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Santa Coming To Town



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

Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Mauney
Request the honor of your presence
At the marriage of their daughter
Christina Lynnette

To

Mr. Robert Matthew Clark
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clark
On Saturday, the eight of December

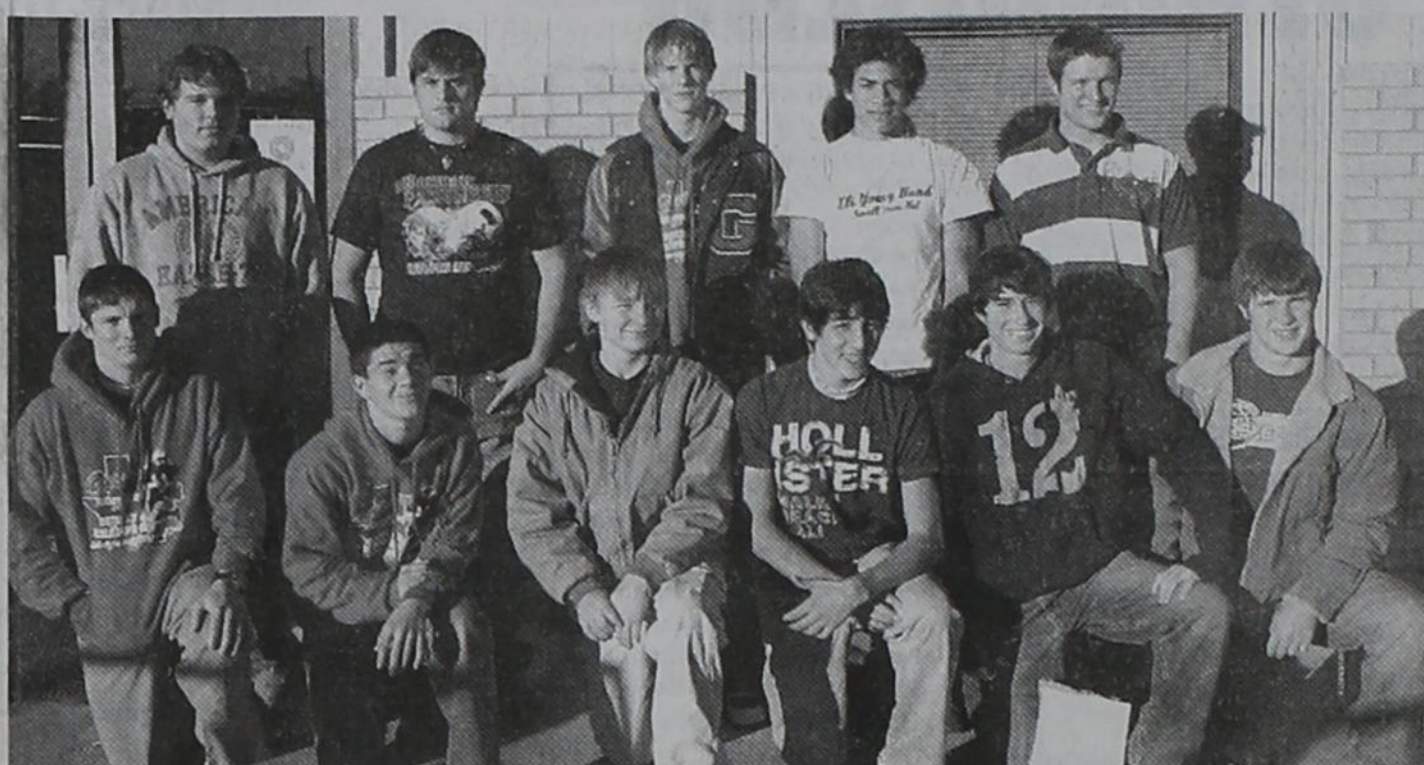
Two thousand and seven
At 2:30 in the afternoon

At

First Baptist Church
Gorman, Texas

Panthers and Lady Panthers Win At Rising Star Tourney

The Gorman Varsity Basketball teams participated in a tournament in Rising Star over the weekend and had a great time. The girl's won the consolation trophy and looked especially sharp the last game against Ranger. Kimi Seaton received a medal for All-Tournament. The boys' team won the championship game against the Evant Elks! Tyson Swanner received a medal for MVP and Zack Fox received a medal for All-Tournament.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS!!!



CONSOLATION!!!



Kimi Seaton
All-Tournament



Tyson Swanner
Tournament MVP



Zack Fox
All-Tournament

Basketball Signup Grades 3 thru 6

It is time to get ready for PeeWee Basketball. We are starting to sign-up this week. The sign-up will end on December 5th. You can come to the Community Center on December 5th at 7:00 p.m. You can also turn your forms in at City Hall. We are looking forward to getting started.

