## The Gorman Progress

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## Lady Panthers Volleyball Team Bi-Distict Champs

 on Tuesday, November 4th at Dublin, Tx

On Thursday, November 6th, The Lady Panthers traveled to Peaster, to face off with Lindsay for Area Champs. The Lady Panthers came on strong offensively and defensively to take the win in the first set and continued to pour it on in the second set, to put us up by two sets. Unfortunately Lindsay came back to take the next three sets. The Lady Panthers played extremely well against this team that beat them out of the
Regional Quarter Finals last year. Regional Quarter Finals last year.

Lindsay had the advantage of having an abundance of players qualified to sub in for every position throughout the game, so they continually had fresh, rested players in
the game. As where our Girls didn't get the breaks we needed to rest to keep up strong. Despite the efforts of powerhouse hitter/blocker Audrey Johnston, the assits of Setter Kespite the efforts of powerhouse hitter/blocker Audrey Johnston, the assits of Setter
Kimi Seaton, the automatic serves and other help by Jaime Johnston, and the passes, digs and serves of Brittany Henderson, Abby Pacheo, Grace Treider, Lindsey Laminack, Sha Acerman and the ladies that moved up to help out in the playoffs, Courtney Shirley, Chelsea Griffin and Jalyn Miley. We are proud of all these young ladies efforts. Thanks to all the fans that supported these girls.

Good Luck In Basketball!!
"Recipes and Remembrances"

The Order of Confed erate Rose Chapter 23 and Sons 1904 wish to announce the arrival of the second printing of the "Recipes and Remembranc es" Cookbook. Filled with recipes and stores dating back to the 1800 's, this beautiful book will make wonderful Christmas
gifts for only $\$ 20$ each gifts for only $\$ 20$ each. Proceeds from sales
will be used to help fund Confederate Memorials, Cemetery Flags and The Gary Clayton
Scholarship Fund which is Scholarship Fund
awarded each year.

## Contact: Joy Rogers - 254-734-2445; Tommy Har-

 - 254-734-2445; Tommy Har-rison-254-734-5058 or Gail rison - 254-734-5058 or
Clayton - 254-758-2257.

## GISD MENU

LUNCH - Week of November 17 thu 21 MONDAY - Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Rings, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Rosy Applesauce, Gravy, Biscuit and Milk,
TUESDAY - Pork Chop, Chicken Legs, Cheese P Rolls, Crisp and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Baked Ham, Corrn
Peas, Bread Slice, Oranges and Milk.
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THURSDAY - Spaghetti/MeatSauce, Tony's
Salad, Break Stick, Oatmeal Cookie and Milk. Salad, Break Stick, Oatmeal Cookie and Milk. FRIDAY - Chili Dogs, Toasted Ham and Cheese, French Fries, Pork
CHURCH WIDE GARAGE SALE
Proceeds to benefit the youth
department of FBC - Gorman
WHEN: NOVEMBER 15, 2008
WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
218 W. ROSS STREET
GORMAN, TX 76454
TIME: 7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Furniture, appliances, toys, antiques,
clothes, bedding, tools, and much more.
Thanks To The Voters Of Eastland County
I would like to thank the citizens of Eastland County for the support I was shown during the recent election. I appreciate those of you who allowed me to place signs on your property and for putting in a good word for me with your friends. I would also like to thank those who contributed to my re-election campaign. Most imporantly I want to thank you for your vote. It is an honor and keep your support.

Panthers Lose To De Leon; Place Third In District
 HEAD BOYS COACH BBLL BATES 254-734 5658 ASIITANTS AMMES GERICK BILIYFOX SUPERINTENDEN: DAVID PERRY PRINCIPAL RICKPRNTER

## THANK YOU

parents and kids that supported our Fall Festival at the City Park. W would like to thank NaNa's Goodies, Junior Class and Josephina's fo having their Booths and having a good time. The Travel Club woul
like to thank Kris Scitern for the borrowed hay bales, Bill and An gela Underwood, Lisa and Randy Laminack, Debra Jackson, Johnn gela Underwood, Lisa and Randy Laminack, Debra Jackson, Johnny
and Ina Smith, Vernon Gaines, Jim and Karen Guthery, Phil Osborne, and the Fireman that kept roads clear. It was a great Haunted Bass Lake wether you were scared or not, it was something fun to do We once again appreciate the s
Gorman Senior Travel Club.
P.O. Box 8

