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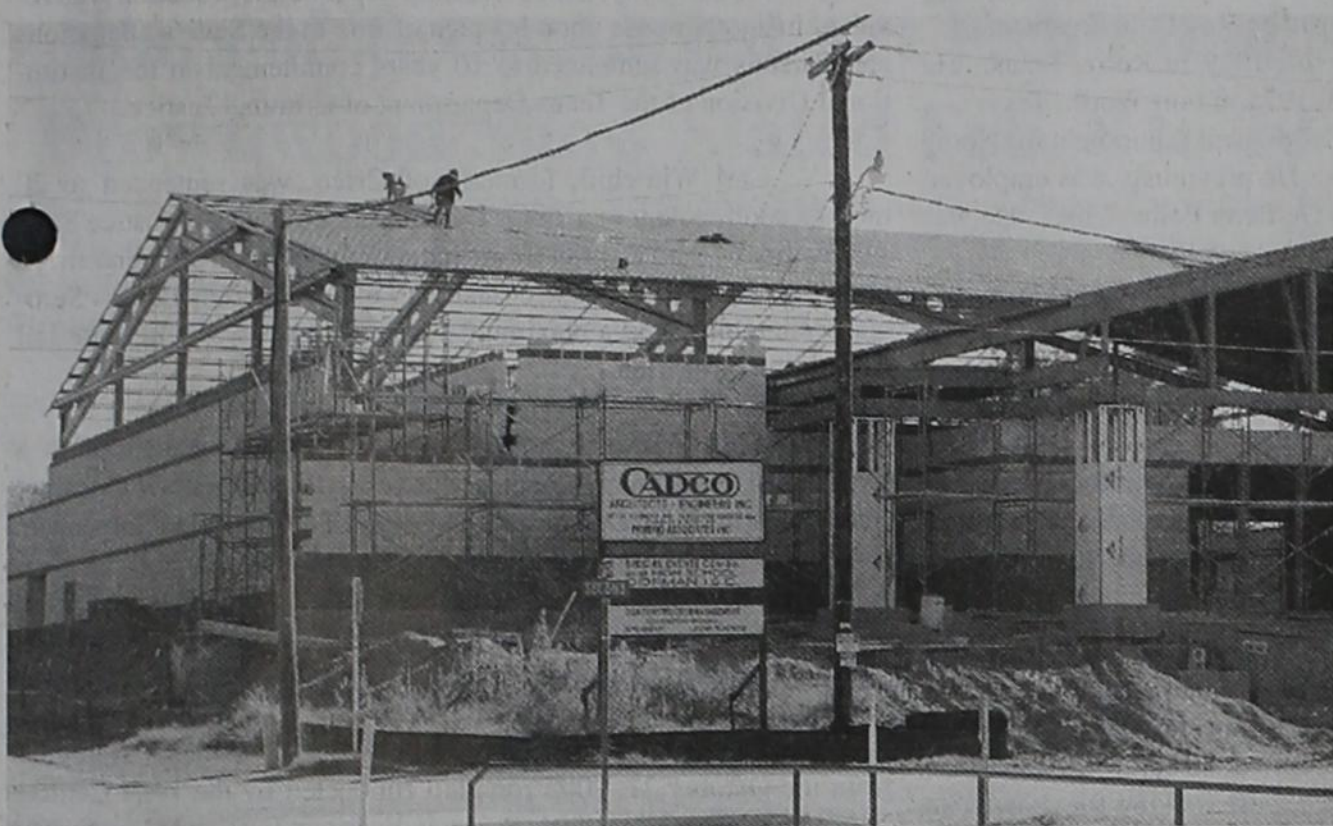
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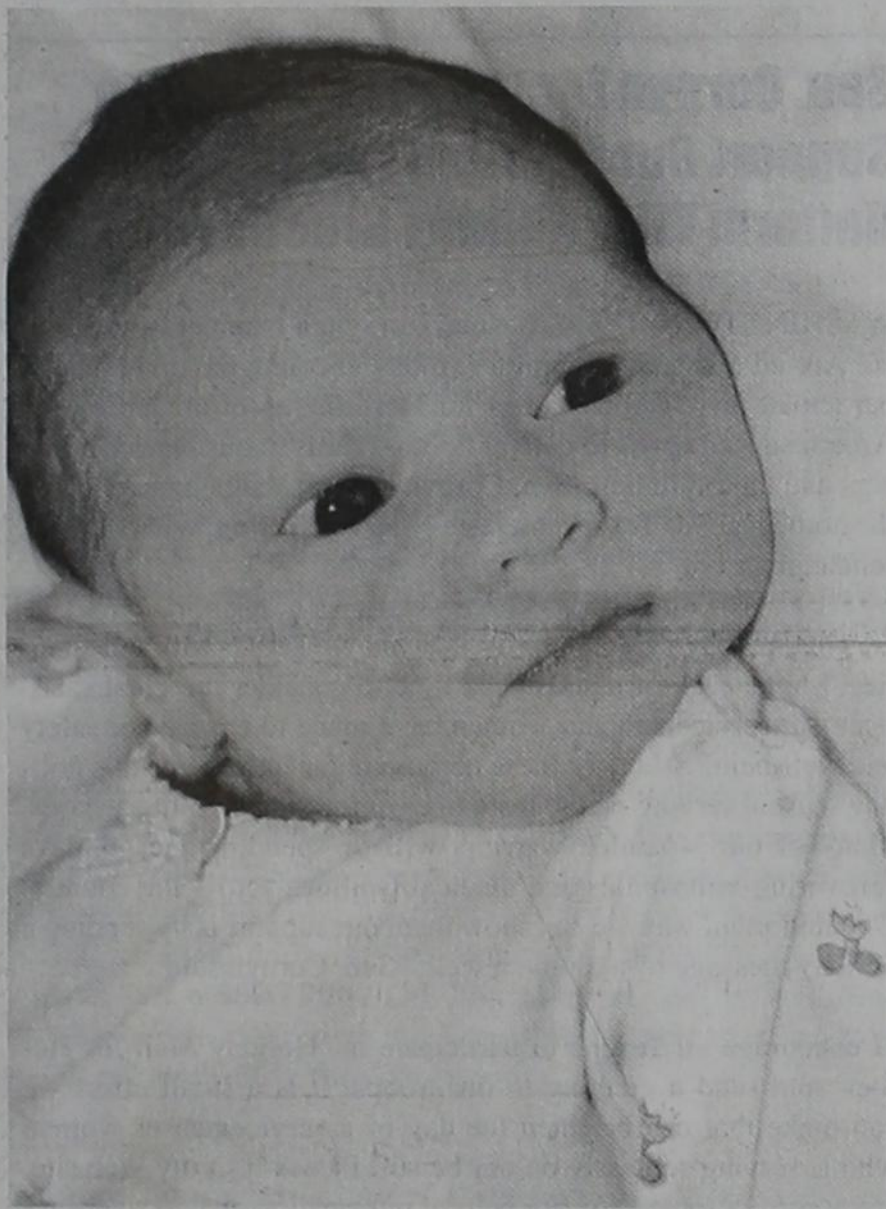
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Construction Continues On New Events Center At GHS



