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Lady Panther and Lady Cub Basketball

LADY PANTHERS LOSE TO HUCKABAY -

Gorman Lady Panthers scored 41 Points. High scoring for Gorman was Audrey Johnston with 14 points, Kimi Seaton with 8 points and Jamie Johnston with 7 points.

LADY PANTHERS WIN CONSOLATION AT RISING STAR TOURNAMENT

Lady Panthers lost their first game of the tournament to Ranger by a score of 54 to 38. High Point for Gorman was Jamie Johnston with 13 points, Kimi Seaton and Audrey Johnston each had 12 points. In the second game Gorman won over Evant by a score of 53 to 47. High points for Gorman was Audrey with 31 points, Kimi with 16 points, Jamie with 4 points and Lindsey Lam-nack with 2 points. In the third game Gorman won over Lometa by a score of 56 to 32. Scoring for Gorman was Audrey with 23 points, Kimi and Jamie with 10 points each, Bethany Oliver with 9 points and Lindsey with 4. Audrey Johnston was selected to All Tournament Team. The record for the Varsity is 5-4.

JV Lady Panthers Overall Record is 1 and 4

Gorman JV Lady Panthers played Huckabay and lost by a score of 35 to 29. Scoring for Gorman was Laura Herrera with 9 points, Abby Pacheco, Brittany Rameriz each with 4 points, Perla Maldonado, Stephanie Risuena, Carlie Jackson and Jaylon Miley each had 2 points.

Junior High Lady Panthers

Gorman Junior High Lady Cubs A-Team played Evant A and lost by the score of 26 to 14. Scoring for Gorman was Amy Hendrix with 8 points, Rachel Tucker with 2 points and Skye Lewis with 2 points.

Gorman Junior High Lady Cubs B-Team played Evant V and lost by only one point 13 to 12. Scoring for Gorman was Courtney Byrd with 5 points, Mykisha Hampton with 3 points, Vidi Maldonado and Yari Montalongo each had 2 points.

Gorman JH A-Team played De Leon A and lost by a score of 41 to 24. Scoring was Amy Hendrix and Rachel Tucker each had 8 points, Angelina Perez had 6 points and Kinsey Johnston had 2 points.

Gorman JH B-Team played De Leon B and lost by a score of 32 to 6. Scoring was Hailey Whitfield with 4 points and Courtney Byrd with 2 points.

9-A All District Volleyball Team



The Gorman Lady Panthers had four girls that received recognition for District 9-A in volleyball this year. Senior Audrey Johnston received 1st Team All District and Academic All District honors, Junior Kimi Seaton also received 1st Team All District honors. Sophomore Jaime Johnston received 2nd Team All District recognition, and Junior Brittany Henderson was named on the Academic All District list. These girls did an outstanding job this year representing their team and Gorman High School this year in a very tough district. Congratulations to them and the post season honors they were awarded.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

The New Year's Eve Singing at New Hope Baptist Church will begin at 8 p.m. We will break at 10 p.m. For a Time of Food and Fellowship, then sing in the new year until Midnight +. "Specials Welcome" and Lots of Congregational Singing!!! New Hope Baptist Church is located at 109 Country Road 321, West of Gorman - Church Phone Number is 254-631-8938. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND.

Fire Chief Resigns

I have resigned as Fire Chief effective December 31, 2008. I have been very fortunate to serve as Chief for 25 plus years and 10 years as assistant chief. I am going to continue as a member of the department. I would like to thank the department and the community for allowing me to serve in these offices.

An election was held the first of December for new officers. I am happy to announce that the new officers are: Chief - Jim Guthery, Assistant Chief - Charlie Torrez, Fire Marshall - Billy Don Simpson, Treasurer, Angela Underwood and Recording Secretary, Michael Moore. I feel very confident that can handle their jobs.

We are fortunate to have excellent equipment to work with. I would put this department up against any department our size. So the next time you see a fireman or first responder, give them a pat on the back for making fire and first responder calls all hours of the day or night.

Thanks to the community for backing and supporter our department so faithfully.