Anyone that is interested in being a coach or that was a coach last year. There will be another meeting when we know how many coaches that we need. If you are interested please let me know or you can come to sign up on the 5th.

The fee to play this year will be \$25 per child. This will get shirts and insurance on the kids. Forms to sign-up will be available at City Hall. If you have any question by feel free to call me at or you can leave a message at 734-5377.

Barbara Fenley

GSC To Sponsor Angel Tree Program

The Gorman Student 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.

In Memory of ZELDA "Kokomo" JORDAN

Our Reporter for the
KOKOMO NEWS

She passed away peacefully on the night of December 2nd.
We will all miss her weekly column, which she so religiously
wrote each week to keep up the news of her beloved Community.

Tribute To "Kokomo"

Another era came to an end on Sunday night with the passing of Zelda Jordan. She passed away while in bed during the night.

It was a pleasure to be associated with this Saint for too many years to count as she wrote the Kokomo News for decades. She loved her Community and people and worked diligently to be sure that the news of her loving community was published each week in the Progress and also the Eastland Telegram. She was totally dedicated to her beloved "Kokomo" that she rarely missed reporting the news every week and only missed putting the news in the paper due to illness or emergencies.

There was, and never will be, another "Kokomo" in our lives and minds. There is no doubt in my mind that she is now with her Lord and Savior, who she loved body and soul.

We only hope and pray that there will be someone in the community who will volunteer to continue the duty

she has continued to perform and report the news each week.

So long "Kokomo" and God is blessing you right now. There will be an empty spot in everyone's hearts in our community.

In loving memory
Joe and Lonnie Bennett

The Yearbook Staff will be selling Photo CD's for \$5.00 Each. Each CD will have pictures from the entire season or event that has taken place. Please bring money and order form to the High School Office. The form may be downloaded from the District Website at www.gorman.esc14.net. The CD's available will be Varsity Football District, Varsity Football Playoffs, Varsity Volleyball District, Varsity Volleyball Playoffs, Junior High Football, Junior High Pep Rallies/Cheerleaders, and High School Pep Rallies/Cheerleaders/Dance. Thanks for your support.

Happy Holidays! You're Invited To Our Open House

What: Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn's
Open House Fellowship

When: Saturday - Dec. 15, 2007 - 2pm to 4pm

Where: Jerry and Virginia Skagg's Home
19950 Hwy 6
Gorman, TX

Please come and join the fun!
We hope to see you there!

Cubs and Lady Cubs Travel to Santo

Gorman B Girls 8 - Santo
19 (Perez 6, Burt 2)

Gorman A Girls 2 - Santo
34 (Thackerson 2)

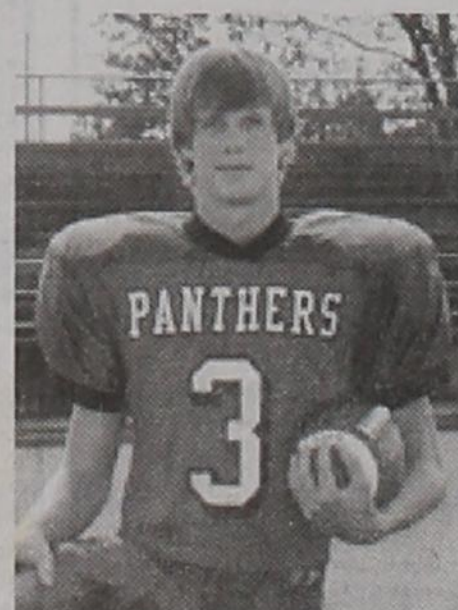
Gorman B Boys 25 - Santo
17 (Ramirez 10, Silva 2,
Velasquez 11, Limon 2)

Gorman A Boys 52 - Santo
7 (Williams 12, Ryon 4,
Hipolito 10, Vaughn 12,
Fenley 14)

Named To All District Team

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

We did not have this
Photo available
For last weeks paper.
Sorry About That.



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.

Zelda Jordan

Zelda Jordan, age 80, passed away Monday, December 3, 2007 at her home in the Kokomo Community near Gorman.



Services will be 2:00 P. M. Wednesday at the Kokomo Baptist Church with Jimmy Nelson and Randy McDonald officiating. Burial will follow at Simpson Cemetery.

Zelda was born in Brady, Texas on September 7, 1927 to James E. Lewallen and Lois Webb Lewallen. She married Glenn O. Jordan on October 18, 1946 in Eastland. He preceded her in death on December 12, 1993. Zelda was a homemaker and a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Kokomo Community Center and Simpson Cemetery Association. Zelda had worked for Southwestern Peanut Growers Association for several years. Zelda wrote the "Kokomo News" for many, many years.

