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Eastland County Livestock Show Announces Canned Food Drive

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers Association is sponsoring a canned food drive to benefit the Eastland County Food Pantry January 16-19, 2008, at the annual stock show. The showgrounds are north of Eastland on Hwy 3101 just east of Lake Eastland.

All exhibitors are encouraged to bring at least two canned items, and any exhibitor winning a trophy or buckle is asked to donate an additional canned item per prize won. Further, ECLRA encourages spectators and family members to bring canned items.

ECLRA will also happily accept monetary donations for the food pantry. Canned items may be deposited in receptacles located in the concession stand dining area and show barn. Monetary donations may be given to show personnel at the announcer's stand during show hours.

The ECLRA-ECFP canned food drive is an excellent opportunity for the community to help restock the shelves of this invaluable community service organization following the holiday season. Please help Eastland County's least fortunate by attending the county livestock show and supporting our first annual canned food drive.

Elton McCoy Makes Bid For Eastland County Sheriff

My name is Elton McCoy. I am running for the office of Eastland County Sheriff. With almost 20 years of experience in the law enforcement, my record speaks of my character and resolve to serve this county with integrity, commitment and fairness.

Currently, I am Chief of Police in Ranger. Having also served in the capacity of Police Chief of Rising Star, and as a Deputy and Jail Administrator of the Eastland County Sheriff's Department, I have obtained a good working relationship with local and state law enforcement entities.

My experience and strong moral values will allow me to uphold the high standards expected by the citizens of Eastland County. I believe I can influence our communities to unite positively in crime prevention.

My decision to seek this office is based on my desire to secure protection for you families and property. As sheriff of Eastland County, I will make your safety my highest priority by providing visible patrol and dependable coverage for the entire county.

With my management and investigative experience, I will conduct thorough criminal investigations. I will follow through with the requirements for prosecution. My plan includes three primary strategies. First, I will do all I can to prevent crime. Second, I commit to protecting citizens against harm from criminals. Third, I will do all I can to see that criminals are indicted and prosecuted. Having been a resident of Eastland County for thirty years, I have always enjoyed serving the people of Eastland County.

I am very proud of my family. Cindy McCoy, my wife of twenty-nine years, has been employed as an admission clerk for sixteen years at Eastland Memorial Hospital. We have three daughters. Amber Parker is a stay at home mom. Leslie Stoker is also a mom and employed by the Erath County Sheriff's Office. Cassie McCoy is a dispatcher for Eastland County. I am also proud of my two sons-in-law and grandsons -- Jeff and Jayden Parker and Spike and Brayden Stoker.

Not only do I enjoy living and working in Eastland County, I plan to retire here. I believe by working with the good people of this county, we can make it an even better place to live.

Please allow me the opportunity to serve as Eastland County Sheriff by voting for me in the **Republican Primary on March 4, 2008.**

Paid Pol Adv. By Elton McCoy, P. O. Box 1042, Eastland, Tx 76448.

Free Digital Photography Class

Do you have a digital camera but don't really know how to use it? Not sure what all the settings mean, so you just keep it on automatic? Christie Mullinax, adjunct art and photography instructor at Cisco Junior College and Howard Payne University, is offering a FREE digital photography class on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The class will be held, beginning Sunday, January 13, in the sanctuary at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship. Everyone is invited to come early at 12:30 for a free potluck lunch every week, as well. Bring your camera and its operating manual (if you still have it), and get ready to learn how to take better pictures. Christie will focus on the functions included on most digital cameras, as well as professional photographers' tricks for lighting, exposure, and composition. Anyone interested in photography is invited to attend this class.

Eastland County Retired Teachers To Meet

Eastland County Retired Teachers will meet at the River of Life Church on Pogue St. in Eastland on January 14 at noon. Donna DeLuca is scheduled to address the group with a motivational speech on encouragement. Each member should tally up their volunteer hours for the year and give them to Lois Marshall. Too, this is a covered dish luncheon; bring your favorite covered dish.

Large Item Pickup

January 10 will be large item pick up day. Please have your large item at the curb for pick up. Large Item please run in paper

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Panthers Take Consolation In Zephyr Tourney During Christmas Break

The Gorman Panthers Varsity Boys Christmas Break Results are listed below. The Panthers won Consolation in the Zephyr Tournament by winning second and third games. The first game the Panthers lost to Evant by a score of 56 to 63. Tyson Swanner scored 34 points and Brandon Greer had 14 points. In the Second game the Panthers won over Lohn by a score of 56 to 43. Swanner had 28 points, Greer had 15 points and Cory Clark had 7 points. In the Third game the Panthers won over Zephyr for Consolation by a score of 58-34. Swanner had 27 points, Matt Underwood had 7 points and Clark also had 7 points.

