

# The Gorman Progress

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## Santa Coming To Gorman Saturday

Santa will come to town Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m. He will be at the Community Center. Pictures will be available to be taken with Santa for \$2.00 each.

## Four Lady Panthers Named To The All District Volleyball Team



Four Lady Panthers named to the All District Volleyball Team. They are Audrey Johnston, Jaime Johnston, Kimi Seaton and Brittany Henderson. Congratulations to these Lady Panthers on a job well done.

## Look Who's New It's A Boy!!

Terry and Sherri Cook would like to announce the arrival of Ethan Hooper Cook. Ethan was born October 31, 2008 at 10:56 p.m. And weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Don and Faye Cook of Gorman, Dennis and Vickie Creech of Stephenville. Great grandparents are Marie Cook of Gorman and Gelena Metcalf of Stephenville and Dwain Creech of California.



## Texas Star Gardeners To Meet at Harrington Home December 11

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

### NOTICE!!!

If you are interested in coaching PeeWee Basketball or if you were a coach last year we are meeting on Dec. 7th at 2pm at the Community Center. We hope to see you there.

Thanks, Barbara Fenley

## SCHOOL MENU LUNCH

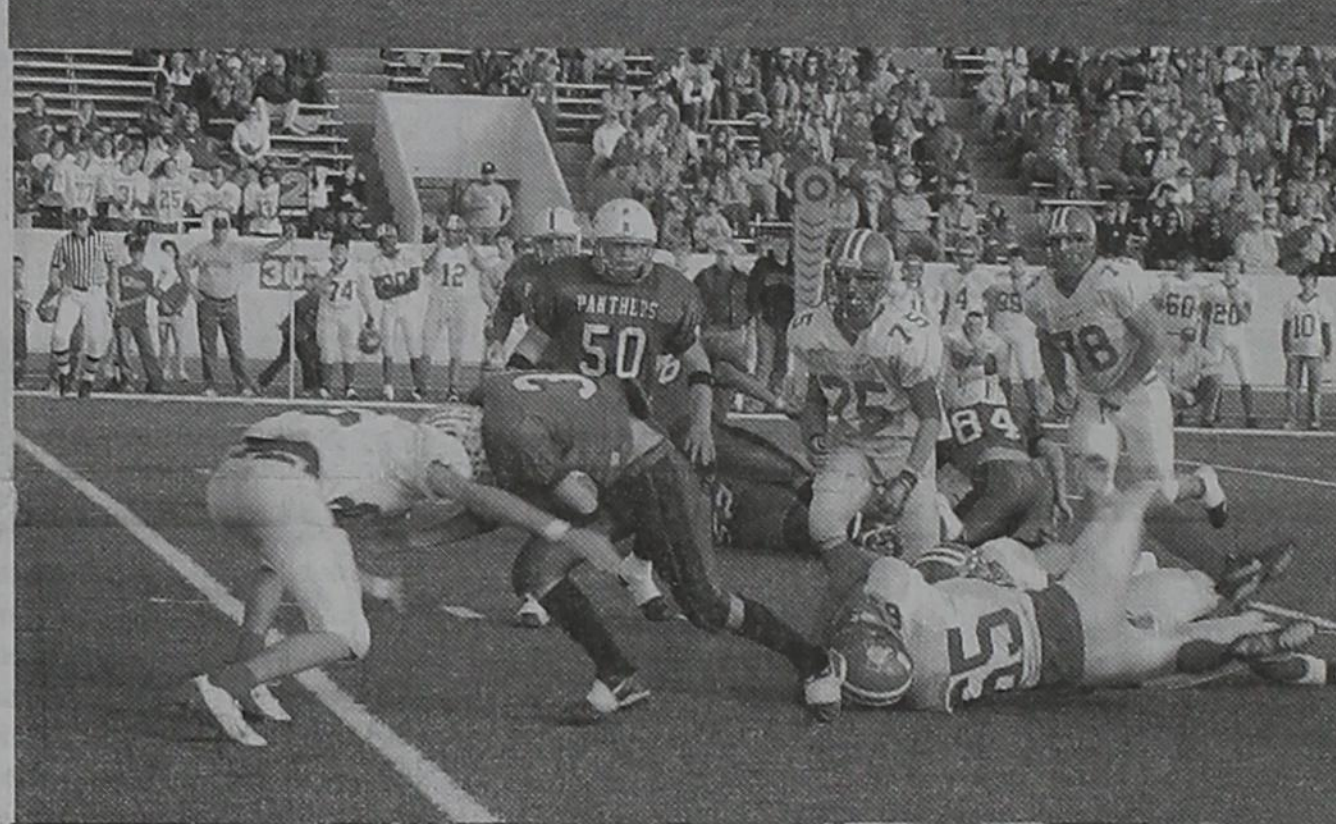
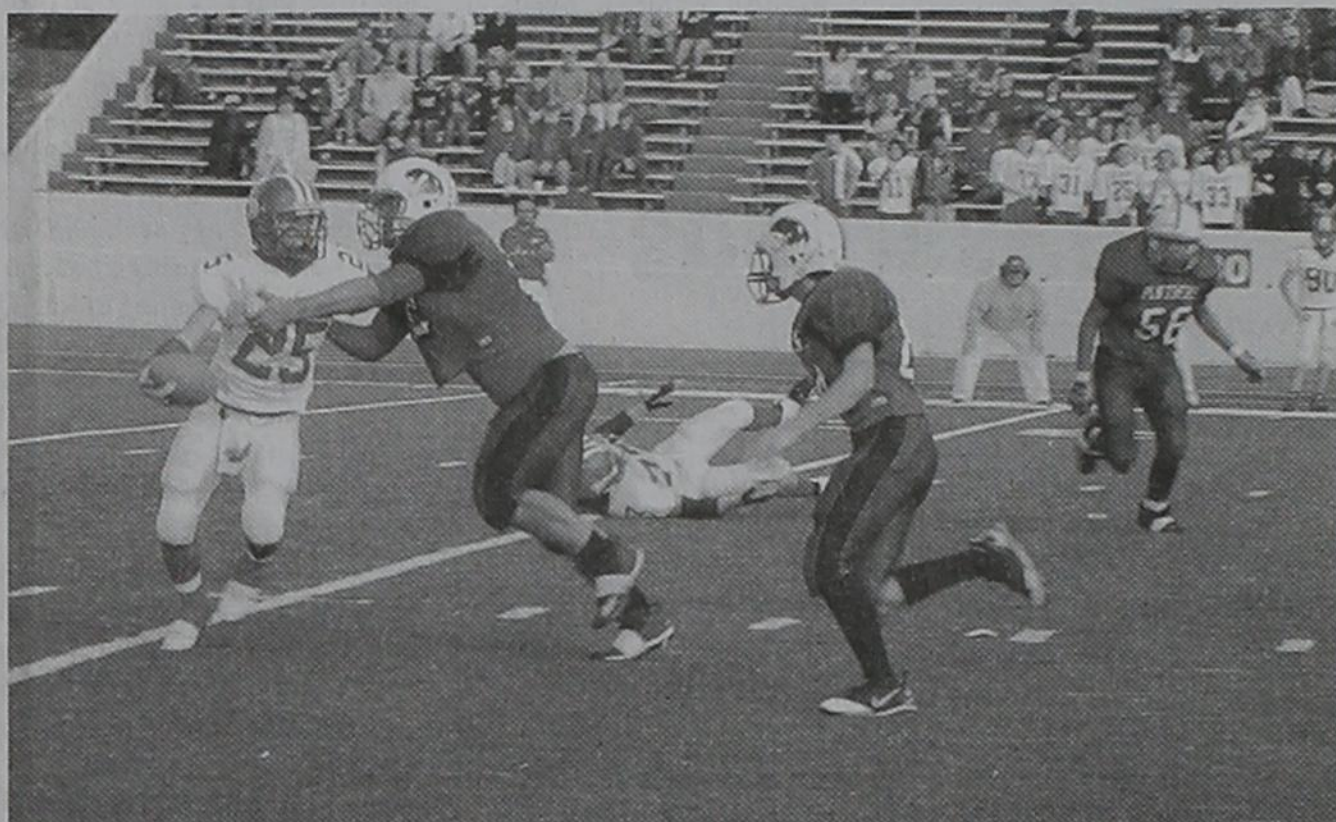
MONDAY - Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Rings, cream potatoes, green beans, biscuit, gravy, oranges and Milk.  
TUESDAY - Sub sandwiches, tuna sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, peanut butter cookie and Milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Ground beef/Mac, steak fingers, potato smiles, English peas, tangy cherry salad, roll, gravy and Milk.  
THURSDAY - Honey lemon chicken, pigs in a blanket, broccoli and rice, carrot coins, brownies and Milk.  
FRIDAY - Taco salad, meat and cheese nachos, tossed salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit shape up and Milk.