Look Who's New It's A Girl



Elijah and Cas Wyatt would like to announce the arrival of their baby sister, Khloe Denise Westmoreland. She was born Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 10:21 a.m., weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Clarissa (McGlothlin) and Wesley Westmoreland.

Grandparents are Wayne and Beckie McGlothlin and Butch and Roxie Westmoreland. Maternal grandparents are Vernon and Shirley Crain of Gorman.

Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile To Be At Lawrence Brothers IGA

Lawrence Brothers IGA in De Leon will host a Community Blood Drive on Thursday, November 20. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked there from 1 p.m. To 6 p.m. The blood drive on September 18 resulted in twenty one pints of lifesaving blood.

Meek Blood Center supplies blood to fifteen area hospitals, including Comanche County Medical Center. "The blood supply depends on volunteer donors who make a choice to donate blood in order to save lives," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "We all depend on the kindness of strangers at some time in our lives, and this is never more evident than when someone is in need of a blood transfusion," Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and present a photo ID or a Meek Blood Center Donor ID Card. The minimum weight requirement was recently raised from 110 pounds to 120 pounds. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a free mini-physical, a total cholesterol test and a T-Shirt.

Ag VIEWPOINT

TIME TO ENTER THE EASTLAND COUNTY PECAN SHOW

The Eastland County Pecan Growers Committee invites county pecan producers as well as area homeowners with pecan trees to enter the **2008 Eastland County Pecan Show** which will be held on **Tuesday, December 2, 2008**. Pecan entries should be summated by 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, November 26th. The pecans must have been grown this year and by the person, entering. A pecan entry must have a minimum of 45 nuts and be labeled with a variety name, exhibitor name, address, and phone number. For best results, bring your best 45 pecans. DO NOT POLISH your pecans, but you may weigh them or float them to get the heaviest pecans you can. You may enter as many varieties as you wish. Growers are limited to one entry of each variety. Pecan entries will be processed between 8 a.m. To 12 noon on December 2nd and judged at 1:00 p.m. On December 12th.

After judging of Eastland County Pecan Show entries, all winners will be sent to the Central Texas Pecan Show for judging at the Texas AgriLife Research Center in Stephenville. The Regional show will be held on Friday, December 12th.

