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Maxfield Elementary — Learn and Serve Grant Awarded

The fifth and sixth grade have been working on a Learn and Serve grant awarded to our school. The first project is almost complete. The elementary school will soon have a outside basketball court. Many thanks go out to all of you have helped make this possible.

We are especially grateful to Birdsong, Steve Spivey, Jackie Don Simpson and the City Council for all the dirt donated and hauled in for preparation of the slab. The school and P.T.O. have also been generous in helping with this project.

The second project is in full swing. We are cooking and cleaning for some of the elderly in the community. The kids are having a great time and learning as well.

We would like to thank the Lion's Club and the Food Pantry for their help and generosity. I appreciate the effort and enthusiasm of Ms. Chew, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. O'Dell.

The third project, a Spanish speaking video introducing the school to new students, will be finished soon.

Mrs. Hampton and the Fifth and Sixth Grade

Glover Places at Wylie Invitational Meet

Mark Glover received a 5th place ribbon for the Editorial he wrote in the Journalism context at the Wylie High School Invitational Academic Meet on Saturday, February 19.

The Gorman High School UIL Academic Team has been busy participating in invitational meets during last month. The team also went to Bangs High School on January 22 and to Tarleton State University on February 12.

The team gained much valuable experience in this large meet. There were between 50 and 60 entries in every contest. Most of the schools participating were 2A and 3A schools.

Although they did not receive awards, the Literary Criticism team of Kendra Dickerson, Pam Osborne, and Colton Van Dusen were 3rd in the total number of points they accumulated. They were only 8 points behind the 2nd place team of Early High School. Colton Van Dusen was also a close 7th in Computer Applications.

The students were taken to the meet by Kyra McGinn, Gail Fischer and Linda Glover.

Tara Howard Sings At All-State Treble Choir



Tara Howard, Senior at Gorman High School sang in the All-State Treble Choir at the TMEA Music Convention in San Antonio on February 12th. She was First Chair in the Alto II Section.

Thousands of students across the state start the try-out process in September in hopes of making the All-State Choir. The Treble Choir is made up of 140 girls. Many hours of hard work and dedication on Tara's part played a major factor in her achieving this position.

Tara is the daughter of John and Charlotte Howard of Gorman. Congratulations on your achievement.

Gorman Post Oak Gun Club To Host Hunters Educational Course on March 4th and 5th

The Gorman Post Oak Gun Club proudly announces a very important event - Hunters Educational Course, Saturday, March 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 5th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Gorman Senior Citizens Center. The cost will be \$10 per person, must be 12 and up to receive credit for the course. Contact David Guthery at 254-734-2836 for more information.

A Chili Supper will be served after the meeting on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

All course attendees and the public are invited at no cost!!! While there, Watch an important NRA Video - and enjoy the company.

Benefit Stew Supper - February 26th

YOU'LL COME!!!! The benefit Stew Supper sponsored by the Kokomo Community Club will be held on Saturday, February 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kokomo Community Center. Homemade stew, crackers, cornbread, dessert, tea and coffee will be served for \$3.00 for adult and \$1.00 for a child.

GHS Students Participate In Academic Meets

The Gorman High School UIL Academic Team has been busy participating in invitational meets during last month. They went to Bangs High School on January 22 and to Tarleton State University on February 12.

At the Bangs Invitational Meet: Computer Applications, 3rd - Mark Glover and 4th - Colton Van Dusen; and Editorial Writing, 3rd - Mark Glover.

At the Tarleton Invitational Math Meet: Calculator Applications, 12th grade division -- 2nd - Alma Sanchez, 4th - Sheryl Everton; Number Sense, 11th grade division -- 6th - Colton Van Dusen; Number Sense, 12th grade division -- 4th - Bubba Hagood; Mathematics, 9th grade division -- 3rd - Kristina Everton; Mathematics, 11th grade division -- 2nd - Mark Glover; Mathematics, 12th grade division -- 4th - Sheryl Everton, 5th - Bubba Hagood and 6th Alma Sanchez.

Two Positions Are Open For May 6th Election

Two positions will come open for the May 6, 2000 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Windell Treadway and Catherine Eaves. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 21, 2000. Deadline for filing be March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be picked up at the Administration office during school hours.

Stenholm Praises Re-Inventing Government Project

Congressman Charlie Stenholm will participate in a ceremony at the Gorman Police Department in which the department will receive computers obtained through the "National Partnership for Reinventing Government Hassle-Free Communities program. The event will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 24.

"I'm delighted to see the concrete results of what can happen when federal, state and local governments all work together for the good of everyone," Stenholm remarked. "We need to celebrate common sense solutions like this."

The statewide computer initiative is a result of partnership efforts between Hassle Free Communities and the 22 Resource Conservation and Development Councils. The Texas Rural Development Council played a significant role in forging the connections between government agencies, local businesses and industry, educational institutions, service organizations and community groups.

The goal of the Hassle-Free Communities program is to deliver government services in a "user-friendly" way to the people who need and want them. Each Hassle-Free Community partnership focuses on the needs and services unique to a commodity.

The Computers being delivered to Gorman will assist the Police Department in its daily work. Other computers are scheduled to be delivered to the West Texas Food Bank in Big Spring, the Shackelford County Resource Center in Albany, and the Eden, Bront, Robert Lee, Graford, Albany and Moran Fire Departments.

"It's easy to complain about the things we wish the Government would do better," Stenholm noted. "It's good to take note now and then of the things which go right."

Western Theme Table Contest Sponsored by Gorman Chamber of Commerce

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been set for Thursday, March 30th. They are having the group called "The Cooper Fiddler's" from Abilene, Texas for the featured entertainment. There will be no speaker again this year. They will perform a variety of music, primarily country and we plan to use a "Western Theme" to decorate the tables this year. We are asking businesses and members to participate by entering a table contest. The winner will be awarded \$50.00 in Gorman Bucks. Each will have 16 feet of table space to use. Only 12 spaces will be available, so call soon. We look forward to seeing a lot of creativity and perhaps genuine country or western items used on these tables. Please call Judy Warren at 734-3230 to sign up for your tables and details. Be sure to come as you will be sure to enjoy a fun night.

NOTICE!!! --- COMMUNITY POUNDING for the Gorman Food Bank

sponsored by The Family Bible Church - 903 N. Kent Street
Sunday, February 27th from 5 to 8 p.m.
Music by - Daryl Hirst and Glenda Priest, The Howard Family
Come One - Come All - Ages 0 to 100
There is No Admission. But Please Bring A Nonparishable Food Item or a Love Offering. If you would like to donate please call Doris England at 254-734-3798. There will be Refreshments Afterwards.

The Food Panty at First United Methodist Church is open the second Thursday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

USDA Announces 2000-Crop Peanut Support Levels

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has announced that the national average price support level for 2000 quota peanuts will be \$610.00 per short ton, the same as last year. That level is mandated for marketing years 1996 through 2002 by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

The national average support level for additional peanuts will be \$132 per short ton, \$43 less than the 1999 level of \$175. Additional peanuts are those marketed in a quantity greater than a farm's quota. The price support level for additional peanuts must be set at a level designed to ensure that no loss to CCC results from the sale or disposal of additional peanuts. In deciding upon the announced level, CCC considered the demand for peanut oil and peanut meal, the expected price for other vegetable oils and protein meals, and the demand for peanuts in foreign markets.