- Senior Travel Club
- Selling Tickets on a \$200.00
- Wal-Mart Gift Card.
- We will hang your Christmas Lights or Rake Your Yard for a Donation.
- Call 254-631-2706 or 254-734-6100

## Panthers Defeated By Albany; End Season Among Top Sixteen

The Gorman Panthers played the Albany Lions in Graham on Friday afternoon. The Lions gobbled up 406 yards on the ground against the Panthers with only 167. The game ended with the score of 56 to 13. The Panthers played with heart. The Panthers were held scoreless until the 6:37 mark in the third quarter, when Tyson Swanner scored on a 6 yard run to make the score 35-7. The Lions then added 21 points to make the score 56-7 before the Panthers closed the scoring with a 19 yard run by Matt Underwood. Matt Underwood led the Panthers with 14 runs for 78 yards and caught 3 passes for 32 yards.

The Panthers ended this season as "One of the top Sixteen teams in Class 1A". The Panthers will lose only 3 Seniors on the football team this year but will return a lot of Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen and this will help the Panthers to have a nice future next year.



## Confederate Country Christmas Party Set

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

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

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

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

## 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.

Happy Holidays!

YOU are Invited -

Join us for a time of Fellowship!

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

When: Saturday - Dec. 6, 2008 - 2pm to 4pm

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

We hope to see you there!

## Gorman Livestock Show

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

## GREAT JOB PANTHERS!

I would like to extend a personal congratulations to the Gorman Panther Football team and to all of their coaches on a great season! You took a tougher schedule, fewer mature and talented players than last year and some kids who had no playing time last season at all and had a very successful season. In fact you took us all the way to AREA CHAMPS! I believe that great coaching and kids with good attitudes is what got the team that far. I stand behind and support these coaches 100% and feel blessed that we have caring coaches that want our kids to not just be great players, but also expect them to behave and become responsible adults. CONGRATULATIONS PANTHERS! Becky Swanner

# Desdemona First Baptist Church

The Desdemona First Baptist Church celebrated "Homecoming 2008" on Sunday, November 30th. Special services include the "Singing Shirley's". Rev. Stephen Shirley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sulphur, LA., David F. Shirley, Conroe, TX, and Gary L. Shirley of Desdemona at the Piano. Pastor, Rev. Tim White gave the Morning Service. Lunch was served at the Annex. Joshua 24:15. Come Worship With Us.

## Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the First National Bank Tower Room. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns. For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567.

## My First Deer - 8 Point Buck



Mykisha Hampton is shown with the buck she shot around Sterling City recently. This is the first deer for Mykisha. She is the daughter of Michael and Susie Hampton of Gorman. Congratulations!!!

## Kathleen Kunce Linderholm

Kathleen Kunce Linderholm age 50 of De Leon passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2008 at her residence. Services were held Tuesday, December 2nd at 2 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Lisa Neslony officiating and Music by Troy Morris. Burial was in Oliver Springs Cemetery. She was born September 30, 1958 to Robert Kunce and Nancy Warde Kunce in Hollywood, Florida. She was a homemaker. Had resided in De Leon since 2007, having previously lived in Houston. She was a member of De Leon First United Methodist Church. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Linderholm of De Leon; a sister, Mari Beasley of Houston and one granddaughter, Keilee Robin Lewis. She is preceded by her parents, Robert and Nancy Kunce. Pallbearers were John Nabors, Christopher Nabors, Bill Nabors, Mark Sides, Nash Cantu and Dan Burnett.

