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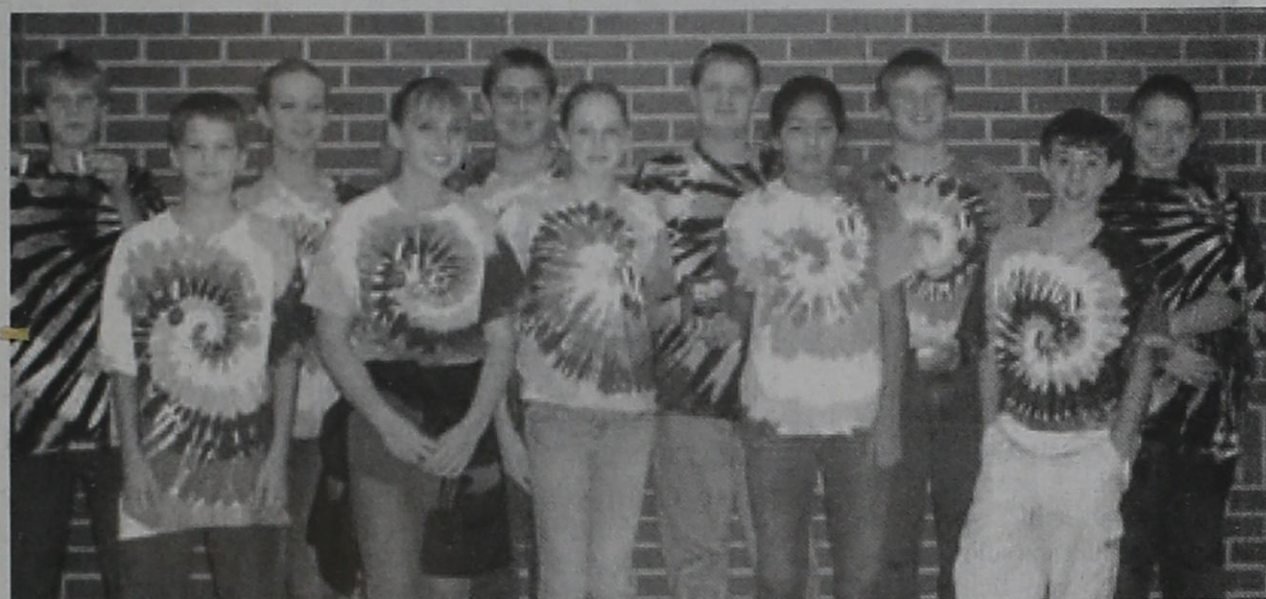
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NOVEMBER 25, 2004

Happy Thanksgiving

Junior High One Act Play Competed In Mineral Wells



The Junior High One-Act Play competed on Thursday in Mineral Wells at the District meet. The cast and crew of *The Small World of Millie McIvor* brought home the second place plaque, team medals, and five individual medals. Individual Medalist were: All-Star Cast: Audrey Johnston and Miles Vann; Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Brittany Henderson, Justin Little, and Tyson Swanner. Mrs. Vann would like to thank all those who helped support the students this season.

Christmas Tour of Homes Set for December 12

The 5th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 2pm - 5pm. Homes included on the Tour this year are Ann Rainey, Jerry Brown, Carolyn Gilbert and Tracy Carter. Guest Reception will be held at the Methodist Church. Tickets will be \$5 and will be available December 1 in local stores and from Gorman GROW members. For additional information contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or 734-3637 or Suzan Lipson at 734-4305.

It's A Boy

Holly, Alex, Caitlyn and Makenzie Rainey would like to announce the arrival of their brother, Ryan Nicholas Rainey, who arrived November 16, 2004 at 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Denver and Alice Rainey of Gorman and Donnie Purdom of Comanche. Great grandparents are Margaret Purdom of Eastland, Mabel Woods of Gorman and Garland and Gladys Fraley of Gorman.

Ryan is current in the care of Abilene Regional Medical Center due to health problems. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
William and LaDawna Rainey

Santa Claus Coming To Town - December 4th

Santa will be arriving in town on December 4, 2004, at 4 p.m. He will be at the Community Center. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2.00 each.