If you have any questions on either of these events, please contact the Extension office at 623-1093 or 629-2222.

Eastland Centennial Memorial Library By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

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Thank you for any help you can supply in these two projects.

Panthers To Play Hornets In Area Playoff Game At Burleson

The Gorman Panthers will be playing in the Area Playoffs against Muenster Hornets at the Burleson Football Field. The Hornets are 6 and 5 and the Panthers are 6 and 4. The Panthers drew a BYE in the first round of playoffs. The Panthers are on the Visitors side of the stadium.

The directions to the stadium THIS IS THE EASIEST WAY TO GO DURING THE TIME OF DAY ON A FRIDAY. YOU WILL RUN INTO SOME TRAFFIC ON I-35 BUT THE REST OF IT IS NOT BAD. INTERSTATE THE WHOLE WAY. THERE ARE ALTERNATE ROUTES THOUGH.

1. Turn left onto Kent St/FM8 Continue to follow FM 8
2. Turn left onto TX-16
3. Merge onto I-20 E/US-80 E.
4. Keep Right to take I-20 E via Exit 421 towards DALLAS/SHREVEPORT
5. Merge onto I-35 W S/US-81 S via EXIT 437 toward WACO.
6. Merge onto TX-174 S via EXIT 37 toward CLEBURNE
7. End at 100 Elk Dr. Burleson, TX 76028

TICKET PRICES: ADULTS \$6.00; CHILDREN \$4.00

DISTRICT PASSES WILL NOT BE HONORED
Go Get 'Em Big Red!!

Gorman Lady Panthers Defeat Sidney 62-24

The Lady Panthers played the Sidney Girls at Sidney on November 12th. Scoring for the Lady Panthers were Audry Johnston with 31 points, 5 steals and 1 rebound; Val Longoria with 11 points, 3 steals; Kimi Seaton with 8 points, 2 assists, and 2 rebounds; Jamie Johnston with 6 points, 1 steal, 2 assists, 2 rebounds; Bethany Oliver with 6 points, 3 steals, 2 rebound, 3 assists; Angie Silva with no points, 4 steals. The Lady Panthers made 38.2% of Field Goals, 33.3% of 3 pointers, and made 69.2% of Free Throws. The Lady Panthers will play Here against May on November 18th.

Selling FRUIT

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Assoc. will be selling fruit through Dec. 1. If you would like to order any fruit, please see a member of the GLRA, or you may call 254 734-2505. Thank you for your continued support.

Gorman Panther Football Playoffs Pep Rally

The Pep rally for the playoff game versus Muenster will be on Friday, November 21st at 12:45 p.m. at the Gorman high school gymnasium.

All fans are invited and encouraged to attend the pep rally and send the Panther team off to Burleson.

Benefit For Martha Rainey

November 22, 2008 - 6:00 til ??

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 MS that has been afflicting her for 32 years.

There will be entertainment from Dr Dan and the Bandaidas, 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

Or email: hopeformartha@yahoo.com

If you would like to help with or donate to, just call the above numbers. Prayers always welcome. Tell your friends and families.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

Food Bank

**New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday**

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

Pray For
Rain
We Need
It Very Much.

GISD MENU

LUNCH - Week of November 24 thru 28

MONDAY - Chicken Noodle, Veg. Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickle Spears, Fresh Carrots, Crackers, Chips, Oranges and Milk.

TUESDAY - NO SALAD BAR - Tony's Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Fruit and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - NO SCHOOL

THURSDAY - NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL

"Recipes and Remembrances"

The Order of Confederate Rose Chapter 23 and Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1904 wish to announce the arrival of the second printing of the "Recipes and Remembrances" Cookbook. Filled with recipes and stores dating back to the 1800's, this beautiful book will make wonderful Christmas 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 awarded each year.

Contact: Joy Rogers - 254-734-2445; Tommy Harrison - 254-734-5058 or Gail Clayton - 254-758-2257.

Obituaries

Pauline Blair Crow

Pauline Blair Crow, age 91, of De Leon passed away on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at De Leon Nursing and Rehab. Services were Sunday, November 16th at 2 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel. Officiated by Geoff Litke. Burial in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born January 23, 1917 in Comanche County - Duster, Tx to the late W. L. Blair and Sally Kennedy Blair.

Mrs. Crow was born and raised in the Duster Community. She was a homemaker; returned to school in later years and received her LVN license and was employed at Eastland Nursing Home for many years. Worked in retail sales. She resided in Eastland and Rising Star before returning to De Leon ten year ago. She was a member of Evangelical Methodist Church in Cisco.