Gorman, TX 7645
Dear Parents,
Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking
skills in grades K-12 during the coming school year. Any child in $\mathrm{K}-12$ who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.
to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before November 24, 2008.
nates your child, special testing will be needed in order to con plete the identification process.
Sincerely,
Kifted Matteson and Jackie Gutierrez

 QUESTIONABLE CALL? - The Panthers were denied a score in


STOPPED AT THE LINE - Sean Bates, Tyler Johnson and others
ry to put the end to a drive but miss by a few inches during game
action Friday.
another Panther interception on the Gorman 44 and drove to the Gor-
man 17 with the help of another Panther penalty. They took a couple man 17 with the help of another Panther penalty. They took a couple
of knees and then scored a field goal on the final play with Calzada adding the 3 pointer as time ran out for a $28-7$ score.
Swanner led the Panthers with 152 yards on 13 carries and Swanner led the Panthers with 152 yards on 13 carries and
Underwood got 45 on 9 tries and caught 2 passes of 20 and 10 yards. Keifer had to catches of 42 and 25 .
The Panthers took Third Place in the District and will draw a bye in the first round. Their opponent will be named in the second Go Get 'Em Big Red!!
Benefit For Martha Rainey
November 22, 2008-6:00 til ??
Gorman Hig S Gorman High School Gym BBQ Benefit and Silent Auction will be held to help Raise funds for Martha to go to Costa Rica For a new medical procedure that could rid her of the There will be entertainment from Dr Dan and the Bandaids, The Cross Country Band and
Daryl \& Glenda will all be performing.

We have to raise $\$ 30,000$ by the first of the New Year. An account has also been set up at American State Bank And we will be having other fund raisers. Watch for it. For more information - Jill Torres or Tacy Warren at the
Gorman City Office - 254-734-2317 or Fax 254-734-2270 Gorman City Office - 254-734-2317 or Fax 254-734-2270
Or email: hopeformartha@yahoo.com If you would like to help with or donate to, just call
有. Prers aways welcome. Tel your friends and families.

## ITM

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TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT YISIT IS TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VIS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER $17 T H$ FROM 9 TIL NOON. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER $17 T H$ FROM 9 TIL NOON. The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated
ings on the First Monday of each month at $7: 30$ p.m. Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:3 in the Gorm
Per Plate.

Food Bank New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m

Boy Scouts

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for
the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association P . 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. Techology Center / Gorman Commu
Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

## Gorman Masonic Lod No 7

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. \& A. M. Regular stated meeting
are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Members are urged to at are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to a
tend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master - Rosco tend. Visitors are a
Reeves, Secretary.


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Eastland Centennial Memorial Library

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| 24-Nov | EVANT | THERE | 4:00 |
| 1-Dec | DELEON | THERE | 4:00 |
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| 29-Jan | EVANT | THERE | 4:00 |
| 5-Feb | DELEON | THERE | 4:00 |

## BOYS COACH: BILLY FOX

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week The sign-up will end December $s t$. There will bea meeting we will send out notes. Thyone that is interested od ins in at City Hall. We are looking forward to getting started
 another meeeting when we know how many coaches that we need If you are interested will be available at City Hall. Ifyou have any question. feel free to call Barbara a t the Cit To School-We May Not GetIt.

## Spirit Socks

In Red and Panthers in Royad Blice on the back. They are selling them 3 pr for stiooo They will be selling them until friday. Nov. 7th. They will be delivered two weeks later (Nov. 24th). The and L- Large size sock $10-13$ ( Shoes size -13 ). Please contact Mrs Kellarat the school or any $F \mathrm{~F}$

## Panther Blankets

. They easily fold with the attached Velcro closure. Also has $\$ 20$
$\qquad$
De Leon Arts \& Craft Fair
$\qquad$
Bryans Sticker Contest Started November 10th


## Business Directory


WWW.Sullenmotors.com Fullen Motor Co. Eastland, Tx


## Scouting for Food

This Saturday, November 15th, the Gorman Scouts will be doing their annual "Scouting for Food Drive". From 10:00 am to 12:00 pm they will be putting out bags for you to fill with non-parishable food items. Then from 12:00 pm to $2: 00 \mathrm{pm}$, they will go back and pick them up. If you are not going to be home but would like to donate, please place your food items in a bag and set the bag on your porch for the Scouts to pick up. You can also bring the bag to the Methodist Chruch during the hours of 10-2, Someone will be there. If no one comes to pick up your food by $3: 00$ pm please call Lori Lewis at 254-592-5158 or Bob Bell 254-734-4611. If all else fails bring it to the Methodist Church. This food will go to the local food pantry to be redistributed just in time for the holidays. During these hard times there are many people in need of assistance, if you are one of them, my prayers are with you and we the Scouts are honored to be of assistance. Thank you for supporting your Scouting program.