The marketing assessment for 2000-crop quota and additional peanuts will be 1.2 percent of the applicable quota or additional support rate. Growers will pay 0.65 percent, and first buyers, whether purchasing peanuts from producers or from the price support loan inventory, will pay 0.55 percent. Growers who directly market their peanuts outside normal loan or handler channels must pay the total marketing assessment in compliance with published regulations.

CCC also announced that the 2000-crop additional peanuts owned or controlled by USDA's CCC will be sold for export edible use at no less than \$400 per ton, the same minimum price that has prevailed since 1986.

For individual lots of quota and additional peanuts alike, the annual price support levels are subject to quality and other adjustments.

City of Gorman Receives Donated Computer Equipment

Government agencies are uniting together to donate used computers to over 100 different communities for their residents.

The City of Gorman, Economic Development Office will receive one of these computers on February 24th. This initiative is part of the Vice President's National Partnership for Reinventing Government, Hassle-Free Community Initiative

The Statewide program will provide computer hardware to various non-profit and community based organizations in rural Texas. The equipment will be presented to the Gorman Economic Development Corporation by representatives of the Leon-Bosque RC&D Council on behalf Council on Hassle-Free Communities on February 24th at 10:00 a.m.

The Hassle-Free Community Initiative allows government agencies to improve the accessibility of various services. This type of partnership reflects a new way of cooperation among federal agencies. Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils, and local non-profit groups.

Rural areas are often unable to take full advantage of opportunities because they lack basic infrastructure. Rural areas throughout the state will now be able to acquire more information about opportunities available to help them achieve a higher standard of living.

The Statewide initiative for the donated computer equipment is a result of partnerships between the Dept. of Health and Human Services, Small Business Administration-Office of Advocacy, General Services Administration, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, RC&D Councils in Texas, and the Vice President's National Partnership for Reinventing Government.

Groups and organizations that may be interested in donated equipment in the future should contact their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Office for the RC&D Office serving their area.

Gorman FFA Students Participate In Eastland County Livestock Show

Grand Champion Market Rabbit--Kaci Seaton
Best Opposite of show Rabbit--Kendra Swanner
Grand Champion Pen of Broilers--Adam Torrez
Reserve Champion Pen of Proilers--Adam Torrez
Grand Champion Breeding Gilt of Show--Pam Osborne
Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt of Show--Nathan Ettinger
Reserve Champion Market Swine of Show--Hank Rainey
Champion Berkshire female--Mandy Warren
Champion Chester female--Nathan Ettinger
Champion Duroc female--Mandy Warren
Champion Hampshire female--Nathan Ettinger
Champion Spot female--Courtney Carlton
Champion Yorkshire female--Joshua Carruth
Champion Cross female--Pam Osborne
Reserve Champion Spot female--Ryan Kellar
Reserve Champion Cross--Nathan Ettinger
Champion Market Berkshire--Melinda Leal
Champion market Duroc--Clarissa Glasson
Champion Market Yorkshire--Joshua Carruth
Champion Market Cross--Hank Rainey
Reserve Champion Market Berk--Mark Glover

OBITUARIES

Services Held for Hallie B. Williams

Hallie Beth Williams, 90, passed away Friday, February 18, 2000 in the Glen Rose Medical Center.

Services were held on Wednesday, February 23, 2000 in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Revs. James and Lavelle Haynes, Rev. Jim Hatcher, and Rev. Victor Pena officiating. Burial was at the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born August 12, 1909 in Hamlin to Marcellus and Siddle (Martin) Scales. She married Wilber Williams on October 12, 1931 in Stephenville. He preceded her in death on March 6, 1992. She retired in 1976 as an elementary school teacher having taught in Seagoville, Southlake Carroll and Walnut Springs. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman. Mrs. Williams lived in Gorman prior to moving to Glen Rose.

Survivors include two daughters, Marcia Williams of Glen Rose and Mary Sue Leach of Glen Rose; one nephew and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Loren R. Moore Laid to Rest

Loren R. Moore, 66, of DeLeon passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2000 at his residence. Services were held on Monday, February 21, 2000 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Ray Seckinger officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Moore was born on May 16, 1933 in Roby, Texas to Willie Robbins Moore and Myrtle Maybelle Morgan Moore, both deceased. He married Patsy Branstetter in Bartlesville, OK on May 19, 1955. Mr. Moore was a former Vice-President for Chapman Construction Co. and had been employed with Prime Star TV Cable Service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, and had lived in DeLeon eleven years--coming from Carrollton, Texas. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Moore of DeLeon; one son, Johnny Robbins (Robbin) Moore of DeLeon; one daughter, Lorena Gay (Banjo) Moore of Ft. Worth; one brother, Louie Moore of San Antonio; one sister, Leatha Merle Turner of Breckenridge.

Services Thursday for Faye Hallmark

Faye Hallmark, 80, died on Monday evening, February 21, 2000 at Abilene Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland with Rev. Floyd Osborne officiating. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Cemetery in Carbon.

Mrs. Hallmark was born in Carbon. She was a homemaker and a member

of the Lake Leon Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Hallmark of Springtown, Texas and Jack Hallmark of Eastland; and one daughter, Betty Nelms of Marion, Texas; two brothers and two sisters, ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy L. Hallmark and an infant daughter, one brother and two sisters.

Lacy Pack on President's List

Lacy Linae Pack of Carbon, Spanish major, was named to the President's List at Texas Tech University for the Fall 1999 Semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

Tracy Hardin on Dean's List

Tracy Lynn of Carbon, Pre-Social Work major, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1999 fall semester at Stephen F. Austin State University.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain an excellent grade point average.

Internet Auctions Hot Phenomena

Internet auctions are one of the hottest phenomena of the web. Yet despite their popularity among buyers as well as sellers, many people don't understand fully how Internet auctions work, the kinds of auctions available--and perhaps most importantly, how to participate in them as responsible and safely as possible.

Internet auction fraud has become a big problem, with an increasing number of consumers complaining about sellers who deliver their advertised goods late or not at all or deliver something less valuable than promised.

To help educate consumers about Internet auctions, the Federal Trade Commission has issued a pamphlet, "Internet Auctions: A Guide for Buyers and Sellers." The guide offers tips for buyers to protect themselves against fraud, and advice for sellers on how to make Internet auction transactions as smooth and successful as possible. Copies of the guide are available free from:

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Warren Makes Statement

During the last few weeks, I have been visiting with people about the County Commissioner's race. I have found that some people think that it is just a road commissioner, which it is still called sometimes.

The County Commissioner's duties does include maintaining the county's roads.

The other main duty is to serve as a member of the Commissioners Court of Eastland County.

Some of the Court's duties includes taking care and managing the County business, which carries a wide variety of duties such as the County Operating Budget--about 4 million at this time. Another duty is overseeing and evaluation of the County employees, which is 90 plus.

The Court is also responsible for the employment and evaluation of County Agent and Extension Service.

The Commissioners Court oversees the everyday problems that the county has.

The Court has the responsibility to keep the County in the black and to help civic causes and volunteer groups such as Fire Departments of the County.