31 Days
Until
Christmas



Gorman Cagers Win Over Perrin-Whitt

The Gorman Lady Panthers edged the Lady Pirates by the score of 38-37 in Friday's action.

The teams were tied up at 10-10 at the end of the first period. Then in the second period the Lady Panthers out-scored the Lady Pirates 12 to 15 for a 22-15 lead. The Lady Pirates scored 8 to 6 points on the Lady Panthers in the third period to make the score 28-23. The Lady Pirates added 14 in the final period to Gorman's 10, but the Lady Panthers held on for a 38-37 victory.

Hornback led Gorman with 16 points, Carlton hit 13, Swanner had 4 and K. Carlton got 2 with Seaton getting 2.

The JV score was 18 8 in favor of Gorman.

The Lady Panthers record is 1-1.

The Panthers also won their game over the Pirates by the margin of 56-53.

The Panthers led 13-12 at the end of the first period, but were out-scored 19-7 in the second for a 31-20 edge by the Pirates. Gorman added 14 while the Pirates scored 11 in the third. But the Panthers came back with 22 in the last period while holding the Pirates to 11 for a 56-53 win.

Clint Jones led the Panthers with 13, Giles hit 12, Sanchez put in 8, Lewis had 9, Wright hit 8 and Keith got 6. Gorman's record is 1-1.

The Gorman JV out-scored the Pirates 40 to 27.

City of Gorman and Volunteer Fire Department Receive Grants

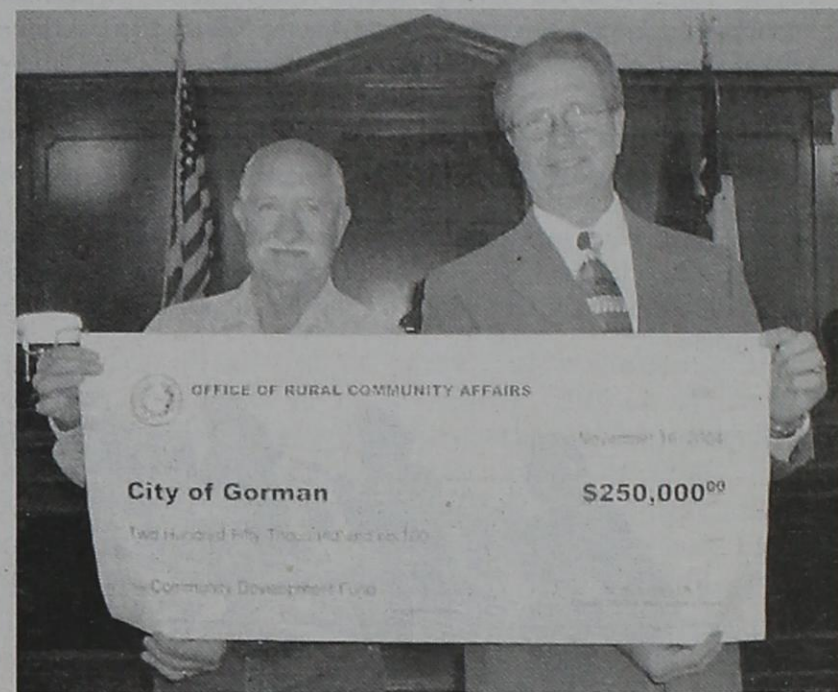
The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) honored the City and Gorman Voluntary Fire Department on November 16, 2004 in Eastland. The City secured \$250,000.00 for the City from the Community Development Fund grant for installation of two lift stations, and upgrade one lagoon at the wastewater plant. The Gorman Voluntary Fire Department secured \$2,046.33 receiving an AED heart monitor with trainer unit.

210 grant recipients were honored at the event, which recognized area awardees who had received over \$13,676,778 in total grants from ORCA between September 2, 2003 and August 31, 2004.

"We applaud and commend the efforts of every recipient for their commitment and dedication to rural Texas," said J. Randel (Jerry) Hill, ORCA's Acting Executive Director. "ORCA was created to assist rural Texans with building their own communities and I am pleased to commend the leaders of every community who applied for funding to support and address the needs of their community."

