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Burn Ban Lifted For Eastland County

Eastland County Commissioners' Court Lifts Burning Ban as Eastland County Commissioners' Court meeting in regular session at 9:00 a.m. On Monday, November 26, 2007 after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to REMOVE the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone conducting outside burning, please contact the local fire department to check weather conditions for that day and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!

Respectivefully submitted, Eastland County Commissioners' Court (s) Rex Fields, County Judge

GSC To Sponsor

Santa Coming To Town Dec. 8

Simeon's Dream

A Presentation Of One Man Show Ministries

Ministries will be at Gorman United Methodist Church this Sunday

December 2nd during our 11 a.m. Worship Service, to present "Sim-

eon's Dream", a costumed biblical drama with holiday music. Based on events in Luke 2:25-35, "Simeon's Dream" relates the momentous

allowing him to see the baby Jesus with his own eyes. Moving holiday

music will add to the depth of the presentation. Mark debuted "Simeon's Dream" in 2000, and the play has taken him to Illinois, South Carolina,

Oklahoma, Alabama and many locations in Texas, including perfor-

God. There will also be a DVD of Simeon's Dream available for a dona-

Football District Championship

large. These shirts are mostly short sleeve, but there are some long sleeve

shirts available also. Please call the high school office at 734-2614 or

contact Becky Swanner or Vicki Brown to obtain one of these shirts.

Volleyball championship shirts will also soon be available for order, call

the high school office to place an order for these shirts. Order forms will go out to all school children. Support the Panthers and Lady Panthers!!

The Photos of the Panthers Games are available at the progress. See Lonnie for the photos you want, I have

Please invite a friend on this special day! Mark will be on hand

We will receive a love offering for Mark on the day of the per-

There are still some Panther football district championship

mances two years in a row at the Lena Pope Chapel in Fort Worth.

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and individuals to fund his ministry

Shirts Still Available

United Methodist Evangelist Mark Winter of One Man Show



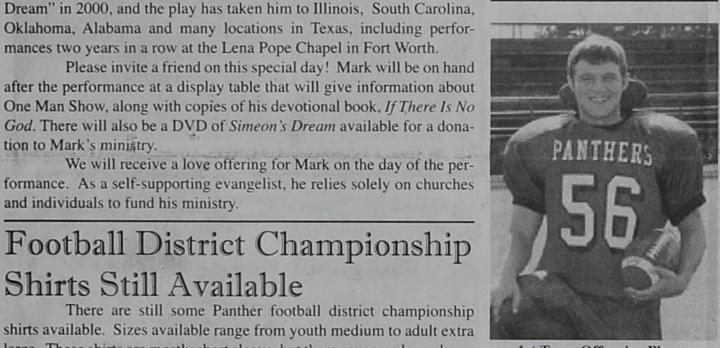
arriving in town on December 8, 2007 at 4:00 Community Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2.00 each.

Angel Tree Santa will be **Program** The Gorman Student p.m. He will be at the Council is sponsoring an Angel

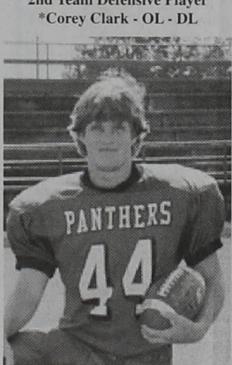
Tree Program this holiday season for local children. This is the perfect opportunity for families, organizations, businesses, and churches to help spread the Christmas cheer. For more information, or to volunteer to help sponsor a child please contact Belinda Segura or a student council member.

Donations Needed

Oakland Cemetery is in need of donations for its care and maintenance. You may send donations to Oakland Cemetery PO Box 532 day when a devout man's lifelong dream to see the Messiah comes true, Gorman, TX 76454. All donations are appreciated.