## Lottie Redell Morris

Lottie Redell Browning Morris, the daughter of John and Ertie Browning, was born June 29, 1914 at the Rock Bluff Community, 8 miles South of Gorman, Texas. She graduated from Gorman High School in 1931. She married the love of her life, Hupp Morris on October 7, 1931 in Kilgore, Texas. During their 60 years of marriage they followed the developing oil business and lived in Kilgore, Cisco, Hamilton, Houston, Seminole, Kermit, Levelland, Brownfield and Monahans before retiring to the Gorman community for the past 37 years. While living in Gorman, Lottie and Hupp were avid supporters of the Gorman schools, especially the athletic program. They seldom missed any event the fighting Panthers were participating in. They were twice recognized and presented plaques for their support. Lottie was the Coming Home Queen in 1978. In 1998 having the Panthers yearbook dedicated to them and then in 2005 a special recognition by the Ex Student's Association honored them. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star and was a Past Worthy Matron. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hupp, on January 2, 2000. One son James and his wife Beverly of Katy, Texas survives her. One daughter, Pam Hulse and her husband Mark of Hobbs, NM. One grandson, Mark Morris; four granddaughters, Mitzi Cross, Leha Searcy, Amy Zulaica, and Susan Hulse. Six great grandsons, eight great granddaughters, and one great-great granddaughter and many special nieces and nephews. One brother, Joe Bob Browning of Brownwood. A celebration-of-life service was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Gorman at 11 a.m. Saturday with interment at the Oaklawn Cemetery. Grandsons and great grandsons served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Gorman, Gorman Panther Booster Club, Homestead Rehab of Gorman or a Charity of your choice.



## Obituaries

### Gary Reeves Hill

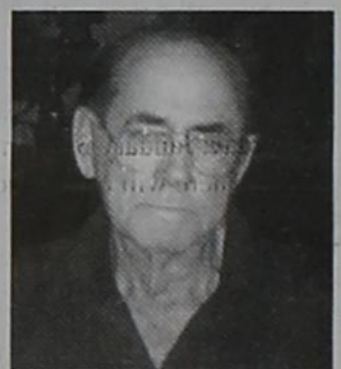
EASTLAND- Professor Gary Reeves Hill, age 66 of Eastland and Criminal Justice instructor for Cisco Jr. College, passed away Saturday November 29, 2008 in an Abilene Hospital. Funeral Services will be Tuesday December 2, 2008 at 10 AM in the Cisco Church of the Nazarene. Visitation will be Monday 6-8 PM at Edwards Funeral Home. Burial will be in Eastland City Cemetery directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.



Born Nov. 7, 1942 in Winters Texas to Robert Lee Hill and Claudia [Rampy] Hill, he was the Salutatorian of the class of 1961 Winters High School. After school he worked as a John Deere mechanic in Winters and Colorado City. He married Kay Rogers in Winters on Dec. 31 1966. Gary enrolled in The Stenograph School in Abilene and finished in Plainview. He worked in Athens as a court reporter for about a year before entering the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy, for 10 years he worked first as a Highway Patrolman then in License and Weight retiring from active law enforcement after back surgery. He began teaching at Cisco Jr. College in the Criminal Justice Program and continued for 28 years. He earned his Masters in Criminal Justice from Texas A&M at Tarleton with a 4.0 grade average. He also did medical transcription for local Eastland physicians. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and served on the Board of Directors, he served on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board of Tarleton University. Member of the Community College Criminal Justice Educators of Texas. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, farming, telling jokes and most of all his Grand and Great granddaughters. He is survived by: Wife Kay of Eastland Son Michael Hill of Wichita Falls Texas; 3 Brothers; Bob Hill of Australia Ronald and Mike Hill both of Sweetwater; Granddaughter Jennifer Hill and Great Granddaughter Payten Kunkel. He was preceded in death by a brother Stan Hill.

### Jimmie "Jim" Charles Bryan Sr.

Graveside services for Jimmie Bryan were held Monday, December 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Garden Park Cemetery in Conroe, Texas. Visitation will be held one hour before the service from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the cemetery. Jim was best known by his community as "Mr. Jim" from Montgomery Video. Jim is preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Lillie Bryan. He is survived by his son, Jimmie Charles Bryan Jr. and wife Renea of Montgomery, Texas; daughters, Liz Siler and husband Jim of Conroe, Texas, and Susan Benham and husband Jeff of Conroe, Texas; grandsons, Jonathan and Michael Bryan, Josh Siler and Bryan Benham; granddaughter, Victoria Bryan and sister, Linda Waller of DeLeon, Texas.



