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Gorman Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held November 18th at 6:00 p.m. It will be hosted this year at the Gorman United Methodist Church. All are invited to come and join in the joys of singing, scripture reading, preaching and fellowship. There will be a finger food fellowship following the service. This is a wonderful opportunity to see family and friends in our busy times. Won't you take just one hour and praise God for all our bountiful blessings. Each congregation is asked to provide Special Music as part of the program. If you have any questions, please contact your minister for details.

Gorman Takes On Lindsay In Bi-District Playoff

The District 12-A Champions, your Gorman Panthers will be taking on District 11-A Runner Ups the Lindsay Knights. The game will be played this Friday night in Alvarado at Charles Head Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30. All tickets must be purchased at the gate. Adults will be \$5.00 and Students \$3.00. District passes will not be honored. You must pay at the gate or have a complimentary ticket. The winner of Friday nights game will take on District 9 Runner-Up Windthorst next week at a date, site and time to be named at a later date. The play-off games will be on the radio out of Eastland. Pre-game will start airing at 7:00. Please come out and support your Fighting Panthers averaged scoring 52 points a game while just giving up 2.5 per outing. See you at the game and wear lots of Red. Come early, be loud and stay late!

Brandi Stone and Cody Foster To Pledge Vows In Mexico



David and Elaine Johnson of Morton Valley are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brandi Dawn, to Micheal Cody Foster. The bride-elect is the proud mother of Liberty Grace Stone, and the granddaughter of Elmer and Dorece Rust of Cisco and Harvey and Mildred Johnson of Cisco. The groom is the son of Eldon and Tammy Straw of Gorman, and the late Brent Foster. He is the grandson of Velda Foster Baze of Gorman, and the late Dick Foster, and Ron and Barbara Ivey of Graham.

Brandi is a 1997 graduate of Cisco High School and is employed as an Accounting Manager for Frac Tech Services in Cisco. Cody is a 2001 graduate of Cisco High School and is employed as a Sales Manager for Blake Fulenwider Dodge in Clyde.

After a wedding & honeymoon in Mexico, the couple will make their home in Cisco.

2007 District 10-A Volleyball All District Honors

- MVP M. J. VICKERS – ALBANY
MVP OFFENSIVE PLAYER AUDREY JOHNSTON - GORMAN
MVP DEFENSIVE PLAYER SUZETE VIERTTEL - ALBANY
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAT HALEY OWENS -- ALBANY
- 1ST TEAM ALL DISTRICT** – (8 selected at least one per district)
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| 1. MOLLY WISDON | ALBANY |
| 2. KASSI LUCKEY | RANGER |
| 3. KIMI SEATON | GORMAN |
| 4. KASSIAH PARKER | MORAN |
| 5. HAYLEE CLICK | LINGELVILLE |
| 6. SAMANTHA LUCAS | ALBANY |
| 7. BRANDY CARLTON | GORMAN |
| 8. TECIA JONES | GORMAN |
- 2ND TEAM ALL DISTRICT** – (6 selected – at least one per district)
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| 1. LYDIA DAVIS | ALBANY |
| 2. MEGAN LEWIS | GORMAN |
| 3. LAURA PROCTOR | LINGELVILLE |
| 4. KAYLA ALEXANDER | MORAN |
| 5. CHELSEA WALTON | RANGER |
| 6. MELISSA HODGE | RANGER |
- HONORABLE MENTION:**
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| 1. REBA GRANADO - GORMAN |
| 2. NICOLE COGBURN - GORMAN |

FBC Youth To Hold Hamburger Lunch Nov. 17th

First Baptist Church Youth - HAMBURGER LUNCH Fundraiser, Saturday, November 17th - 11 am-2 pm @ Laminack's Construction Shop Corner of Hwy 6 & Kent St.

Hamburger with all the fixings, chips, cookie & drink - \$5.50. We will also make deliveries on Saturday, please call Liz @ 254-424-4067 or Veronica @ 734-5052. All proceeds will benefit the First Baptist Church Youth Fund!

School Menu

GORMAN ISD MENU FOR WEEK OF NOV. 19 THRU NOV. 23 BREAKFAST

- MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Eggs, Toast, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - NO SCHOOL.
THURSDAY - NO SCHOOL.
FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL.
- LUNCH**
- MONDAY - Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Rings, cream potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit crisp and Milk.
TUESDAY - Pork Chop or Chicken Legs, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, biscuit, Rosy Applesauce and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - NO SCHOOL.
THURSDAY - NO SCHOOL.
FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL.

GLRA Annual Fruit Sale

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is selling fruit. If you are interested in purchasing you may contact Mr. Boles @ 734-2505, or any livestock raiser member. You may purchase fruit, hams or turkey also. Thank you very much for your great continued support.

SWINE VALIDATION NOVEMBER 20th

Swine validation for Eastland County and Major stock shows will be Tuesday November 20, 2007 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the county show barn. Please remember all breeding swine as well as market swine will have to be validated this year.

Donations Needed

Oakland Cemetery is in need of donations for its care and maintenance. You may send donations to Oakland Cemetery PO Box 532 Gorman, TX 76454. All donations are appreciated.

Life Skills Class To Sell Lighted Christmas Wreaths

The Life Skills Class will be selling Lighted Christmas Wreaths (approximately 22" circles) for only \$12.00 each. See our displays in the Elementary and High School Offices. Place your orders today. Order Forms are available from the office or Mrs. Sowell's classroom. *Wonderful inexpensive gift idea - Decorate your home for the holidays - Help support our students.* Wreaths will be delivered Friday, November 30th thru Friday, December 14th.