1st Team Offensive Player 2nd Team Defensive Player *Corey Clark - OL - DL



1st Team Defensive Player and 2nd Team Offensive Player Aaron Keith - OL and DL

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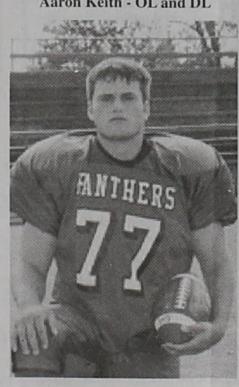
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1st Team Offensive Player Seth Johnson - Center

Courthouse Elevator To Be Out of Service

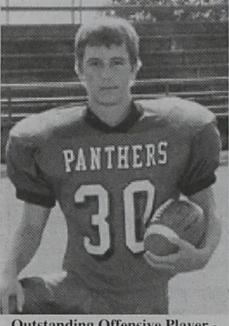
Eastland County is close to completing the replacement of the elevator in the main courthouse. The Final phases will be done next week and then at the end of December. Next Week, December 3 through December 7th, the elevator will be out of service to allow the construction team to replace some of the large operating systems.

Panthers Perfect Season Comes To An End

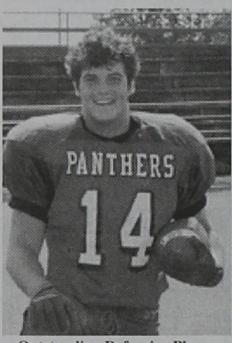
If you don't win a State Championship then you always end your season with a loss. Unfortunately the Panthers came up short this past weekend in Graham enduring a painful 14-0 loss against Winthorst. The Trojans did a great job up front stopping the Panthers ground attack and Gorman was unable to take advantage of opportunities through the air. On four occasions the Panther penetrated the 20 yard line and were unable to score. The Panther Defense played very well overall but in the end it just wasn't enough. The seven turnovers were just too much to overcome. It was the end of a great season with the Panthers finishing with an 11-1 record.

I would like to recognize some special people who supported our team from start to finish. Our administration and faculty are simply the best. The cheerleaders, Band and Dance Teams were awesome. Many people in our community had Red and Blue signs in their loyal red and blue colors as well. For all of this I want to say thanks a million. To all the fans who attended our games faithfully in and out of town we appreciate your sacrifice. It amazes me how much support we receive from our Senior Citizens every week. A special thanks to you all. Thanks to George Simmons and the volunteer chain creew for your hard work and dedication. Thanks too for the people in our Press Box, announcer Daryl Hirst and spotter Ron Childers. Very special thanks to Angela Underwood and Miriam Landa for all they did to promote spirit with the decorations throughout the year. Add Bill Underwood to that list as well. We appreciate our Athletic Booster Club and those who raised money for our boys and girls program. Thanks to the Gorman Progress for the great coverage throughout the

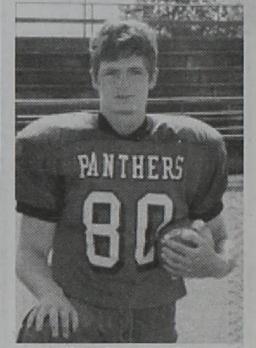
We had an outstanding team this year. The backbone of every team is your senior class. This senior class was just that CLASS! They will be missed greatly and tough to replace on and off the field. Regardless what may have been printed earlier in the year in a local newspaper these young men are truly outstanding and demonostrated it daily as well as each and every Friday Night. They played hard and by the rules. Comments were made weekly from officials and opposing teams on their exemplary behavior during the contest. Each and every week it made me proud to be called coach for this fine team. I'm proud of what we accomplished and saddened that we could not have gone further. Best of Luck to these seniors and thanks for the hard work. Go Big Red!! - Coach Paul Talbert.



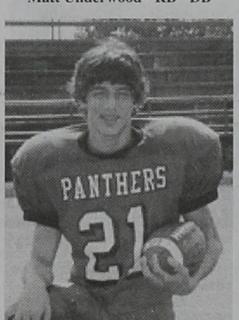
Outstanding Offensive Player -Honorable Mention Defensive Matt Underwood - RB - DB



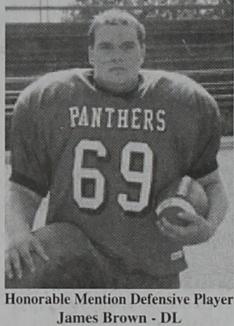
Outstanding Defensive Player 1st Team Offensive Player Chad Klein - TE - LB