She is survived by two sons, Phillip Blair Crow and wife Linda of The Woodlands, Tx and Kenneth Lee Crow and wife Sharon of Ruidosa, NM; two granddaughters and 2 grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Mozella Pyburn and Pearl Gray and one brother Marvin Blair.

Lanie Cheyenne

McCormick Clayton

Lanie Cheyenne McCormick Clayton, infant daughter of Kristina McCormick and Waylon Clayton, was born and passed away on November 15, 2008 in a Weatherford Hospital.

Graveside services were Wednesday, November 19th at 4 p.m. At Victor Cemetery with Jackie Auvenshine officiating.

Lanie is survived by her parents, Kristina and Waylon; grandparents, Jeann and Tom Beerwart of Lipan and Theresa Clayton and Johnny Tucker of De Leon and Coy Clayton of Desdemona; sister Paige McCormick and brother C. J. McCormick.

Services were under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home in De Leon.

Sam Barron

Sam Barron, age 79 of De Leon passed away on Monday, November 17, 2008 at Stephenville Nursing Home. Graveside services were held Wednesday, November 19th at De Leon Cemetery with Kenneth Wilson officiating. Music by Roy Dale Freeman.

Mr. Barron was born May 14, 1929 in Roby, Texas. He married Shirley Gibbs on October 23, 1971 in Fort Worth, Texas.

He was the owner of Durable Medical Equipment for Home Health agency retiring after 25 years. He previously was employed at De Leon Clinic and also served as De Leon Police Chief. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barron of De Leon; special family member Raquel Chupp of Austin and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, Zeff and Verda Halbrook Solley.

Honorary Pallbearers were Ed Millwee, Robert Moore, Sandy McIntosh, Jimmy Dale Johnson, Dale Cothran, Dr. David Long. Memorials may be made to donors favorite charity.

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Basketball Sign-Ups - Grades 3rd thru 6th

It is time to get ready for Pee Wee Basketball. We are starting sign-up this week. The sign-up will end December 1st. There will be a meeting, we will send out notes. 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 if you were 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 the sign-up on the 1st. The fee to play this year will be \$25 per child. This will get us uniforms and insurance on the kids. Forms to sign-up will be available at City Hall. If you have any question, feel free to call Barbara at the City Hall or you can leave a message at 254-413-3595. **Please Do Not Take Your Form Back To School - We May Not Get It.**

TASK FORCE BUST NETS PRISON SENTENCES

Billy Bob Parsons, 28, formerly of Eastland, was sentenced to 18 months confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Delivery of Marijuana, more than five pounds or less but more than one-quarter ounce. Parsons faced a maximum sentence of two years in State Jail had he opted for trial. Additionally, his community supervision/probation was revoked in another case upon his plea of true to the State's allegations and Parsons was sentenced to 10 years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Carl Whitehill, formerly of Cisco, was sentenced to 20 months confinement in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility by 91st District Court Judge Steven Herod after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Delivery of a Dangerous Drug - Serquel. Whitehill faced a maximum sentence of two years in State Jail had he opted for trial.

April Williams, formerly of Eastland, was sentenced to a term of ten years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, 1 gram or more but less than 4 grams. Additionally, Williams was sentenced to two 16 month sentences in the State Jail for Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, Less Than One Gram.

The arrests of Parsons, Whitehill and Williams stemmed from the October 21, 2008 roundup conducted by the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force and various Eastland County law enforcement agencies. Agents of the task force, working undercover, had made numerous purchases of drugs from individuals throughout Eastland County during the past year. Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason stated that several other defendants are currently set for trial and that the investigation in Eastland County is ongoing.

Sen. Cornyn Encourages Texans To Support Our Men And Women In Uniform With Holiday Greetings

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today encouraged all Texans to participate in "Holiday Mail for Heroes," an effort led by the American Red Cross to deliver holiday cards to our service members and their families. Sen. Cornyn's Web site features a link on the homepage for Texans interested in participating: www.cornyn.senate.gov.

"As the holiday season approaches and we gather with our families, I hope each of us takes the time to consider the great sacrifices our servicemen and women have made to ensure our safety and well-being. Many of these heroes are far from home this holiday season, serving on the front lines or training at military bases. Many of our wounded warriors will be spending the holidays recovering in hospitals and medical facilities across the country. One important way we can show them our support is by sending a holiday message to wish them well," Sen. Cornyn said.

"I encourage all Texans to participate in 'Holiday Mail for Heroes' and send a greeting to our troops. It is a small effort we can make that can brighten the day of a serviceman or woman who is serving selflessly on our behalf. Please visit my Web site, www.cornyn.senate.gov, for helpful information on how to ensure your holiday greeting makes its way to one of America's heroes today."

The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are teaming up to send holiday cards to service men and women in the United States and around the world.

