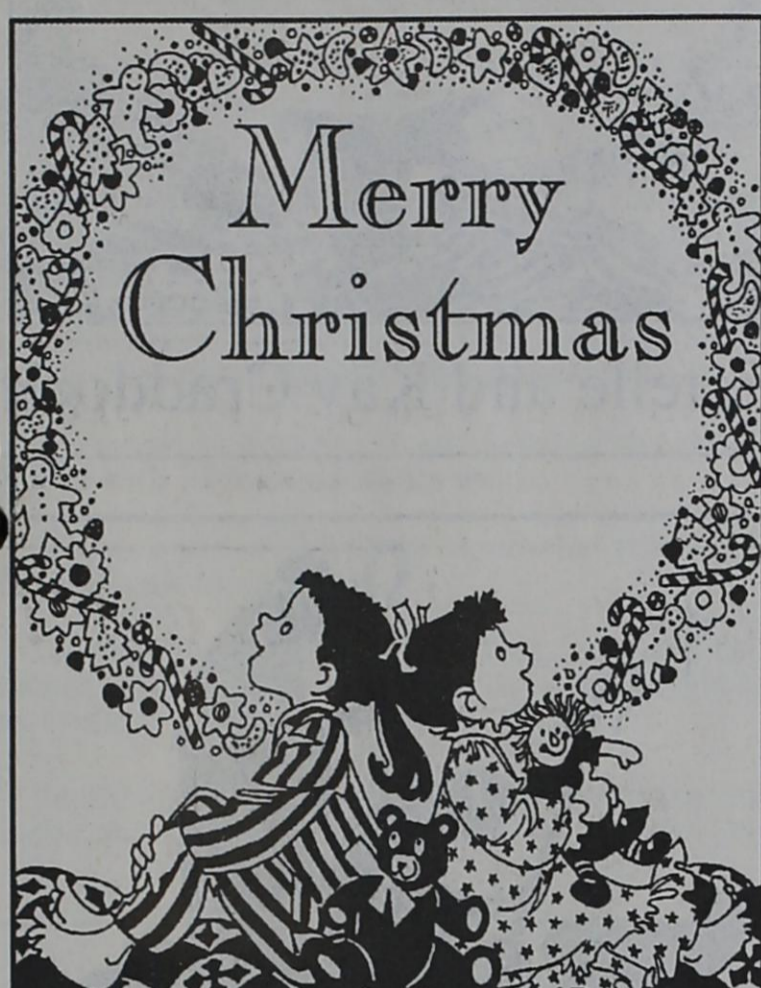
Toasted Pecans

Oven toasting: preheat oven to 300°. Spread pecans evenly on a baking sheet and bake 10 to 15 minutes, stirring often, until pecans are fragrant and lightly browned. Undercook slightly as pecans will continue to cook after they are removed from oven. Cool completely. Store in an airtight container in the freezer or refrigerator. Range to toasting: place pecan in skillet large enough to prevent overcrowding. Cook over medium heat 10 to 15 minutes or until fragrant and lightly browned. Stir frequently to prevent burning. Store in an airtight container in the freezer or refrigerator.

Flavored Pecans

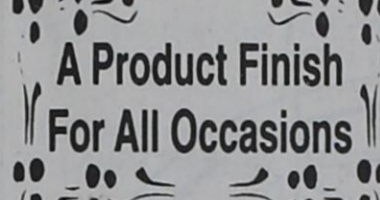
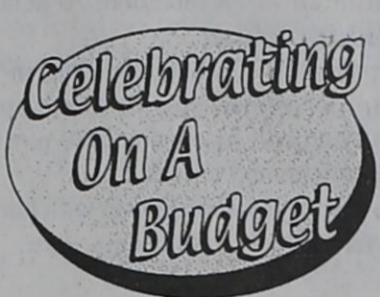
1 cup pecans
 1 tablespoon butter
 Salt, to taste

Preheat oven to 400°. In a medium sized mixing bowl, mix pecans, butter and salt. Place in a baking pan and cook 10 minutes until pecans are fragrant and lightly browned. Stir frequently to prevent burning. Cool completely; store in an airtight container in the freezer or refrigerator. Use to garnish or vegetables, salads, casseroles or desserts. Variation: add one of the following and cook as above: 2 to 3 drops Tabasco, 2 to 3 teaspoons sugar, or 2 tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce.