Thank You

The family of Tom L. Broom wish to thank each and everyone for the acts of kindness shown to our family following the accident and loss of Tom. The calls, cards, flowers, food, visits, prayers and expressions of love were greatly appreciated, but most of all the friendship and love shown to our family over the year and most recently during our loss will forever be etched in our memories and always cherished.

Thank you again and May God Bless Each and Everyone of you Always.

Panthers Blank Rattlers 45-0; Play Lindsay Knights at Alvarado

GAME AT A GLANCE

PANTHERS	RATTLERS	
16	First Downs	6
43/479	Carries/Yds.	29/73
21	Yds Passing	52
1 of 2/0	Pass Cplt./Int	6 of 14/2
1 / 0	Fumbles/Lost	2 / 2
1/30	Punts/Avg.	5/27
2/20	Penalties	2/20

The Gorman Panthers travelled to Tolar on Friday night for a game to decide the Champion of District 12A and stunned the Rattlers by a 45-0 margin. The Panthers put up a field goal in the initial quarter for a 3-0 score. They came back in the second period with a touchdown drive of 31 yards to make the score 10-0. On the second half kickoff Matt Underwood returned the kick 64 yards to up the score 17-0. They added 2 more scores in the third and added 2 more in the final period to make the score 45-0, while holding the Rattlers scoreless with a very strong defensive effort to win the District Title.

On the first possession the Panthers forced a Rattler punt and took the ball on their own 9. A 15 play drive advanced the ball to the Tolar red zone before being held on third down and Tyson Swanner then booted a 22 yard field goal with 1:48 left in the first to make the score 3-0.

Then after exchanging possessions on a couple of occasions the Panthers got the ball on the Rattler 31 and after a 15 yard loss on a pass attempt, Tony Perez ran for 3 yards and the Rattlers were call for a fifteen yard penalty. Underwood ran for 3, Perez got 3 and Tyson Swanner then tossed a perfect strike to Clinton Oliver, who was wide open over the middle for 21 yards and a touchdown with 4:18 left in the second period. Swanner added the point after and Gorman was up 10-0. This score held until the halftime intermission.

Both Bands performed very good programs to thrill the very large crowd. The Panther Dance Team then performed a routine that brought a larger applause from the crowd.

Following intermission Matt Underwood broke the game wide open as he took the kickoff on the Gorman 36 and raced 64 yards for the score behind some fine blocks to shock the Rattlers and up the score to 16-0. Swanner then added the point after and the score was 17-0.

Then on the next Rattler possession, the Big Red Defense again did a great job as they got the ball back on an interception by Tyson Swanner on the Gorman 25 and, again showing their offensive power, they scored in just 2 big plays with Zack Fox breaking free for 60 yards to set Gorman up at

the Tolar 15. From there Tony Perez raced in for the score with 10:06 left in the third. Swanner booted the point after and the score went to 24-0.

The Big Red Defense again stopped the Rattlers offense and took over the ball on their own 14. In one big blast Zack Fox broke off the left side, found a very big hole and rambled 86 yards for another touchdown run that brought the crowd to their feet and raised the score to 30-0 with 3:38 left in the third. Again Swanner added the point after and the score stood at 31-0.

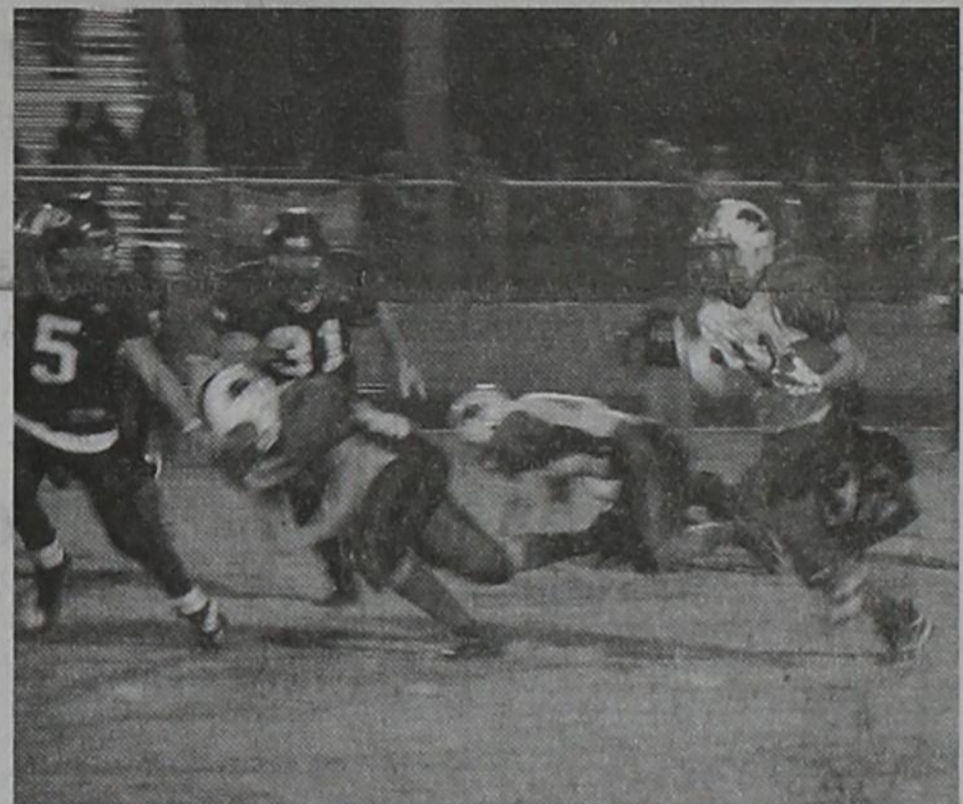
The defense continued their control forcing another Rattler punt. The Panthers then took the ball on their own 20 and moved the distance in just four plays with Perez getting the final 47 yards on a beautiful run with 11:48 left in the game. The drive featured a 4 yard run by Perez, a big 21 yard scamper by Underwood and a 7 yard run by Orlando Valenzuela to set up Perez's run. Swanner made the it 38-0 on the point after kick.