From Tuesday, November 11 until Wednesday, December 10, the public is invited to send holiday cards with their message of thanks and cheer to a special post office box. The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will then screen cards for hazardous materials, sort and package the cards, and deliver them to military bases and hospitals, veteran's hospitals, and other locations during the holidays.

In 2007, nearly 600,000 cards were delivered through the 'Holiday Mail for Heroes' effort.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Luetta Fannie Barfield

Luetta Fannie Barfield, age 75, of De Leon passed away on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at Comanche County Medical Center. Graveside services were Saturday, November 15th at 10 a.m. at Hico Cemetery with Bro. Denver Rainey officiating.

She was born January 27, 1933 in Hamilton County, Texas to the late Felix Srader and Della Scales Srader.

She was a homemaker; had resided in De Leon since 1953, having previously lived in Hico. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by one son, Charles Barfield and wife Irene of Desdemona; 2 grandchildren, Rachell Hicks and John Barfield; 6 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Willie Barfield; two brothers, one sister and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Rudy Srader, Paul Srader, Marvin Hallmark, Jim Rainey, Marty Rainey and Jack Rainey.

De Leon Arts & Craft Fair

De Leon's Arts and Crafts Fair is being held Saturday, November 29th at De Leon's City Hall Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Admission is "FREE" to the public. Bring the Kids and have their picture taken with "Shrek".

Classifieds

HELP WANTED - CNA's \$9.00 an hour - LVN's \$16.75 an hour - Apply in person to Bell or Kim at De Leon Nursing and Rehab, 809 E. Navarro in De Leon. 2-11-6 C.

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455 A, wells, tanks, creek, tree covered, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000
320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, wildlife cover, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000
250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000
243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig.pit, on hwy., cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre
236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre
231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting SOLD [DK01] \$665,280
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000
52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500
51 A, highway frontage, spring creek and hunting [RP01] \$182,000
45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
21±A, 2-2 16x72 mobile home, well, World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass [MS03] \$105,000
20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water avail, hunting, minerals neg. [WM01] \$75,000
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lake, metal roof, stove, barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900
2-2 Mobile Home 14X70, 12x28 add-on, strg.bldg/carport [PA01] \$29,900 REDUCED \$22,500
2-1 1/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 REDUCED \$69,000
2-1 Frame Home, 2 1/2 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000
2-1 Fleetwood 14x52, shaded corner lot, well, underground sprinkler, carport [JT03] \$35,000

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NEW: Desdemona, 66.98A., great deer/turkey hunting, 1/2 heavily wooded creek bottom 50' elev. Change, Nice creek, excellent location for a lake. Good recreational place \$4,250.00 per A.
Gorman 12A., more or less, 2 ponds, pond, desert quail, \$2,500 A.
15A north of Gorman, 200± acres, 2 ponds, 200± acres, 2 ponds, nice location for pond, \$3,000 A.
17A N/E Gorman, 10A wooded, large trees, electric meter, country location, great place for a new home, \$3,000 A.
38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre
40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.
77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters, Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.
NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7 - 8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site, Will Divide \$2,500 per 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. \$2,950.00 A.
156 A, Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
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I was not able to attend last Saturday's fish fry but I understand that we had a record-breaking crowd! Thank you all very much for attending. Thanks, also, to 'Dr. Dan & the Band-Aids'. They were great, as usual! One more 'thanks' to all who cooked and worked to make the fish fry a success! We do have fun here at the DAC and it wouldn't happen without everyone mentioned above.

Can you stand another night of fun, food and music? We will add dancing, too. Come to the DAC this Thursday evening for our third monthly dance. Johnny Johnson & the Memory-Makers are coming back and we are so pleased to have them! Weren't they great last month? I think we have our timing down a little better now - the concession stand will open at 6:00P.M. The band will play from 7:00-9:30P.M.

The holiday season is always so busy for everyone and we at the DAC are no exception. Some of us have been away on vacation and our timing wasn't very good. Besides the fish fry, folks have been getting ready for our annual Christmas Store. The Christmas Store will be held the first 2 weekends in December - Thursday, Friday and Saturday of those weeks. We have new stuff, gently used stuff, hand-made stuff and home-baked stuff. Watch Pig Tales for times, etc.

December 6th will be 'Breakfast at the DAC' - it will coincide with the first weekend of the Christmas Store. We will draw for the Ruger Hawkeye rifle sometime during breakfast. If you haven't gotten your tickets, come to one of our functions at the DAC or come to the Country Corner here in Desdemona. Remember, you can have your choice of caliber and synthetic or wood stock. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit of Brownwood Show Slated Feb. 8 to 20

The Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit of Brownwood is announcing its call for entries for eleventh annual juried art exhibit. The exhibit is scheduled for February 8, 2009 through February 20, 2009 to be held at the Depot Civic and Cultural Center, 600 Depot Street, Brownwood, Texas. The title for this year's show is Let Your Heart Flow.