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, and any rural issues of concern. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. orca@orca.state.tx.us On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the State's health, economic development, and community development programs targeting rural communities in Texas. ORCA's programs and services support health care delivery in rural Texas, and address rural community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvement, and disaster relief funds. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens.



Mayor Robert Ervin and a representative of ORCA with City of Gorman Grant Check



Mayor Robert Ervin, Steven Watson and a representative of ORCA with Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Grant Check

Benefit for
JAMES RYON
Saturday, December 4 - 4-8 p.m.
Baptist Annex Bldg. - Desdemona

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT
ANTIQUES FROM OUR FATHER'S HOUSE
IN THE HISTORIC HIGGINBOTHAM BUILDING
103 N. KENT STREET IN GORMAN, TEXAS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th from 3:00-8:00 p.m.
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WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 26th IN OBSERVANCE OF
THANKSGIVING WILL BE OPEN
AS USUAL ON MONDAY.

ONE LARGE ITEM PER MONTH

BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, ON THE FIRST (1ST) THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, BFI WILL PICK UP ONE LARGE ITEM. BFI WILL ONLY PICK UP THE ONE LARGE ITEM, ON THIS DESIGNATED DAY.

EXAMPLES OF THE LARGE ITEMS ARE: COUCH, CHAIR, OLD TABLE, MATTRESS, ETC.

PLEASE REMEMBER NO BATTERIES, NO PAINT, NO REFRIGERANTS.

2-11-25

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m.
Methodist Church

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.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - THIRD WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 15TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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. Bob Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

Obituary

Mary Elizabeth Tecson

Mary 'Beth' Watson was born January 26, 1935 in the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman. She was the oldest of four children born to Edna Ellen 'Hirst' Watson and James Arland Watson. She was 69 when she died in her home in Washington, Louisiana on November 12, 2004 after a brief illness.

Mary attended school in Gorman for 12 years. She married James 'Tex' Tecson on April 13, 1957. Survived by Tex, her rock of 48 years, two sons James 'Jim' Hirst Tecson and wife Betty, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Joseph 'Joe' Michael Tecson and wife Kim of Fresco, Texas and daughter Mary Ellen Devillier and husband Christopher Devillier of Washington, Louisiana; two sisters Gala Watson and Edna Joyce Brinegar and husband John Brinegar who Mary considered her brother; one much loved niece and seven nephews; grandchildren, Jennifer Landeros, Jasmine Landeros, Ashley Devillier, Christopher Devillier Jr., Logan Tecson, Jared Tecson, Katy Tecson and Cody Tecson. She was preceded in death by her parents and one beloved brother, Johnnie Watson.

Mary was a homemaker and dearly loved by her family and many friends. She was Baptist and a member of the Washington Baptist Church in Washington, Louisiana.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 on Saturday, November 13, 2004. Louis Charriere, pastor of Washington Baptist Church conducted the service. Visitation was held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sibille Funeral home in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Richard Dee Bassett

Richard Dee Bassett, 66, of Gorman passed away on Monday, November 15, 2004 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman. Services were Friday, November 19, 2004 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Bassett was born on July 12, 1938 in Gorman to the late Carlton V. Bassett and Doris Hamrick Bassett. He was a member of the Eastland First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Lee Cottrell and husband B.J. of DeLeon and Carla Jean Jones of Stamford; nephews, Corky Cottrell and Mark Cottrell; nieces, Jo Olsovsky and Cathy Urich, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pecan Bake Show Sponsored by De Leon 4-H Club

WHEN: Friday, December 3, 2004. Check-in entries between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: De Leon City Auditorium, 137 S. Texas St.