In the January 3rd game at Richland Springs the Panthers lost by a score of 45 to 76. Brandon Greer had 18 points, Tyson Swanner had 16 points, Clinton Oliver had 4 points and Sean Bates rounded out the score with 4 points.

The Season Record for the Panthers is 11 wins and 4 losses. The Panthers will start District Friday with Ranger being here.

PEANUT PRODUCERS

The Texas Peanut Producers Board is having an Election to fill two (2) open positions in District One. If you are a peanut producer and would like to vote in the election, please contact us so we can send you a ballot or come by the Extension Office 629-1093 or 629-2222. All ballots must be postmarked **BEFORE January 14, 2008.**

Super Notes

By David K. Perry – dperry@gorman.esc14.net – 734-3171

I believe our Christmas break came at just the right time. Everyone was ready, students and teachers. It looks to me like everyone came back refreshed and ready to begin the second semester. I know I feel great after having such a nice break from routine, but now it's time to get back to school business.

Speaking of school business, we should be receiving a final floor plan of the new high school/gymnasium building project in just a week or so and hope to be ready to request bids by the end of this month or first part of February. This will be an exciting time for our school and community! I will keep you updated as the project take shape.

We have been working all year to prepare your children for the TAKS exams. However, teaching will now intensify in order to cover all the objectives the students are responsible for on the upcoming tests. It is important for all of us to work together in order for the students to perform at their best. Try to be aware of your child's homework and make sure he completes the assignments in a timely-accurate manner. If you need help with your child, please call his/her teacher and request a conference.

If you are interested in being a baseball coach or were a coach last year, please be at the meeting on Wednesday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm in the Community Center. We hope to see you there! If you are unable to attend and are interested, please contact Becky Swanner or Barbara Fenley.

If you have moved or have a new phone number for home or work, please update your child's contact with the school secretary. It is very important that we have current information in the event of emergencies.

The Elementary U.I.L. Award's Assembly will be held on Thursday at 2:30pm in the High School Auditorium. You are welcome to attend.

The Fifth Grade will start a drug prevention program sponsored by the local Masonic Lodge this Friday. This has been an annual event at our school for some time. A note will be sent home with your child to be signed by parents giving permission for their participation.

We will have early release days on January 17th and 18th due to participation in the Eastland County Stock Show. There will be a lot of activity at the county show barn in Eastland. Feel free to stop in and see our kids compete!

Remember that the basketball schedules at available on our website and at the high school. If you have a question about times or dates, feel free to call the high school. Also, if there are any changes in times, we will post them on the website and the electronic sign as soon as information is available.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays – 7:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H – Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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. Gerald Ragland, Master – Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

Results From Gorman Livestock Show - Swine



Thank you Jim and Kelly!!



Grand Champion Market Swine
Stetson Thompson



Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine
Madison Warren



Senior Swine Showmanship - Cole Underwood
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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - - Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for the position of Director of Nurses. For information or application contact the facility at 254-734-2202. Salary is negotiable and benefits are available. EEOC. FNC

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR:
Full Time LVN; Part Time LVN; Part Time RN; Part Time Quality Assurance Nurse Coordinator; Salary EOE; Apply in Person. Medway Home Healthcare - 117 N. Texas St., De Leon, TX 2-2-17 C.

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2 - 1 1/2 frame, 1179 sq. ft., central A/C, gas fireplace, storm windows, home in good condition, several large trees. \$23,500
Gorman IA, 1232' (CAD) manufactured home, CH/A, lots of trees, outbuildings, water well, septic, chain link. \$42,500.
NEW - 12.96 A. Gorman, app. 4 A wooded, water well, elec. old septic sys., satellite building site! \$52,500.00 Will Divide.

NEW - 15 A. Near Gorman; Nice sandy soil, great for horses or cattle, good location for a pond. \$2,500 acre.
40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

NEW - 24.156 A near Gorman: 50 - 60 Pecan trees, excellent fences (some new), 2 working water wells, elec., sprigged coastal 3-07 \$3,000 per acre. Will Divide.
49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building, Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,900.00 \$2,800.00 A.
240 a south Gorman, 120a fields, 80a wooded, 40a coastal, 2 small ponds, water well, in a great hunting area, lots of deer sign, great place! Mineral Rights. \$2,250.00 acre.
358A west of De Leon, 40% wooded, 60% old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, some new fences, elec., several water wells, Owners mineral rights included. \$2,300.00 per A. property can be divided.