She is survived by: daughter, Glenda Joyce White and husband, Ray of Anson; two sisters, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe and Barbara Bell of Denver City; six grandchildren, Joe and Viki Miles of Austin, Sheri and Wade Daniell of Abilene, Robert Miles of Louisiana, Kyle Jordan of Lubbock, Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, and Charles White of Anson; and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Teddy Dean Jordan, her parents, and four brothers.

OBITUARIES

Mary (Tince) Thompson

Mary (Tince) Thompson, age 83 of Gorman passed away at her home Friday, November 30, 2007.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Watson officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

She was born December 16, 1923 in Taylor County to Walter Freeman and Rose Williams Freeman. She married S. W. Thompson on April 22, 1944 in Howard County, Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, S. W. Thompson of Gorman; two daughters, Lenora Speer and husband, Jesse of Ranger and Doris Marshall and husband, Terry of Temple; one son, Larry Thompson and wife, Kristi of Gorman; one brother, Calvin Freeman of Round Rock; two sisters, Ethel Carruth of Comanche and Dorothy McDaniel of Santa Anna; 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters and a daughter, Ethel Johnson.

Mary Jo Sims

Mary Jo Sims, age 84 of Eastland, formerly of Garland, Odessa and De Leon, died Friday November 30, 2007. Funeral Services will be 2:30 PM on Monday in Edwards Funeral Home. Burial will follow in De Leon Cemetery.

Born Mary Jo Moreland in De Leon on July 19, 1923 to Guy Oscar and Ethyl (Haynes) Moreland. She was a Graduate of De Leon High School where she enjoyed being in the Pep Squad. She married Billy Jack Sims Feb. 10, 1940 and they made their home in Gorman. After WWII they moved to Odessa where she was active in Church, Bridge Club, Women's Club and raising her family. After Mr. Sims retirement from Humble Oil in 1966 they moved to Garland Texas. In Garland they opened the Farmers Insurance Agency which they operated for 30 years. She was a member of the Southfork Baptist Church in Garland and was a Woman of Faith, enjoyed social events and was "always on the go".

She is survived by: Daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Ken Songer of Rising Star, Texas; Two Sons and friend Jerry P. Sims and Ruth of Mesquite Texas, and David Jack Sims of Garland; 8 Grandchildren, 6 Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother Vernon T. Moreland and an aunt Sula Haynes Peterson.

Rebecca (Becky) Dossey Simpson

Rebecca (Becky) Dossey Simpson, age 53, of Brownfield, Tx died Monday, November 26, 2007 in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29th at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Oak-lawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Born on April 26, 1954 in Odessa, she married Jackie Don Simpson on October 17, 1981 in Gorman. She was a housewife and a member of First Baptist Church in Gorman.

She is survived by her husband, Jackie Don Simpson of Brownfield; three sons, Chance Simpson of Austin, Casey Simpson of Brownfield and Cody Simpson of Lubbock; a daughter, Rachel Wilson of De Leon; parents, Darrell and June Dossey of Gorman; brother, David Lynn Dossey and wife, Janet of Breckenridge; a sister, Tracy June Spivey of Gorman; sister-in-law, Lesa Dossey of Breckenridge; three grandchildren as well as seven nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Wayne Dossey.

CLASSIFIEDS

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 FOR SALE: Registered SHITZU Puppies. Available in Six Weeks. Call 254-734-6346. 3-12-06.C.

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for LVN's for all shifts. Apply in person at 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, TX EEOC.

NEEDED: Attention Stay at home moms, retirees, or anyone looking to make some extra Christmas money. We are looking for caring, dependable people to work in clients homes. We offer increased pay and scheduling flexibility. Please contact Comanche Community Healthcare@ 1-800-441-4613 ITP

HELP WANTED - Paid Staff Nursery Worker needed for Wednesdays, Sundays and special occasions. Please apply at: First Baptist Church - 218 W. Ross - Gorman, TX 76454 - 254-734-2420 - Ask for Karen. FNC.

COGBURN REALTY 254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX Frame home, 648 sq. ft., good condition. REDUCED TO \$11,900. 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 JA, 1232' (CAD) manufacturered 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., large nice building site! \$52,500.00 Will Divide. 3-12-06.C.

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/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. \$2,999.00 \$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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NEW 32 WIDE - 3+2 Cedar Type Home, Open Concept, Tape and Texture thru Out, Great Country Style Kitchen, Great Computer Area. Must See, Available with acreage, \$0 Down, FHA, 7%, 360Mos. \$695 MO. 817-279-8505 RB134823 5-12-06.C.

NEW 2 + 2 X-Large Rooms, With Acreage, Great for 1st Time Buyer or Retired. \$0 Down Available, FHA, 7.5%, \$550 mo., 360 Mos. 817-279-8505 RB1-35823 5-12-06.C.