## Physician Assistant Student Chooses Gorman to Complete Rural Clinical Training



Science degree in Biology from Stephen
Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texa
Meeting the health needs of rural communities continues to be a focus of Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs in Texas. Providing the opportunity for students in health professions program to complete clinical training in rural areas not only gives the student a glimpse of what rural medicine entails but also allows the community the opportunity to recruit health professionals for the long-tern
future.

While each student who completes clinical training in a rural community might choose to prac
ice in another area, word of mouth from a positive experience goes a long way to hosting future student, and compiling a list of perspective health providers for a community's long term plans for meeting th health needs of its population. Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge stated "I am delighted to have the Bi Country Area Health Education Center placing health professions students in our county. As the hosting county, we will derive a benefit from these rural health professionals while at the same time giving
the students the opportunity to further their medical education." Ronnie Laurance, Director of Special Projects for the Big Country AHEC added "Introducing your community to a future practitioner and the opportunity for the student to continue the learning process in a rural setting is a win-win situation for

American Cancer Society Can Help Smokers Quit and Save Money
November 10, 2008? Many people are cutting corners and searching for new ways to save
a dollar due to today's economic disorder. If you use tobacco products, you can save money and your
health by kicking
health by kicking the habit on November 20, 2008, the day of the American Cancer Society Great Ameri-
can Smokeout. Each year, smoking accounts for an estimated 438,000 premature deaths - including 38,000 deaths among nonsmokers as a result of secondhand smoke - and costs the nation $\$ 167$ billon in health care expenditures and productivity losses. Not only does smoking reduce life expectancy by
approximately 14 years, but it can also be costly for consumers. The economic costs of smoking are approximately 14 years, but it can also be costly for consumers. The economic costs of smoking are
estimated to be about $\$ 3,391$ per smoker per year. Smokers are paying for possible health problems in the future. Furthermore, tobacco use increases the risk of 15 types of cancer, and 30 percent of all cancer
deaths, including 87 percent of lung cancer deaths, can be attributed to using tobacco. Thanks to these programs, progress is being made in the fight against tobacco. For example: Cigarette smoking among adults ages 18 and older declined 50 percent from 1965 to 2005 .
Cigarette smoking among American high school students declined from 36 percent in 1997 to 23 percent in 2005 .

Annual cigarette consumption among adults in the United States continues to decline.
More than 40 percent of the reduction in male cancer deaths between 1991 and 2003 can be More than 40 percent of the reduction in male can
attributed to declines in smoking during the last half century.

## Despite these positive trends, progress in reducing smoking among adults and high school students has sowed in the last ferv years. Aggressive practices from

 students has slowed in the last few years. Aggressive practices from major tobacco companies may becontributing to the stall. The tobacco industry spent $\$ 100$ million nationally to defeat smoke-free legislation and increases in excise taxes in the 2006 mid-term elections, and industry expenditures to promote
tobacco continue to outpace tobacco control spending by a ratio of nearly 24 to one. In addition, the tobacco continue to outpace tobacco control spending by a ratio of nearly 24 to one. In addition, the
tobacco industry is aggressively marketing new and existing smokeless tobacco products as "bridge"
products (i.e. supplemental sources of nicotine in smoke-free settings), products (i.e. supplemental sources of nicotine in smoke-free settings), even though compared to quitting
completely, the use of any smokeless tobacco product as a substitute for smoking is harmful. In support of the American Cancer Society's leadership role in cancer prevention and early
detection, the Society is engaged in year-round efforts to fight tobacco. The Society and it nonprofit, detection, the Society is engaged in year-round efforts to fight tobacco. The Society and its nonprofit,
nonpartisan advocacy partner, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN) nonpartisan advocacy partner, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN),
have been successful in making tobacco seem like it has no place in healthy society and protecting the public from secondhand smoke by encouraging communities to pass smoke-free legislation:
Today, more than 65 percent of the United States population is covered by smoke-free laws, despite aggressive efforts by tobacco companies to defeat such laws.
Twenty-nine states, the District of Columbia

## Tventy-nine states, the District of Columbia, and Puerso hibiting smoking in workplaces, and/or restaurants, and/or bars.