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Bert Ray Kent

Eastland - Bert Ray Kent, age 77, passed away on January 8, 2008. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 11, 2007 at 2 PM at Bethel Baptist Church under the direction of the Summers-Baker Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Oakland Cemetery near Gorman with Craig Rhoten and Jim Andrews officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, from 6-7 PM at the funeral home.



Bert Ray Kent was born on January 9, 1930 in Rising Star to Bert Kent and Ada Florence Bohannon. Bert married Doris Mae Vann on July 23, 1954 in Carbon. They were blessed with three children, Terry, Tommy and Dianne. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army. Bert served his country honorably during the Korean War.

Bert worked for the Texas Inspection Service, in the agriculture division. Bert was a member of the Lake Leon VFW Post #4136 as well as the Masonic Lodge in Eastland. He enjoyed fishing and working with his hands, especially woodworking. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

Bert is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Tommy Alan Kent; his brother, William Leroy Kent; and his sister Ida Sue Kent.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 53 years, Doris Kent of Eastland; his son, Terry Ray Kent of Merkel; his daughter Doris Dianne Moss and husband John of Gorman; a very special granddaughter, Kellie Sharee Moss of Gorman; sister Twyla Wallace of Colorado; brother, Billy W. Kent and wife Sue of Center; and a niece Patty Fritz of Colorado as well as many other beloved nieces and relatives.

Memorial donations in Bert Ray's name may be made to the Eastland VFW #4136 or a local VFW Chapter of your choice.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:
U. S. Offices - - - - - \$75.00
District Offices - - - - - \$75.00
Eastland County Offices - - - - - \$50.00
Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - - \$50.00
Eastland County Constable - - - - - \$50.00

All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must bear at least one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$4.00 per column inch.)

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, 2008.

Eastland Co. Sheriff:
Wayne Bradford (R)
Incumbent
Elton McCoy (R)

Gilder REALTY

Comanche Office: 325-356-3739
Broker: Robert Gilder
Agents: Ronnie Golden, David Gilder, Wayne Parsons, Bobby Newman, Debbie Gilder, Neal Butler

- 455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy.6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [RR01] \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover, MINERALS AVAILABLE. [DK01] \$751,538 REDUCED \$665,280
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50' carport/RV shed, 20x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable. [BE01] \$397,500
- 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [JB03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000
- 7± A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well [FW02] \$65,000
- 5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [WK01] \$120,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, [LP01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
- 14± A, w/1840sf(CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage [FW01] \$180,000
- 5 A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn, [K001] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [WM01] \$75,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000
- 11 A, w/16x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- 236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences/crossfences, producing gas well [CW01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [LO01] \$442,500
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [REM01] \$405,000
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system [JT021] \$265,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, C/H/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DV01] \$297,500
- 3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop [CC03] \$137,500
- 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [WC01] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewell, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000
- 2-1 1/2, 1,313sf(CAD) remodeled frame home with attached garage, new roof, storage building [ST01] \$75,000
- 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [GB02] \$55,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000

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Mattie Mary Newton

Mattie Mary Newton, age 101, passed away on January 6, 2008 at De Leon Nursing and Rehab. Her services were Tuesday, January the 8th at St. Joe Baptist Church with Jackie Auvenshine officiating, assisted by Kenneth Wilson. Interment was in Victor Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born June 20, 1906 in Erath County, Texas to the late Major Keith and Emma Mattie Sadberry Keith. She married Fred T. Newton on October 19, 1924 in Erath County. She was a homemaker, had lived in De Leon area all of her life and she was a member of St. Joe Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Dean Newton and wife Louise of De Leon; one brother, Bernard Keith of Desdemona; two sisters, Avie Taylor of De Leon and Ronnie Rue Guthery of Desdemona; 12 grandchildren, Grady West and wife Sue of De Leon, Freddie West and wife Joyce of Nocona, Jim West of Tyler, Betty Sadberry of Ft. Worth, Connie Newton Gilchrest and husband Marlin of Hasse, Larry Newton and wife Hilda of Lake Worth, Gary Newton of Azle, Terry Newton of Stephenville, Monty Newton and wife Kellina of Stephenville, Judy Newton Dixon and husband Ed of Lake Leon, Trudy Newton Spears and husband Jim of Stephenville and Sandra Newton Paul and husband Roy of De Leon; and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, Fred Newton; two sons, Marvin Newton and R. E. "Bob" Newton; two daughters, Melvina West and Monnie Bell Sadberry; two brothers, K. G. Keith and Mack Keith; three sisters Corinne Clements, Velva Clements and Laura Partain and three grandchildren, Marvella Newton, Troy West and George West.