Every year the exhibition continues to grow and expand. The exhibit draws Texas artists from cities across the state in a variety of 2D and 3D categories. 2D works must be in one of the following categories: Fine Art Photography; Oil; Pastel; Watermedia; Drawing; or Hand-pulled Graphics. The two-week exhibit allows ample time for viewing, as well as daily demonstrations. It is open to both the public and the area schools at no charge.

Juror for the 2009 Exhibit is Walle Conoly who is currently a professor of art at St. Edward's University in Austin. Previously, he was a member of the art faculties of Angelo State University and the University of New Mexico, and the architecture faculty at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds an MA degree from the University of New Mexico and a BFA from the University of Texas at Austin. He has taught many art courses and has produced illustrations for fifteen books and several magazine articles. Professor Conoly's paintings and drawings are included in numerous collections including the permanent collections of the University of New Mexico and St. Edward's University.

Entries will be accepted at the Depot for judging on Friday, January 30, 2009 from 5 PM to 7 PM and on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 9 AM to NOON. Entries will first be judged for acceptance and then for awards. Accepted works must remain for the duration of the show. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00 is required for each entry and payable to the Arts Council of Brownwood at time of entry. The maximum number of entries from each artist is three. Specific eligibility requirements are described in a prospectus available at your local chamber of commerce, your local art association or on our web-site. Works not selected must be picked up on Saturday, January 31, 4-5 PM.

The Salon Des Refuses exhibit sponsored by the Brownwood Art Association will be held Feb. 8-20 at the Art Center, 215 Fisk Ave. Artists are invited to submit for show and sale any artwork entered but not accepted into the 2009 Stars of Texas exhibit.

New to this year's exhibit will be an Art Talk by well-known Texas Artist Daryl Howard. It is titled East Meets West and features Japanese Woodblock Printmaking through the eyes of a native Texan. The talk will be on Saturday, January 31 from 1-3 PM. It will be held at the Brownwood Art Association Art Center at 215 Fisk Ave. There will be free admission to Stars of Texas Entrants.

The Opening Reception will be on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 6-9 PM. at the Brownwood Depot. Awards will be presented at a ceremony at 7:00 PM. The awards are as follows: The \$1000 Dorothy Mayes Best of Show Award; the \$750 Stars of Texas Purchase Award; the \$750 Juror Award; the \$500 Kohler Award; the \$500 J Hite Homes Inc Merit Award; \$100 each of Five Honorable Mention Awards; the People's Choice Ribbon Award and a \$500 Paint-Off Competition. All art exhibited must be for sale. All sales will be handled through the Arts Council of Brownwood. A 25% donation is required for sales generated by the exhibition.

The fourth annual Paint-Off Competition will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009 once again offering a cash prize of \$500.00. Similar to the plein air competitions so popular in artists' circles, the Paint Off will be held in the ballroom of the Depot Civic and Cultural Center, with the outdoor plein air painters at designated sites, allowing the public to view artists at work. Artists may register on Saturday, February 14 from 8-10 AM. Artists are required to register and have their painting surface stamped before painting. Participants must be 18 or older and a Texas resident. This event is open to all 2-D media and tasteful subject matter except photography. All stamped work must be entered for jury by 2:30 P.M. The \$500.00 will be awarded at 3:30 P.M. that day. A \$20 fee will be required for this competition and each artist must supply his own easel and keep equipment compact. For information contact 325-622-3397 or 325-646-7167.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Country and Western Monthly Musical will be cancelled for November and December due to the busy "Holiday Season". This musical will start back in January 2009 with the date always on the fourth Saturday night of each month. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and Admission is "FREE".

James Ryon is having some serious health problems at this time. There are others in our Community on the sick list. Remember these with your cards and prayers.

We welcome visitors to Desdemona. Yes, "Hogtown" is still "Alive" with several stores to visit, etc. "Country Corner" owned by Benji and Christal Nabors is open daily serving hamburgers and other goodies. "Boom Town Cafe" owned by Terry and Diane Denson is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday (5 p.m. To 9 p.m.). "Gun Shop" owned by Lindley Clayton is open Tuesday thru Saturday. Good place to buy a new gun for a Christmas present. "Trimmin's by Tim" (hair salon) owned by Tim Miller. "Hogtown General Store" owned by Mike and Mary Riggs. This is the place to do your Christmas Shopping. Gifts Galore Are Available.