In short, the Commissioners have the employees whom he oversees to maintain the roads, but only the Commissioner can represent the Precinct and County on the Commissioners Court.

I have been around tractors and equipment since I was a young man, besides operating a large repair shop for our farming and ranching operation. This will enable me to maintain and repair roads and the equipment without any problem.

I have a college degree in education, with a teaching certificate, which included some courses in economics, also my years of setting up and operating under a farming budget.

With the County Committees that I have serve on will enable me to meet the challenge of the County's problems through the Commissioners Court now and in the future.

The County Court is only as good as the people you put in it.

I appreciate your vote and influence on March 14.

/s/ Wesley N. Warren
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Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.

The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the Primary Election, March 4, 2000 and General Election, November 7, 2000.

County Commissioner: Precinct #3:
Bill Underwood
Wesley N. Warren

County Constable: Precinct #2:
Jerry Parrish

"Speaking the Truth in Love"

(Eph.4:15)

Biblical truths brought to you by the Church of Christ in Gorman

In the past series of articles the Bible has established the fact that Jesus has been given and currently has ALL authority. But where is the authority to be found? Where does the authority of Jesus reside today? The Bible teaches that Jesus' authority is found "within His word." Jesus' word is the standard by which all of us will be judged in the Day of Judgement. Listen to the words of Jesus in John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me [Jesus], and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." All of us will be judged by Jesus' word. It must be understood that a rejection of the words of Christ results in a rejection of Christ, Himself.

Jesus speaks to us today "through His word," (Heb. 1:1-2). He is obviously no longer on the earth bodily for He has ascended to Heaven and is currently sitting at the right hand of the Father (Heb. 4:14; 1 Pet. 3:22). But though Jesus is in Heaven, He still has all authority on the earth "through His word." His word carries the same weight of authority as he does Himself. Everyone understands this concept. I remember as a child my dad told me to clean out the garage because he had some errands to run. He told me that he expected me to be working on it when he got back. Let me ask you a question. Did he still have authority over me even though he was not there bodily? Of course he did. When he returned he expected me to be either working or already finished with the job. I understood that he still had authority over me even though he was no longer bodily present. His authority was in the words that he spoke.

This is the same principle that exists in the employee-employer relationship. When the supervisor communicates "through his word" what he wants done, the employee knows that the supervisor's words are authoritative

Edna Smith Sunday School Class Meets

On Tuesday night, February 15, the Edna Smith Sunday School Class met at the Hotel for our class and business, hosted by Geraldine.

Gladys asked the blessing on our food. After a delicious meal of sandwiches, salads, chips and dips, we began our meeting. Frankie Jo lead in prayer.

As Gladys' eyesight has gotten bad, she resigned as Secretary. Anna was elected to replace her. Frankie Jo agreed to be our teacher and Martha our sub.

Anna gave a devotional from a book given to her from Martha. After our meeting, we enjoyed coffee and delicious Valentine cake baked by Geraldine. Those present were Martha, Geraldine, Gladys, Frankie Jo, Anna, and a very welcome guest, Audrey Pond.

even when his supervisor is not there. Even so, all of us will be held accountable to the words of Jesus when our lives are over as shown in the above quoted John 12:48. Do you recognize the words of Jesus as THE ALL authoritative standard in your life?

As always the reader is invited to come and study the bible and worship with us. Call or write for a free bible correspondence course. Remember that God loves you and desires you to obey the Gospel and wash your past sins away (2 Thess. 1:7-9) so that you can be with Him when this life is over. Won't you make the decision to do that? We look forward to seeing or hearing from you. Let us know if we can help you in any way.

Sunday Services
Bible class 10:00 a.m.
A.M. Worship 10:45 a.m.
P.M. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

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Reserve Champion Market Yorkshire--Josh Carruth
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Reserve Champion Southdown--Josh Carruth
Reserve Champion Southdown Cross--William Hagood
Showmanship Junior Dairy Goats--Gil Cochrane
Showmanship Senior Market Swine--Josh Carruth
Showmanship Senior Breeding Swine--Mandy Warren

Boilers

1st - Adam Torrez
2nd - Adam Torrez
7th - Blake VanDusen

Market Swine

Berkshire
1st lightweight - Mark Glover
1st heavyweight - Melinda Leal
2nd lightweight - Casey Simpson

Chester

2nd lightweight - Mike Dickerson
2nd heavyweight - Chris Dodd

Duroc

3rd - Christina Mauney
1st - Light med. weight - Clarissa Glasson
3rd - Light med. weight - Dathan Wright
1st - Medium weight - Adam Torrez
2nd - Medium weight - Cody Simpson
3rd - Medium weight - Seth Johnson
2nd - Heavy weight - Kaci Seaton
3rd - Heavy weight - Mandy Warren

Hampshire

7th - Light weight - Ashley Maupin
1st - Heavy Med. weight - Leland Rainey
2nd - Heavy Med. weight - Rachel Rainey
3rd - Heavy Med. weight - Corey Clark
2nd - Heavy weight - Seth Johnson
3rd - Heavy weight - Josh Carruth

Poland

2nd Heavy weight - Josh Johnson

Spots

2nd - Light weight - Seth Johnson
3rd - Light weight - Marc Gillen
4th - Light weight - Brittany VanDusen
1st - Heavy weight - Pam Osborne
2nd - Heavy weight - Blake VanDusen
3rd - Heavy weight - Clarissa Glasson

Yorkshire

1st - Light weight - Chris Cox
3rd - Light weight - Leland Rainey
1st - Heavy weight - Josh Carruth
2nd - Heavy weight - Josh Carruth

Crosses

1st - Light med. weight - Mike Dickerson
2nd - Light med. weight - Mandy Warren
1st - Medium weight - Josh Johnson

5th - Medium weight - Tyson Swanner
6th - Medium weight - Cole Sandlin
7th - Medium weight - Cory Clark
1st - Heavy medium weight - Mandy Warren
2nd - Heavy medium weight - Kendra Dickerson
4th - Heavy medium weight - Mark Glover
5th - Heavy medium weight - Pam Osborne
6th - Heavy medium weight - Ashley Maupin
1st - Heavy weight - Hank Rainey
2nd - Heavy weight - Ashley Rich

Breeding Swine

Berkshire

1st - Class 1 - Mandy Warren

Chester

1st Class 1 - Nathan Ettinger

Duroc

Class 1 - 1st - Mandy Warren
3rd - Shawn Rainey
Class 2 - 3rd - Courtney Carlton

Hampshire

Class 1 - 1st - Nathan Ettinger

Spots

Class 1 - 1st - Courtney Carlton
2nd - Mark Glover
3rd - John Tyler Johnson
5th - Kimmy Seaton

Class 2 - 1st - Ryan Kellar

Yorkshire

Class 1 - 1st - Josh Carruth

Crosses

Class I
1st - Ashley Bush
Class II
1st - Pam Osborne
2nd - Nathan Ettinger
3rd - Nathan Ettinger
5th - Ashley Rich
6th - Ashley Rich
7th - Kimmy Seaton
8th - Joseph Duvall

Class III

1st - Ashley Rich
Breeding Rabbits
Class I - Junior white doe
1st - Kendra Swanner
2nd - Ben Burgess
3rd - Seth Johnson
4th - Seth Johnson
5th - Ashley Hornbeck
10th - Justin Little
11th - Brittany VanDusen
13th - Kaci Seaton
14th - Brittany VanDusen