Ist Team Defensive Player 1st Team Offensive Player Clinton Oliver - DE and TE

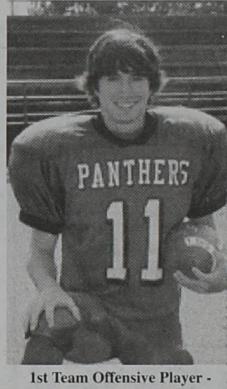


2nd Team Defensive Player Drew McCreless - DB

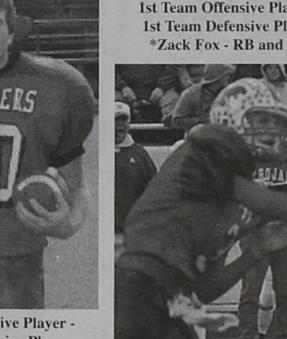




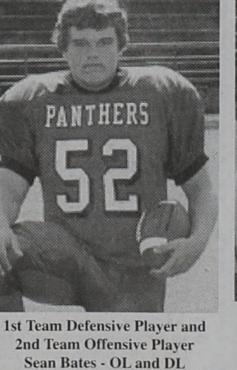
1st Team Offensive Player -1st Team Defensive Player

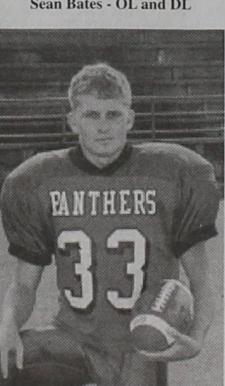


1st Team Defensive Player *Zack Fox - RB and DB



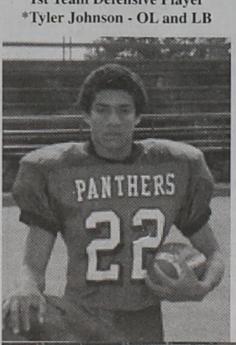
2nd Team Offensive Player 2nd Team Defensive Player Tyson Swanner - QB and DB





1st Team Offensive Player Tony Perez - Running Back

Coach of The Year Coach Paul **Talbert**



2nd Team Defensive Player and Honorable Mention Offense Orlando Valenzuela - DE & All Purpose

* Unanimous Selection



Tony Perez about to be smothered by a Trojan during game action Friday. Blocking for Tony is Corey Clark and Tyler Johnson.

all the games ready for viewing. Thanks, Lonnie. **Bride of Christ Church To Hold Impact Ministries**

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The Bride of Christ Full Gospel Church in Gorman is hosting Dr. Teresa and Rev. Tom Stamman on Saturday, December 1 at at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Make Plans to Attend.

The prohetic Ministry has anointed Preaching, Individual Prayer and Equipping Seminars.

NOTICE OF INCREASE!!

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 incounty 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.

OBITURARIES

Jon Keith Perkins

Jon Keith Perkins, age 36 of De Leon, passed away on Friday, November 23, 2007 in Bosque County, Texas. Services were held Tuesday, November 27th at 11 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Interment unknow at this time.

Jon was born August 30, 1971 in Dallas, Texas to Sam Perkins and Linda Stroud Perkins. Jon was a self-employeed Truck Driver.

Survivors include four daughters, Maurianna Carpenter of Dublin, Janna Perkins, Natasha Perkins and Jona Perkins, all of Quitaque, Tx; mother Linda Stroud Perkins of De Leon; grandmother, Rose Gooden of De Leon and sister, Rebecca Limmer and husband Eryin of Dublin. Prec eded by father Sam Perkins.

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49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country

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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.

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Mary Beth Morgan

Mary Beth Morgan, 60, of De Leon, passed away Monday. November 19, 2007 in Houston with her husband, District Judge James

Morgan and sons, Robby and Clint at her side. She fought a courageous battle the last ten years with lymphoma and various other ailments. Her indominatable spirit never let it get her down and she was an inspiration to her friends and the many who knew her.

Beth was born June 27, 1947 in Oklahoma City to Harry and Ella Bledsoe. She and James married November 17, 1979 in Washington, D.C. She was a graduate of Oklahoma State University. She worked for Speaker Carl Albert and later for Majority Leader Jim Wright

while she lived in Washington, D.C. She was a speech therapist and worked for the DeLeon school system. She also worked as Administrative Assistant at the DeLeon Hospital. She was named Woman of the Year by the De Leon Chamber of Commerce for her many civic activi-

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in De Leon and taught children's Sunday School classes and headed up Vacation Bible School for many years. She loved the Breath of Life praise service there and was always in attendance when health did not prevent

Her proudest accomplishment was being the mother of Robby and Clint. She was always involved in their school activities. She loved being part of their lives and being a friend to their friends.