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Thank you to Larry Simpson who has taken good care of us for the last 25 plus years, and to all the friends and neighbors who have checked on us.

Most of all, thank you to our family for all the love and care on a daily basis.

Thank you all,
Vernon & Shirley Crain

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Carolyn Maupin of Stephenville will be teaching AARP Driving Classes in Desdemona at the Community Center on January 7 & 8--house 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. (both days). Most insurance companies will give discounts for those who take this driving course. If you have questions about this class, call Carolyn at 254-965-2145.

Brad and Priscilla Keith and children Jenna and Brett of Louisville, Kentucky spent several days during the Christmas holidays visiting with his parents, Bernard and Ann Keith. Other visitors in the home during the holidays were De and Vicki Robinett of DeLeon; Billy and Nikki Febinger and children Christopher and Allison of Stephenville; Keitha Robinett of Amarillo; Derek and Kristal Robinett of San Antonio; Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter Robyn of Crystal Springs.

Wayne and Karen Eaves hosted a birthday party for their granddaughter, Lorin Kaye, on Saturday night, December 21st. Lorin celebrated her 9th birthday. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery, Kandice Martin all of Desdemona; Angela Powledge and children Colin, Kaley and Lane of Cisco.

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be cancelled for Saturday, December 28th due to the busy holiday season. The musical will start back up on Saturday, January 25th. Concession stand will be open at 5:30 p.m. for each musical. Musicians and visitors are invited to attend.

Dorothy Roberts spent the Christmas Holidays in Fort Worth with her daughter, Kevin and Ulenda Weaver. Other visitors in the home were

Heather Caddell and children Kelsey and Cameron; Heath Weaver, Ashley Waver and son Tanner; Marcus and Shelly Mendez all of Fort Worth; Mark and Emily Williams and daughter Kena of Granbury; Jeff Roberts of Dallas.

Wayne and Karen Eaves and granddaughter, Lorin, hosted a holiday supper last Sunday night for Johnny and Catherine Eaves, Bobby and Elaine Eaves, Josh Eaves, Jeremy Eaves, Melinda Eaves all of Gorman; Jennifer Eaves of Weatherford; Michaelyn Eaves of Ranger.

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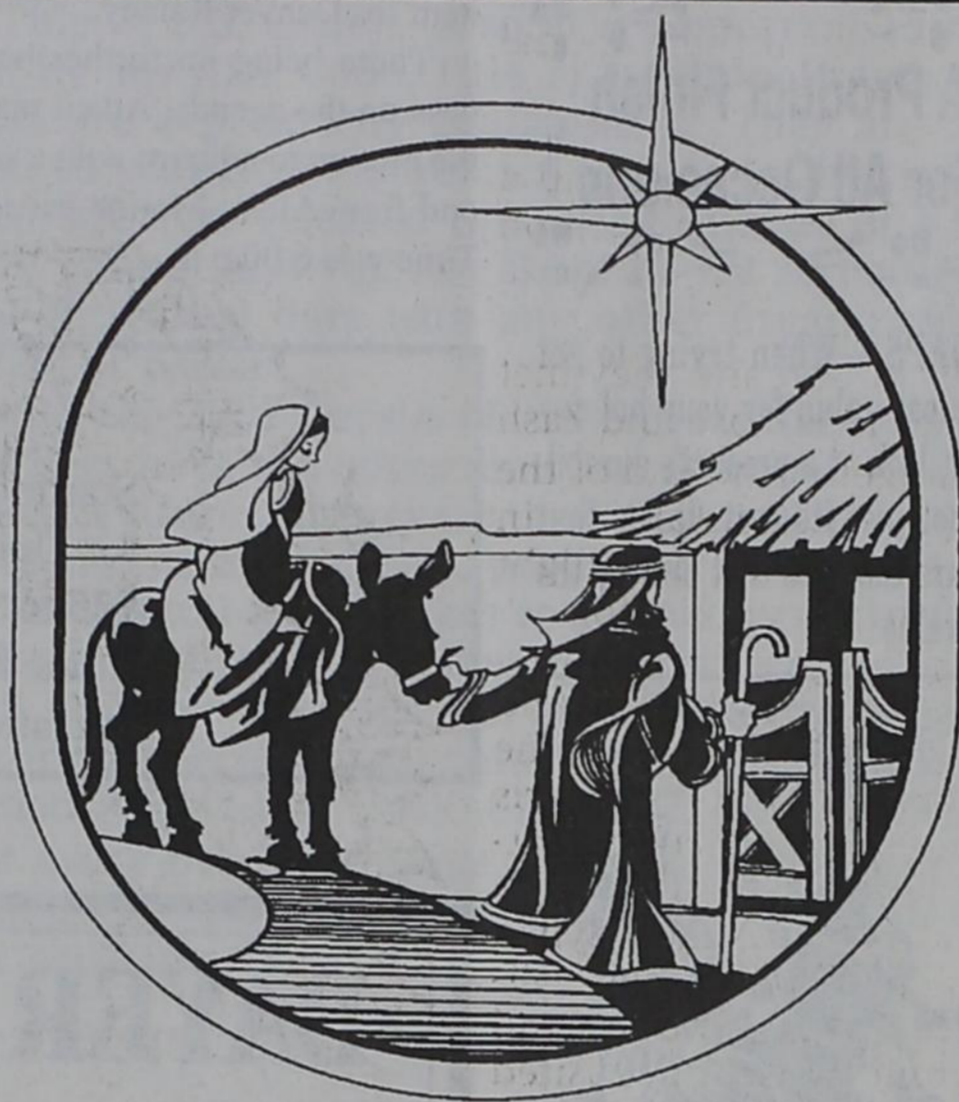