Class II - Senior white doe

2nd - Kaci Seaton
Class III - Junior white buck
1st - Kendra Swanner
3rd - Tyler Johnson
4th - Kaci Seaton
6th - Ben Burgess
7th - Justin Little
11th - Colton VanDusen

Class V - Junior colored does
2nd - Tasha Ritter
Class VI - Senior colored bucks
2nd - John Tyler Johnson
9th - Tasha Ritter

Market Goats

Class I
1st - Ashley Rich
6th - Leland Rainey
Class II
4th - Ashley Rich
6th - Gil cochrane
Class III
6th - Pam Osborne
Class IV
7th - Seth Johnson
Class V
5th - Pam Osborne
6th - Kennon Hornbeck
Class VI
1st - Ashley Rich
3rd - Josh Carruth
Class VIII
5th - Mary Kathryn Powell
Class IX
6th - Mary Kathryn Powell

Breeding Meat Goat

Class I
4th - Mary Powell
Class II
9th - Nathan Ettinger
Class V
6th - Blake VanDusen

Breeding Sheep

Class 21 Medium Wool Ewe
6th - Josh Carruth
4th - Tyler Johnson

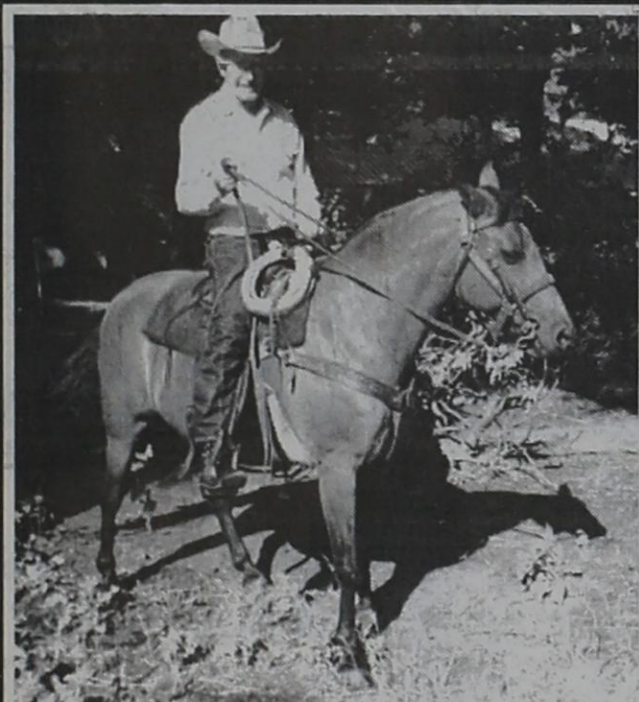
Dairy Goats - Nubian

4th - Skye Lewis
6th - Gil Cochrane
7th - Seth Cochrane

Market Rabbits

Class I
4th - Ashlee Hornbeck
8th - Seth Johnson
10th - Audrey Johnson
Class II
2nd Kendra Swanner
4th - Blake Gibbs
5th - Ashley Bush
9th - Adam Spivey

We appreciate the help from the students, parents, and support of our community in the show and premium sale. Without your help, the students and Ag teachers could not have accomplished our goals. As you can see from the results of the 2000 Eastland Co. Livestock Show, we have continued our winning tradition. Thanks again, Shawn Boles, Bo Caraway



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Willing Workers Class Meet

The Willing Workers Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Wynelle Browning for a covered dish luncheon and business meeting on 2-8-2000. The Valentine theme was carried out. The table was decorated with heart-covered napkins, heart-shaped cookies, and red and silver wrapped candies. The menu was Mexican type foods, salads, tea, coffee and cakes. All was very good and oh, so filling.

Business meeting was called to order by class president, Wynelle, and was opened with prayer. Reports were called for and given by class officers. Following the business session, the program was turned over to Frankie Joe who brought the devotion. She read 1 Corinthians 13:2 and then told the story of a little old man who was waiting by a river on a cold winter evening hoping someone on a horse would come by and carry him across the river. Finally, he heard the sound of horses. Anxiously, he watched as several riders approached and passed by. Finally, there was only one rider left and as he drew near, the old man caught his eye and asked if he would mind giving him a ride across the river. The rider helped the old man on his horse and sensing how cold he was, he decided to take him all the way home, even though it would take him a long way of his way. As they rode, the horseman asked why he didn't ask one of the other men to help him, I was the last one and what if I had said "no." The old man said, "I've been around a while son and I know people pretty well. When I looked into their eyes, I saw they had no concern for my condition. I knew it was useless to ask, but when I looked into your eyes, I saw kindness and compassion."

At the door of the old man's house, the rider resolved, may I never get too busy in my own affairs that I fail to respond to the needs of others and with that, Thomas Jefferson turned and directed his horse back to the White House meeting.

Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Wynelle.

Those attending were Iris Preston, Frankie Jo Shipman, Irene West, Lucille Broom, Mayvis Lasater, Annie Faye Foster, Buddy Mosley, Grace Townley and hostess, Wynelle Browning.

Food Pantry Second Thursday of each month.

Public Service Announcement

The West Central Texas Council of Governments Emergency Response Systems is a program that enables the elderly and disabled to remain independent, yet give the peace of mind of knowing help is available 24 hours a day by simply pressing a button worn on the neck or wrist. The button will alert the response center, located at Hendrick Health Systems, at which time responders designated by you will be notified.

Our Emergency Response System is also a telephone featuring: Hearing aid compatibility Separate Volume controls Lighted keypad One button memory dial There will be NO INSTALLATION FEE for the months of March and April. For more information contact Cristina at 915-672-8544.

The Emergency Response System has served a 19 county region since 1984, and is also an approved provider for the Department of Human Services.

Ranger College to Present Productions

Ranger College is proud to present two one-act plays this spring, "Redemption" and "Driving Miss Daisy." Both performances will take place on March 1st, 3rd, and 4th at 8:00 p.m. at the Ranger College Goleman Auditorium.

"Redemption," written by John Patrick, deals with Adam's and his sister, Brienne's reactions to their mother's involvement in a wacky cult. The cast of "Redemption" is Chris White as Adam, Genesa Comacho as Brienne, and Jennifer Copeland as their mother, Heavenly Hibiscus. The play is student-directed by Renee Duncan.

"Driving Miss Daisy," written by Alfred Uhry, is directed by Kathy Watson Jumper. The play deals with a reluctant employer/employee relationship which develops into a 25 year friendship. The cast consists of Tommy Seay as Boolie Werthan, Amanda Adair as Daisy Werthan, and Sidney Breed as Hoke Colburn.

Both casts have been working hard and hope to see you at the Goleman Auditorium on March 1st, 3rd, and 4th at 8:00 p.m. Come out and support the Ranger College Drama Program!

Graduating Senior Urged to Apply for 'Texas' Grants

With the beginning of the spring semester, high school seniors across Texas will begin to fill out college admission applications for the fall semester. Many of the applications are due as early as February 2000. State Representative David Lengefeld encourages students to submit their financial aid application along with their application for admission.