## Classifieds

**GARAGE SALE:** Saturday, December 6:8:00-2:00 - 123 Rogan Street/Gresstets: Household items, furniture (large oak table and chairs, antique bedroom set, misc.), Christmas decorations, 2 station weight machine, clothes, shoes, etc. This is the first of two moving/downsizing sales. 1-12-4 C.  
**FOR SALE** - Real Nice Dining Table and Chairs; Regina Vacuum Cleaner, barely used. Call 254-734-2429 - Louice Clark. 1-12-4 C.

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

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VERY PRODUCTIVE - 40 ACRES, M/L, NW OF GORMAN Good coastal and native grasses, good fences and cross fence, County Road frontage, 1 stock tank and water in the area. Call us today to take a look!! A19  
INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - This property consists of 2 structures. A 2 story office building, old cafe. This property has a lot of possibilities!! C19 DO A LITTLE AND SAVE A LOT! Great potential for this 3 or 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home nestled in 7 wooded acres with outbuildings at the edge of Gorman. SAVE \$\$\$ HA17

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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 terrian, hunting [DS02] \$2-195/acre REDUCED \$1,995/acre  
231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting SOLD [BK01] \$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  
5A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lake, metal roof, stove, barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500  
5A, 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, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000  
2-1 Fleetwood 14x52, shaded corner lot, well, underground sprinkler, carport [JT03] \$35,000 #1127

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

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

Thanks,  
Jill Torres  
cityofgorman@ctc.net

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

It's time.....the annual Christmas Store opens at the DAC here in Desdemona on Thursday, Dec. 4th at 9:00A.M. The store will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Store hours are 9:00A.M. until 6:00P.M. each day. We have many, many nice item for you to browse through.

Saturday, Dec. 6th is, also, 'Breakfast at the DAC' from 7:00A.M. until 10:00A.M. During breakfast, we will draw for the Ruger Hawkeye rifle. If you haven't gotten your tickets for the drawing, you can still do so by coming to the Country Corner or stopping by the Christmas Store or coming to breakfast early before the drawing.

We still have some dates open for the DAC to be rented - please call me at 254-758-2420 for information.

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 the 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 1:45 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.

## Scouts On Miniture Trains



Gorman Cub Scouts went on a camp out in Dublin on November 8th and 9th. They got to do crafts, games, and ride miniature trains at the Leatherwood Ranch. Everyone had a great time.

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Ladies Monthly Social** will be held on Monday, December 8th at the Desdemona Community Center ("Ole" School Building). This will be the Christmas Special. Make plans to arrive at usual time (9:00 a.m.). All of the food will be furnished by the hostesses. Gifts will not be exchanged this year. Next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at the same location. Visitors are invited to attend.

James Ryon and L. E. Singleton, Jr. spent several days in the Abilene Regional Hospital recovering from recent surgery. Friends in Desdemona send "Get Well" Wishes to these and to others in our Community that are on the sick list.

Bernard and Ann Keith, Pug and Vonnie Guthery, all of Desdemona enjoyed visiting and having lunch last Saturday with their sister, Avie Taylor in De Leon.

"Humpy" and Betty Duke visited Saturday in Midlothian with Scott and Risa Ashley and Lauren; also Brandon and Daydra Ashley.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Imogene (Powell) Davis of Odessa. The Powell family lived near Desdemona where all of their children attended school. Imogene graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1941. Survivors include a brother, Woodie Powell and wife, Frances of De Leon; a sister, Vivian (Powell) Wooldridge of Tyler; her family, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her parents, Adell and Iva Powell.

Bessie Shupp in De Leon contacted this reporter on Saturday asking "Friends" in Desdemona to pray for her granddaughter, Candice Shupp, who is in the Fort Worth Children's Hospital at this time. Candice, age 16, attends school in De Leon. Let us all join together in prayer for this young lady.

Visitors on Sunday with "Humpy" and Betty Duke were John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; and Russell Duke and daughter, Katie of Stephenville.

Karen Fair and granddaughter, Lorin hosted the Family Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan Jade, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane, Donal and Kandice Cogburn and children, Dylan and Taiah, Gary and Jody Walston and grandson, Trevor, all of Desdemona.