Gene Foster
Fire Chief

Please Take A Name From the Display in the American State Bank Lobby and purchase a Gift for the Homestead Nursing Residents. Return the gift in a gift bag to the Bank by Tuesday, December 23rd. The gifts will be delivered on Christmas Eve.

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Eleven Panthers Named To All District Team



The Gorman Panthers ended a great season by making it all the way to the top sixteen in the State. Several Panthers were received All-District honors they are:

FIRST TEAM - ALL DISTRICT 15-1A

TYSON SWANNER - CO MVP Offensive Player
*MATT UNDERWOOD - Offensive Running Back
KEIFER WILSON - Offensive Tight End
*SHAUN BATES - Offensive Lineman
TYSON SWANNER - Kicker
KEIFER WILSON - Defensive End
TYLER JOHNSON - Defensive Inside Linebacker
*MATT UNDERWOOD - Defensive Back
*TYSON SWANNER - Defensive Back
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SECOND TEAM - ALL DISTRICT 15-1A

DREW McCRELESS - Offensive Running Back
JONATHAN FENLEY - Offensive Center
TYLER JOHNSON - Offensive Lineman
CLIFTON LIPSON - Defensive Tackle
ALEX GILES - Defensive End
MATTHEW COGBURN - Defensive Outside Linebacker
JONATHAN FLORES - Pride Award
BEN BURGESS - Pride Award

ACADEMIC - ALL DISTRICT 15-1A

SENIOR - Matthew Cogburn
SENIOR - Tyson Swanner
SENIOR - Matt Underwood
FRESHMAN - Asher Vaughn

(* Unanimous)

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN !!!! MONDAY December 15th

Come down to the Senior Citizen's from 5:00- 8:00 pm and have your picture taken with SANTA and his ELVES (\$3.00/picture/individual) (group pictures also taken)

Then... enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner hosted by the Spanish Club. (Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and tea) (\$5.00)

First Baptist Church Gorman

Please Join Us on Sunday Morning -
Dec. 14th at 11:00am

for Bro. Barry's

"Prescription to Overcome Stress in the Holidays!"

Thank You - First Responders

I would like to express my thanks to the Gorman First Responders for your prompt response when I fell in my home. I appreciate the care that you gave me. Thanks to all of you who said prayers for me, sent flowers and cards, made visits and phone calls while I was in the Eastland Hospital and Nursing and Rehab of Gorman. Thanks to all the Employees of the Home. Your kindness and helpfulness made by stay a pleasant one.

Doris La Von Snider

Look Who's New - It's A Girl



Katey, Courtney and Lindey would like to announce the birth of their new niece, Addison Dianna Powell. Addison was born November 3rd in San Angelo to Crystal Dianna Thacker and Wesley Powell. Addison was 21 inches long and weighed 8lbs 3oz. Grandparent are Randy and Michelle Byrd, Tony Thacker and Bill and Cynthia Powell. Great grandparents are Jimmy and Valerie Hampton, James and Charlene Thacker, the late Darlene Dianna Hampton.

Senior Travel Club
To Hold Bake Sale
on December 20th:
ZJ's Steakhouse
In Gorman
5 p.m. - till??
Letter

To The Editor

We received this letter from Helen Kossler in Orange, California: Thank you for sending the Gorman Progress to California so I can keep abreast of my hometown. Although I don't know many there anymore, (Annie Fay Foster is my 4th Cousin), I still love to hear about the progress of Gorman.

Helen Kossler

BAKE SALE

There will be a Bake Sale in front of Z J's, Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13 for the Hope for Martha Fund. She has raised almost all the funds needed to get the stem cell replacement therapy done. Thanks to the giving hearts of this community and the people around. Come on out and buy a brownie or two and lets get the last little bit raised. There will also be a

GARAGE SALE

at the corner of Hwys 8 and 6, the following weekend December 19th and 20th. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

SCHOOL MENU -- Week of Dec. 15 thru 19

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Strips, Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, green beans, biscuit, gravy, oranges and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Barbeque chicken, Corn Dog, Pinto beans, Mac and cheese, cornbread, oranges, chocolate cake, Birthday Table and and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Crackers, Sherbet and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Tonys Pizza, Corn Cob, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Choc. Chip Cookie and Milk - **EARLY RELEASE - NO SALAD BAR.**
 FRIDAY - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, chips, fruit and Milk - **EARLY RELEASE - NO SALAD BAR.**

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 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
 Mondays - 6:00 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.