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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

It sounds like winter weather is headed our way according to the forecasts. Snow is beautiful to look at, but I'd rather not have it during the Christmas Holidays when so many people will be traveling. I hope and pray that everyone reaches their destination safely, and has a joyous Christmas with family and friends.

The Christmas service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning December 22 included the choir singing "Star of Bethlehem" and a message from the "Christmas Story" from Matthew 1:18-25 and Matthew 2:1-15 by the pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson. Those in the choir were: Crystal Snider, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Sylvia Buchanan, Daryl Hirst, Jimmy Little and Joe Bond with Woodrow Browning directing and Glynda Bond at the piano.

The Sunday night service was dismissed.

Those enjoying an early Christmas celebration at the home of Earl and Betty Little on Saturday were Karen Patterson of Eastland, Sandy, Laura and Rebekah Mullen of Aspermont, Clay and Will Patterson of Seymour and Brandi Taylor of Archer City.

Jimmy and Verna Little visited during the weekend in Arlington with Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails and enjoyed a tour around the city to see the Christmas lights and displays.

LaVon Snider accompanied Gene and Kay Snider on a tour around the Gorman area to view the pretty Christmas lights and displays on Thursday night.

Lisa Snider of Raleigh, NC had lunch with LaVon Snider on Friday. Ted Snider also visited with LaVon during the week.

Charles and Carolyn Little report that they had a wonderful time at the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas.

Kenneth and Linda Whitley of De Leon and Zelda Jordan enjoyed dinner and a visit at ZJ's in Gorman on Thursday night. Zelda also visited with Linda in De Leon on Friday morning.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Fort Worth visited with Zelda Jordan and they met Cassie and David Brasher, and Pat Reneau and grandchildren, Tricia Rose and Zash of Ranger at the End of the Trail Restaurant in Eastland on Friday night for dinner and visiting.

Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan attended the 90th birthday party for Iris Preston in Gorman on Saturday.

Doris Bradshaw, Sylvia Buchanan, Carolyn Gilbert, Zelda Jordan and Johnnie B. Griffith visited with Nancy Hendricks

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Georgia Fae Skaggs who passed away last week. Mrs. Skaggs accompanied her late husband, Archie Skaggs, to many singings at Kokomo in years past.