The final Panthers score came with Underwood bringing the fans to their feet on an amazing 61 yard run with 3:34 left. The defense set up the drive when they got the ball on a fumble recovery on the Gorman 39. Swanner kicked the point after and the final score was 45-0.

Underwood led the Panthers with 182 yards on 19 carries. Tony Perez got 146 on 14 tries. Zack Fox raced for 146 yards on just 2 carries. Orlando Valenzuela had 5 yards on 3 runs. Swanner was - 15 on 5 keepers, but was hit with 3 big losses on pass tries and took 3 snaps and knelt down to kill out the final 2:23 on the clock to give the Panthers perfect 10-0 season record.

The Big Red Defense did a superb job of stopping the Rattlers on offense to set up score drives for the Panther offense. They will need another out-standing performance this Friday night when they travel to Alvarado to take on a strong Lindsay Knights team. The game will start at 7:30. So let's all crank up the old buggy and go to Alvarado to back the Panthers to another victory against Lindsay. The Stadium is right off Interstate 35.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!



Zack Fox is shown breaking out into the open in game action Friday. He had blocking in front to help get him out in the open.



The Big Red Defense is shown making a shoestring tackle in game action Friday night. Panthers shown in photo are Chad Klein, Matt Underwood and Orlando Valenzuela.

Volleyball Team Wins Regional Quarterfinal Game; Falls in the Regional Semifinals

The Lady Panthers defeated perennial power Woodson last Tuesday in front of a fired up crowd at Cisco Junior College. The girls whipped the Cowboys in 4 games: 25-10; 25-23; 20-25; 25-19, to advance to the regional tournament. Junior Audrey Johnston led the way with 18 kills, 12 digs, and 4 service aces. Brandy Carlton added 12 kills, 11 digs, and 1 ace. Setter Kimi Seaton had 27 assists to go along with 6 digs and 2 aces. Seniors Megan Lewis and Reba Granado added 23 digs and 12 digs each. With the win over Woodson the Lady Panthers continued making history earning the school's first ever Regional Tournament berth.

In the Regional tournament the Lady Panthers faced the 9th ranked Lindsay Lady Knights at Weatherford High School. The Lady Panthers came out on fire, winning the 1st game 25-15. The Lady Panthers then lost the next three: 22-25; 14-25; 21-25. Audrey Johnston had 19 kills, 6 digs, and 3 blocks to lead the way for the Lady Panthers.

On behalf of the entire Gorman Lady Panther Volleyball Team, we would like to say thanks to all the fans and members of the community who gave us a tremendous amount of support during our playoff run! We couldn't have done it without you!

Hazel Koonce

A Celebration of Life was held for Hazel Dell Riggs Koonce on Monday, November 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. At St. Joe Baptist Church with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine officiating with assistance from Bro. Tim White and with burial following at Desdemona Cemetery.

She went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, November 9th, 2007 at the age of 79.

Hazel was born to Newton Edney and Ethel Gertrude Riggs on May 5th, 1928. Hazel was born and raised in Desdemona where she met and married M. B. Koonce on October 12, 1946. M.B. and Hazel

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were blessed with their son, Rickey on December 22, 1952.

Hazel was a member of St. Joe Baptist Church as well as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, homemaker, grandmother, great grandmother and most of all a friend with a kind, fun loving, Godly heart and a listening ear.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents Newton Edney and Ethel Gertrude and siblings Edna Riggs, Kenneth Riggs, Almarie Riggs Fox and Lara Riggs Jones.

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years M. B., her son Rickey and wife Debbie of Morgan Mill; also survived by siblings Ruby Hathaway of Stephenville and James Riggs and wife Freda of Desdemona, daughter-in-law Tenia Koonce and three granddaughters, Christal Koonce Cogburn and husband Toby, Courtney Koonce and Chandra Koonce and two great-grandsons, Zachary and Tyler Cogburn, all of Desdemona.

BURL GENE WRIGHT

Eastland - Burl Gene Wright, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away Tuesday, November 6, 2007.



Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at the Higginbotham Gorman, TX. Man Cemetery.

Burl Gene was born January 19, 1924 to James Lie Hall Wright, a World War II veteran, he served aboard the USS Sperry specializing in munitions from the Navy, he earned his pilot's license. He and his brother Gabe ran the Massey-Ferguson dealership in Gorman for several years. In 1954, Gene left the Gorman area and moved to Arlington, TX where he went to work for General Motors. He retired in 1977 and began retirement living on Lake Leon.

Survivors - Wife of 61 years, Virginia, two children, Sherry Wright Massey of Watauga, TX and Rodney Gene Wright of Flower Mound, TX. Three grandsons, Troy Massey & wife, Stacie of Austin, TX, Brian Massey & wife, Heather of Keller, TX, and Trenton Wright of College Station, TX. Great-grandchildren, Cody, Emily, Claire, Jeannette, Grace, & Leigha Massey

Pallbearers - Grandsons, Troy, Brian, and Trenton, Randy Wright of Stephenville, Tom Massey of Hurst, and Tab Felts of Eastland.

years ago. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by a daughter, Becky Moore and husband Robert of De Leon; one son, David Clay Flanagan of Greenville; one sister, Kathryn Troclair of New Orleans, La.; 3 grandchildren, Michael Moore, Leslie Green and Laura Billingsly, and one great-granddaughter, Emily Green.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Pearl Liedig, her husbands Billy Mack Flanagan and Tillman Addy; her daughter Patricia M. Billingsly, one son, Bill Mack Flanagan and one brother, Bill Liedig.