By enacting House Bill 713 earlier this year, the Texas legislature opened the doors of college to more high school graduates by making a \$100 million commitment to fund the *Toward Excellence, Access & Success* (TEXAS) Grant Program. TEXAS grants provide money to academically eligible students who wish to attend public and nonprofit colleges and universities in Texas.

To be eligible for a TEXAS Grant, students must be Texas residents who graduated from a public or accredited private school no earlier than the fall 1998 semester. Students must also show financial need, and not have been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance.

In order to continue to receive grants throughout their college career,

students must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress by maintaining at least a 2.5 grade point average. Grant-award students can receive awards for up to 150 semester hours for six years, whichever occurs first.

This new program is expected to make the promise of a college degree a reality by paying tuition and fees for eligible students. By 2005, approximately 40,000 students are projected to benefit from the program. Representative Lengefeld points out that TEXAS Grants will help maintain a highly educated workforce in Texas, which is vital to continuing the state's economic prosperity.

To apply for a TEXAS Grant or any other financial aide, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. College-bound high school students can contact their guidance counselor or their college financial aid office to obtain the FAFSA.

To learn more about the TEXAS Grant program interested individuals can call the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board toll free at 1-877-782-7322. Information is also available online at www.theccb.state.tx.us.

April 17 Deadline for Filing Business Personal Property Renditions

The deadline for the filing of business personal property renditions for the year 2000 is April 17, 2000 for business owners within Eastland County. Section 22.01 of the State Property Tax Code requires that all business personal property be rendered each year.

Rendition forms were mailed out to all local business owners in early January, 2000 by the Eastland County Appraisal District. If you own a business in Eastland County and did not receive a rendition or would like assistance in completing it, please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District at 629-8597 in Eastland. The office of the appraisal district is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse.

Homestead Exemptions Available

Eastland County property owners wishing to sign up for property tax exemptions and/or special use valuations for the year 2000, may obtain the necessary applications at the office of the Eastland County Appraisal District. The Appraisal District office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse in Eastland, Texas. The necessary application may also be requested by telephone by calling the Appraisal District at (254)629-8597.

There are several tax exemptions and/or special use valuations available for property owners. A partial list of

some of those available is given at the end of this article. If a property owner has a question as to his or her eligibility; they should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District for assistance.

Homeowners may take advantage of the partial homestead exemptions available. As much as \$15,000 in appraised value can be deducted from your school tax value if you qualify for the residential homestead exemption. The completed residential homestead exemption form for this year must be filed no later than May 1, 2000. This type of exemption does not have to be re-applied for each year. If the residential homeowner still resides in the same house for 2000 that he or she lived in for 1999; and they received a residential homestead exemption for 1999, the do not need to re-apply again for 2000.

An exception to this would be the person who received the regular residential homestead exemption for 1999 but has since turned sixty-five (65) years of age. Due to recent changes in the Property Tax Code, you should contact the Appraisal District for information and assistance if you turn sixty-five (65) during the current year. You may be eligible for an increased exemption amount for the current year.

If you have a question as to whether you are already receiving a homestead exemption or as to your eligibility for one of the available exemptions or special valuations; please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District at (254)629-8597 in Eastland, TX.

Among the partial exemptions and/or special use valuations, there are available: Residential Homestead, Over-65 Residential Homestead, Residential Homestead Disability, Service-Connected Disabled Veteran and Special Use Valuation of Open Space Land (Ag Use).

Special Agriculture Valuation Available

The following information is provided to property owners within Eastland County in compliance with publication requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

If you are the owner of land that is being currently used for some type of agricultural use or activity; you may qualify your land for a special use valuation for ad valorem tax purposes.

Landowners who have not already filed must file for special use valuation with the Eastland County Appraisal District by May 1, 2000. The Texas Constitution provides for two (2) types of agricultural productivity appraisal. Article 8, Section 1-d-1 allows what is known as Open Space Land appraisal; while Article 8, Section 1-d allows agricultural use appraisal. The requirements for applying and qualifying both the land and the owner are different for each of the two types.

Most property owners apply for the 1-d-1 or open Space appraisal. This special appraisal requires that the land's use in a qualifying agricultural endeavor meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. The owner must show that the land's use is devoted principally to agricultural use and that it has been for at least five (5) of the preceding seven (7) years.

Landowners should be aware that the low does require a rollback to be incurred when the qualified land is taken out of agricultural use. The rollback tax includes the difference between the taxes paid under agricultural appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been on the tax roll at market value. The law also requires that the rollback tax include interest charges of seven (7) percent per year.

The application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptrollers office. The application must contain information necessary to determine the validity of the application.

To apply for the Open Space Land valuation or the Agricultural Appraisal

Census 2000 They are Counting on Us...

In a couple of weeks, students will be learning about the importance of the census. The census is taken every 10 years. In the 1990 census about 2 million children were not counted. This is the year to make sure our whole family is counted.

By counting all the people in every state, America learns what America needs. An accurate count can mean our community gets its fair share of funding for education, health care, transportation, & job training. This could mean more dollars for school, playgrounds, a new hospital, or bus line. If we miss people, our community may not get the money it deserves. When the form arrives in March, please don't forget to fill it out completely...and especially don't forget to include your children. Please include all children no matter how young they are.

To make it easier for everyone, Gorman ISD teachers will be trained on March 9th on how to fill out the census. Please feel free to contact the school at any time if you need help completing the forms. March 21st the school district will conduct a "Census Night" for everyone who would like to get together and complete the forms. Watch the paper for further details.

Let's set a time (March 21st) to fill out the form together to make sure everyone is counted. That way, we can help make sure that our school and our community get everything we deserve. Thank you.

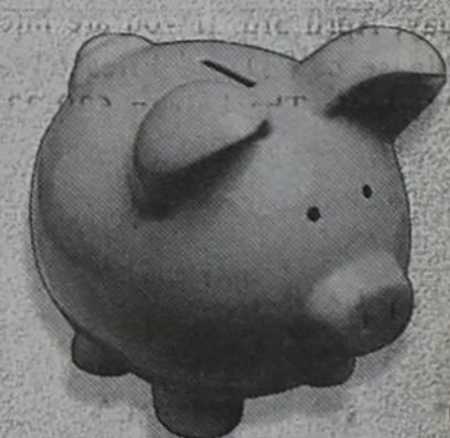
/s/ Crystal Snider, Principal, Gorman Middle School.

use valuation on your land; you should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District.

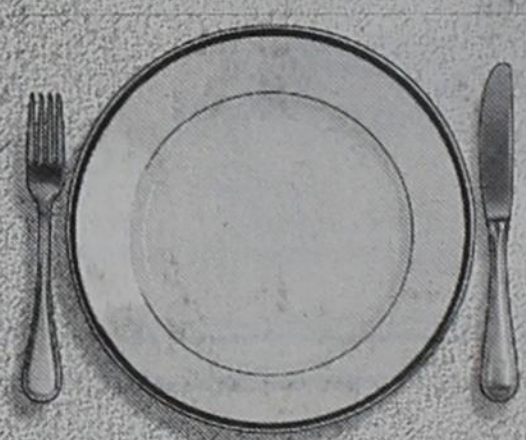
The filing deadline for this and other available special valuation is May 1, 2000. For additional information or to request an application; call or come by the Eastland County Appraisal district office. The telephone number is (254)629-8597 and the office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse in Eastland, Texas.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday, February 26 at the Community Center (former school

building). All area musicians and visitors are invited to attend. Concession stand will be open early with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks.