She is survived by her husband, James, of De Leon, her two sons, Robby of Austin and Clint of Dallas and by her brother, Ron Bledsoe of Lexington, Oklahoma. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, in-laws and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service was at 2PM Friday at the First Baptist Church in DeLeon under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home. Family visitation was from 6 to 8 PM Thursday at First United Methodist Church.

Beth was a long time supporter of the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Walk. Memorial contributions to that organization or the church or charity of your choice will be appreciated by her survi-

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455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-imigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and trurkey hunting, Hwy.6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000 613 A, w/3-2,2,144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf barn, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [wwo2] \$2,025,000

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 Aofwildlife cover[DK01] \$751,530 REDUCED 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room,

24'x50' carport/RV shed, 20'x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultavation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500 25.6 A, w/4-2½, 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]

52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [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
5A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [KI01] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting

[WM01] \$75,000

• 51 A, hightway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000 • 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000

 236±A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals availabyle, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre $380\pm A$, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. $100\,A$ crop land, remainder in costal bermuda

& tilton 85, gentle roling terrain, good fences/crossfences, producing gas well [cwo1] \$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 imigation wells, imigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells, imigation pit, stock

tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [L001] \$442,500 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip imigation on whole orchard, 9 imigation wells [REM01] \$405,000

8½ A, 3-2 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good

fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system [T021] \$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

3-2½, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, ruralwater supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DVL01] \$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 [wco1] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots

and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000 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 3.925sf(CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [BW02] \$75,000 REDUCED \$65,000

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving - this little piggy lived up to her name. I pigged out! We had our children and grandchildren here and it was fun. The weather didn't cooperate, though, did it? We did need the moisture and the snow reminded me that Christmas would soon be here!

Desdemona will be a very busy place this weekend. The annual Christmas Store will begin Thursday morning and continue through Saturday evening at the Desdemona Activity Center. The times will be 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. each day, except on Saturday our usual first Saturday breakfast. Our monthly 'Breakfast at the DAC' will, also, be Saturday morning from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Come early to shop and eat. The Christmas Store will be open the following weekend also. That will be December 6th, 7th and 8th.

While you are at the DAC, don't forget to ask about tickets for the drawing for the 42 inch LG plasma television that the fire department is giving away. This is a fundraiser for our much-needed new firehouse being built on Highway 16 just south of the blinking light. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on December 20th at the new fire

The new Hogtown General Store is open for business and it is a great place to pick up gifts, also. My daughters, granddaughter and I shopped there on Friday and it was a very busy place indeed. They carry lots of sparkly things and lots of surprising things - come and see! The store in located just north of the blinking light on the east side of the road - you can't miss it.

Don't forget the Country Fair at the old schoolhouse will be going on Friday and Saturday, also.

Like I said, Desdemona will be a very busy place this weekend. Hope to see you here this weekend and next.

Carol Pell

2007 District 10-A Volleyball All District Honors

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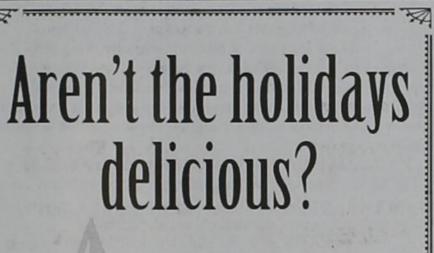
Most Valuable Player Audrey Johnston



1st Team All District **Brandy Carlton**



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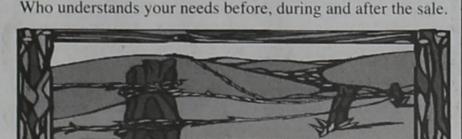






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Shown are Chad Klein, Matt Underwood, Orlando Valenzuela and Drew McCreless in game action Friday in Graham.

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Super Notes

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

If you were not at the game last Friday against Windthorst, you still probably already know that we lost. That's the bad news. The good news is that our Panthers are the out -right District and Bi-District Champions for 2007 and that's great! They keep getting better and better and although football is over for these young men this year, basketball now begins and then there will be track and baseball. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our coaches and the football team this year. They played hard and have given all of us another reason to be proud of them. I expect the rest of the year to be just as exciting in every respect. Congratulate these young men and their coaches when you see them for their accomplishments this year and the entertainment they have provided this community. They are your future!