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NEW - 24.156 A. near Gorman: 50 - 60 Pecan trees, excellent fences (some new), 2 working water wells, elec., sprigged coastal 3-07 \$3,000 per acre. Will Divide.

49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building, Nice setup, Mineral Rights. \$2,900.00 \$2,800.00 A.

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Mildred Joyce Flanagan Addy

Mildred Joyce Flanagan Addy, age 84, of De Leon, passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman. Graveside services were held Tuesday, November 13th at 3:00 p.m. at Memorial Garden Cemetery in Mooringsport, LA.

She was born on August 10, 1923 in Oil City, LA, to the late William Liedig and Pearl Jacob Liedig. She married Bill Flanagan in 1939; he preceded in 1965; she later married Tillman Addy and he also preceded her.

Mis Addy was a homemaker, had lived in Louisiana many years and had previously lived in Quinlin, Tx. Before moving to De Leon ten

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- 455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy. 6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000
- 613 A, w/3-2, 2,144 sf (CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [RW02] \$2,025,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [RP01] \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover [PK01] \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf (CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50' carport/RV shed, 20x20 shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500
- 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf (CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [JB03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000
- 7+ A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well [FW02] \$65,000
- 5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf (CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [WK01] \$120,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000
- 52 A, w/2,854sf (CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [LP01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
- 14+ A, w/1840sf (CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage [FW01] \$180,000
- 5 A, w/1,600 sf (CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [JK01] \$459,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [WM01] \$75,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000
- 11 A, w/16x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [RC01] \$70,000
- 236+ A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380+ A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences/crossfences, producing gas well [CW01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
- 250+ A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [LO01] \$442,500
- 81 A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [REMO1] \$405,000
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system [JT021] \$265,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf (CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, C/H/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf (CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DVLO1] \$297,500
- 3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf (CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop [CC03] \$137,500
- 3-2, 2,086sf (CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [WC01] \$405,000 REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000
- 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf (CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [GB02] \$55,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
- 3,925sf (CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [BW02] \$75,000 REDUCED \$65,000

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Ranger's Twelfth Annual Night Lighted Christmas Parade

"Peace On Earth" is the theme for Ranger's Twelfth Annual Night-time Lighted Christmas Parade, presented by Ranger Historical Preservation Society on Friday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Main Street in Ranger, TX.

The parade is held in conjunction with the **Ranger Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** and featuring Hardin-Simmons University Six White Horses and Cowboy Band will begin at the park at the west end of Main Street, proceed down Main Street to end at the Roaring Ranger Museum. There will be Entertainment at the Gazebo in the Texas Ranger Park immediately following the parade with a few selections by the HSU Cowboy Band followed by a performance.

This is a Night-time Parade - All Entries must have some type of lights (walking groups, Bands, etc. May have lights on hats or clothing.)

*Lineup at the Swimming Pool will begin at 5:00 p.m. And entries need to be in place by 5:30 p.m. For Judging. Awards will be given from the review stand. "Please Do Not Include Santa In Your Entry." Young and old will wait and watch in anxiety for the Ranger Volunteer Fire Department's big red fire engine that will bring **Santa Claus** down Main Street. Following the parade Santa will visit the children, hear their wishes and give them a bag of goodies.*

Entry forms should be returned by November 24th to Ranger Historical Preservation Society, P. O. Box 320, Ranger, TX 76470. Forms may be faxed to 254-647-3824. For forms or further information call 254-647-3340 - if no answer leave number and call will be returned.

For safety reasons, everyone is requested - PLEASE DO NOT THROW CANDY OR OBJECTS OF ANY KIND.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Whooooeee! This little piggy is back from vacation. I came back to some very sad news. Two ladies from our community have passed away in the last 2-3 weeks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Dora Holland and Hazel Koonce. These ladies are missed.

I have mentioned in this column before that Desdemona is in the process of building a new and much needed fire station. The slab was poured a few weeks ago and the walls should start going up this week. The fire department has come up with, I think, a great and very timely fundraiser. The department has purchased a 42-inch plasma TV to sell chances on. This is LG television that retails for close to \$1800. Wouldn't that be nice to win that right before Christmas and all those football games! The tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on December 20th at the new fire station. You can contact any Volunteer Fireman, Fire Chief Dwight Dold at 758-2346 or this reporter for tickets. Even better, come to the Country Corner Café any day of the week or the Boomtown Restaurant on the weekends. Someone in either of those places will probably have tickets or know where you can find some.

This is a very busy time of the year. Don't forget on December 1st to start your shopping day in Desdemona. We will be serving breakfast at the Desdemona Activity Center as we always do on the first Saturday of each month. Our annual Christmas Store at the same place will be going on at the same time. Then, on down the street at the community center, there will be an Arts and Crafts show. You might be able to do ALL of your Christmas shopping right here in Desdemona!

Our Christmas Store has become an annual event and everyone seems to enjoy it a lot. This year it will be held, Nov. 29th, 30th and Dec. 1st. The Store will, also, be open the following weekend, Dec. 6th, 7th & 8th. There will be lots of Christmas item in the store as well as lots of delicious baked goods. Y'all come!

Remember to schedule your holiday event - our beautiful building is available to rent. We still have some open dates. If you haven't seen our building, come to breakfast and look around. Call this reporter for more information at 758-2420.