Contact this reporter if you would like to purchase a "Memorial Brick" for yourself or family members. "Wall of Memories" is located in the entrance hall of the Community Center ("Ole" School Building). This memorial brick wall is very impressive and you would need to view it to really appreciate it. Bricks are \$30.00 each with name and date of your choice.

Contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Thanks, have a nice day, "Coon".

Super Notes

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

"If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed." Mark Twain

I ran across this quote and it made me stop and think. I hope this is never the case with my article, but I know that sometimes I may be misinformed on a topic about which I write. If you every discover that this is the case on anything I write about, please contact me and let me know so that I can make it right. Just like I depend on several other people to keep this school district running, I depend on several people for information for this article. My personal opinion on things is another matter. We all have to work together to make it work. Thanks for your help!

This week we travel to Burleson for our first playoff game. But virtue of having a bye the first week, we are automatically Bi-District Champions. Friday night we will face Muenster for the Area Championship. I hate having a bye the first week of playoffs, but it does give our coaches an opportunity to scout the other team. Admission will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Only special issue passes for this specific game will be accepted. I encourage everyone that can possibly make it to attend. We will be on the visitor side. Remember, your presence at the game could be the deciding factor in who wins!

I wish the best of luck and the best performance of the year to our coaches and our team. They have worked very hard to get this far. Great job guys!

We had a great Veteran Day assembly last Tuesday. We had several local veterans attend and the auditorium was packed. Our students did a wonderful job of singing and making their presentations. The veterans in attendance were very appreciative and so was I. I am not a veteran, but my father was and this day always puts a lump in my throat when I think of all the men and women in our country that have put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms, past and present. We are a very blessed nation! If you are a veteran and were not able to attend or did not know about the assembly, please send or bring by your address so that we may contact you before next year's assembly.

Our first basket ball games were last week, but only the girls at this point. Our junior high girls lost 22-16 to Rising Star, but now they have an opportunity to work on perfecting their layups. The first game also helps them to understand better some of the things their coaches have been telling them. I think we have a great group of girls participating that will develop into a fine team! Our high school girls won their first game against Sidney by a great margin. It appears we may have some talent and hopefully our coach can develop that talent into a great team. Come support these athletes at every opportunity, they are working very hard and doing their best! Good luck this year Lady Panthers!

We will release school early on Friday to allow everyone plenty of time to prepare for the trip to Burleson. This will give everyone, including the players an opportunity to eat early reroute to the game. We certainly want them to have plenty of energy. The PEP Rally will be at 12:45pm and the busses will run at 1:15pm.

Last Friday was the end of the second six weeks. The teachers turned in their grade this Monday. I expect you should be seeing report cards by Friday. If you do not see a report card by then, ask your child about it or call the school. Any student that fails a class will become ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities as of 5:00pm Friday.

Is it not ridiculous that we live in one of the most prosperous states in the United States, one of the most recognizable in the world? In fact our state is larger and has a high GDP than most countries and finances for our public school system is constantly in turmoil because under funding as compared to the national average alone, not to mention other industrialized nations to which we are compared and we educate everyone, not just the privileged few, everyone; everyone with every physical and mental challenge and gift of which you can imagine. We do it all with less money, fewer people and older facilities and we have to do more with less every year. The children in our schools always have been and still are the future of our country and they all deserve the best education possible. Please let your legislators know that you value our future and request that they focus on a realistic, equitable, adequate financial solution for our public school system this session!

The building project is looking great! Although they are accomplishing a lot, the more they do, the less you are about to see it because the work is on the inside. This week they should complete decking the gymnasium area

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!

Texas Military Heroes Span Generations

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As we celebrated Veterans Day, we remembered that generations of courageous men and women served in our armed forces to ensure we remain a land of opportunity. Since the earliest days of our nation, whenever freedom was threatened, our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have risen to its defense. On battlefields in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and other parts of the world they heeded the call to service.

In Texas, there are more than 225,000 active duty, civilian, and guard service members – more than any other state. We are also home to over 1.6 million veterans. Our veterans are part of a long tradition of Texans who bravely fought on the frontlines and are shining examples of the true measure of American character. Our legacy of great military heroes began with the Texas Revolution. The grit and valor of leaders like Sam Houston and William Barret Travis secured our independence from Mexico and enabled Texas' union with the United States.