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and plenty of time to be with family and friends. Gorman ISD has been especially blessed this year and we are thankful for all of the community support we receive and the honor of sharing in the education of your children. As superintendent, I am especially thankful for having a school board that keeps the best interest of your children in their hearts while making decisions. Also, for two of the best principals you could have. My list could go on and on because I feel our entire faculty and staff, as a whole, is the best! God has blessed us so richly that sometimes I am just in awe when I look at all of the things He has done for us! I hope you feel the same way.

Christmas will be here before you know it. Please help keep your children focused on doing their school work and finishing this first semester as academically strong as they can. If you have any questions about what your child can do to improve their grades, please call their teacher and arrange for a conference. The more we can work together the better they will do.

How did you like the snow? I think everyone is in shock, but it is the end of November and this is the sort of thing we should expect. I guess all the warm weather we've had lulled us into a false sense of thinking that we might not have a winter. Maybe it will warm up a little though for those of us that prefer fall and spring.

The annual Junior High and Elementary U.I.L. Academic Competition will be held here are our schools on December 11th and 13th. We will release school at 12:45pm on those two days. If your child is going to be competing, please help them practice their area of competition at home with you in the evenings. We want our students to be as competitive in academics as they are in athletic so practice and preparation is very important.

Basketball is in full swing now. Our Junior High games are usually on Mondays and our High School games are usually on Tuesdays and Fridays. The schedules are posted on our website. This week our varsity girls and boys will be in a tournament in Rising Star that begins on Thursday and lasts through Saturday. Next week our Junior High teams play in Santo. I hope you will all come out and support these athletes. Your cheers make the difference!

We are still collecting old pairs of glasses. If you have any old pairs of glasses that you would like to donate, you may drop them off to me at the school or at the Gorman Pharmacy. We collect them year round, but will be trying to get as many as we can through the month of November. Please help us out!

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anyti ne. 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!

Homestead Nursing & Rehab News

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. We all did.

Nancy Hendricks is in the Comanche County Medical Center Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is back with us soon. I am sure Nancy would love to receive a card from everyone.

Joey Beaty came and spent Thanksgiving Day with his mom, Dorothy Beaty. Visiting with Margie Hudson were Trish Hudson of Dallas, Carolyn Little, Elnora Lindley, Jordan Scitern, Kinsey Johnston, Kay Ann Craddock, Johnny and Ina Smith, and Ralph Hudson. Margie was able to go home for a while on Thanksgiving Day.

Jeff Smith of Eastland visited with his Grandmother, Jelma Smith. Jelma went to Johnny and Ina's for Thanksgiving Day.

Visiting Irene West were: Karen Pena of Temple, Marissa Osborne, Johnathan and Matthew of Navasota, Sue Ann, Billy, Dusty & Willie Wiley of San Saba, Johnnie Barnett of Stephenville, Peggy and Archie Brooks of Merkle, James Collins of Odessa, Sandra Osborn and Billie Earl Simpson.

Visiting Lottie Morris were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, and Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Ima Boles went to Bobbie and Mary Jane Little's on Thanksgiving Day and got to visit with all her brothers and families.

Imogene Norris went out to the Morrow farm on Thanksgiving and visited with all her children, James and Jo Norris of Eastland, Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Jeanna and Ronnie Pack of Carbon, and Lisa and Randy Lewis of Stephenville, and all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Billy Earl Simpson visited with everyone.

Things are starting to look like Christmas around here...come and visit us.

Until next time....Ina

Stained Glass Class Draws To A Close

number of works that were featured during the Stained Glass Art display and dinner recently. Members from Gorman and the surrounding community made up the art group. The class was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ and was taught by Monda Oldham of







Gorman Fire Chief Gene Foster assists Wanda Martin of Desdemona during the fire extinguisher safety training session held recently for ladies of the Community. Mrs. Brown was one of approximately 20 participants in the demonstration.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"A Country Fair" will be held on Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym with hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Breakfast will be served each day at 8 a.m. and Lunch at noon. You are invited to come and enjoy shopping for special gifts. Vintage Photos of your family will make a great gift. A Special Family dressed in 1860's attire will be present to show weaving, spinning wheel designs and play dulcimer music. Make plans to attend, enjoy breakfast or lunch in the friendly atmosphere of our "Country Kitchen". "SANTA" will visit on Saturday afternoon. To of good food, fun and fellowship. reserve a booth contact Linda Lindley at 254-758-2691.