Please call me with your Christmas News.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

GORMAN LADY PANTHER AND PANTHER BASKETBALL 2002-2003

Nov. 9	Rising Star, Blanket (scrimmage)	Rising Star	10:00	JVG-VG
Nov. 11	Deleon	There	TBA	JV girls only
Nov. 12	Oustine	There	6:00	VGB
Nov. 14-16	Lueders-Avoca Tournament	Avoca	TBA	VGB
Nov. 19	Huckabay	There	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Nov. 22	Zephyr	There	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Nov. 26	Santa Anna	Here	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Nov. 29	Open (THANKSGIVING)			
Dec. 3	Rochester	Albany	5:00	VGB
Dec. 6	Moran	Here	TBA	VGB
Dec. 7	Albany	There	10am	JV girls only
Dec. 10	Lueders	Here	6:00	JVGB-VGB
Dec. 12-14	Gordon Tournament	Gordon	TBA	VGB
Dec. 17	Open (testing week)			
Dec. 20	Lueders	There	6:00	VGB/JVGB
Dec. 27	Brooksmith (tentive)			
Dec. 31	Open			
Jan. 3	Evant	Here	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 7	Ranger	Here	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 10	Baird	There	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 14	Cross Plains	Here	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 17	Albany	There	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 21	Abilene Christian	There	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 24	Panger	There	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 28	Baird	Here	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Jan. 31	Cross Plains	There	4:00	JVGB-VGB
Feb. 4	Albany	Here	4:00	JVGB-VGB

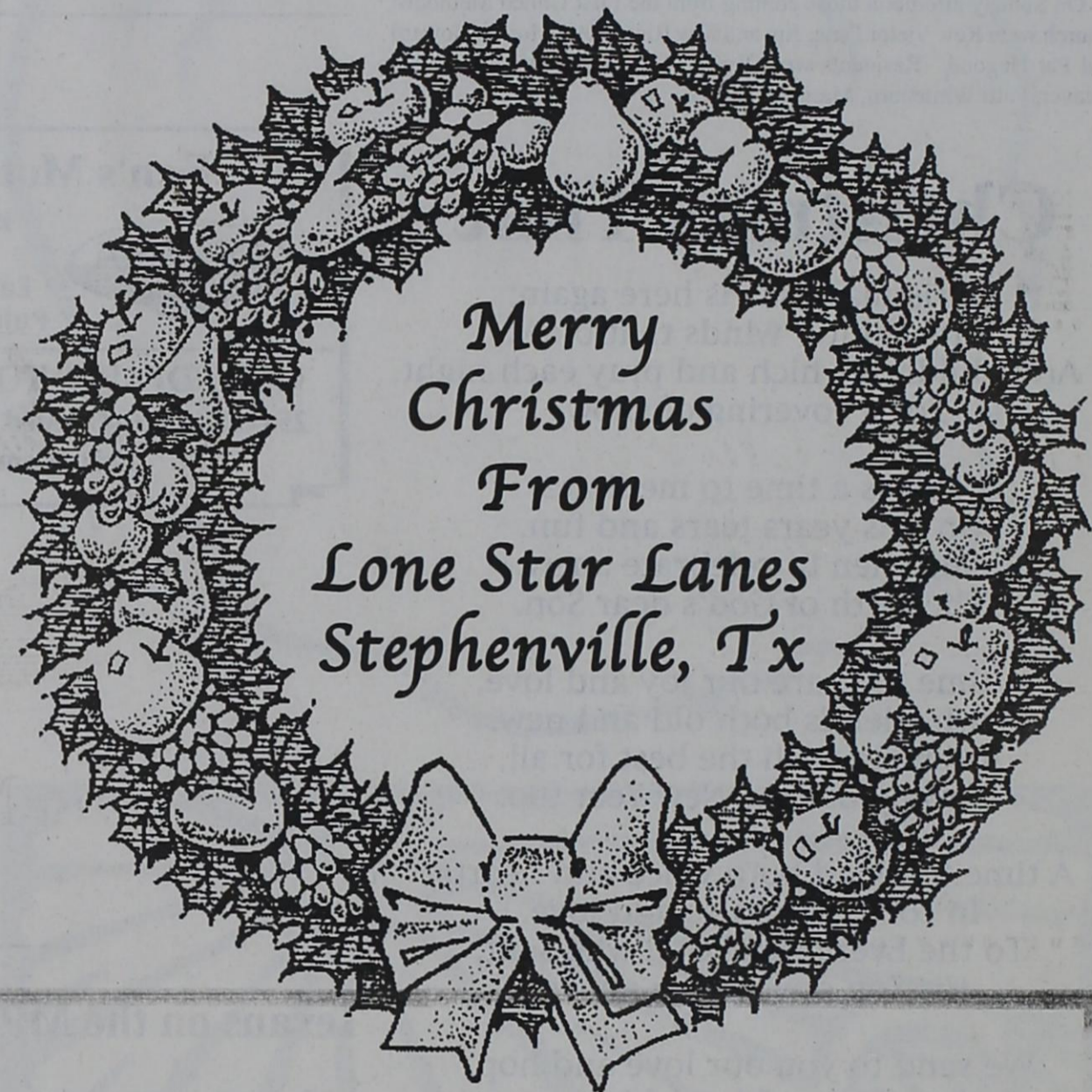
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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