Pallbearers were Zack Paul, Jake Paul, Jason Spears, Ryan Newton, Ty Gilchrest and Mart Gilchrest.

Bernice Opal Ferriss

Bernice Opal Ferriss, age 72 of De Leon passed away on Monday, December 31, 2007 at the Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held January 5th at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine and music by LaJoyce Johnson. Burial was in Garden of Memories in Comanche County.

She was born March 6, 1935 in Grundy County, Iowa to the late James T. Wheeler and Ilene R. Snyder Wheeler. She married Leon Ferriss on September 14, 1953 in Tama, Iowa. She was a homemaker, factor worker off Control O Fax Paper products; had resided in De Leon 3 years, having previously lived in Killeen. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Leon Ferriss of De Leon; one son Robert Ferriss of Waterloo, Iowa; two daughters, Ramona Trueblood of Belton and Roxann Ferriss of Waterloo, Iowa and 5 grandchildren.

William Aubrey Reeves

William Aubrey Reeves, age 93 of De Leon passed away on January 1, 2008 in Austin. Graveside services were held Friday, January 4th at De Leon Cemetery.

He was born June 26, 1914 in Haskell County, Texas to the late Wyatt Wylie and Annie Easterling Reeves. He married Wilma Carol on August 16, 1938.

He had dedicated his life's work of 40 years to public education. He joined the Woodsboro Independent School District as a math and science teacher and coached high school athletics. He went on to serve as the superintendent of schools for 26 years prior to retiring to De Leon. He had lived in De Leon 17 years, having moved from Woodsboro. He was active in his faith throughout his life. He was a member of the Woodsboro First Baptist, De Leon First Baptist, and Hyde Park Baptist in Austin.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Patsy Reeves and husband, Bruce of Austin and Linda Reeves of Jackson, MS.; 1 son, Bill Reeves of San Antonio; 3 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

He was preceded by his wife, Wilma Carol; 2 sisters, Belva Brown and Audrey Payne and one brother, Hiram (Mutt) Reeves.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Howard Payne University Scholarship Fund, Brownwood, TX.

EAST END EDUCATION CO-OP JOB POSTING:

East End Education Co-Op in Gorman, Texas is looking for an experienced secretary with moderate to advanced computer skills. This is a full time position with regular school benefits. Responsibilities will vary from answering phones, working with confidential student folders, support for professional staff, to other duties as assigned by the Director. Applications may be picked up at the East End Education Co-Op in Gorman, 539 W. Roosevelt, mailed upon request (254-734-2020), or email alolivo@eastend.esc14.net for an application. Applications will be accepted until January 23, 2008. East End Education Co-Op is an equal opportunity employer.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, January 14 at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Ima Brown had eye surgery last Monday in Temple. Her husband, Robert will be the "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer" while Ima is confined to her home during recovery.

"Hello" to our friends, Jackie and Nell Walls in the School Hill Community. Jackie is having some health problems at this time. Remember this family with your card and prayers.

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, January 26 at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. Serving good food, homemade pie and drinks. We invite all of the area musicians, singers and visitors to attend - to help start the New Year with Country and Western music, Gospel and Bluegrass.

Our hearts were saddened early Sunday morning when our sister, Mattie (Keith) Newton, 101, of De Leon passed away. Services were held on Tuesday with burial in the Victory Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Dean Newton and wife, Louise of De Leon; brother, Bernard Keith and wife, Ann of Desdemona; sisters, Avie (Keith) Taylor of De Leon and Vonnie (Keith) Guthery and husband, Doug of Desdemona. A complete obituary is written in this paper.

OBITUARIES

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Madge Nowlin Golden

Madge Nowlin Golden, age 86, of De Leon passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at Brownwood Regional Hospital. Services were held Sunday, January 6th at 3:30 p.m. At De Leon First Baptist Church with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Patti Bacon and Martha Bunting. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born September 19, 1921 in Comanche County to the late Virgil Nowlin and Bonnie Frank Nowlin. She married Webb Golden on December 24, 1942 in Comanche County.