WANTED TO BUY: Up to 2 Acres in or around Gorman. Ready for mobile home preferred but will take unimproved. Call 972-642-7885. 3-12-13 C.

100% BRICK METAL ROOF ON 4 TREE COVERED LOTS. Huge open kitchen, Giant Living area with high ceilings and lot's of windows, very large bedrooms, 2 car garage 12 Pecan and fruit trees. Grisham & Associates 254-624-4258. 5-12-13 P.

Gilder Realty 254-893-3404 Comanche Office: 255-356-3739 Broker: Robert Gilder Agents: Ronnie Gidden, David Gilder, Wayne Parsons, Bobby Heaman, Debbie Gilder, Neal Butler

455A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of coastal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Hwy 6 frontage (road) \$1312,000

613A, w/3-2, 2, 144s (CAD) Brick Home, 4, 6, 20s (barn, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek hunting, good fences, 31 A coastal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available. (road) \$2,025,000

328 A High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks. Lots of wildlife (road) \$1,526,000

231 A on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, coastal, cultivation, good fences and cross fences, hunting. 77 A of wildlife cover (road) \$751,539 REDUCED \$665,280

90 A, 4-3, 2, 773s (CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50' carport, RV shed, 20'x20' shed, water well, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable (road) \$997,500

25 B A, w/4-2A, 2, 243s (CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, coastal, large oak trees (road) \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000

7A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well (road) \$65,000

5 A, w/4-2, 2, 085s (CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank (road) \$120,000

245 A on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway (road) \$98,000

52 A, w/2, 854s (CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, barns (road) \$259,999 REDUCED \$239,500

14A, w/1840s (CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage (road) \$180,000

5 A, w/1, 600s (CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn, (road) \$159,999 REDUCED \$129,500

20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in coastal, rural water available, hunting (road) \$75,000

51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting (road) \$193,000

11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees (road) \$70,000

236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, coastal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting (road) \$2,195 Per Acre

380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in coastal bermuda & titon 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences/cross fences, producing gas well (road) \$959,999 REDUCED \$931,000

250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppere as Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water (road) \$850,000

248 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, coastal, native pasture (road) \$2,500 per acre

150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. (road) \$442,500

81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells (road) \$405,000

83A A, 3-2, 1, 800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinklers system (road) \$265,000

3-3, 2, 160s (CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, CH/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area (road) \$130,000

3-2A, 2, 770s (CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building (road) \$297,500

3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512s (CAD) frame home, woodburning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop (road) \$137,500

3-2, 2, 086s (CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shade lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building (road) \$195,999 REDUCED \$90,000

3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, work shop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home (road) \$135,000

2-1A-1 re modeled 1,313s (CAD) frame home, fireplace, storage bldg., central H/A (road) \$75,000

23 A, w/2-1, 1, 144s (CAD) frame home, screened porch, well (road) \$55,000

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, GORMAN PROGRESS

WOW! What a year we're having. Our football team thrilled us from Day One. Eleven Wins for The Panthers with impressive numbers. If I have it right, our defense had a total of 49 points scored on them. Talk about awesome! Our offense scored 564 points. Our panthers were a pleasure to watch and we are PROUD OF THEM. Don't forget our Volleyball Team winning playoffs games at Hico, Breckenridge, and Cisco, before losing at Weatherford and so close to making it to the State Championship Games. WE ARE PROUD OF THEM! At our volleyball games our Football team was cheering for the girls along with an awesome group of Panther fans. At our Football games, our girls were cheering for the boys, along with a awesome group of Panther fans. That's the Way It Should Be!! I believe our Panther Fans have outnumbered our opponents at every game so far. Our Panther supporters ARE LOUD. We let people know we support our team and we are PROUD OF OUR STUDENT ATHLETES. We need to continue to encourage and support out youth of Gorman and our excellent School System. Yes we have some problems and always will but overall we have an excellent school system with very capable personnel. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to KEEP supporting our Panthers! Our coaches deserve a special THANKS for their hard work and long hours of working with our youth. We should let them know that we appreciate their efforts and leadership.

Sincerely,
(s) Kenny Welch
Proud Support of Our Youth
And one of Many Panther Supporters

Football District Championship Shirts Available

There are still some Panther football district championship shirts available. Sizes available range from youth medium to adult extra 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!!!

2007 GORMAN LIVESTOCK SHOW

DECEMBER 15, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Concession stand available in the cafeteria by Gorman Livestock Raisers Assoc.