Forty-four states and the District of Columbia have increased their cigarette taxes since 2002 Additionally, ACS CAN continues to keep constituents and the general public updated on state d federal tobacco control legislation and offers opportunities to support their passage

 Center, confirm anecdotal evidence that social support is an essential element in the decision to quit smoking. Studies are finding that people tend to quit smoking in, and as a result of the influence of, large groups of their social peers. This strategy works hand-in-hand with the current American Cancer Society
approach to smoking cessation, which employs this knowledge through a two-step process: 1. The Society encourages large numbers of smokers to consider quitting (and protecting the
health of nonsmokers) through advocacy for broad policy change, e.g. increasing the cost of cigarettes health of nonsmokers) through advocacy for broad policy change, e.g. increasing the cost of cigarettes
through higher taxes, providing widespread smoke-free environments, and regulating tobacco products.
The Society provides its Quitline® service (1-800-ACS-2345) to help individual smokers who have made the decision to quit, and encourages smokers to see their physician for advice on smoking
cessation techniques. prescription medications, and NRT s nicotine replacement therapies) The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout offers a timely opportunity to en courage smokers to quit

## support to help them quit for good. The Society inaugurated its first Great American Smokeout in 1976

 as a way to inspire and encourage smokers to quit for one day. Today, however, with 44.2 percent of the45.3 million Americans who smoke having attempted to quit for at least one day in the past year, Smokeout does more than urge smokers to quit for s asingle day; it encourages people to commit
to making a long-term plan to quit for good. Additionally, Smokeout is a time to encourage all Americans lo advocate for comprehensive smoke-free laws that help protect workers and community members from exposure to secondhand smoke.
As more communities are making progress in the fight against tobacco, the American Cancer
Society is here to help you make the lifestyle changes necessary for a healthier you and a healthier
Plan for and set the Great American Smokeout - November 20, 2008 - as the day to quit. Quit-
ting is hard, but you can increase your chances of success with help. Call the American Cancer Society ang is hard, but you can increase your chances of success with help. Call the American Cancer Society
anytime, day or night, to help double your chances of quitting for good. Advocate for smoke-free laws
in your community. Visit wwwweancerorg/GreatAmericans to find out how or call your local American Cancer Society office.
The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering, and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional Divisions more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org. ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan partner advocacy organization of the American Can-
cer Society, dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage
lawmakers, candidates and government officials to support laws and policies that will make cancer a top lawmakers, candidates and government officials to support laws and policies that will make cancer a top

- Community based education experiences like these are the result of a partnership between conmunities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area
Health Education Center (AHEC). Big Country AHEC's mission is to address the health care provide shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and de providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing health care professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living. The Big Country AHEC is a service
fexas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments. For further information about the Big Country


## Red Ribbon MYeelx

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroot organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and rug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in hono Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Adminis tration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. The Congress.

Gorman ISD celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 27th thru 31st. The Gorman P.T.O. generously provided bracelets, pencils, and stickers for all o the students. Due to budget cuts to the Safe and Drug Free Schools program, the service center was unable to provide materials. The drug prevention week was celebrated by daily themes. Monday was "Hiding from Drugs." Everyone was encouraged to wear camouflage. Tuesday was "Turn Back Time on Drugs." Wednesday was "Rock out Drugs." Thursday was "Gang up on Drugs" in high school and "Crazy Day" in elementary. Fridays theme in the high school was "Say Boo to Drugs" and "Support the Panthers Day" in elementary. It was a lot of It to see the students and faculty dressed up to support drug prevention. We specially enjoyed those who dressed up all week. Melissa Whitten and Maria Schaefer deserve recognition for their participation. Drug prevention activities were taught thru the elementary P.E. classes on Tuesday and the elementary participated in a door decorating contest. The winners were Mrs. Lewis' firs grade and Mrs. Matteson's fourth grade classes. Red Ribbon Week is just one week of the year but drug prevention is emphasized year round

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ell.