Dorothy Roberts is in charge of the food and concession stand and she does a good job.

Vivian (Way) Bonine of Rosemead, California was buried on Saturday, February 19 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Her parents are the late Mitchell and Jennie (Ellison) Way, also buried in Desdemona. Jennie is the daughter of the late Lewis Ellison, early settlers of Hogtown. They owned the land (then) where Jerry and Pat Buckley lives now. Vivian and this reporter became "friends" through many letters and phone calls the past fifteen years or so.

Albert Holdman is reported to be doing very well following knee replacement surgery. Albert and Pat are staying with their daughter, Don and Ann Vardeman in Tomball, until Albert can walk better.

Our get well wishes goes out to Bernard Keith who is recovering from a double bypass heart surgery last Wednesday, February 16 at the Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. He is reported to be slowly improving and would enjoy hearing from friends in this area. Address is PO Box 188, Desdemona, Texas 76445.

Lois (Moore) Ervin of Nashville, Tennessee call this reporter last Thursday, February 17 to say her husband, Tom is at home now after spending 80 days in the hospital. He is doing better, but has lots of problems to overcome and will have to learn to walk again. Tom and Lois really do appreciate all the Get-Well cards they received from friends in this area. Address is 21 Cameo Drive, zip 37211 for those who wish to send cards.

Desdemona Volunteer Firemen hosted a firemen school last Saturday at the Community Center. Approximately 200 area firemen attended. Bar-B-Que lunch was served to all. Our community is very proud of these firemen. Keep up the good work.

Jerry and Pat Buckley visited recently in Wimberly with their son, John and Kathy Buckley and daughters, Farris and Kristin. They all attended the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo and Kristin's basketball game.

Bobby and Joan Baker visited in Pampa with his father, E.L. Baker.

John Buckley of Wimberly spend last weekend with his parents, Jerry and Pat Buckley, to help his Dad work cattle.

Carol Ragland of Fort Worth was a visitor last Sunday at First Baptist Church. She presented the special music.

Larry and Gay Moore and Dorothy Roberts visited last Sunday eve with Bernard Keith who is recovering from open heart surgery at the Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note from the Administrator

The Nursing Home had a Valentine's Party to beat all Valentine's parties. Jack and Mildred were our king and queen. S.D. Gilmore and Inez Rogers were the prince and princess. Thanks to Pat Graham, Betty Sue Heathington, and Harvey Winn for all that you all did for our Valentine's Day here at the Nursing Home. As always, a big thank you to our entertainer of the year, Ina Smith. It is so easy to do wonderful things when you work with such a wonderful crew. Thanks to all! See you at the Nursing Home.

/s/ Jeff

Sorry to report Myrtle Hale is in the DeLeon Hospital.

Sorry to report Jack Bellows is a patient in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Raggedy Anne's Child Care Visits

On Saturday, February 12th at 2:00 p.m. the Raggedy Anne's of Eastland entertained, sang songs, and gave everyone a Valentine. The children served homemade Valentine cookies. After the party, they went down the halls and visited all the shut-ins, leaving Valentines in all the mail boxes and serving cookies.

They were the owner, Anne Jesse, and helpers Mary Estes and James Jesse. The children were Ashley Skinner, Hope Jimenez, Amanda Skinner, Phillip Gosnell, Matthew Rollins, Joshua Gosnell, Ty Cagle, Andrew Skinner and Halie Wyatt.

Residents were Patti Whitehorn, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Ava Rodg-

ers, Inez Rogers, Ola Walker, Mildred Bellows, Ora Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett, Velma Bennett, Zadio Terry, Modess Self, Estelle Morris, Veno Hale, Mae Eison, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Cynthia Earles and Lola Johnson.

Guests were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Sylvia Estes, Clifton Jarrett, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Ed Johnson and Buddy Winn were Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson, Harvey Winn and Ruby Norris of Carbon, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Sunday morning, Bro. Kenneth Good of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Mae Eison, Ora Mae Atchison, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Lola Johnson, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, Cynthia Earles, Velma Bennett and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Rodney and Ruth Spencer of San Antonio, Faye Tucker of Carbon, Zeld Jordan, Hope Joiner, Johnnie B. Griffith, Jana Grice, Ima Brown, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, D.V. and Lavelle Crowley of Comfort, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Valentine Sweet Treat Party

At 7:00 p.m. on Valentine's Day was the "Sweet Treat" Valentine party. The King and Queen, their Royal Highness were Jack and Mildred Bellows; Princess Inez Rogers and Prince S.D. Gilmore. Queen Mildred received a lovely Teddy Bear, Princess Inez and prince S.D. received Valentine heart candy, King Jack was unable to attend.

The table was a beauty with a red and white carnation center piece.

Refreshments of cup cakes, assorted candies, assorted cookies, peanuts, ice cream and punch. Kathy Torrez, Pat

Graham, Ollie Childress and Ina Smith served everyone.

Guests were Ina Reynolds, Ollie Childress, Margie and Williams Duske, Pat Graham, David Halcomb, Brian Duske.

Residents were Queen Mildred Bellows, Princess Inez Rogers, Prince S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, Dorothy Beaty, Irene Heathington, Dean Pounds, Mary Williams Estelle Morris, Modess Self, Ola Walker, Frankie Jarrett, Lola Johnson, Velma Bennett, Ava Rodgers.

Some of Stella Reynolds guests were Opal Snider, Stella Fay Scott, Chris and Jewel Bond, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Ray, DeAnn and Keri Bond, Ruth Bryant, Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Fay Ables, Ava Rodgers, LeRoyce and Mackie Brantley, Amy Fraley, Nancy Hendricks, Nina Skiles.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke played the electric organ and Leo Williams played the harp for singing. Residents were Estelle Morris, Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Lola Johnson, Modess Self, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Mae Eison, Mildred Bellows and Stella Reynolds.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zeld Jordan, Johnnie B. Griffith, Hope Joiner and guest Audrey Pond. Residents were A.V. Seay, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Zadio Terry, S.D. Gilmore, Frankie Jarrett, Ava Rodgers, Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, Mae Eison, Zadio Terry.

Visiting Vadis Phelps and Hallie Clark were Martha Sue Sitzer of Cleburne, Faye Tucker of Carbon, Birdie Hogan of Ft. Worth, Elnora Lindley of Desdemona, Zeld Jordan, Joan Fraley, Stacey Fraley, Tommy Campbell, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Mae Eison, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Lola Johnson, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Zadio

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CARBON NEWS

By MICHELLE THACKERSON

The Carbon City Council meeting was Monday, February 21. If you are interested in a chair on the city council you may start signing up for the election in May.

The Carbon Community Baptist Church has scheduled their Volley Ball Tournament for April 10, 11, 13, 14, 15. Slots available for Womens, Mens, and mixed teams. Entry fee is \$42.00 per team. Deadline for entry is Monday, April 3rd. If you are interested please call David Files 639-2149, Michelle Thackerson 639-2244, or Wendy Forbus 639-2609 for more information. Thank you.