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Dear Friends,

I wanted to write a brief note to thank all of you for the support, prayers and love that has been shown to me and my wife Theresa the last two months while I have been ill. I have been overwhelmed at all of the cards, phone calls, gifts etc. I knew this town was a special place but it has taken on a whole new meaning for me. I personally want to thank Mr. Perry, who not only was principal in my absence, but who stayed with my wife during my surgery and was a huge comfort to my whole family during my illness. I want to thank Susie Hampton, who was such a source of comfort by working so hard to keep things in order and do several jobs at once. I also want to thank Brother Barry who came and visited me and also was responsible for the amazing thing that happened when all of the kids came to my house. He is such a great spiritual leader for our community. I have to thank the faculty and students who have done an amazing job in my absence. I also have to thank Pam and Ron Childers who were always there when we needed their help. I appreciate Sandy Porter, who took care of our house and our cat while we were away. I want to thank the members of the churches in the community whose prayers and cards made my recovery possible. I am so grateful to the members of the school board whose cards, gifts and phone calls were so meaningful during this difficult time. I appreciate all of the visitors who came to see me in the hospital and at home. You will never know how much those visits meant to help me get better. I can never adequately show my appreciation to all of you for what you have done for me and my wife. But I can promise all of you I will never forget it!

Sincerely,

Rick Panter, Principal
Gorman High School

Stuff Your Own Collectable Animal

Gorman GLRA is having a "Build A Bear" concept we are bringing into our School. Your child gets to help stuff their own animal. The Quality and Value is equal or better than in the Malls. They cost less and our school earns a profit on each one sold.

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Thursday, November 15th.

We will be bringing the animals to life on Friday, November 16th.

Thank you - you're going to have a great time!

Purchases may also be made at the event!

Happenings At FBC!!

Honor! Courage! Veteran's Day gives us an opportunity to pay tribute to those Soldiers that have died, those that are alive and have served, and those that are standing a post this very minute fighting for our Freedom. We pray God's richest blessings for all those and their families! Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon recognized all those in our Church Family that have served and fought for our Country.

Nov. 17th - 11am to 2pm - Youth Hamburger Lunch in the Park - all proceeds will go to the FBC Youth Fund.

Nov. 18th - 6pm - Community Thanksgiving at the Methodist Church.

The Praise & Worship Music led by the Clark's - Tommy, Jeff, and Angela - lifts our spirits. They are really great.

Bro. Barry's Sermon was "A Blueprint for Life" - Ephesians 2:4-5.

When you read "but God" you know something is coming. God is rich in mercy. We are alive together with Christ. We are saved by His grace. It is by His grace we have a full and happy life.

Plan # 1 - Abundant living is a life that is filled with the things that are good for us.

Plan # 2 - Identify full abundant life.

God did not say that we wouldn't have problems, we will; God said that he would help us through the problems. God intends for you to serve Him and be an abundant person.

Blue prints are blue so that they cannot be copied. You are one of a kind. You are a marvelous instrument that God created to live the abundant life and lead others to the abundant life.

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

God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

OBITUARY

Marvin Clarence Dorsett

Marvin Clarence Dorsett, called walking with his family from age 95 of Lubbock, Texas passed away on November 11, 2007 at the early twenties. Carriage was the Carillon House in Lubbock, Texas by wagon. Graveside rites were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 13th with services conducted by his son-in-law, Rev. Don Franklin of Lubbock. Interment by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Gorman.

Marvin was born April 30, 1912 in Fort Worth, Texas. He met his wife, Willie Faye Bennett in Gorman, Texas through a pen pal featured of the Gorman Progress newspaper. She became his wife December 14, 1934 and was his lifelong companion until she died May 14, 1990.

Marvin was a longtime Lubbock resident and retired as a mail carrier on April 30, 1972.

He served his country during WWII as a Sergeant First Class in the Army Air Corps while stationed in Alaska. He served his Lord and Savior as a faithful deacon for many years. He was ordained in the West End Baptist Church of Lubbock in 1954.

Marvin as a youth re

Letter To The Editor In Reference To Mr. White's Article

To Whom this may concern,

I have a serious issue with people saying that Gorman has no respect and that we don't show sportsman-like conduct. First of all, De Leon has no room to be talking about disrespect. This year is the first year in a while that Gorman has beat De Leon, and in those past years of losing to them, we have received a number of disrespectful gestures from them. Such as, the diesel being poured on our field in the shape of a "D", or the trash and spray paint vandalizing acts done to our community and school, or how about the time they turned the sprinklers on us during our game. I'm not saying Gorman hasn't done anything at all to them, it is just we must remember, this is what rivalry is all about.

We have a really good team this year and have been doing great. About this whole "running the score up" stuff, yes coach keeps 1st string in most of the game but to an extent he will put in our 2nd and even our 3rd string. He is not doing this to run the score up, he is just trying to prepare the team for future games. How would it help our team if our 1st string never got to play or practice new things against these other teams. We just have to use other teams to prepare, even if they are not on our level of game. As for Coach Talbert, he only wants the best for our boys and is always pushing them to strive for excellence. That's what they do, pour their hearts out to do their absolute best, and that is the reason we have been so successful.

The sad thing is that the students from both of these schools are actually really good friends and get along decently out side of sports. But then an adult has to go and blow everything out of proportion. I just think that some people need to handle losing in a better and more mature way. This is nothing against the De Leon football team either. They do have a pretty good team going for them. People just need to face reality and understand the fact that Gorman is good, we plan on going far, and we are not going to let anything stop us or bring us down.