Desdemona News

## Senior Citizens News <br> By Carol Ward

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper was held on Saturday night, November 8th at the Community Center ("Ole School Building). A large crowd attended this annual event to enjoy a home-style meal of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. We appreciate our friends and neighbors from area towns that came to help way to prepare for this event. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep way to prepare for this event. It takes each and
our Community going strong. THANKS AGAIN.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the Community Center. Several Ladies attended this Thanksgiving (Covered Dish) Luncheon. Next Ladies Social will be a Christmas Luncheon to be held on Monday, December 8th a the same location. Visitors are welcome to attend. More details later on end with her parents "Humpy" daughter, Emily of Whitney visited the past week pare food for the Thanksgiving Supper.

Ryan White visited the past weekend with his parents, Tim and Laura White. Ryan attends College in the Metroplex.
"Happy Birthday" to our brother, Bernard Keith on Friday, November 14th and belated wishes to his wife, Ann who celebrated a birthday on November 1s Kren Fair attended a Memorial Service last Saturday for Vior of De Leon. Her husband, John Fair served his Country in the Viet Nam War. He passed away August 2007 from lung cancer. Karen is an active member of the Eastland VFW Women's Auxiliary Group.

The reporter received a recent phone call from an Ex-Student, Hobart Hilliard. He had plans to attend the Annual Homecoming last August but plans had to be cancelled due to illness. Hobart will celebrate his 90 th Birthday on January 3 2009. His grandchildren have plans for his Big Birthday. He graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1937 and has many "fond memories" of his childhood and and friends in the Desdemona Community.

Please take time out from your busy daily schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "Hi" will brighten their day.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. This news article is preciate. Thanks and have a great day, "Coon".

## Super Notes

 and the sidelines. See you at the game!
Just as I said last week, I am very proud of our volleyball team and their coach. They played
Santa Anna last Tuesday for the Bi-District Championship and won. We played at Dublin and Dublin was Santa Anna last Tuesday for the Bi-District Championship and won. We played at Dublin and Dublin was
a great host and we appreciate them hosting the game. Our girl's then faced Lindsay on Thursday night
in Peaster and lost in the Area Championship to a very experienced team composed of mostly seniors. It was a much better season that anyone expected with such a young team, but they worked hard and played hard and had a great season and made it to the playoffs for the second time ever! Way to go Lady Pan-
thers! The Book Fair last week at Maxfield Elementary was a great success. Thank you for everyone
that particiipated, especially those of you that bought books for the Library. Reading is the key to your
child's success in child's success in school and the more you encourage them to read and give them the time and oppor-
tunity to read at home, the better they will do in school in all subjects. If you believe your child has a thank you for entrusting your children to us!
I received a great suggestion last week Melissa Osborne regarding my request for you all to contact you legislators and that was to publish some examples of what a letter to a representative or a
senator should look like. That is a great idea. Over the next week or so, we will post on our website
some sample letters for your reference. I will also post "talking points" regarding any issues that come some sample letters for your reference. I will also post "talking points" regarding any issues that come
up before, during, or after the legislative session regarding school business in case you wish to call your
legislator and talk to them one on one about it which in really the best contact tother than face to legislator and talk to them one on one about it which is really the best contact other than face to face in
their office. I will also compile a list of issues concerning education that need to be addresses and a set
of talking points in case you call or visit your legislator. All of this will be posted on our website on my

We enjoyed our weekly meal on the 5th of November at 11:30, with 27 people in attendance. We just can't seem to get over the 30 mark any more. Too many they can return soon. Lendon Shipman gave the blessing of the tood illness. Hope missed the Shirley's. Lendon shipman gave the blessing of the food for us all. We Barentine. Shrley's as they attended a funeral in Houston. Sure was good to see Bill

Cards were signed by all for Geraldene Wright Cards were signed by all for Geraldene Wright and Winston Brown. They are both feeling improved, so glad to hear the good news. Maybe Winston will be Thanksgiving Supper.

The Nurses from Medway Home Health in De Leon were her to check our BP and BS. They come the 1st Wednesday of the Month. We certainly appreciate their service in helping us all. I was a little embarrassed, by the time they could eat, we were kind of down to slim pickens. Thanks to Kathy and Susan for being here. Next time I'll set aside some food for you.