WHO: Anyone who resides in or goes to school in Comanche County, or in Gorman, Desdemona or Dublin

AGE: Youth (toddler through age 19 or high school) Adult (age 20 and up)

CLASSES:
Pie - bring entire pie
Cake - bring entire cake
Cookies - enter 8 cookies
Candy - enter 8 pieces of candy
Bread - enter 1 loaf
Miscellaneous - enter representative sample

RULES: 1. Food exhibited must be prepared by the exhibitor. 2. Pecans must be included in the recipe contents, not just used for decorations; however, pecans used in the entry do not have to be grown by the exhibitor. 3. Food products entered must be made "from scratch"--no mixes will be allowed. 4. Each exhibitor may enter each class, but may enter only 1 item in each class. 5. Recipe should be typed or neatly printed, giving exact measurements for ingredients and with exhibitor's name and address on the back. Recipes will not be returned. (Plans are to prepare a cookbook of entered recipes to distribute the following year.) 6. Entries must be exhibited on paper plates, foil-covered cardboard or disposable pie tines, and then be enclosed in a zip-lock plastic bag or covered with clear plastic wrap or clear plastic bakery dome. 7. A label with the exhibitor's name, address, age division and entry class should be attached to the bottom of the item exhibited. 8. Entries will be on exhibit during the Country Christmas held in DeLeon City Auditorium on Friday evening, December 3. 9. Entries may be donated to be sold during the Country Christmas, with proceeds going to the sponsoring organization (DeLeon 4-H Club), or may be picked up by the exhibitor 8-9 p.m. on Friday, December 3.

CJC Holiday Concert

The Cisco Junior College Band proudly presents a Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. The Holiday Extravaganza will be held in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium on the Cisco campus and will feature the CJC Flute Choir, Wrangler Brass, Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the performance. Come join us for a night of traditional holiday music and celebration.

Thank You

The family of Kendra Lewis would like to express a heart felt thank you for the community support and kindness shown to us the past few months. We had a few funds raisers earlier that brought some money but the BBQ benefit at Desdemona was a big success. We appreciate the merchants who donated their goods and time for the cause; Bob's Grocery and Gorman Grocery, who provided the beans, potatoes, and Dr.

Peppers. The Ranger meat market that furnished the brisket at a discounted price. And the Pigeon Road Gun Shop, in Stephenville, who sold the gun at a discount and sold the tickets to pay for it. Now that's a deal! Much thanks to the Bride of Christ Church who donated tables, chairs, manpower, the sign out front, cooks, and servers. Also thanks to the Desdemona community members who organized, cooked, and served throughout the whole benefit. We raised quite enough to travel and stay in Iowa for the month of her surgery. God bless you everyone who helped or donated in anyway!

Dorcas Class Meets

The Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ met at the Gorman Hotel on Wednesday, November 17. Host for the event was Aline Garrett. The lesson was presented by Francis Simpson on the Old Testament character Rahab. This lesson from the book of Joshua is a clear example of how God will use those who have faith in him. Francis assumed the character of Rahab and told of the beginning of her faith and the difference the courage of her conviction made to the children of Israel. After the lesson a sandwich luncheon was held. A large number with several guests were in attendance. The Dorcas Class will resume on December 1 in the Fellowship Hall



Francis Simpson of the Church of Christ. Visitors are encouraged to attend.