Shawn Boles.....Show Director / Ag Science Teacher
Jimmy Key.....Judge, Ag Science Teacher

8:45 Showmanship Clinic

9:30 LAMB DIVISION

Southdown

Medium Wool

Grand Champion Lamb

Reserve Grand Lamb

Showmanship Sr. Jr. and Pee Wee

10:15 GOAT DIVISION

Light Weight

Light / Medium Weight

Heavy Medium Weight

Heavy Weight

Grand Champion Market Goat

Reserve Champion Market Goat

Sr. Jr. and Pee Wee Showmanship

11:30 LUNCH BREAK

12:30 Swine Division

Swine Sr. Jr. and Pee Wee Showmanship

Berkshires

Durocs

Hampshires

Polands

Spots

White OPB

Yorkshires

Crosses

Grand Champion Market Swine

Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association would like to take this time to let everyone know how much we appreciate your loyal support. Your purchases of fruit, meat, candles, or a drawing help us raise the funds we need to buy our kids animals at county. To the businesses that contribute products, "cut us a great deal, or donate money we thank you so much. You do make a difference!

Dublin Livestock Auction

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1:00 P.M.

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All Bulls will be fertility tested. Consignments Welcome!!

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Merry
Christmas

NO SALE:

December 21st or 28th

To My Friends And People Who Know Me

As you know you seldom ever see me out and around. In case you do meet me, I will present a card to you that I keep in my shirt pocket at all times that reads:

*I have no voice at all.
I cannot speak one word.
I do not shake hands with anyone.
My wife will explain all this.
Thank you, George Warren*

*You ask, why no hand shake - the reason is anything you might have on your hand; from hand lotion to hand cleaners. A lot of things I touch goes in my skin right to my mouth. I try to avoid direct contact with things like this the best way I can. This affects the condition of my mouth. This is just one of the many things I do for the good of my own self. I do not mean any harm or rudeness by this at all. Thanks to everyone for understanding my health problems that I have learned to live with the past several years since the stroke I had in April of 1998.
Thanks again,
George Warren*

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Whoeee! Is it summer or winter! I can't tell. My Christmas sweatshirts are too warm for the season. It is certainly better to go about your December activities in warmer weather than in cold and snow like where we came from years and years ago.

It was a 'hot' shopping day in Desdemona this past weekend. We had lots of folks come to the Christmas Store at the DAC. Our first Saturday breakfast coincided with the Store and many people came to eat and shop. It was so good to see our regulars and many new faces. Some folks came to shop on Friday and came back for breakfast on Saturday. We thank all who came. Sure do meet nice people in Desdemona.

We had a chance to visit the Country Fair at the old schoolhouse, also. They had some really great crafts. I couldn't resist buying a few things there, also! I know many people who came to our Christmas Store visited the Country Fair and the Hogtown General Store, too. Lots of fun!!

I hope that, if you didn't get a chance to come to the Christmas Store at the DAC, you will come this weekend. The store will be open this Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. until around 6:00 P.M. or later. There will be some new items and more goodies. We are selling raffle tickets for a crocheted tablecloth and 2 crocheted throws, all handmade. The tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. We are, also, selling raffle tickets on a 42-inch LG plasma TV as a fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Dept. Those tickets sell for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing for the TV will be on December 20 at the new fire station. You do not have to be present to win but we would like you to come and inspect the new station!

We are planning to have a New Year's Eve Party at the DAC. Everyone bring his or her favorite board game and we will ring out the old year and ring in the new. We will have finger foods to eat and maybe some musicians to listen to. The drawing for the crocheted items will be held on this evening. Again, you don't have to be present to win but we would like everyone to come and celebrate the New Year with us. I'll have more information about this later. See you at the Christmas Store!

Carol Pell

Panthers Beat Sidney By a Score of 83 to 15

The Panthers beat the Sidney Boys in a game at Sidney on November 28th. The panthers won the game by the score of 83 to 15. Gorman scored 20 in the first, 20 in the second, 21 in the third and 22 in the fourth period. Sidney scored 0 in the first, 2 in the second, 4 in the third and 9 in the fourth period. The Panther record as of the 28th was 1-0. Scoring for the Panthers was:

Tyson Swanner - 23 points
Zack Fox - 14 points
Aaron Keith - 4 points
Brandon Greer - 5 points
Cory Clark - 11 points
Orlando Valenzuela - 0 points
Drew McCreless - 14 points
Keifer Wilson - 8 points
Sean Bates - 2 points
Seth Johnson - 2 points

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TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Eggs, biscuits, gravy, Juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - Rice, biscuits, Juice and Milk.

FRIDAY - Biscuit, ham, gravy, Juice and Milk.

Lunch

MONDAY - Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Rings, cream potatoes, green beans, biscuits, fruit and Milk.

TUESDAY - Tony's Pizza Corn on Cob, Tossed Salad, Fruit and Milk.