"How can a fellow human hate himself so much that he takes it out on good students because they have the fortune of being at a different school. Is it simply to feel better about himself?" This was said by preacher Tim White, sports editor for the De Leon paper. Well, my questions is, was this out of jealousy or for an excuse? Either way, Coach Talbert is a fine and respectable coach. He cares for nothing more than his players, the school, and his community. He only wants the best for his players. He never intends to bring other teams down, he is just too busy focusing on his team and trying to keep them up. His only concerns are the Gorman Football team and for them to stay on track. They have set a goal and plan on accomplishing it whether everyone else approves or not.

I just hope this doesn't effect everyone else's friendships just because of one man's opinion on the game. De Leon is a fine school and I hope they continue to do good. As for Gorman, we're just going to keep doing our job, put this in the past, and get ready for our next game. Go Panthers!

Audrey Johnston
Junior - Gorman High School

Letter To The Editor

This is in response to the City Council's Amendment of City Ordinance #299 posted in the November 8th issue, Prohibiting Commercial Trucks to park overnight in any residential areas in Gorman.

My husband and I moved to Gorman recently and we love living here and being a part of this community. What makes it possible for us to live here, pay our city water, garbage, taxes and be patrons of all the business here that support our community is that my husband drives a Commercial Truck for a company dispatched out of Stephenville. Occasionally, there is need for that truck to be parked at our residence on our own private property. We have plenty of room for this. At no time is traffic blocked or vision impaired. At no time will this particular truck contain a hazardous load. There are no high wires in threat. The postman is not blocked.

Gorman does not have a truck-stop that is attended 24hrs a day. When my husband has the need to bring his truck home, his company requires the truck to be close by and dropping the trailer is not allowed. Most trucking companies have the same policy.

From observation I see a high percentage of Gorman residents that are commercial truck drivers with the need of being allowed to park at their homes. With the rapidly rising and instable gasoline prices, it saves these residents a considerable amount of their budget from having to be spent on gasoline. This is a seeming family oriented city. Allowing the trucks to be able to be parked at homes encourages and supports those drivers and their families.

As for possible road damage, a good majority of our highways are fund by the taxes on commercial diesel that these trucks are fueled with.

Gorman is unfortunately a city lacking in enough jobs that provide gainful employment for the majority of our town's residents to live comfortably. Gorman is also a city that most of us enjoy living in. The noise of the truck engines, the rumbling of 18 wheels and the eye sore the trucks may seem to be are truly a sign of prosperity and financial stability of many of our families. These are families that keep our businesses open with jobs for others which, in turn keeps taxes paid for our schools and allows good church members to be able to obediently tithe and help support individuals and families needing genuine help.

The commercial drivers in this city are a great workforce that help keep this city a city.

Maybe our city council will consider a "re-vote" on this decision that will most definitely cause hardship, financial loss and great inconvenience to hard working residents.

Sincerely,
(s) Corinna J. Shupp

and it took them thirty-two days. He was also fond of telling how he homesteaded a section of land north of Roswell, N.M. On the Pecos River. His father Jesse Levi Dorsett and his brother Morrison also claimed a section of land and homesteaded in the same area.

Pallbearers serving the family included: Troy Leon Timms, grandson, Terry Keith Timms, grandson, Matthew Cory Dorsett, grandson, Tommy Lee Hampton, nephew and Cleve Dorsett, nephew.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper was held last Saturday night at the Community Center School Gym. Approximately 230 came thru the "Chow Line" to get a good home-cooked meal. We appreciate all of our friends and neighbors that came from several area towns to help make this annual event a "Big Success". Thanks to the ladies of our Community that donated food and thanks to those that helped in other ways. It takes each and everyone doing their part to help keep our Community going strong.

"A Country Fair" will be held on Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Enjoy shopping in the Old Country Schoolhouse for Unique Gifts, Arts, Crafts and More. Vendors from many different areas will provide a spectacular choice of traditional and specialized items for your shopping pleasure. To reserve a space - call Linda Lindley (254) 758-2691. "Country Kitchen" will be serving Breakfast and Lunch on both days. Vintage Photographs of yourself and your family will make a great gift. Visit this "Photo Booth" for this special photo. Make plans to attend. Time is set at 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for both days. See you at the "Country Fair".

Karen Fair, Angela Powledge and daughter, Kaley spent last Saturday in Abilene attending the "Christmas In November" Show held downtown at the Civic Center.

Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville spent the past weekend with their parents, "Humpty" and Betty Duke. All the group attend the annual Thanksgiving Supper on Saturday night.

This reporter would like to say "Hello" to a friend, Jackie Walls in the School Hill Community. Jackie is having some health problems - remember him with your cards and prayers.

Our friend and neighbor, Hazel (Riggs) Koonce, 79, of Desdemona passed away late Friday night. Services were held on Monday at the St. Joe Baptist Church near De Leon with burial in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Moody Koonce of Desdemona; her son, Ricky Koonce and wife, Debbie of Morgan Mill; a brother, James Riggs and wife, Freda of Desdemona; sister, Ruby Lee (Riggs) Hathaway of Stephenville; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Hazel attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1945. We extend sincere sympathy to this family in the loss of their loved one.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. This news article is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon each Monday. Your help will be appreciated.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Kokomo Baptist Church will be on Sunday, November 18, at noon following the morning service. It will be pot luck and each family should bring their favorite food. Visitors are welcome to come and worship with us and stay for the dinner and enjoy the fellowship. I'm sure that we all have so much to be thankful for. First of all I am thankful that God loves me and sent His son, Jesus Christ, to die for us that we might have eternal life through Him. I am thankful for my family and my church family, good friends and neighbors, the community in which I live, and all the blessings that I receive each day.

The Sunday evening service on November 18th will be dismissed so the members may attend the annual Thanksgiving Service at the First United Methodist church in Gorman.

The special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, November 11 was rendered by Karen Patterson playing "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" on the flute accompanied by Daryl Hirst on the piano. It was beautiful. Visitors were LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville and Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham.