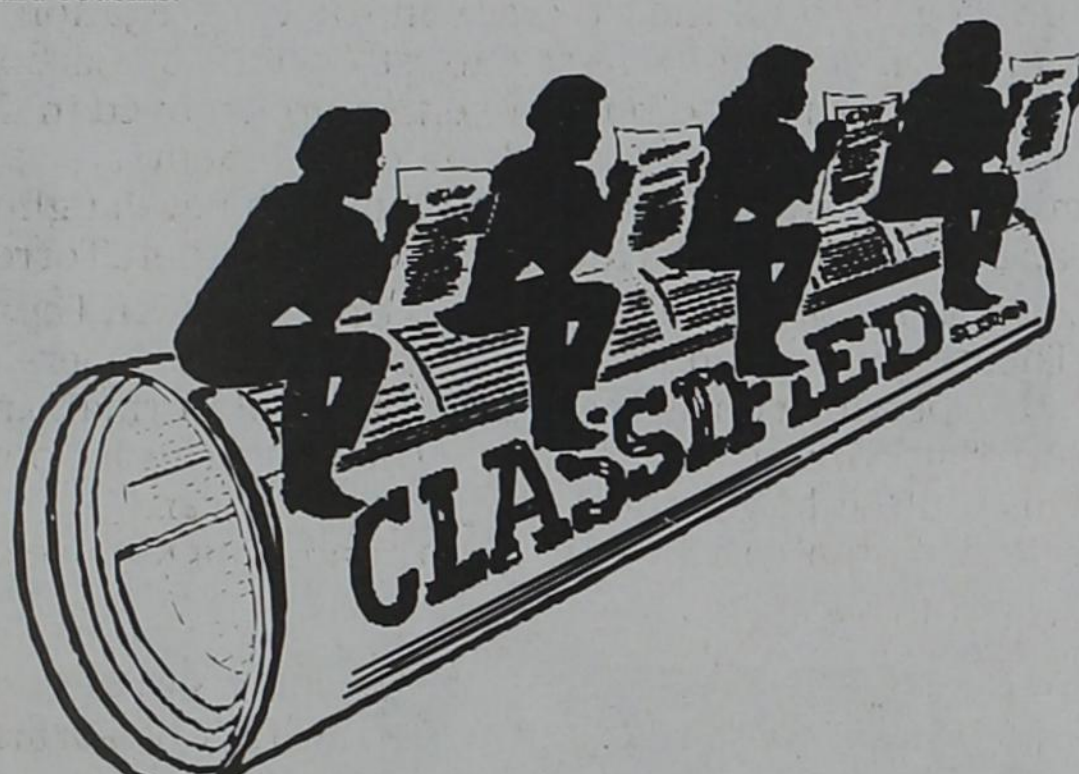


Members and guests attending: Faye Scitem, Mary Oden, Aline Garrett, Irene West, Grace Townley, Linda Simmons, Zena Simpson, Christine Hammontree, Delores Underwood, Joy Rogers, Floydene Gilbert, Velda Baze, Francis Simpson (as Rahab), Louise Smart. Also attending not pictured-Carolyn Foster and Carolyn Gilbert

Mary Powell Competes In Cross Country

Mary Powell while just a freshman starts a journey that few ever embark upon. Practice throughout the school year was not enough for this athlete. She began her freshman year the summer before it began. Her parents, Bob and Deann Powell strongly encouraged her to not only continue her training after her Junior High Track season was over but to improve at it as well. Running all summer long and the entirety of the cross country season Mary managed to not only cut her two mile time down by minutes, but to place fifth in district competition at Stephenville with a time of 13:50. She continued on at regionals in Arlington, Texas where she was supported by many from Gorman. In a proud effort Mary ran in the top quarter in her final race of the year. She now has her eyes set on the next level--STATE!

~Coach Tooley



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90 A. Eastland Co., Hwy. frontage, 3 tanks, heavy cover for hunting, cultivation, home-site. \$157,500
210 Acres, irrig. Wells, tank, corrals, hwy. frontage. \$294,000
82 Acres at Proctor Lake, well, tank, home site, hunting & fishing. \$164,500
596 A., 4/2, brick, barns, creek, pasture, wildlife. \$685,000. **SOLD**
512 A. on Sabanna River, 12 ponds, pecan trees, rural water, pasture, hunting. \$740,000. **SOLD**
382 A. large pond & irrig. pit, 4 small ponds, irrig. Wells, good fences, pecan trees, woods, excellent hunting. \$515,700 **SOLD**
216 A. coastal coastal, 2 tanks, irrig. wells, hwy. frontage. #270,000 **SOLD**
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Second Grade: A—Adriana Blair, Brittany Burns, Cheyenne Gibbs, Madison Warren, Lacey Wilson, Chloe Cole, Cindy Gonzalez, Jacquelyn Rainey, Ashton Blake Self, Lauren Spivey; **AB**—Austin Carter, Guadalupe Escamilla, Cosette Keeping, Holly Rainey, Marines Villalobos, Hayley Bullock, Keaton Collins, Daniel Herrera, Mariela Sanchez, Jarimma Silva, Lindey Thackerson

Third Grade: A—Zachary Carlton, Haven Gibbs, Mykisha Hampton, Kinsey Johnston, Shyann Rainey, Melissa Ramirez, Jessica Williams; **AB**—Bailey Cockburn, Connie Gonzalez, Taylor Grumbles, Yari Montelongo, Joseph Woodall, Courtney Byrd, Fabian Garcia, Abby Jones, Lessica Ledford, Skye Lewis, Alaina Swanner, Christian Zolfaghar, Dakota Morrison, Rasha Rainey

Fourth Grade: A—Rachel Tucker; **AB**—Jenna Bullock, Skyler Henderson, Kacie Keith, Austin Marlow, Margarita Oronia, Angelena Perez, Mario Silva, Taylor Bouchier, Sergio Garcia, Jaron Majors, Megan Stewart, Tyson Underwood.