We must obey God rather than men! Acts 5:29

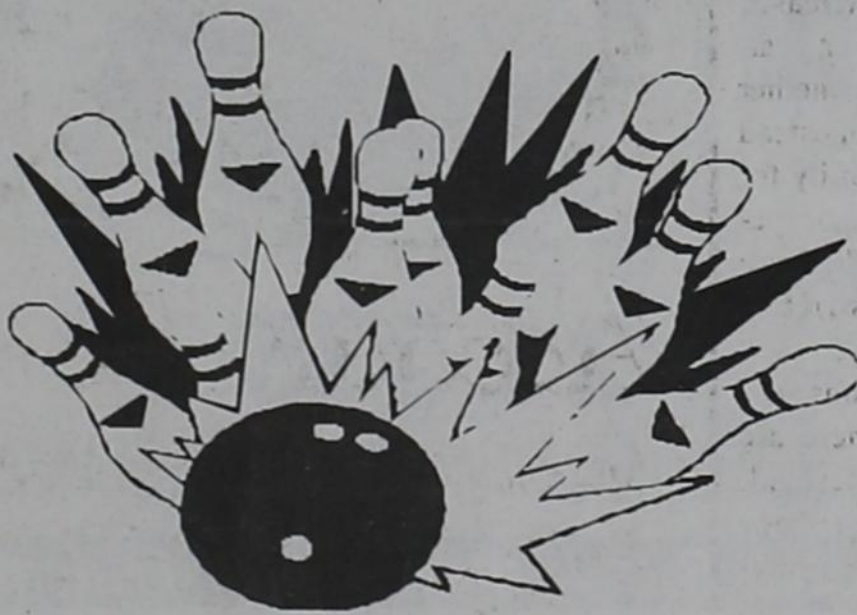
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Tax Deferral Available for Over 65 Residential Homestead Owners

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heritage Manor News
By Nancy Hendricks

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Terry, S.D. Gilmore, Mildred Bellows, Frankie Jarrett, Ora Mae Atchison and Ava Rodgers.
Visiting Iola Johnson and Veno Hale were Ina Reynolds and Ruby norris of Carbon, Zella Jordan, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Denzel Ables, Johnnie B. Griffith, Hope Joiner, Fay Ables, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.
On Monday afternoon, those going to the "Sing-A-Long" were Alpha Mae Andry, Zella Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Geraldine Wright, Anna Rush and Ruby Lee Kinser. Residents were Mildred Bellows, Ollie Halcomb, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Modess Self, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay and Frankie Jarrett.

Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison guests were Violet Watson and Dixie Ryon of Desdemona, Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Fred Rogers, Lee Mears of Houston, Faye Ables and Denzel Ables.

Visiting Jack and Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Mayvis Lasater, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Gorman Student Council came on Wednesday. The gave all the residents Valentines and visited with everyone. Those coming were Nicole, Joann, divinity, Martha, Tabatha, Casondra, Ashlee Hornback, Amanda Davis, Amanda Naesetts, Marcie Davis, Kendra Bailey, Ashley Maupin, Jamie Maupin, Shari Marlow, Colton VanDusen, Chris Fox, T.J. Jay Blake Turner, Patty Rodriguez, Victor Mendoza, David, Brittine Roman, Claire, Lacy Howard.

Visiting Irene Heathington, Modess Self and Ola Walker were Ken and Betty Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Christine Self, Denzel and Fay Ables, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Eunice Love.

Visiting A.V. Seay were Thomas and Vicki Seay, Pat Hagood, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

"What's Under the Towel" proved to be full of surprises which were enjoyed by Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Zadia Terry, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, Velma Bennett, Cynthia Earles, Mae Eison.

Guests visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were Juanita Spence of Little Elm, Fay and Denzel Ables, David and Dena Halcomb, Eunice Love and Audrey Pond.

Visiting Zadia Terry and Doris Fowler were Iris Preston, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love.

On Wednesday morning, Bro. Paul Denton of church of Christ gave chapel

for Muriel Prewitt, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Iola Johnson, Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Mae Eison and Modess Self.

Velma Bennett and Estelle Morris guests were Leon and Ollie Childress of Sidney, Margie, William and Brian Duske, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Flow Dawkins, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant.

Visiting Muriel Prewitt were Durwood Webb, Amy Fraley, Eunice Love, Fay Ables, Denzel Ables, Bro. Paul Denton, Mayvis Lasater.

Thursday they had Baseball for Velma Bennett, Zadia Terry, S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn and Modess Self. Ray Blevins pitched. The Yellows were 35, the Reds 33.

Visiting Cynthia Earles were V.O. Huff, Eunice Love, Fay Johnson, Gala Troutman, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, and Audrey Pond.

On Friday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Ava Rogers and Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Zadia Terry, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Hazel Wisdom and Stella Files were Leo and Eloise Williams, Bob and Merlene Wisdom of Desdemona, Nell Files of Carbon, pat Kincannon of Hico, Corinne Waldon of Clyde.

On Friday afternoon, Ina Smith had "Hearts" where an exchange of candy hearts was enjoyed. Present were Frankie Jarrett (her husband Clifton Jarrett, guest) S.D. Gilmore, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, Zadia Terry, Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers.

Some of Bea O'Neal's guests were Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Glen Edward Glasson, Geraldine Wright, Anna Rush, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Zella Jordan, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Fay Ables, Denzel Ables.

Some of Frankie Jarrett and Patti Whitehorn visitors were Kay Watson, Mark Watson, Audrey Pond, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes, Clifton Jarrett, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Marie Cook, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, D.V. and Lavelle Crowley of Comfort, Fay and Denzel Ables, Joanna Fisk of Dallas, Gloria Murphey, Glenna Turner, Zadia Terry, Darrell and Pat Graham.

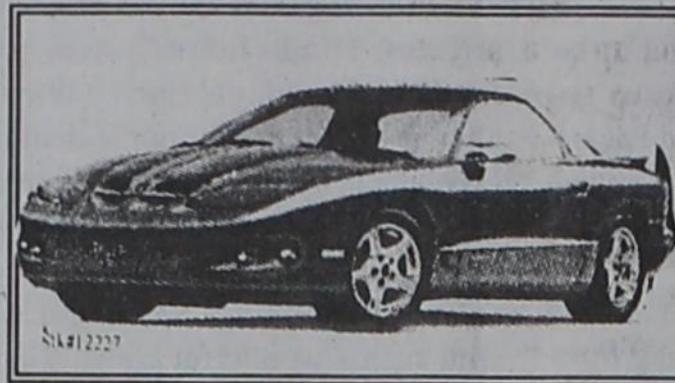
Visiting Mary Williams were Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Zella Jordan, Maxine Frasier or DeLeon, Zella Jordan, Geraldine Wright, Anna Rush, Fred McMullen of Melrose, NM, Eunice Love, Bro. Paul Denton, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Fay Ables, Denzel Ables, Zadia Terry, Betty Sue Heathington.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Wesley Warren, Nina Skiles, Dixie Ryon, Fay and Denzel Ables, Pat Hagood.