GORMAN PANTHER BASKETBALLSCHEDULE 2008-09

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	WHO
12-Dec	GORDON	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
16-Dec	RANGER	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
19-Dec	HICO	THERE	6:00	JVB/VB
6-Jan	PERRIN-WHITT	HERE	6:00	JVB/VB
9-Jan	DELEON	THERE	6:00	JVG/VG
9-Jan	OLNEY	THERE	6:00	JVB/VB
13-Jan	OPEN			
16-Jan	EVANT	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
20-Jan	MERIDIAN	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
23-Jan	GOLDTHWAITE	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
27-Jan	DELEON	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
30-Jan	MAY	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
3-Feb	EVANT	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
6-Feb	MERIDIAN	HERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
10-Feb	GOLDTHWAITE	THERE	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
13-Feb	DELEON	THERE	6:00	JVB/VB

HEAD GIRLS COACH: DARLA HENDRIX 817-781-7938
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 HEAD BOYS COACH: BILL BATES 254-734-5658
 ASSISTANTS: JAMES GERICK, BILLY FOX
 SUPERINTENDENT: DAVID PERRY
 PRINCIPAL: RICK PANTER
 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: KETH HENDRIX

GORMAN JH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2008-09
 GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M. AND FOLLOW THE ORDER OF: GIRLS-B, GIRLS-A, BOYS-B, BOYS-A

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
15-Dec	DELEON	HERE	4:00
8-Jan	EVANT	HERE	4:00
15-Jan	DELEON	HERE	4:00
22-Jan	MERIDIAN	HERE	4:00
29-Jan	EVANT	THERE	4:00
5-Feb	DELEON	THERE	4:00

BOYS COACH: BILLY FOX
 GIRLS COACH: DENISE SCOTT

CARPOR SALE

Friday and Saturday, December 12th and 13th
 From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Washing Machine, Coleman Stove, Yard Chairs, Tackle Boxes, Very Good Clothes, Halloween and X-Mas Decorations, Curling Irons, Thermos, King Comforter Set (7 Pieces), Towels, Much More - Rain or Shine

7617 HWY. 571 (Ranger Hwy.) About 4 1/2 Miles North of Gorman - Home of B. E. Simpson

Happenings At FBC!!

Prayer works! Our prayers are answered when we see young people grow and develop spiritually. Glory and honor to God for the spectacular Youth Led Worship Service!

Mark your calendars:

- Dec. 11th - Food Pantry - help is needed.
- Dec. 14th - 6:00pm - Church Holiday Meal - bring your favorite dish or dishes.
- Dec. 21st - 9:45am - Special Sunday School Party - Happy Birthday Jesus!
- Dec. 21st - 6:00pm - Candle Light Service and Lord's Supper. Rachel Tucker opened our worship service with prayer. McKenzie and Jaylon led the music. Children's Sermon: Jaime, Ally, and Kimi delivered a lesson in decisions. The first decision we make every day is to choose what clothes we wear. The clothes that we put on can say a lot about us. Girls and boys dress different. What does the Bible say about our clothes? The Bible tells us to clothes ourselves with kindness, goodness, patience, forgiveness, and love. Clothing yourself with all of these qualities will give you a good attitude and it will never goes out of style.
- Special Music: Cortny Shirley beautifully sang "Not that Far from Bethlehem".
- Puppet Show: Puppets Art (JC) and Penelope (Rachel) did a skit to teach us that we are never alone. Jesus is our friend who is always with us, and He will never leave us.
- Praise Music: Congregational singing "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" led by Alaina, Caylon, Haven, Jaylon, Kinsey, and McKenzie.