Since it was Veteran's Day, Bro. Jim Haggard asked how long the members had been veterans in the service of the Lord? Many responded with the number of years they had been saved. Bro. Haggard's Message was "Make Up Your Mind" using scriptures from Numbers 10:29-34. Indecision is the spoiler of hope, dreams and the good things of life. Life demands decisive action. Indecision never accomplishes anything. We become fruitless and perish when there is no vision.

We say thanks to all the veterans of the armed services for the sacrifices they made, and to those who are serving now for the sacrifices that are making so we can have the freedom in our nation and worship our awesome God.

The special music on Sunday night "He Touched Me" was rendered by Daryl Hirst. Bro. Haggard's message was also titled "He Touched Me" using scriptures from Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:7-9 and several scriptures from the book of Matthew, giving many examples of Jesus touching several people and healing them, and making them whole. Jesus has a gentle healing touch and is always available without limitations. God loves all, whether they love him or not. Love is knowing that someone cares and that we are not alone. He shows his love and works through our hands when we reach out to others.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the nursing home in Gorman on Sunday afternoon for church services were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Daryl Hirst, Ed Rodgers, Joe Bond, Ann Warren, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan. Nancy Hendricks, a member of the church who is a resident at the home, also attended the service. Jimmy led the singing with Daryl at the piano and Ed brought the devotional message. Joe Bond dismissed us in prayer.

Joe Bond enjoyed a hunting trip to Del Norte, Colorado with his brothers-in-law, Jimmy Don and Jerry Wilson of Ranger.

Shannon and Stephanie Bond and children of Bangs and friends, Shane and Lisa Scott and children stayed in the Joe Bond home last weekend and did some hunting in this area.

Lester Swan and his son, David, of San Angelo spent last Tuesday night with friends, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson. Cassie Brasher also visited with them.

Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham visited during the weekend with their grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning. Their mother, Donna, came for them on Sunday afternoon.

Oren and Norma Webb attended the football game between Moody and Hamilton in Hamilton on Friday night and visited with grandchildren, Jacob and Alice Webb of Moody and Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Waco who also attended the game.

Congratulations to the Gorman Panthers for winning their district championship. May they continue their winning ways in the playoffs.

LaVon Snider visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider.

Daisy Slaton of Gorman and Zelda Jordan visited with Opal Burton in the Valley View Nursing Home in Eastland on Friday.

Sylvia Buchanan, Doris Bradshaw and Zelda Jordan attended the Thanksgiving Dinner at Desdemona on Saturday night. The meal was delicious.

Cassie Brasher visited in Ranger on Sunday afternoon with Pat and Patricia Reneau and attended the one act play "Butterfly". Patricia was a member of the cast of the play. Cassie said that she really enjoyed the play.

Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the weekend with Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Super Notes

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

How about those Regional Champion Lady Panthers! Since last week, they have defeated Woodson for the Regional Championship and advanced to the Regional qualifier Tournament. Unfortunately, they lost to Lindsey in the tournament, but they represented Gorman well. Coach Talbert (Tor) and team have, to the best of my knowledge, set a new standard for volleyball in Gorman and advanced further than anyone prior to them. Now basketball begins. The varsity girl's first game was Tuesday evening in Covington and they play again Saturday evening at 7:00pm in our gym.

Are the Gorman Panthers for real! Some folks in our area have been asking that question. Now that they have completed a perfect 10-0 record by defeating Tolar Friday 45-0, maybe we will be taken seriously. Play offs here we come. We begin this year's road show by meeting Lindsay this Friday night at Alvarado High School at 7:30pm. Unfortunately, only special issued passes will be accepted. Those of you with district passes don't throw them away because they are good for basketball too. The coaches and our team have worked extremely hard this year and I hope everyone will come support them Friday night. Congratulations to the coaches, the players, and their families! I usually refer to Coach Talbert and crew, but just in case you don't know who the crew is: Coach Talbert, Coach Bailey, Coach Emmons, Coach Bates, and Coach Fox.

How about those Cubs? They are the District Champions as well. Their 14-6 victory over Tolar did the trick and was fun to watch and full of hard hits and determination. Once again our coaches did a great job! We appreciate the fans for their loyalty this year and hope to see all of you at the varsity football play-off games.

I also want to thank the Gorman fans for being so supportive this year. Your presence at the games makes a difference! I also want to thank Mr. Howard and the band, Mrs. Segura and her Dance Team, and Mrs. Swanner and the Cheer Leaders for all of their hard work. It takes everyone to make it work and it has been a pleasure watching you all put it together each week and do it so well!

I try to stay as positive as I can when I write this article and I especially don't like to bring up anything negative, but it was brought to my attention that a derogatory editorial was published in the De Leon newspaper last week regarding the integrity of our players, our coaches, our parents/fans, our board members, and me that was written by their sports editor Tim White and I have been asked to respond to it. I understand that Mr. White is also a preacher at the Baptist Church in Desdemona. I have in fact enjoyed listening to him, his wife, and his son sing at our fifth Sunday get-togethers at the different Baptist Churches around Gorman. I certainly hope that Mr. White does more research when writing his sermons and includes more truth in them than when he writes his sports editorials. I have also been informed by the publisher that he supported Mr. White and his article. It is apparent that Mr. White knows little about competition, coaching, getting a team ready for the playoffs, and even less about ethics. If he thinks our game against De Leon was all the things he said it was, then he really needs to give up attending or even watching football because it does not get much better with regard to behavior. Look at the penalties. I want to assure all the Panther fans as well as the Gorman community as a whole that we have one of the best and most ethical coaching staffs that I know of and that our players are and have been good sports with every one they've played. I can't say we've never made a late hit or never had any personal fouls called against us, but there were none called against us during the De Leon game and it is not something that is taught or encouraged by our coaches. Football is a full contact sport and emotions run high. It is an aggressive game where the most aggressive wins. Mr. White needs to get over it. Our players are stand-up guys and in my opinion some of the best young men in Texas with respect to their work ethic and their character. They are not angels, but they are good young men. So if you know this Mr. White, pray for him! He is going to need it, because, as a preacher, he has a higher authority to which he has to answer for the things he put in print that were not true. He is a man for us to pity, not judge!