Fifth Grade: A—Cody Self, AJ Vaughn, Mckenzie Osborne; **AB**—David Brister, Cade Cole, Chelsea Griffin, Ally Little Erica Ortiz, Cortney Shirley, Stetson Thompson, J.C. Whitten, Katey Thackerson, Ana Esquivel, Delores Garcia, Rebekah Powell

Sixth Grade: A—Jaime Johnston, Abby Pacheco; **AB**—Brice Campbell, Jordan Carter, Cameron Clark, Matt Keith, Stephanie Risueno, Jacob Singleton, Maria Raygoza, Heather Wilson

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona First Baptist Church pastor, Bro. Gary Hughes and several members were in Gorman last Sunday night to attend the First Baptist Church Thanksgiving Service and Singing. Bro. Gary Hughes was in charge of the preaching service. All area churches were invited to attend this service. Bro. Bill Campbell serves as pastor of the Gorman Church. Refreshments were served following the service.

James Ryon Benefit will be on Saturday, December 4 at the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona. Fish Fry with all the trimmings will be served starting at 4 p.m. James has returned home after staying several weeks in a Fort Worth hospital with his health problems. He is reported to be recovering very well.

Bob Burleson of Stephenville remains a patient in ICU at Baylor Hospital in Dallas where he is recovering from recent lung surgery. His wife, Flo, is having some health problems at this time.

Wayne Iley is in the hospital at Stephenville recovering from recent lung surgery. He spent several days in the ICU room.

Remember these and other (too) in our area who are on the sick list with your cards and prayers. Holiday season is always a lonely time for all the shut-ins. "Happy Thanksgiving" to all of our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL 2004-2005

NOV. 2	GUSTINE	HERE	5:00	VG
NOV. 16	DELEON	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG
NOV. 19	PERRIN	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG
NOV. 23	MAY	THERE	4:00	VG/JVG
DEC. 2-4	RISING STAR TOURNAMENT			VG
DEC. 9-11	LINGLEVILLE TOURNAMENT			VG
DEC. 21	GUSTINE	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG
DEC. 31	MAY	THERE	TBA	VG
JAN. 4	STRAWN	THERE	4:00	VG/JVG
JAN. 7	ALBANY	THERE	6:00	VG/JVG *
JAN. 11	BAIRD	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
JAN. 14	EULA	THERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
JAN. 18	CROSS PLAINS	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
JAN. 21	RANGER	THERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
JAN. 25	ALBANY	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
JAN. 28	BAIRD	THERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
FEB. 1	EULA	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
FEB. 4	CROSS PLAINS	THERE	4:00	VG/JVG *
FEB. 8	RANGER	HERE	4:00	VG/JVG *

• DISTRICT GAMES

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CUBS BASKETBALL 2004-05

NOV. 8	RISING STAR	HERE	5:00	
NOV. 15	ALBANY	THERE	5:00	
NOV. 22	BAIRD	HERE	5:00	
NOV. 29	EULA	THERE	5:00	
DEC. 6	CROSS PLAINS	HERE	5:00	
DEC. 13	RANGER	THERE	5:00	
JAN. 6	ALBANY	HERE	5:00	
JAN. 8	ALBANY TOURNAMENT	7 TH ONLY	TBA	
JAN. 10	BAIRD	THERE	5:00	
JAN. 13-15	CROSS PLAINS TOURNAMENT			TBA
JAN. 20	EULA	HERE	5:00	
JAN. 22	ALBANY TOURNAMENT	7 TH & 8 TH	TBA	
JAN. 27	CROSS PLAINS	THERE	5:00	
FEB. 3	RANGER	HERE	5:00	