Early Release - "No Salad Bar"

WEDNESDAY - Ground Beef and Macroni or Steak Fingers, Potato Smiles, English Peas, rolls, tangy cherry salad, crispy rice treat and Milk.

THURSDAY - Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, fruit and milk. Early Release, NO SALAD BAR.

FRIDAY - Tacos or Meat and Cheese Nachos, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit shape up and Milk.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"NOTICE" there has been a Change in the Gift Giving for the Ladies Monthly Social on Monday, December 10th to be held at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Please bring one item to help fill small gift baskets for the shut-ins. Example - toiletries, Kleenex, wash cloths, lotion, gum, breath mints, etc. Please bring a dish of your favorite food for the Christmas Luncheon. The meat and drinks will be furnished by the hostess, Linda Lindley. Arrive at 11:00 a.m. with your gift, food and plan to have much fun with all of the group.

Desdemona Community Center hosted a "Country Fair" the past weekend in the Old School Gym. It was a "Big Success" with twenty vendors displaying handcrafted quilts, crochet, woodcraft, pottery, jewelry, framed art, stained glass designs, handmade leather items, pastries, wreaths, etc. Thanks to everyone that had any part of making this a wonderful weekend in "Hogtown". All these vendors will keep their names on the list for next year. Thanks to the Ladies in our Community that donated food for our "Country Kitchen".

Roy Lemaster of De Leon is slowly improving from recent heart (four by-pass) surgery. Friends of Desdemona send Get Well Wishes to Roy for a speedy recovery.

Eddie and Pat Fox of Desdemona enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with Bonnie Faye Fox and family at the Community Center in Olden.

Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney visited the past weekend with her parents, "Humpy" and Betty Duke. Betty and Ronda helped in the kitchen at the "Country Fair" on Friday and Saturday at the Community Center. We appreciate their help.

During this busy "Holiday Season" take time to remember the sick and shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Ulenda Cofsky of Fort Worth and Jeff Roberts of Dallas visited with friends in Desdemona on Thursday. They attended the funeral of Becky (Dossey) Simpson in Gorman. Ulenda and Becky were Classmates in Desdemona School.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks - have a Nice Day, "Coon".

Happenings At FBC!!

Gorgeous! That is what our new Church Directory is going to be, and we cannot wait to see it. Special Thanks to Veronica Seaton and Karen Keaton for all of their hard work, and making it a successful and organized event.

Orlando Valenzuela opened our morning Worship Service with a touching prayer.

Aaron Keith delivered a marvelous Children's Sermon. He displayed a rock and illustrated how God looks at our inner beauty. Aaron reminded us that we should also look at one another's inner beauty.

Dec. 9th - Youth Sunday - Youth will lead our Worship Service.

Dec. 12th - 6pm - Church Family Holiday Dinner.

Dec. 15th - 2pm - Bro. Barry and Sharlene's Open House Fellowship.

Bro. Barry's Sermon was "Push or Pull" - Luke 21:5-7.

Bro. Barry said it is easier for a person to pull than push.

Most automakers have put a GPS in their vehicles - a Global Positioning System.

God has his own "GPS" - a Spiritual Navigation System, and the Bible is our manual.

G = Heal broken relationships with GOD

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P = Heal Broken Relationships With The PLANET

S = Heal Broken Relationships With SELF

Two things we need to know about the Future:

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2. It Will Be Fulfilled With Christ's PROMISES!

Even nature is pulled to the light - be sure and ask Bro. Barry how to catch a pesky fly at night.

Christ is the light of the world - let Christ's light pull you; and let His light help you lead others to Christ!

Our Worship Service is being broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM.

God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

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LADY PANTHER CHAMPION VOLLEYBALL SHIRTS NOW SELLING

Championship shirts for the Lady Panther volleyball team are now selling. The shirt will state all levels of success for these girls as well as their name. Please don't miss out on getting your shirt for the first time ever Lady Panther Regional qualifiers!! The shirt is royal blue with red and white trim. Contact the high school office at 734-2614, or Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or Vicki Brown. You won't want to be without one of these if you are a Lady Panther supporter and fan!!!

PFC Raymond Gerth Graduates From Basic Combat Training

Army National Guard Pfc. Raymond C. Gerth Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the nephew of Mike Phelps of Highway 16, De Leon, Texas.

Gerth is a 1997 graduate of De Leon High School.

ECLRA Revamps 2008 Stock Show Schedule

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers Association has revised the schedule of events for the January 16-19, 2008 stock show. In an effort to make the show more accessible to the viewing public, ECLRA will start events later in the day and go later into the evening than in years past.