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

Thanksgiving visitors with Bernard and Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinson, Keitha Robinson and daughter, Lexie all of De Leon; Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn of San Antonio.

Have a Great Day, Vonnie

## Happenings At FBC!!

Cherish! To cherish is to keep or cultivate with care and affection. Cherish God, your family, and your friends; and give thanks to God for all!

Mark your calendars:

**Dec. 6th** - 2:00pm - Bro. Barry and Sharlene's Time of Fellowship at the Skaggs's Home.

Please come, even if it's just for a few minutes, we would love to see you there!

**Dec. 7th** - Youth Led Sunday - join us for what we know will be a great service.

**Dec. 7th** - Youth Fund Raiser Luncheon - join us for a delicious meal.

**Dec. 14th** - 6:00pm - Church Holiday Meal - bring your favorite dish or dishes.

Liz Caraway's Children Sermon: Liz asked all the children what Thanksgiving dish they liked most, and macaroni and cheese seemed to be the majority favorite. Liz said her favorite part of Thanksgiving is knowing once it is over Christmas is on it's way. The Christmas tree, lights, decorations, songs, and presents are all wonderful things to anticipate. However, we must be very careful not to look past the real meaning of Christmas. The Angel appeared to Mary and told her that she would give birth to Jesus. Jesus was born to save us from our sins. Don't get caught up in the things of Christmas, and don't forget that Jesus is the true meaning of Christmas.

Bro. Barry's message was "Thanks" - I Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Giving thanks is God's will for our lives. God wants us to be thankful and cheerful no matter what and always.

1. We have it so good. - Is there anything worse than an ingrate, an ungrateful person? In spite of our current financial crisis, be of good cheer. We all have more today than we had when we were kids.

2. We enjoy it so much. - We love fun: Six Flags, Sea World, Disney World, etc. Just when you think life is unfair, remember that you have a Heavenly Father who loves you. If you have one friend who loves you just the way you are then you are blessed; if you have two friends then you are even more blessed.

3. We express it so little. - It feels good to be thankful and give thanks. Thank you to everyone that attends church, to everyone who supports God's work through the church, to Veronica who serves as church secretary, to Martha who plays the organ, to Pam who plays the piano, to Gary and Brent who serve as Music Directors, to Sammy who serves in the nursery, to our Sunday school teachers, to our public school teachers and administration, to our Government leaders and Homeland Security, to our Armed Forces, to our Team Kids and Mission Friends teachers, to Bill Mears who is our technology guru, to Joe and Kathi who serve as technology operators, to Liz Caraway and Tiffany Troutman who work with our youth group, to our FBC Praise Band, to Willie Burl who raises and lowers our American Flag every day, to our City's Mayor, to David who always keeps our church so clean, and thanks to everyone we may have neglected to mention. Be of good cheer and say THANKS!

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

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

## Super Notes

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

The Panthers played their final game of this season last Friday in Graham against the Albany Lions. The Lions won and now continue their quest for a state title. Our Panthers had a great year. Just think, by participating in last week's game, they were one of the top sixteen teams in the state in their class. All those professional folks out there that predict how teams are going to do must have been shocked that we made it that far. I wasn't! Our boys play with a lot of heart, they are in great shape, and we have a great crew of coaches and fans. My thanks to all of you for another great year of football!

Now we can pay more attention to basketball. You know the best thing about basketball? It is played indoors. Now all I have to carry in the back of my car are the portable stadium seats. Our high school girls and our entire junior high rosters have been playing basketball for a couple of weeks. I am looking forward to seeing if the boys can surpass their football accomplishments, but I am even more excited about the possibilities for our girls. It's going to be an exciting season and all of you need to be in the gym supporting these athletes. I hope to see you there. The Lady Panthers and Panthers will be playing in the Rising Star Tournament December 4th through 6th. As of Monday, our Lady Panthers record is 3-2.

If you have been by the school you have seen the progress since last week on our new high school and gymnasium. The front columns will probably finish being bricked this week and soon we will see the roof system begin to be constructed. The work being done on the gymnasium right now that you cannot see includes: construction of the seating structures, installing the concrete forms for the seating area, and all of the rough in wiring.

I hope you had as wonderful a Thanksgiving as we did. We were blessed to have our kids in for the holiday and got to go see a Panther football game to boot. We also got to take our son's family for their first experience at Mary's. I always look for an excuse to go to Mary's. We got to take them to church and ZJ's too. They went home Sunday afternoon, well fed!