Ladies Monthly Social will be a Christmas Luncheon held on Monday, December 10th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Bring your favorite dish of food for the meal. Meat and drinks will be furnished by the hostess, Linda Lindley. Also bring a wrapped gift (cost \$8.00 to \$10.00). Arrive at 11:00 a.m. with your food, gift and plan to have lots of fun with all of the group.

Robert and Ima Brown spent the Thanksgiving Holidays visiting in Centern, Arkansas with their daughter, Fran Senger and husband,

Bernard and Ann Keith spent Thanksgiving Holidays visiting

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Karen Fair and Lorin hosted a Family Thanksgiving Dinner. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belind Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan Jade, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane, Kandice Cogburn and children, Dylan and Tajah and Gary and Jody Waltson, all of Desdemona.

Vonnie Guthery visitied last Wednesday with her sister, Avie Taylor in De Leon. She was busy cooking - ready for all of her Kelsey and Nashton Guthery. family to arrive later in the day.

Our friend, Roy Lemasthis past week in Abilene Hendrick Hospital. Roy attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1941. Get Well wishes to Roy from Friends in Desdemona.

"Congratulations" to Michael and Mary Riggs - they are the owners of the new "Hogtown General Store" located in Desdemona at intersection of Hwy. 16 and Hwy. 8. Come and visit with them for gifts. Many items available - jewelry, candles and much

Have a great day, Coon.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

We received rain and snow during the latter part of the week. A holiday wreath by Gail Clayton of Desdemona was one of a I don't know how much as my gauge was not upright. The snow fell on Thanksgiving evening and again on Sunday evening, covering the ground. It was beautiful, but it didn't last long. In each case it was all melted by the next morning. We are very thankful for the moisture that will help the land and keep the threat of wildfires down.

At the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church, Jimmy Little directed the music with Daryl Hirst at the piano. Daryl rendered the special music "Who Am I". "Happy Birthday" was sung to Carolyn Little. Vernon Bennett of Crane was a visitor.

Bro. Jim Haggard's message was on "The Second Coming of Christ' from Acts 1:8-11 and several other scriptures. Christ is coming for his church, but there will be no fanfare and we will not know when. Many signs have been given in the scriptures about the last days, and it seems that we are living in the last days. There will be wars and rumors of wars. Man will have an outward form of religion, but will only be playing church. They will love pleasure more than loving God. Churches are declining, and God says there will be a falling away as people don't want to go to church. Be assured that Jesus is coming again, in the twinkling of an eye so prepare to meet thy God. Are you ready?

The Sunday evening service was cancelled when the snow began to fall and it was getting much colder.

The Wednesday evening pot luck supper and prayer meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the Sunday morning service on Sunday, December 2 at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Thanksgiving morning brought some disturbing news to us in the community when Chance Bryant became ill and was taken by helicopter to Cook Children's Hospital at Fort Worth, and shortly after that the news came that Nancy Hendricks had suffered a stroke and was taken to the Comanche County Hospital. Please continue to remember these in your prayers.

Chance is still in ICU, but the report is that he is doing better. His parents, Susie and Michael Hampton and other family members have been at his bedside. The family appreciates all the prayers said for Chance and the concern shown for him and the family.

On Monday Nancy was showing a slight improvement. She was able to swallow just a little. She is paralyzed on her right side, and can't speak, but seemed to recognize those around her. Her daughter Sylvia Buchanan has been at her bedside. Her grandson, Kelly Buchanan of West Columbia was here for a Thanksgiving visit and was the one who found she had suffered the stroke when he went to the nursing home to bring her to Sylvia's for Thanksgiving dinner. She had been to the dining room for her breakfast that morning and then gone back to her room to get ready for Kelly to come pick her up. Nancy has had many visitors, but I won't attempt to name them for I would surely miss some.

We hope and pray for a speedy recovery for Chance and Nan-

Durwood and Aletha Burgess and Aline Garrett of Gorman had Thanksgiving dinner in Granbury with Durwood's sister, Joyce Pence. Several generations of the Burgess family attended.