Justin Little and Kiefer Wilson's message was "Whose Team Are You On?" - I Cor. 9:24-25.

Kiefer opened the message with a joke about Bro. Barry, guess it was payback, and it got a lot of laughs!

If the Church were a sporting event then what would it look like? A video was played that gave an example of how a sports news reporter would cover a church service.

1. Football Teams have owners.
2. Church has Jesus Christ, and He calls the Pastors and the leaders.
3. Football Teams have playbooks.
4. Church has the Bible, and the Bible gives us strategies for life.
5. Football Teams have players and they are teammates.
6. Church has people that help, forgive, and love one another. Eph 4:32.
7. Football Teams have different positions and each player is important.
8. Church has committees, positions, and responsibilities. 1Cor. 12:27

How can you be on the team? Share your faith!

A video was played of a young man sharing his testimony. The young man gives God the honor for his athletic ability, and he uses it as a platform to share his faith in God. People want to be like God's people. Let your life set a Christian example!

1. Football Teams have opponents that want to defeat you.
2. Church has the Devil as an adversary, and he is relentless in trying to defeat God's people.
3. 1 Peter 5:8.
4. Football Teams have equipment to protect the players.
5. Church and the people have the full Armor of God to protect them. Eph. 6:11-17.

Follow Jesus and make it to the ultimate super bowl - HEAVEN!

Bro. Barry concluded with thanks to Liz, Tiffany, and the Youth Group for leading us in our worship service. Bro. Barry extended the invitation to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Classifieds

ACCEPTING BIDS -- The City of Gorman will be accepting bids on two vehicles. A 1999 Crown Victoria 4 door, and a 1994 GMC 1/2 Ton pick up. For questions you may call (254) 734-2317 or you can leave your bid at the City Office @ 116 S Kent St. 2TC

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 320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, wildlife cover, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000
 SOLD 250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000
 243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig.pit, on hwy., cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre
 REDUCED 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrian, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre \$1,995/acre
 SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,200
 81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000
 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500
 51 A, highway frontage, spring creek and hunting [RP01] \$182,000
 45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
 30 A, 3-2½ Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
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 REDUCED 2-2 Mobile Home 14X70, 12x28 add-on, strg.bldg/carport [PA01] \$29,900 \$22,500
 REDUCED 2-1½ Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000
 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000
 2-1 Fleetwood 14x52, shaded corner lot, well, underground sprinkler, carport [JT03] \$35,000

More Info & Pictures at: www.GilderRealty.com

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 NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees. \$59,900.
 NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
 NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre
 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,500 acre.
 77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights, Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.
 NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, 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. \$2,950.00 A.
 NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.
 NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.
 156 A, Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
 179 A, south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$1,950.00 acre. **SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!**
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T-Shirts For The Hope For Martha Fund

Hello everyone, we are selling T-shirts for the Hope for Martha fund. They will be gray with orange writing. The front will say fighting MS—one stem cell at a time. The back will have Hope for Martha with Isaiah 40:31 on it. They are \$15 each, youth XS-XL and adult S-XL (2X will be \$16 and the 3X will be \$17) We will need orders in by December 8 and payment is due at time of order. They will be here around December 22. Orders can be placed at City Hall, American State Bank, First Baptist Church, Methodist Church and Church of Christ, or you can call (254)734-2317 and talk to Jill or Tacy.

Thanks, Jill Torres - cityofgorman@ccte.net

Confederate Country Christmas Party Slated

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1904 and the Order of Confederate Rose Chapter 23 will be having their Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. at ZJ's Steakhouse in Gorman.

Come celebrate a good ole Confederate Country Christmas with a hearty Southern meal. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

The speaker will be Gary Whitfield, "Politics and History At Odds" Southern music will be provided by John Howard. Confederate money will be on display and given as prizes.

"Recipes and Remembrances" Cookbooks will be available. Person of contact - Thomas Harrison at 254-734-5058 or email rebelton@ccte.net

Gorman Livestock Show

The Gorman Livestock Local Show will be held on December 20, 2008. We will be printing a schedule in a later issue. Concessions will be available if you would like to come have lunch.