She was a homemaker; had lived in the Sidney-De Leon area since 1981; previously lived in Jal, N.M., Goldsmith and Andrews, Tx; she was a Baptist.

Survivors include son Wayland Golden and wife Patty of Odesa; daughter Donna Morgan and husband Ed of Houston; two brothers, Dean Nowlin of De Leon and Dale Nowlin of Comanche; 6 grandchildren, Glen Golden, Annette Hancock, Salena Morgan, Justin Morgan, Bobby Steadham and D'Allen Steadham and 10 great-grandchildren, Brianna Golden, Trevor Golden, Mason Golden, Greyson Golden, Gary Wayne Archer, Stephanie Archer, Gracie Morgan, Elizabeth Steadham, Chloe Corbell and Aubry Corbell.

Preceded in death by her husband, Webb Golden in 1998; one daughter, Bonnie Steadham; brothers, Frank C. Nowlin, Glen Nowlin and Gale Nowlin.

Pallbearers were Glen Golden, Justin Morgan, Danny Pipes, Bobby Steadham, Trevor Golden and Mason Golden.

Rachel Virginia Hamilton

Rachel Virginia Hamilton age 87, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2008 in Glen Rose Hospital. Services were held Sunday, January 6th at 2:00 p.m. in Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Esther Howell and Adonna Otwell. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born September 27, 1920 in Fisher County to the late Thomas Lancaster and Emma Pell Lancaster. She married J. D. Hamilton on November 24, 1936 in Comanche. She was a homemaker; had lived in De Leon all of her life; she was a member of De Leon Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by two sons, Tommy C. Hamilton (Pat) of Grovetown, GA and Billy (Marcia) Hamilton of Granbury; one daughter, Tanya (Neil) Thacker of Dublin; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren

She was preceded by her husband, J. D. Hamilton in 1975; one son Jackie D. (Sonny) Hamilton; brothers, J. T. Lancaster, Frank Lancaster and Audie Lancaster; Robert Howard and Luther Coggins and sisters Willie Henson, Lillie Stone, Mary Hilly, Stella Wolfe, Alma Owens and Gladys Gotcher.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Lancaster, Tobe Thacker, Steven Forrest, Chris Hamilton and Mark Lee.