Billy Burgess of Granbury visited on Friday with Durwood and Aletha and attended the play-off football game between Gorman and Windthorst with Danny and Charla Burgess. A cousin, Bobby Patrick of Amarillo and a friend, Jim Morrison of Rock Port visited with Durwood and Aletha on Monday.

Ann Warren of Gorman, Kay Womack and Kay Ann Wooten of Coppell, Jerry and Linda Warren of San Antonio, Wayne Warren of Stephenville, and Shannon Stewart and a friend of Granbury enjoyed a Thanksgiving celebration in the home of Dwayne Snell in Gorman. A good time was had by all.

THE LITTLE FAMILY THANKSGIVING

Bobby and Mary Jane Little were hosts in their home for the Little Family Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving night. Those attending were: LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville; Ima Boles of Gorman; Jimmy Little of Ben Wheeler, Johnny and Shirley Little of Ben Wheeler, Katie Little and son, Clayton, of Bedford, Brian and Brittany Little of Mesquite, Cody and Laurie Little of Forney and John and Amanda Little of Chandler; Jimmy and Verna Little of Kokomo, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Emily Little and Mike and Kourtney Peacock of San Antonio, Nelda Fails, Cody Fails and Courtney Butts and Jarad Fails of Arlington, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon; Charles and Carolyn Little of Kokomo, Caye, Scotty, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Sarah Russell of Breckenridge, Charla Burgess of Gorman, Karson Scitern of Gorman, Alan, Justin, Ally and Emma Little of Gorman; Betty Little of Kokomo, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, David and Ashley Little of Las Cruces, NM, and Joe and Ashley Little of Fort Worth. They all enjoyed lots

Gary, Rebecca, Emily and Lance Browning of Wichita Falls came on Thursday for a Thanksgiving visit with his parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning. Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham came to join them on Friday and they all attended the annual Browning Family Christmas celebration at the Elegante` Suites in Abilene on Saturday and Sunday. Others attending were Kay and Gene Snider, Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, and Eddie and Anna Lou Browning of Granbury.

Oren and Norma Webb went to Waco on Friday for a Thanksgiving celebration in the home of a granddaughter, Kaci, Randall, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga. Others attending were Judy Porter and Scarlett and Tino Torres of San Antonio, Amanda Porter of Boulder, CO, John Melde of Elgin, James and Chelsea Webb of Granbury, Jacob and Alice Webb of Moody, Steven Bergmark, Lewis, Valia, Chad and Kish Suniga all of Comanche, Jantzen Webb and Jeremy and Christina Bolling of Magnolia. Sarah Porter was unable to attend, but she was missed.

LaVon Snider had Thanksgiving Day dinner in the home of Dwayne and Connie Snider in Stephenville. Others enjoying the dinner were Brandon and Sheri LaBonte of South Riding, VA, Lisa Snider of Lorton, VA, Ricky Park, Franklin, Jeanne, Chloe and Claire Baker and

Richard and Teresa Nachtigall of Morgan Mill visited with Joe and Barbara Fields and family during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Troy Scitern enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner in her home with her family. Those enjoying the day with her were Laverne and Tommy Carr of Lake Whitney, Mickey Carr of Dallas, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern, Kris, Kristen, Karsyn and Kyndall Scitern and Keri, Nicholas,

Those enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with Jimmy and Magter of De Leon spent a few days gie Nelson were Brenda and Paul Matthew Rodriquez of Haltom City, Travis, Gladys, Alexis, Tiffany and Ethan Nelson of Haltom City, Chris and Teresa Turpin and children, Quinton, Samantha, Cale and Luke of Arlington, and Cassie Brasher.

Those enjoying a Thanksgiving celebration in the home of Zelda Jordan on Friday night and Saturday were Glenda and Ray White and Charlie White of Anson, and Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene. Sylvia Buchanan joined them for dinner on Saturday. Zelda also enjoyed telephone visits from Joe Miles of Austin, Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Randy McDonald of Rowlett, and Linda, Kenneth and William Whitley of Palestine.

Wade and Sheri Daniell of Abilene honored their daughter, Emily, with a fun time at Mr. Gatti's in celebration of her 5th birthday on Monday, November 26th. Others helping her celebrate were her brothers, Ryan and Kody Daniell, grandparents, Glenda and Ray White and friends, Lanette, Hannah and Nathan Hollandsworth.