Texas Star Gardeners To Meet at Harrington Home Dec. 11

The Texas Star Gardeners will tour the home of Martha Harrington on Thursday December 11 at 3:00PM. Martha is known throughout the area for her beautiful Christmas decor. Visitors are welcome to attend by calling 734-2150 or 734-4268.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Congratulations to Cynthia Newton – she won the Ruger Hawkeye rifle. I understand that Cynthia was not feeling well at the time of the drawing and maybe the win will help her to feel better. Thanks to Cynthia and everyone who supported the DAC in this effort. I would like to thank everyone who attended 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday morning and everyone who shopped at the Christmas Store.

The Christmas store will be open again this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00A.M. until 6:00P.M. The dates are Dec. 11th, 12th and 13th. We still have lots of pretty things and will have lots of yummy baked goods. Hope you can come – we always have a good time at the DAC!

Since we had such fun last year, we are going to have another New Year's Eve party on December 31. Please bring any board games that you would like and a snack-type dish to share. We will serve tea and coffee. There is no charge for this event. It will be fun for the whole family. Last year, the younger set left before midnight and some of us 'oldsters' stayed to welcome in the New Year. The fun starts at 7:00P.M. and lasts until midnight if anyone can stay that long!

Coming up in January, we have some fun things planned but first some business to attend to. Our annual membership meeting will be held on January 8th at 7:00P.M. Membership in the DAC gives you the right to vote and gives you a discount if you rent the building during the year. The dues are the same - \$25.00 for the year. We also have some board members to replace this year as some folks have served the entire time that we have had a Board of Directors. I know that no one wants to volunteer for anything more than what they have now but in order to keep the DAC going, we must have a Board of Directors. We do have a lot of fun and always have a lot of help with our ventures. Won't you please volunteer to become a member and/or serve on the board? We need some new ideas!

Some upcoming events are: 'Breakfast at the DAC' on the first Saturday of each month, a chili supper on January 10 and a dance on January 22.

Please come to the business meeting on Jan. 8th and bring your membership and your good ideas for the future.

USDA to Conduct Request for Referendum on Pork Check-off Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced today that it will conduct a Request for Referendum Dec. 8, 2008, through Jan. 2, 2009, among eligible producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products. This process will determine if producers want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Check-off Program. Participation is voluntary and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Check-off Program should submit a request.

USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum. The total number of producers and importers eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum is approximately 69,446; therefore, at least 10,417 eligible producers and importers must request a referendum. If necessary, the referendum will be conducted within one year after the results of the Request for Referendum are announced. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, a referendum would not be conducted.

Producers and importers who were engaged in pork production or in the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products between Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007, and were at least 18 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible to participate.

For producers, the Request for Referendum will be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where their administrative farm records are maintained. For producers not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to participate will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Forms may be obtained at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms>.

In order to vote, Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, where applicable, such as a sales receipt, veterinary bill, feed bill, copies of grower contracts, cancelled check or proof of payment must be returned in person, by mail, or by facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office by the close of business Jan. 2, 2009. Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009.

LS-54-1 and accompanying documentation, such as Customs Form 7501, can be returned in person, by mail or by facsimile. Forms returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009. It is recommended that the form and supporting documentation be mailed via an express service.

Eligible producers may obtain form LS-54-1: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Request for Referendum from the Eastland County FSA office either in person, by mail or by facsimile. For more information contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 ext. 2.

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All Homecoming pictures that were taken by Kyle Riley from Riley Studios are online and may be viewed at this time. Mr. Riley took action photos of the game and he took halftime pictures of all of the couples presented. He also took some special request pictures of certain family groups. All of these pictures may be seen by going to rileystudio.com and clicking on the online proofing link. Any pictures may be ordered by contacting Kyle at Riley Studio in Comanche. Phone number is 325-356-3199 or toll free at 888-356-3110.