"Hopefully, the community will get a chance to see more events at the upcoming show than the schedule allowed in the past," stated association president, Brian Perry. "For example, the beef cattle show will begin at 11:00 am on Thursday now. We'll show heifers first, so the steer show should begin during the noon hour. We hope that folks will come out, grab a hamburger and enjoy the cattle show."

"The new schedule also ensures that the bulk of two of our most popular events - the market hog and meat goat shows - will be contested in the early evening after most people get off work."

"We will also have new heating units in the show barn this year, so our patrons should be able to enjoy the competition in more comfort than ever before," Perry continued. "We're very excited about these changes and improvements, and we look forward to seeing all our friends and neighbors at the 2008 stock show."

2008 Eastland County Livestock Show Schedule

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

8:00 pm - All animals (except rabbits) must be checked in, weighed and in place.

Rabbits must be checked in Friday between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Thursday, January 17, 2008

10:00 am - Broilers

11:00 am - Beef Cattle (breeding followed by market)

2:00 pm - Breeding Swine

4:00 pm - Market Swine

Friday, January 18, 2008

11:00 am - Dairy Goats

12:00 pm - Angora Goats

Rabbits must be weighed and checked in with superintendent

2:00 pm - Sheep (breeding followed by market)

4:00 pm - Meat Goats (market followed by breeding)

Saturday, January 19, 2008

9:00 am - Rabbits (market followed by breeding)

4:30 pm - Hamburger Supper

6:30 pm - Auction and Presentation of Awards

Workforce Summit 2007

A one-day event for business, education, economic development and community leaders was held on November 8, 2007. The Workforce Summit 2007 was hosted by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board in partnership with Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne University, McMurry University, Brownwood Economic Development Corporation, Development Corporation of Abilene, Development Corporation of Snyder, Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development,

Cisco Junior College, Ranger College, Texas State Technical College - West Texas, Western Texas College and Region XIV Education Service Center.

The Summit, held at the Abilene Civic Center, attracted more than 130 local and regional professionals interested in growing and retaining a highly skilled workforce for West Central Texas. The Summit provided attendees with information on Identifying and Developing a Talent Pipeline; Creating a Skilled Workforce; and Preparing for Tomorrow's Jobs Today. Bridgestone Bandag's Valentin Hernandez and Greg Alcantar described how they have developed and utilized a talent pipeline for their maintenance department. Robbie Dewberry, representing Stephens Memorial Hospital, provided details on how the same tool was used to secure applicants for Certified Nurse Aides.

Tim Manley of WindClean Corporation introduced attendees to WorkKeys™, a nationally recognized job readiness assessment and certification tool. Mr. Manley shared details on how WindClean is using this product to help determine the job readiness of an applicant, as well as how the city of Coleman is using the product to measure and enhance the skills of their workforce.

Dr. Monty Lynn, Abilene Christian University and Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research, shared information on emerging and declining industries in the West Central Texas area and which skills are transferable between industries.

Barton Cromens, Editor of the Abilene Reporter News, moderated a forum discussion with Rep. Jim Keffer, Rep. Susan King, Samuel Garcia, Randall Conner, Dave Dalzell, and Dr. Tom Winter. The discussion addressed a variety of topics on how, together, West Central Texans can ensure a highly skilled workforce to meet tomorrow's workforce needs.

GHS Boys Basketball Team to Play In The CTC Basketball Tournament

The Gorman High School boys basketball team will face challengers from across Texas in the upcoming Stephenville Lions Club Cross Timbers Classic Basketball Tournament. The tournament is celebrating its 26th year of tournament basketball play and takes place December 6th, 7th, and 8th.

This year's tournament is drawing contestants from across the State of Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. Boys and Girls teams from Burnet, Stephenville, Abilene Cooper, Marble Falls, Brownwood, Aledo, Glen Rose, Crowley, Clarksville, San Angelo Lakeview, McKinney Boyd, Early, Lipan, Coolidge, Santo, Oak Cliff, Gorman, Lawton, OK, and a Home School Association are preparing to vie for the Division 1 or Division 2 tournament titles. So, the tournament promises to offer challenging tune-up play for the Gorman boys as they look forward to the regular season directed by Coach Billy Fox.

The Stephenville Lions Club hosts this non-UIL event each year as a fund raiser for the international work of Lions Clubs around the world and its active community work in Stephenville, TX. The Stephenville Lions Club and the City of Stephenville, TX look forward to hosting the out-of-town guests that will come to support their local teams.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly potluck dinner was held on Wednesday the 28th at 11:30. There were 24 present. We had several missing with Dr. appt., various trips, etc. Jud Maxfield gave the blessing for us all. I really appreciate these people who do this honor.

We were surprised with a large beautiful three up in the center. Ora Lee Lawrence and James McCloud did the honors. Apparently this tree had been up in the attic of the center. We appreciate them making the center look more festive. Some of us then got the little tree in our panty and put it on the drink table. Ann Warren then hung some sleigh bells. We are trying to get in the Christmas Spirit. Sometimes it difficult.