PLAYING ORDER:

7TH GIRLS, 7TH BOYS, 8TH GIRLS, 8TH BOYS

School Menu

Week of Nov. 29

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, fruit milk, juice

Tuesday--Waffle stixs, apples, milk, juice

Wednesday--Cinnamon rolls, apples, milk, juice

Thursday--Eggs, biscuits, milk, juice

Friday--Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Ham, pinto beans, fried okra, cornbread, milk

Tuesday--Chicken pot pie, salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday--Chicken fried stak, cr. potatoes, gr. beans, hot rolls, gravy, milk

Thursday--Spaghetti/meatsauce, salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk

Friday--Grilled chicken, fries, milk

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Sunday, November 21st was a happy day at the Kokomo Baptist Church as the church family celebrated Thanksgiving together as they worshipped together in the morning service and then enjoyed a bountiful Thanksgiving meal together in the fellowship hall.

The choir rendered the special music directed by Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Those in the choir were: Helen Browning, Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Sylvia Buchanan, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Ruby Lee Kinser, Oren Webb, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little and Daryl Hirst. Norma Webb gave a mission report. Bro. Clarence Wilson brought a very timely Thanksgiving message. Those visiting were Ima Boles of Granbury, Melanie and Garret Gatlin of Graham, Haley Buckley of Desdemona, and Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville.

A delicious meal of Turkey and dressing, Ham and all the trimmings and many yummy desserts were enjoyed as they fellowshiped around the dinner table. Jimmy Little offered the thanks for the food and all the blessings we enjoy each day.

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church joined several churches from around the area at the Community Thanksgiving Service at the First Baptist Church in Gorman on Sunday night. There was congregational singing and special music from the churches participating. Bro. Gary Hughes of the First Baptist Church of Desdemona was the speaker for the Thanksgiving message "Gratitude in Action". Bro. Clarence Wilson recognized all the Veterans in the congregation. A call to Prayer was lead by Bro. James Holt of First Baptist Church of Carbon. Following the service, a time of fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed in the fellowship hall. Thanks to all the ladies that prepared the refreshments.

Norma Webb visited from Monday until Thursday in Austin with her daughter and granddaughters, Judy and Sarah Porter, Amanda Porter and Scarlett Torres.

Many from the Kokomo Community and Gorman attended the concert on Thursday night at the Majestic Theater in Eastland presented by the Messengers of Gorman, Glorify, a Southern Gospel duo consisting of Daryl Hirst of Gorman and Brenda Thomas of Cisco, and Matt Swinney of Eastland. The concert was sponsored by the Eastland Kiwanis Club. A large crowd enjoyed the concert.

Larry and Betty Strube visited in Stephenville with Bobby and Nina Koonce on Wednesday, and with Alvis and Bonnie Scitern on Thursday.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Betty Little, Johnnie B. Griffith, Zelda Jordan, Sylvia Buchanan, Bertie Stacy of Gorman and Dave and Laneta Freeman.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Sylvia Buchanan and Nancy Hendricks visited with Zelda Jordan.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Imogene Norris and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Louise Dorsey.

"Happy Birthday" to my great-granddaughter, Emily Jordan Daniell, of Abilene who will be two years old on November 26, 2004, from Grandma Jordan. I love you.

I don't know about anyone else, but I am about ready to see some sunshine. Seems like it has rained for two or three weeks. I had another three inches from Saturday through Monday. That makes a total of over 10 inches since it started raining a couple weeks or so ago. It is good for the lakes, stock tanks and creeks.

I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. While we enjoy the holidays with our families may we take time to express our thanks to God for His wonderful love and blessings he bestows on us each day, and continue thanking Him every day. Think what it would be like if God had not loved us enough to send His son, Jesus Christ to the old rugged cross to bear our sins so we might be forgiven of our sins when we ask Him for forgiveness. That should make us so very thankful at all times.