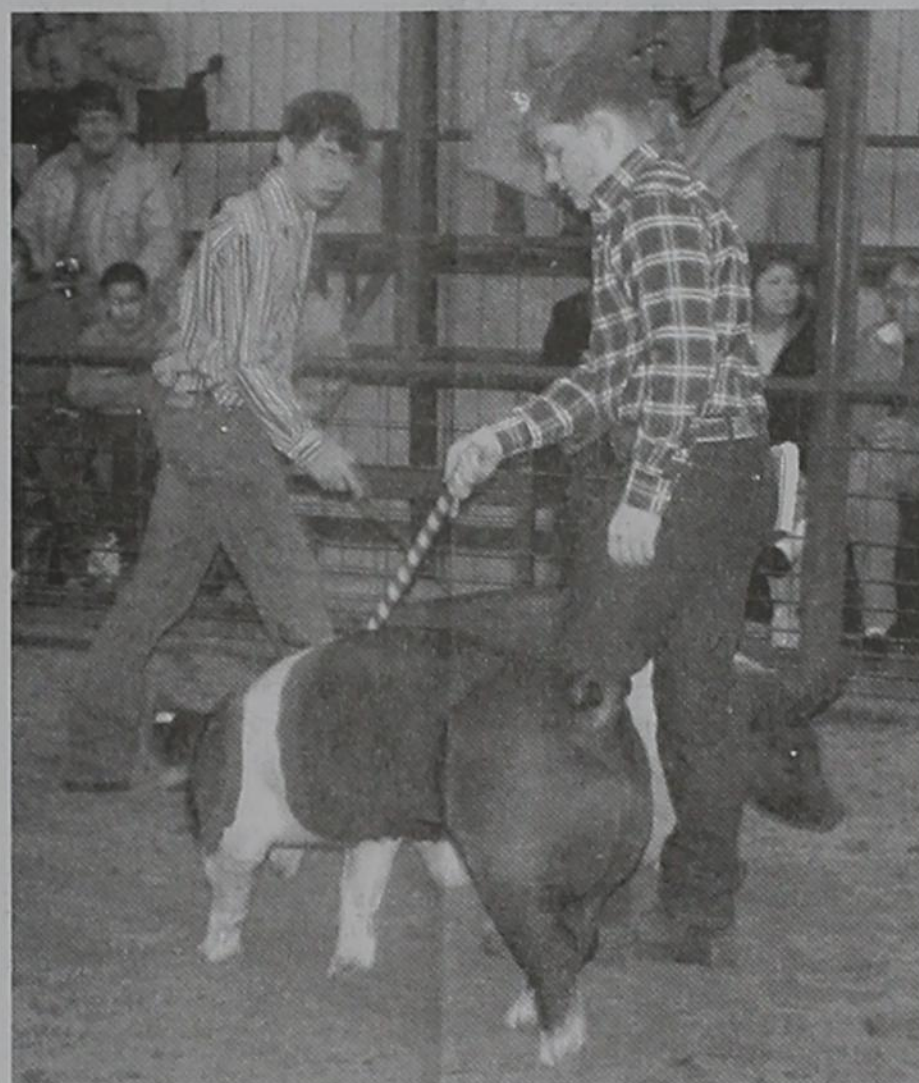
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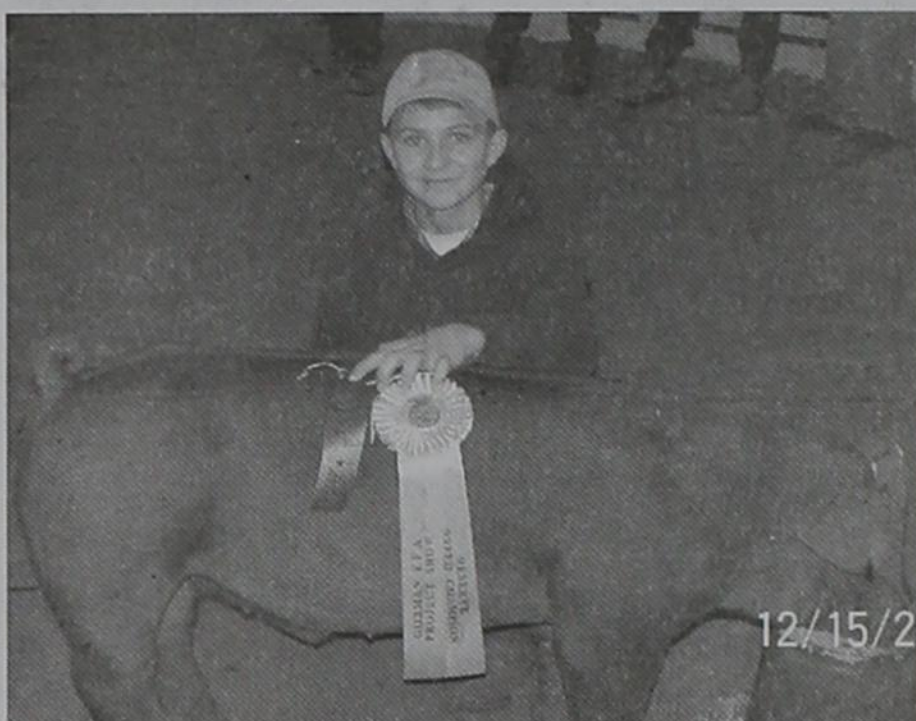
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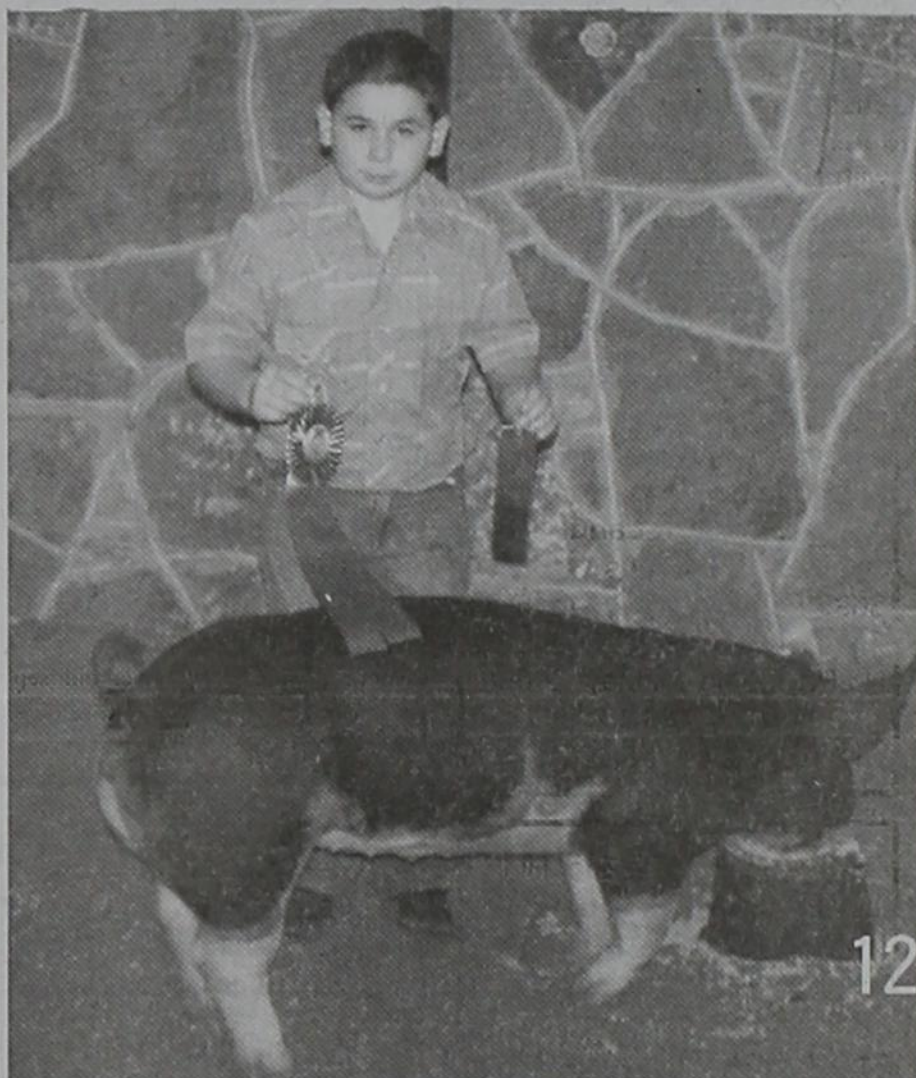
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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Homestead Nursing & Rehab News