We enjoyed a good meal of roast, carrots and potatoes, also ham, sauerkraut and sausages. There were plenty of side dishes, but we were very short on desserts. We sure missed the people who usually bring desserts. Like Beth Shirley, Emma Jane Larch, Anna Rush, where were you all? I do know Anna went with her sister to visit a brother in South Texas. Her son Russell Cordell drove them.

Daisy Slaton, Betty Regian and I visited Desdemona for their Country Fair. We had breakfast and lunch at the school house. The Chili was so delicious! Betty and I won a prize at their drawing. Very nice and exciting. Then we went on to the DAC for some more shopping. Also checked out the new little store at the light. Quite a lot of interesting things in a small space. We enjoyed our half day there, then were ready for a nap on arriving home.

We sent cards to June Dossey and Nancy Hendricks. We are so sorry on the passing of your daughter, Becky. Hope June you can come back and visit us in the future. Nancy seems to be holding her own after suffering a severe stroke. Maybe she can improve and return to the Nursing Home.

Good to know Wilburn Overstreet is much improved. Heard he went to son Neal's for Thanksgiving. He came last Wednesday morning to play 42, but no one here. You didn't come back to eat with us, what happened? I tried to call you, but never got an answer.

After much discussion, I decided we would have our X-Mas Dinner on the 12th, on our regular dinner time. I'll purchase a Ham, hope the rest of you will bring something that goes with a Holiday Meal. We will do some kind of a gift exchange, haven't decided that yet.

We are so saddened on Zelda Jordan passing. She was a great lady, a good Christian, who lived her religion and inspired us all. We will all miss her at our meals and game night.

We only had 6 people out to play games on the 29th at 4 p.m. We are playing earlier now due to darkness coming so early. Glad to have Dixie Pack out to be with us. We played Spinner as some didn't know 42. It is a fun game and we all enjoyed. Hope all is well and see you next week.

Carol

Super Notes

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

Congratulations! Gorman High School has been rated as one of the top high schools in the country! This information was published in a report in the December 3, 2007 issue of U. S. News & World Report. There were 18,700 high schools considered in the ranking. I must say that I am not surprised. Mr. Panter and his faculty and staff have been working diligently with our students for the past two and a half years to improve the academic quality of our school. This is just proof to me that we are headed in the right direction. Our students have been very receptive of the higher standards that have been set for them by Mr. Panter and his faculty and we will continue to raise the bar a little every year and offer the student's new and more challenging curriculum in which to engage. Please be sure to congratulate Mr. Panter and his teachers the next time you see any of them for the wonderful job they are doing with your children!

The Gorman Varsity Basketball teams participated in a tournament in Rising Star over the weekend and had a great time. The girl's won the consolation trophy and looked especially sharp the last game against Ranger; Kimi Seaton received a medal for All-Tournament. The boys' team won the championship game against the Evant Elks! Tyson Swanner received a medal for MVP and Zack Fox received a medal for All-Tournament. We have three different tournaments going this week. If you want to find out game times, contact the high school. We are going to have an exciting season of basketball this year at every level. I hope you will all come out and support them.

The Elementary and Junior High U.I.L. Academic Contests are going to be held on December 11th and 13th. We will dismiss at 12:30 on those days. Yes, busses will run early. While hosting this event, we maintain a hospitality room for the judges, coaches, and the teachers running the contests. If you would like to donate a cake, pie, or anything edible that tastes good, Mr. Panter said to contact Mrs. Troutman at the high school about when and where to deliver your item.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grades need donations of pine cones; any shape or size for a project they are doing. If you have any pine cones to donate, please contact the elementary campus. They will tell you where to take them.

The Student Council is doing an Angel Tree Project for Christmas. They have over fifty names. If anyone wants to donate to the project, please contact Belinda Segura at the High School. Remember the reason for the season! You that have been blessed have been so blessed in order to bless others in His name.

Just a few reminders to parents: Three-Week Progress Reports go out today. If a student does not have a written excuse when they return from being absent, the absence will be counted as unexcused. Students are not to wear shorts until after Spring Break (March 17-26). Remember, flip flops are not allowed for the remainder of the school year. We will dismiss at 12:30pm on December 20th and 21st for Christmas Holidays.


Raffle Tickets may be purchased in the Elementary Office for the Remington 700, 30-06 Rifle and the Sanyo 30" TV. The price for the tickets is: 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. The proceeds will go to the Cole Family.

Christmas Parties at the Elementary will be Friday, December 21st. Information in regards to the time that your child's class will have theirs will be sent home later. Please be looking for it.

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!

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