Minutes For The Gorman City Commission

DECEMBER 4, 2008

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Cliffa Vaughn, and Joe Casey. Absent was Charlie Torrez, he had to work.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

After looking over the bills, Joe made the motion to approve them for payment. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe reported that he would be meeting with an attorney after the first of the year. The attorney would be for the Property Clean Up and the possible acquiring of property that has been neglected.

The Commission discussed a letter from TCEQ, and looked over an agreement signed by the Police department about the vehicle use.

There being no further business for discussion Cliffa made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 6:15 p.m.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the Community Center. Several ladies attended to enjoy the food and fellowship. Next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, January 12th at the same time and same location. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Robert and Ima Brown spent the Thanksgiving Holidays visiting with their daughter, David and Fran Senger in Grove, Oklahoma. Then on their way home they visited more relatives in Gainesville, Texas.

This reporter received a phone call last Monday from Regena (Read) Cooper in Whitewright, Texas. Regena is a former resident of Desdemona, where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1949. Her parents are the late "Buck" and Mabel (Huddleston) Read. Her sisters are Mary Joyce (Read) Quinn and LaFreda (Read) Hammond (both are deceased). Regena would like to say "Hello" to former classmates and friends in this area. Her husband, Bill is having some serious health problems at this time.

Visitors with Mildred Million last Tuesday were her brother, Dr. Jack and Elizabeth Hitson and their granddaughter, Rachel Smith all of Rockwall, Tx; also her nephew, Dr. Jeffrey Hitson and children, Ann and Sinn of Anchorage, Alaska. The occasion was to celebrate Mildred's and Jeffrey's birthday. They enjoyed lunch followed with birthday cake. Mildred enjoyed their visit so much.

Tom and Melissa Million hosted twenty-nine visitors for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Eleven of these were relatives from Minnesota. Koosmann Family Relatives.

Justin Lindley of De Leon was chosen on the District 1st Team Offensive. His proud grandparents are Eddie and Linda (Carr) Lindley of Desdemona.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery enjoyed a short visit last Saturday with Mark Worden. Mark is the son of Nellie (Lohman) Worden of Odessa and the late Charlie Worden. Nellie is a former resident of Desdemona, where she attended school and graduated with the class of 1938. Nellie lives in a Retirement Home near her daughter, Gwen.

Karen Fair and granddaughter, Lorin, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan all of Desdemona spent the past weekend in Fredricksburg just sightseeing and shopping. They reported the Christmas Decorations and Lights were very pretty.

Roy and Angela Powledge and son, Lane attended the Dallas Mavericks Basketball game on Saturday.

Kaley Garcia spent the past weekend in Cleburne visiting her Dad, George Garcia and family.

Bobby and Joan Baker was in Los Angles, CA recently to attend the wedding of their grandson, Thomas Hurd.

Visiting with Dorothy Greenhaw last Wednesday were Margurite McKinney, Alpha Turley and Dorothy Barnes. They enjoyed a good lunch at the Smokestack in Thurber.

Have a Great Day, Vonnie

Super Notes

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

How is preparation for the upcoming legislative session going and how will it affect our schools? As of last Friday, 431 House Bills had been filed to date as well as 329 Senate Bills. This is a total of 760 bills filed so far. Of the 760 filed bills filed to this point, 103 or 13.6 percent, are education related. If this session goes as those in the past, by the end of the session, about ten percent of all filed bills will be education related. If you have not contacted our legislators and voiced your concern that we are underfunded and over-run with unfunded mandates that have accumulated over the years, now is the time. If you would like to see a list of these unfunded mandates, they are posted on our website on my webpage and document that lists them was prepared by the Texas Association of School Boards. You won't believe your eyes and you'll wonder why our legislators have done this and how they have gotten away with it for so many years without you becoming aware of it before now. The reason is that they have done it a little at a time. It's like the story about the frog being put in a cooking pot of cold water with the heat being turned up gradually, before the frog realizes it, he's cooked. Contact your legislator today! We have our legislators contact information posted on our website.