Happy New Year! This little piggy partied so much on New Year's Eve that she overslept and missed the deadline to get Pig Tales in the newspaper last week! We had a fun night at the DAC and some of us 'older' folks actually rang in the New Year while the young folks went home early. There were people playing dominos, cards, scrabble, ping-pong and some just listening to Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids. The band put on a wonderful show for us and we thank them very much for coming. There was a group of gals who put together an entire large-size puzzle in just that one evening. The food was outstanding and there was plenty of it! If you missed our party, please mark your calendars for next New Year's Eve - we will have another.

Speaking of fun times - anyone out there who likes bluegrass is invited to come to Perrin, TX. for a jam Jan. 16-20. The jam will be at the Mitchell RV Park in Perrin which is a bit north of Mineral Wells. It is a beautiful park with lots of RV spots and cabins to rent. Harps, Hammers and Friends presents the jam. You can check out their website at www.orgsites.com/tx/harps.hammers.friends/index.html or www.harps.hammersandfriends.com. You can also call Mitchell Park at 340-798-4615. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Bob and Dolores Tucker on their 50th wedding anniversary!

To all members of the DAC and anyone who would like to be a voting member - it is time to renew memberships. We will have a general meeting soon.

As we start this new year, let's remember everyone who is fighting a serious illness or has other serious problems in their lives. When our own lives are running smoothly, it is easy to forget others who may need our thoughts, prayers or even a helping hand. Take a moment to look around you and see if you can offer comfort to someone.

Also, remember the fire danger. Conditions are certainly right for a conflagration like we had a couple of years ago. Let's not let that happen again!

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Carol Pell

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am sorry there has not been any Homestead News lately but somehow I seemed to run out of time but things are slowing down a little bit around here now and I have just returned from a weeks vacation so I hope to get the new in every week now.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas so much merrier and brighter again this year. We appreciate each individual who gave gifts from the Tree at the bank. Without Amy and Lee Wood this would not have been done. Amy takes the time to find out what each resident would like and then delivers the tags to the bank, as well as going back to check on it regularly and then her and Lee deliver them to use. We would also like to thank all the churches for all you did, the gifts, the music, the visits, and most of all your prayers. I know I have probably left some group out, but please know we are so lucky to live in a community where everyone cares.

We are glad to have Nancy back home with us. Kelly Buchanan has been to visit his grandmother. Sylvia Buchanan has also been to visit.