Some of the most courageous champions for freedom are from the "Greatest Generation." Many of our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers rose to meet America's greatest test and defeated fascism during World War II. On D-Day, Texan Lt. Col. James Earl Rudder led his battalion of Army Rangers up the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc on the beaches of Normandy, where they successfully established a critically important beachhead for Allied Forces. Later, he played a key role in overcoming the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, Lt. Col. Rudder went on to serve as President of Texas A&M University. Another famous Texan is Audie Murphy, whose brave service earned him the distinction of the most decorated hero of World War II. The young soldier from Kingston, Texas served 27 months in multiple campaigns and was awarded 32 medals, including the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Sergeant Alfredo Gonzalez, a native of Edinburg, Texas fought bravely through two tours of duty in Vietnam. In his final battle in Hue City, he nearly single-handedly defeated a heavily-armed contingent of Viet Cong. He paid the ultimate sacrifice in that fight, and he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The U.S. Navy named the USS Gonzalez in memory of his service, making Sergeant Gonzalez the first Mexican-American to receive that honor.

In October, I was privileged to participate in a ceremony at West Point, honoring the memory and service of another hero of the Vietnam War, Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez, a daring and fearless soldier from Cuero, Texas. MSG Benavidez was so badly wounded in combat that his commander nominated him for a Distinguished Service Cross award, instead of the nation's highest award, because the Army was afraid he wouldn't survive long enough for the extensive Medal of Honor process to be completed. But he did survive, and was subsequently awarded the well-deserved Congressional Medal of Honor.

These heroes, as well as the countless men and women who have served our country alongside them, have fought to preserve our freedom and the American way of life. The same dedication to service and spirit of heroism is alive and well in the "Next Great Generation" – the men and women who comprise our active duty and reserve forces and are veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq.

I saw firsthand this strength and character in one of our nation's youngest heroes, David Lewis of Houston. David had always wanted to serve his country, and after witnessing the horrible attacks of 9/11 he was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. David served two tours in Iraq and was awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with V for his service. When he returned home to Texas, he grew increasingly frustrated by the media's negative portrayal of the war – and the cause he believed in. So he came to Washington, where he ably served on my staff. Lieutenant Lewis' service represents the commitment and sense of responsibility we see in so many young Americans today.

Every November, America celebrates Veterans Day. But our recognition of our military men and women – past and present – must not be limited to a single day or month of commemoration. We should all embrace every opportunity to express our genuine gratitude for their service. And let us always remember the Texas heroes who have inspired this generation to keep fighting to protect the freedom we all enjoy.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly dinner was enjoyed by 25 folks on November 12 at 11:30. Bro. Frank Shirley always kind to say our blessing. Good to see the Shirley's after missing last week due to a funeral. Beth doing well and brought us a most delicious Kiesh to enjoy. Glad to have Bill Barrentine with us. He also brought a guest, Frank Fenley. Hope he comes again and brings his wife. Hope he forgives me for having to call for silence, for too many were talking, when I needed to give announcements. HA! I try to be quick, but sometimes I have more information to give.

We enjoyed a very delicious meal with many different casseroles. There was Meat Loaf, Chicken Spaghetti, Beef Stroganoff, and a good Rice Casserole. Also Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Fried Potatoes with onions and green salad by Ruthie Porter from her daughter Sherry's garden. So fresh and yummy. Also red beans, cornbread and rolls. Our desserts were 3 cakes, banana pudding, and Cool Whip and Jello with fruit.

The Birthdays for November were held for Icy Munn, Eveyln Poindexter, Jerry Underwood and Daisy Slaton. We enjoyed chocolate fudge cake and vanilla ice cream. The cake, Delicious from McKay's Bakery in Abilene. I was sad Daisy didn't get to come, as she was ill. So we carried her some cake and sent a card. She is so faithful to be here, of all days to miss, her Birthday. But her family had a big celebration on Saturday the 15th in Abilene. They did Thanksgiving, Birthdays for several family members, including Katie, Daisy's granddaughter. A huge gathering of 25 people.

Always glad to have Sandra Cagle here with us to dine. She is our Tax Assessor Collector for Eastland County. She comes once a month to Gorman for our Service in the City Hall. She is related to Wilburn Overstreet and they get to visit.

I forgot to mention I called Annie Fay Foster awhile back and she is doing well as can be. I must go visit her and call again some day. Winston Brown is some better, but hasn't been able to be with us. Hope to see him back soon. Billie Bennett hurt her leg on a foot stool, so missed her. Also Ailene Garrett injured her leg on an open door to a dishwasher. She is improved, so hope she can be here this Wednesday. There were several regulars missing this past Wednesday's dinner. Hope most can make our Thanksgiving Dinner on this Wednesday, the 19th.

There were 12 out for games on the 13th. We enjoyed games of 88's and Spinner. I left at eight and they were starting Skipbo game. All the TV Shows I like are on Thursday evening. So must leave early. I can hardly stand to sit much longer anyway. We enjoyed good snacks of many kinds, plus sandwiches by Daisy Slaton. Ann Warren made some good cooked cinnamon apples.

Hope all is well and we won't meet again til the 3rd of December, Carol

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