Teachers had to turn in grade Monday for the first three week period of the third six weeks. If your child is failing or near failing, you should receive a notice in the mail. If you had a child that became ineligible due to failure last six weeks, if they are now passing, they regain their eligibility at 5:00pm this Friday.

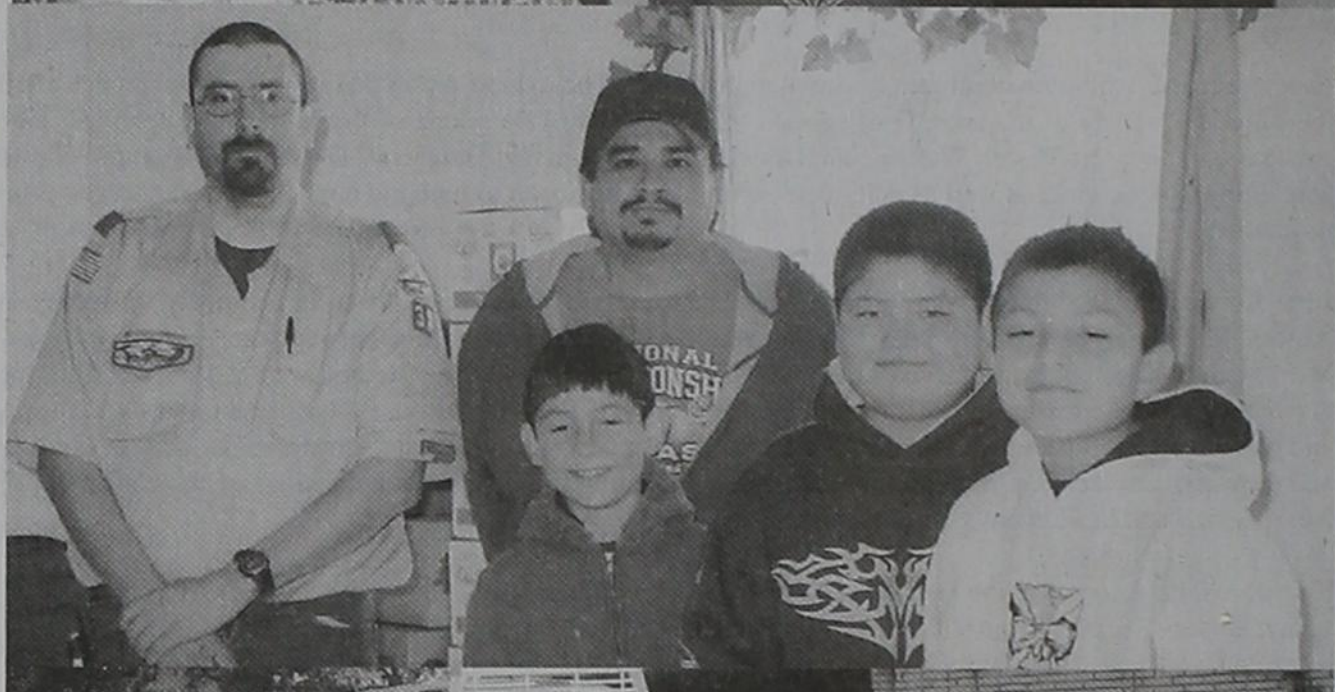
School will be dismissed early for U.I.L. on December 9th and 11th. School will be dismissed early for Christmas on December 18th and 19th due to finals. Please make arrangements for your children now for these dates. Thank you!

Christmas Break is December 22nd through January 2nd. Now is a good time to make arrangements for your child's care during that time. Also, please remember that no shorts are to be worn to school at any grade level from now until after Spring Break.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

## Scouting for Food

You may have notice on November 15th a lot of Scouts running around gathering food like squirrels. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts got together and sent out four teams of helpers, consisting of 24 people who volunteered approximately 5 hours each. We gathered 1200 pounds of non-perishable food items to fill the Gorman pantry. I am so proud and thankful to the volunteers who gathered the food and to the community who donated it. Thank you!



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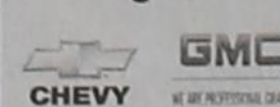
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