We also want to welcome Gaylord Battenfield. Some of Gaylords visitors were Dwayne Battenfield, Kenneth Good, Glenn Gloria and Clarissa Glasson of Brownfield, Kent and Julie Battenfield, Micheal Battenfield, Don Adams, Rebecca Mosely, Harold Zink, Dennis Battenfield, Janetta Miller, Trina Miller, Troy Battenfield, and Shelia and Nathan Jones.

Visiting with Dorothy Beaty were Ann Warren and Joe Beaty. Visiting Lottie Morris were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Pam and Mark Hulsey of Hobbs, New Mexico, Eddie Browning of Granbury, Winnell Browning, Ron and Pam McCormick of Andrews, Glenn, Gloria and Clarissa Glasson of Brownfield, Rachel Tucker, Louise Smart, Woodrow and Helen Browning, and Kay and Crystal Michelle Snider.

Visiting Irene West were Peggy and Archie Brooks of Merkel, Johnnie Barnett of Stephenville, and Virginia Skaggs. Visiting Lavona Sharp were Jerry Majors of DeLeon and Lynden Shipman.

Visiting Imogene Norris were Paula Morrow of Plains, Jeanna Pack of Carbon, James Norris of Eastland, and Lisa Lewis of Stephenville.

Visiting Ima Boles were Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Carolyn Little, Betty Little, Bill Boles of Granbury and Mary Jo Lamb of Ranger.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were Mickey Carr of Dallas, LaVerne and Tommy Carr of Whitney, Suzanne and Johnny Magin of Lingleville, Carolyn Foster and Billy Earl Simpson.

Visiting with Jelma Smith were Hollyann and Adrian Wright, Jeff Smith of Eastland, Mark, Lorraine and Kailey Smith of California, and Julie Hazel and her friend Carrie of Granbury.

Visiting with Margie Hudson were Trish Hudson of Dallas, Glenn Gloria and Clarissa Glasson of Brownfield, Kay and Bubba McDaniel of Sundown, Kay Craddock, Carolyn Wilkerson, JoNell Torrez, Jud Maxfield, Nina Skiles, Nelda Mauney, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Kenneth Good, Pam Childers, Pat and Howard Haggood, James, Ellen, and Rachel Tucker, Joe Beaty, Shirley Burns, and Carolyn Little.

Little Adrian Wright, who is 2 weeks old and Johnny and my great grandson visited all the residents. Everyone enjoys seeing little ones.

Be sure and sign our visitors book. Every resident has a book and we also have a book in the front lobby.

Until next week.....Ina



Champion Cross - Stetson Thompson



Reserve Champion Cross - Madison Warren

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We had a small group of only 20 present for our dinner on the 2nd at 11:30. Where were you all? Must of done a little too much partying over New Years Eve. Might have to take off two weeks next Holiday. Jud Maxfield gave the blessing for us all. Our luncheon consisted of German sausage, several good casseroles of meat and potatoes, beans and salad, also many delicious desserts. Icy Munn always brings us her good devil eggs. That were all enjoy.

The month of December we had forgotten to sing Happy Birthday to the people. So we did on January 1, a good start to the new year.

Daisy Slaton, Betty Regian and I traveled to Desdemona for the 1st Saturday Breakfast of the month. Always so good and had a nice visit with the people. Then that afternoon Daisy and I went back to Bob and Delores Tuckers 50th Wedding Anniversary. They had a great turnout and what a beautiful cake. Also it was the most delicious I've tasted in a long time. The tables, flowers, pictures were so nice and lovely in their decorations.

We had a great turnout of 16 to play games on the 3rd at 4 p.m. It was so good to see Virgil and Jo Holdman. I do hope they continue to be with us.

See you next time, Carol.

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Due to the rising cost of printing the paper and mailing, we are having to raise the cost of the paper subscriptions starting January 2008. The incountry price of the paper will go up to \$15.00 per year; In Texas price will be \$20.00 per year and Out of State will be \$22.00 per year. We are also raising the cost of the our advertising rate. The local rate will go to \$4.00 per column inch and the national rate will go to \$6.00 per column inch. Classified Rate will be twenty words minimum - \$4.00, Each additional word will be 25 cents. Borders will be additional 50 Cents. Card of Thanks will cost \$5.00 and Wedding and Anniversary Announcements \$5.00 and with picture \$10.00. Inserts in the paper will stay the same at \$72.00 per 1,000 pieces. NEWSTAND Price Will rise to 40 Cents Per IS-SUE.

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