The December Birthday Party was on Friday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. Honorees were Roy Lee Whitlock, Mary Lou Landers, Veno Hale, Ethel Weaver and Zadio Terry. Ruth Campbell came played the electric organ and led singing. Residents present were the honorees Zadio Terry, Mary Lou Landers, Roy Lee Whitlock; Ethel Weaver, and Veno Hale. Other residents were A.V. Seay, Marjorie Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Bro. Darrell Dossey, Euna Porter, Mary Williams, Gladys Chambless, Hope Joiner and guests Marjorie Treadway, Ruth Campbell and Ernestine Campbell. Birthday cake and punch was served.

Visiting T.D. and Patti Whitehorn were Mary and James Jesse of Abilene, Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Margaret and Olin Helms were Pat and Howard Hagood.

On Sunday morning Ennis and Nina Joiner and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught Sunday School. Present were Hope Joiner, Margie Lane, Gladys Chambless, R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Lovena Sherrod, Olin and Margaret Helms, Mary Lou Landers, Modess Self, Dorothy Beaty, Buddy Winn, Irene Heathington, Bea O'Neal, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Bro. Darrell Dossey, Ethel Weaver, Patti Whitehorn, Mildred Roberts, Birdie Hogan, Inez Rogers, Mary Tobin, Buster and Louise Brown.

Visiting Margie Lane were Sandra Medcalf of Mineral Wells, Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell.

Visiting Roy Lee Whitlock and Jewel Snider were Maudie Husband, Bill Moll of Cisco, Kenneth Welch of Granbury, Diana Snider, Imja Brown, Howard and Pat Hagood, Karen Guthery, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the First United Methodist Church were Rev. Victor Pena, Jim and Kay Rice, Betty Morris, Howard and Pat Hagood. Residents were Evelyn Rippetoe, A.V. Seay, Ethel Weaver, Patti Whitehorn, Margaret Helms.

Christmas Time

Christmas time is here again;
With Winter winds that blow.
And children which and pray each night,
For a covering of snow.

This is a time to meditate,
On this years tears and fun.
And then to celebrate anew,
The birth of God's dear Son.

A time to share our joy and love,
With friends both old and new.
A time to wish the best for all,
Throughout the New Year too.

A time to blend both voice and hearts,
In songs of praise and love.
To the Everlasting God who sent,
His Son down from above.

We send to you our love and hop,
And lasting friendship too.
May God enfold you in His love,
This is our wish for you.

Written and submitted by Darrell Graham



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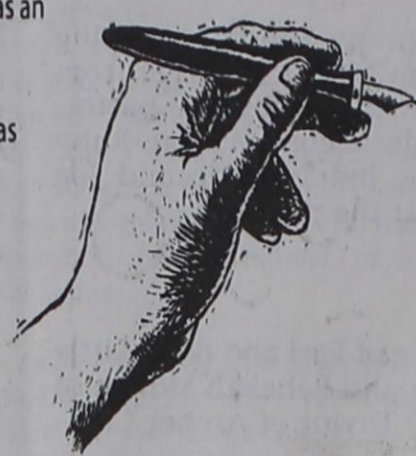
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Texans on the Military

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." I was reminded of that famous Daniel Webster quote by an insightful Texan who responded to my annual survey.