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Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

Something of God

Something of God pours into me
from the blue of the sky above
from the song of a bird,
the red of the rose,
the touch of the hand I love.
Something of God pours into me
from the ocean's tidal roar
as I stand alone
on the windswept sand
and watch the sea gull soar.
Something of God pours into me
from mountains capped with snow
from the pine trees,
swaying gently
as the summer breezes blow.
There is something of God in everything
and in everyone we see.
I pray for the grace
to see Him in others
and hope that they will see Him
in me.

Family Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Friday, November 12, noon was the Family Thanksgiving Luncheon. Ina Smith, Joy Rogers and Carolyn Gilbert had decorated the Home with all the beautiful Thanksgiving decorations. Tables were set for everyone to have their special place. Heritage Manor furnished the tea, ham, turkey and dressing. Family and friends brought desserts, vegetables, and salads. Brent Hagood gave the Thanksgiving prayer, giving thanks and blessing everyone. Over a hundred people enjoyed the beautiful luncheon. Thanks to everyone for such a great time!

Some guests recently were Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Denver Rainey, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider and Kenneth Welch.

Sunday morning, coming from First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Bobby Rich and Tootie Campbell. Bobby taught the lesson, "God Rules." Life question, Why should I submit to God's authority? Background passage, Psalms 33:1-22. Key Bible verse, Psalms 33:20. A resident gave closing prayer. Eighteen residents were present and guest, Pat Hagood.

Some visitors were Harold and Vernell Reich and Pastor Matthew Brockman of Cisco, Carolyn Gilbert, Floydene Gilbert, Jonell Torrez, Bill Hagood, Howard and Pat Hagood, and Bob Hagood of Brownwood.

Those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Joe Bond and Nancy Hendricks. Woodrow led singing accompanied by Helen. Bro. Clarence's message "Giving Thanks Because the Best is Yet to Come." Bible passage Colossians, Chapter 13. There were nine residents present.

Recent guests were Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon, Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth and Nancy Hendricks.

Karen Guthery opened the beauty shop and styled the ladies hair.

Some visitors were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Winelle Brown, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Durward Webb, Fern Grisham, Dan and Jo Cary of Midlothian, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Geraldene Wright.

There were no resident birthdays in the month of November.

Some guests were Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Jimmy

and Verna Lee Little, Betty Bennett of Eastland, Joe Bond, Nell Files of Carbon.

On Thursday, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo for ten residents. They had fresh hot cookies and sodas.

Visiting were Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Rollie Torres, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Winston Brown, Levi Roberts and Shaylor Roberts.

Residents enjoyed the good magazines that were donated.

Some guests were John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown, Stanley Porter, Vickie Seay, Bobby Rich, Tootie Campbell.

On Monday, Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew had bingo for fourteen residents. They were served juice, coffee and cookies and received treats for bingoing.

Recent visitors were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Connie Cate, Emmett and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, Becky Moore, Leslie Green and Robert Moore of DeLeon.

On Monday afternoon coming for the Gospel singing were Ruby Lee Kinser and Nancy Hendricks. There were none residents present. A resident gave the dismissal prayer.

Some guests were Bonita Richards of Ft. Worth, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Anna Bush, Christine Hammontree, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, and Irene West.

On Tuesday morning Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had alphabet bingo for a large number of residents.

Recent guests were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Becky Smith, Rachel Beal and Landon Beal of Cross Plains, Annie Fay Foster, Pam Childers, Martha Overstreet.

Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for residents.

Visiting were Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught Bible Study. His topic was "It's the Out Working of God's Love." Bible passage 1 John 3:16-23. A resident led the opening prayer and another led the closing prayer. There were eleven residents present.

Some visitors were Jaron Majors of Desdemona, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Dorenda Menten, Don Landers of Springtown.

Some guests were Henry Lenz of Carbon, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, George Rogers, Jonell Torrez.

Thursday, Ina Smith had concentration for residents.

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 - 1 container (6 ounces) prepared hummus
 - 1½ cups baby spinach leaves
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 - 6 tablespoons sliced pitted kalamata or black olives
 - 6 tablespoons chopped tomatoes
 - 6 tablespoons crumbled low-fat feta cheese

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2. Cover with ¼ cup spinach leaves, pressing lightly into spread. Top with ¼ cup turkey and 1 tablespoon each cucumber, olives, tomatoes and feta cheese.

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