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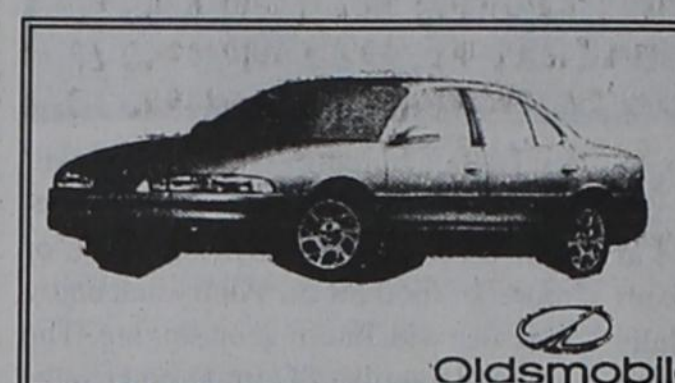
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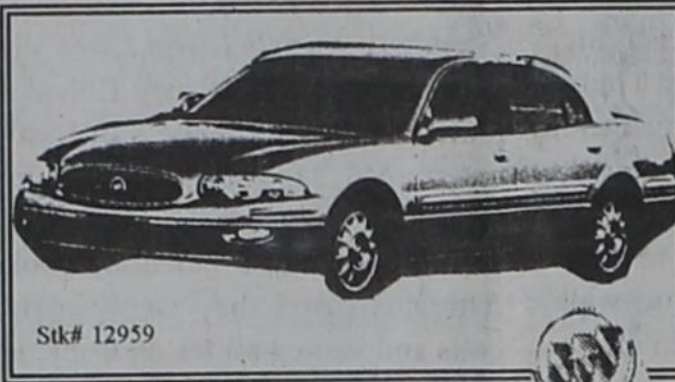
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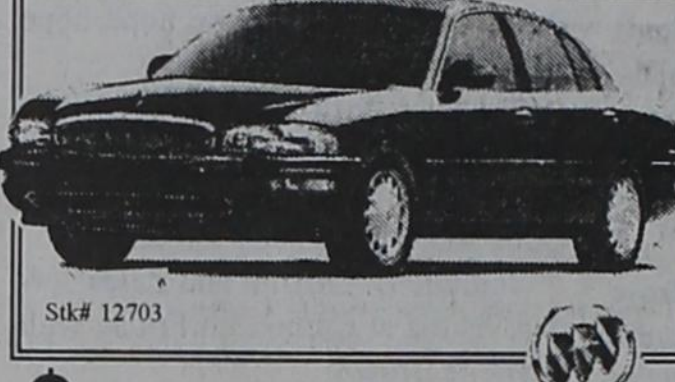
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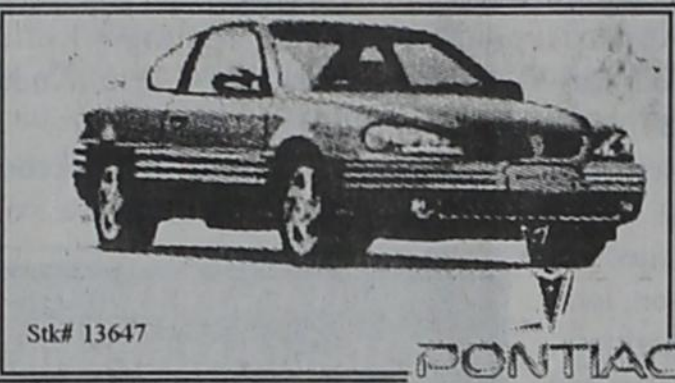
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1999 Buick Park Avenue

Cloth seating, power driver seat, security pkg, power load CD, cassette, cruise and tilt, 10 way power driver seat

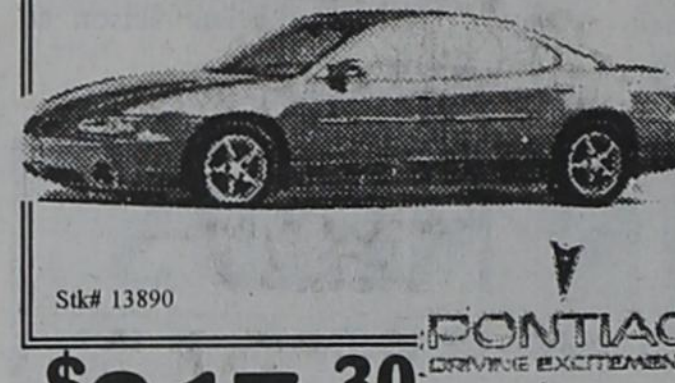
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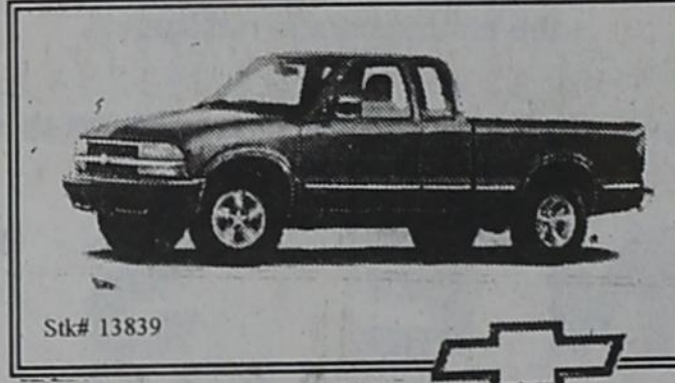
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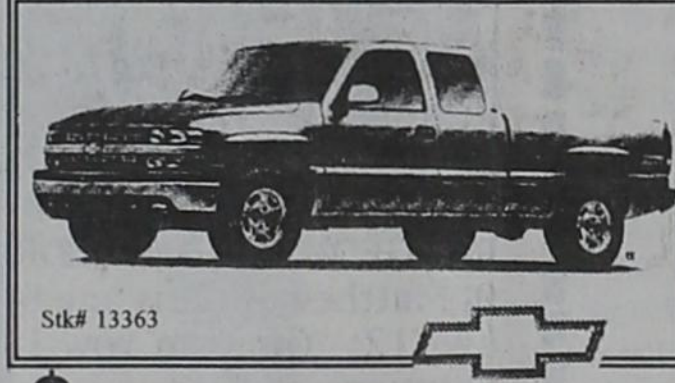
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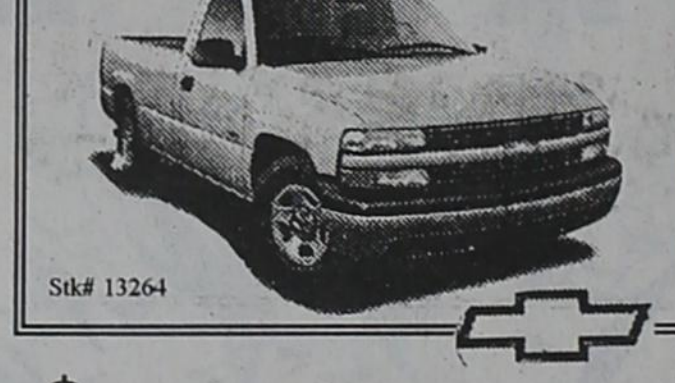
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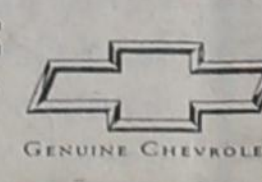
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