Girl's junior high basketball began last week. The Junior High girls played Rising Star in a season opener and barely lost. They show a lot of potential and promise to be fun to watch this season. The schedule is posted on our website in case you missed it in the paper. Please encourage your child to participate and support them with your presence at the games. Thanks!

The Gorman Lions Club, of which I am a member, is having a old glasses collection campaign for the month of November. If you have any old pairs of glasses that you would like to donate, you may drop them off to me at the school or at the Gorman Pharmacy. We collect them year round, but will be trying to get as many as we can through the month of November. Please help us out!

Here is a picture of our updated floorplan for the new high school/gymnasium:

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!

NOVEMBER 12, 2007

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GORMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2007, the Board of Trustees of the Gorman Independent School District will begin their regular meeting in the high school auditorium, Gorman I.S.D., Gorman, Texas, 76454 at 6:00pm.

- Invocation
- Establish Quorum and Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Consider for approval, the annual audit report as presented by Burl Lowery
- Denver Rainey to address the future roofing needs of the district
- Consent Agenda - Action Items
- Consider the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- Consider for approval the payment of the bills
- Consider for approval the payment of the current month's payroll
- Board information items:
 - Fund balances
 - Tax office reports
 - Athletic Director's Report - Mr. Paul Talbert
 - Counselor Report - Mrs. Susie Hampton
 - Elementary Principal's Report - Mrs. Mary Reeves
 - Secondary Principal's Report - Mr. Rick Panter
 - Superintendent's Report and action items - Mr. David Perry
 - General District Information
 - Building Report - Consider approval of basis floor-plan for new high school/gym
 - Distribute and Collect Board Evaluation Forms
 - Approve a bid
 - Consider the approval of a bus purchase
 - Consider the approval of the Marlin Lease buyout agreement as submitted - on vending machine
 - Consider for approval the submitted "Energy Consumption Reduction Plan"
 - Consider approval of a resolution to join the State of Texas CO-OP
 - Consider approval of a resolution and Inter-local agreement with Region VIII Educational Service Center to join The Inter-local Purchasing System (TIPS)
 - Consider extending to the superintendent the authority to join purchasing cooperative in the future that would be economically beneficial to the district.
 - Consider extending to the superintendent the authority to purchase through cooperative buying groups without seeking competitive bids after the trustees have approved a purchase
 - Personnel: Discuss the needs of the district and take action if necessary
 - Adjourn

On this 9th day of November, 2007 or before, this Notice was sent to news media that had previously requested such Notice and an original copy was posted in the display case outside of the School District Administration Office and on the school website (<http://www.gorman.esc14.net/>) at or before 3:30 P.M. on said date.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our regular luncheon on the 7th at 11:30. There were 33 present to have fellowship and partake of a great meal. The menu consisted of meat loaf, chicken, sausage, casseroles, many vegetable dishes, and wonderful homemade desserts. Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing, always such great words to hear.

I'm sure we all enjoyed going to Desdemona for their Thanksgiving Supper. We only had 23 to travel there. Many were ill or had other commitments. The food was good, except for the turkey lunch meat. We sure would rather have a turkey with legs and wings. I'm sure this is easier, but more would come with the real McCoy. The desserts were outstanding, also the sweet potatoes, yum!!

It was good to see Russell Cordell, Anna Rush's son. He hadn't been with us in awhile. Always good to visit with Annie Fay Foster, Emma Jane Larch and Annie Laminack our new lady.

Raymond Hattox came with his son. I neglected to get his name. I met Raymond's other son in Tolar, at the game. A very nice man, can't remember his name either.

We also visited with Mr. Alan Gibb's son, who is the principal of Tolar. We kidded with him and after the game he came over to eat crow. A real good sport, the whole town was.

A lady came over and said our team was awesome!

It was good to see and hear after the tongue lashing De Leon gave us. I had never read such terrible and vile words written against a town by another. They are just a bunch of sore losers and have sour grapes. Come on De Leon, give us a break. We are entitled to our glory, only 3 wins against you in 30 years!

A great 45 to 0 win.

We played games after all on the 8th. I was told in error about the Center being rented. All ten of us had a great time. Our table decided to play dominos for a change. Glad Ann Warren remembered how, she helped us who hadn't played in a long time. It was fun! We are glad to have Dixie Pack back, with us to play games, also for the lunch. Please continue to visit as we missed you being here.

I did forget to mention having the Shirley's with us at lunch and also to Desdemona. We enjoy seeing them often and hope they continue to come. Beth looks so fine and doing great.

Hope all is well and see you next time the 14th for our Thanksgiving Meal and get together. We will not meet the Wednesday before the Holiday.

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CISCO, Texas - Cisco Junior College will be holding tryouts for the Lady Wrangler Volleyball team on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 9 at Noon at the CJC Gymnasium. All interested 2008 senior girls are invited to participate.

Scholarships are available to individuals who qualify. Please RSVP with Coach Susan Moore by phone at (254) 442-5004, by fax at (254) 442-5100 or by email at smoore@cjc.edu. Interested student athletes may visit the CJC website to submit a tryout form.

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