Our lunch was very diversified with many choices. Emma Jane Larch brought a large pizza, so good. Also enjoyed Ham, salmon patties, wieners and kraut, the ham by Ann Maxfield, thanks loads. Several Veggies of cabbage, carrots, sweet serts of cake, buttermilk "yummy" pie by Estelle Lindley Jello with fruit and some delicious cookies by Evelyn Poindexter. Also rolls by Wynogene Smith and Betty Regian and cornbread. Wish Wynogene would bring her good pies

There were 24 of us who traveled to Desdemona for the Thanksgiving S per. The meal was much improved, especially the Turkey. Now if they can just se with small pumpkins and other things from nature. We will have out Thanksgiving Dinner at the Center on the 19th. So please bring dishes that will correspond. Barbara and I will prepare the Turkey, Ham and Dressing.

There were several out to play games on the 6th. I decided to attend the last Junior High game against De Leon. The Boys put up a good battle, but lost. My neighbor B. J. Ramirez is quite the runner. The High School will need him next year. Our Big boys certainly put up a valiant fight against De Leon there on the 7th. Even though they lost, they have no reason to hang their heads. They were so out weighted by sheer force. Gorman Boys need to start taking something to help them grow larger. But Not Steroids!.

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

## Kourtney Shoots 8 Point



Kourtney Seaton, age 11, shot her first 8 point buck on Saturday, November 8th. Kourtney has prea turkey This is her 3rd year to hunt. Fantastic Job!

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page, but also available at our office.
Basketball is here. Although our football team is in the playoffs, our girl's have already begun
basketball. Our juis rersity basketball. Our junior varsity and varsity games will usually be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
The time the games will begin will vary depending on how many games are to be played so check the schedule on line and the one published in the paper, but it wor't hurt to always do a last minute check in
case someone eloses their JV team because of grades or injuries or just in case the coaches made a change to accommodate an unknown connict like an Ag show. Te junior high games wir usually be on Mon-
days at four depending on the number of games. Same caution should be observed and with the high
school schedule. All last minute changes will be posted on the school sign and we will get the word out as best we can.
The Fall Festival was a resounding success. I think everyone enjoyed the occasion. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who helped make this event successful through their donations
of work, time and money. There was some leftover candy which was donated to the Community Wide Spook Parade.
The Sixth Graders enjoyed the field trip to Fossil-mania and Dinosaur Park Friday. Your generosity supporting our fund raisers this year is what is funding educational trips like this one for our
elementary classes. Thank you for all that you do for our children and our school.
We held our regularly scheduled school board meeting Monday night at $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ in the auditorium. We started promptly at $6: \mathrm{pm}$ with a prayer given by Jeff Seaton and then the Pledge of Allegiance.
Burl Lowery then presented the annual school financial audit to the board and it was unanimously approved. It was a good report with no findings of impropriety and no recommendations for making any
changes in our present operating procedures. The board then unanimously approved the consent agenda
after reviewing the bills to be paid. Tim Barton, Construction Superintendent then after reviewving the bills to be paid. Tim Barton, Construction Superintendent then gave his report on
the progress of the building project in which he stated we were on track for completion in June at this
point and that all of the contractors were working well together and that we had over forty workers on point and that all of the contractors were working well together and that we had over forty workers on
some days. The board then skipped to item number seven on the agenda regarding action on the building
project to select EFIS material and did make a selection select and gave their choice to Mr. Barton. Mr. Perry then gave the report on fund balances and the taxes collected. He then discussed the superintendent
evaluation and goals that had been set for him for the year. Next was a discussion on school board training requirements and that next month they would receive training after the board meeting from Region
14. The board then directed Mr. Perry to continue with the roof replacement for which insurance had paid
on the auditorium and on the old home economics building. The last item considered were bids on replacMrm damaged air conditioning units covered by insurance. The board was unanimous in choosing
Mangrum Air Conditioning out of Stephenville for replacing the rooftop units with high efficiency Car-
rier heat pump unit. The board then adjourned at $8: 12 \mathrm{~m}$. The next regularly scheduled board meeting rier heat pump units. The board then adjourned at $8: 12 \mathrm{pm}$. The next regularly scheduled board meeting
will be at $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$, December 8,2008 in the high school auditorium.
Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be succesfful 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
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