As the United States takes up the mantle of freedom around the globe, those words ring as true today as when they were uttered nearly two centuries ago. With 1.37 million active duty military personnel serving around the world and 1.28 million more waiting in the wings on standby and ready reserve, it is clear that our nation is poised to defend the liberty we love.

National defense has always been one of my top priorities. Not only because I believe our democratic system is the best in the world, but also because I understand the need to bolster diplomacy with military might.

As we are engaged in a global war on terror and tensions spark around the world, it is important for the United States military to maintain a strong, capable force. Four times in the past 15 years we have attempted to streamline our military through the appointment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commission, chartered to recommend the elimination or realignment of unneeded bases.

To gauge your opinion on base closures, I posed the following question in my survey: "The Pentagon has announced another round of military closures in 2005. Because a round of base closures riddled with mistakes could be more costly than no closures at all, I believe we need to have a good idea of force structure for the future before closing bases. What are your views?"

I received many pointed replies to that question from civilians and military personnel alike. A full 40 percent of the responses I received agreed that the Pentagon should be required to outline a 20-year military strategy before closure decisions are made. Twenty-seven percent of respondents felt the decision must consider the impact of closures on homeland security and local economies. The remainder were split evenly between closing no bases at all and going forward with the process.

One Texan from Winnie said, "Too much politics has been involved in closures; bases that are set up to do a job should not be closed and money then used to get another base ready to do the same job." I couldn't agree more. It has been my experience that there can be unintended consequences when we miscalculate future needs for military bases. First, I have seen bases closed and dismantled, only to later realize their missions have again become relevant to U.S. military operations. Second, I have not seen estimates ever come close to the true cost of closing a base. How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round of base closures?

The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a base closure that the commission said looked good on paper, but it turned out to be a costly mistake. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere. Reese was closed. Today, the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved now agrees that Reese never should have been closed.

Another egregious example can be found in the 1995 BRAC decision to convey Fort Chaffee to the local community. The small, rural town of Barling, Arkansas was charged with the impossible task of turning Fort Chaffee, pockmarked with more than 700 lead paint and asbestos-laden World War II-era buildings, into an economic asset for the community. It couldn't be done. The Pentagon may have saved money with the closure, but it saddled a small town with an expensive, environmentally hazardous burden. Similar closures have resulted in the same devastating impact all over the country.

As incoming chair of the Senate Military Construction Appropria-

tions Subcommittee, I believe we must operate not only with our national security interests in mind but also with good business sense. Rather than waste millions of dollars on ill-fated closures, we should spend that money building better housing and more facilities for the men and women of the military, purchasing better technology and equipment, and paying our personnel for the difficult job we are asking them to do.

As we begin the 108th Congress, I will make it a top priority to ensure that we carefully and thoughtfully assess troop strength and future military needs before closing bases. When the time is right, we must have a well-defined, transparent process that is conducted fairly and in the open.

As we wage this war on terrorism we must heed the words of Daniel Webster because our liberty is at stake. We must support the President and give him the resources he needs to ensure victory in this great battle. And we must make sure that our men and women who proudly serve in the U.S. military have every tool and resource they need to win this war. Before we make any decisions to close another base, we must keep these objectives in mind.

DESSERTS

Cranberry Nut Pudding

1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
1 cup pecans
2 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
Vanilla ice cream

Arrange cranberries evenly over the bottom of a buttered 1-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with brown sugar and pecans. Beat eggs and sugar in a large mixing bowl until thick. Add flour, cinnamon salt and butter; mix until smooth. Pour batter over cranberries. Bake in a 350° oven for 45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream. YIELD: 6 to 8 servings

Harvest Apple Cake

2 cups coarsely grated apples
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine apples and sugar in a bowl. Beat egg and oil together and add to apples. Combine dry ingredients and add to apple mixture. Mix well. Stir in pecans and vanilla. Pour batter into a greased 8-inch square baking pan and cook in a 350 degree F oven for 40 to 45 minutes. Serve with ice cream or vanilla sauce. YIELD: 8 servings

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Temperature	In-shell	Shelled	Cracked
Refrigerator (40 degrees)	9-18 months	6 months	6 months
Freezer (0 degrees)	2 years +	2 years	1 year +

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