Last week's basketball results were not real great except for the Varsity Girls. They won the consolation trophy at the Rising Star Tournament. Other than that, I hope it was a positive learning experience for everyone involved. We have a lot of potential if all of our players can be molded into a team. I look forward to this week being better as well as each week after that. The coaches and the players are working very hard to be the best teams possible. I hope you will all come out and support them on game night!

Our auditorium received a new roof last week as a result of damage received earlier this year. You may have notice that the roof is a bright white. We have used this material on several of our buildings in an effort to be more energy efficient so we can use our savings for education. Our school board has been very cognizant regarding the energy efficiency of our facilities and they have been doing everything possible to save money on utilities. The old home economics building will soon receive a new red steel roof. In time, we hope to make several changes to that building. It has a lot of character!

The new high school is right on schedule and should be receiving roofing in the near future. Once that is done we should see the building get closed up and interior finish work begin. Hopefully we will be ready for that by the end of January. Please see that your children get plenty of rest as we come into the end of the semester and testing time. Your child needs to be well fed and rested in order to do their best.

There a several happy juniors around town this week. Last week was the first week they could receive their senior rings. I remember when I received mine. It was 10 K gold and it cost me \$50.00. Do you remember when you got yours? I bet you do. It is a special time for these young people congratulate them if you get the chance!

Christmas Break is December 22nd through January 2nd with early outs on the 18th and 19th. Now is a good time to make arrangements for your child's care during those afternoons and during the break.

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!

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Since we didn't meet on the week of Thanksgiving, we had a low attendance of 19 on the 3rd of December. It seems our people stop coming out over the holidays. I do hope more will be here on the 17th for our Christmas Party. We will have finger food, so do bring some special goodies. The ladies will bring gifts for like and the men also. Please just a five dollar gift. Hope to see a good turnout.

We were so happy to have Winston Brown and his sister Geraldene Wright back to be with us. Winston looking good, hope he can continue to be well. Geraldene was kind enough to give the blessing for us. I do wish people would sit down and be quiet by 11:30 as its hard to hear the words. Also Lil Brudnak was with us, always good to see her.

Our meal was small due to less people, but enough. We enjoyed brisket, spaghetti, peas and carrots, salad, jello, beans, rolls and cornbread. We also had pumpkin pie by Estelle Lindley, so delicious and wonderful cake by Emma Jane Larch. Several of our regulars were not here, so they missed some good food. It seems many were out due to Dr. appointments or gone visiting.

Our nurses were here from Medway Home Health in De Leon. They always come the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our BS and BP in checked. We certainly appreciate their services. Thanks to Charlotte and Dawn for being here.

Our BAKE SALE for Martha Rainey will be the 12th in front of ZJ's. Her daughter Jil Torrez will be there to receive your goods. Please bring by 5 p.m. I hope many of you will participate to help her trip to Costa Rica. It would be wonderful if this cure worked for her.

Daisy Slaton and I went on a 1 day bus trip to Belton, Texas to see the Nature in Lights X-Mas Display. It was great! One of the best drive thru light display I'd ever seen. They will also have a boat parade on the lake this Saturday, the 13th. Wish I could see that also. We ate at the Dead Fish Grill on the Lake. The food so very good. The many miles of lights is also by the lake and on S. Ft. Hood.

It was sad to lose our football game to Albany, but they were superior. We did our best the second half, but were slow to get going in the first. We have nothing to hang our heads about, the boys were great!!!

Game night on the 4th was attended by only 9 people. It was good to have Winston Brown and Ellen Parker back to play. Wish more would come out, we always have fun. We usually have snacks around 7 p.m. The cold weather keeps some away. Just dress warm.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

GORMAN LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Dec. 20th

10:00 a.m.

Lamb Show
Fine Wools
Fine Wool Cross
Medium Wool
Grand and Reserve
Sr. Jr., Pee Wee Showmanship

Goat Show

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

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Sr., Jr., and Pee Wee Showmanship

Lunch

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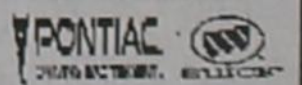


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