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Halloween Parade Biggest In 20 Years; Ina Requests Input On New Ideas?

We had a huge crowd again this year at our annual Halloween Costume parade. I think it might have been our biggest yet. The weather was so nice and since it was still early enough in the evening, no one seemed to be in a hurry and stayed around to visit. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a great event. I haven't heard how much was collected for our local food bank, but know it will be greatly appreciated. Now I need some input. I have been doing the Halloween Costume Parade for 20+ years and have always done it on Halloween night. I would like to know how many of you would like to NOW do it on a Sat. evening as we did this year, and maybe more people will join us in setting up in the park with games, snacks, or what ever. Maybe more people would be interred in doing the Trick or Trunk, which I thought was great. The first few years we had the Halloween Costume Parade we had people set up on card tables down the side walks, we even had a costume street dance, and a free spook house (how many of you remember these?) Maybe we could even have a Trunk decorating contest? Your input would be greatly appreciated. You can e-mail me at jandismith@yahoo.com. It is never too early to start planning.

I would like to thank all those who made donation to our Candy fund at Bob's Gro., City Gro., and Smith's Service Station. I greatly appreciate all our local businesses who so generously support me in this: American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro., Chamber of Commerce, City Gro. Gilmore Auto, City of Gorman, Gorman Pharmacy and Video, Gorman Progress, The Gorman E.D.C., Nathan's Barber Shop, Panda's Floral, Smith's Service Station, The Hair Shoppe, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, The Peanut Hut, Simmon Propane, and Dr. Dan Brudnak. Because of these wonderful people we were able to have "goodies bags for all the little ones. Next I would like to thank Mr. Boles and his classes, who bagged all the goodies. I greatly appreciate our school administration for allow these young people take part in these community projects. What a great town we live in.

Thank you again, Ina

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper Set November 14th

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday, November 14th at the Community Center (former School Building). Turkey and Dressing, with all the Trimmings will be served. Serving begins at 5:30 P.M. Adults - \$8.00 and Children \$4.00. This annual event began when our Community gave a "Welcome Home" supper for our returning soldiers at the end of World War II. We are happy to carry on this annual event. Our friends and area neighbors are invited to attend.

Praise and Workshop Center

Volleyball Tourney

Praise and Worship Center is holding a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, November 14th in the Old High School Gym. \$75.00 Entry Fee Per Team! Contact 254-734-5637 - Mila Landa

Change On Boys Basketball Schedule

We have made a couple of changes for boys basketball.

Add: Nov. 20th Gorman vs Santo 1 game 5:00

Delete: Dec. 18th Gorman vs Hico

Thanks
Coach Lawdermilk

Look Who's New - It's A Girl



Madison Taylor Cox made her appearance in Brownwood Regional Hospital at 3:06 p.m. On October 30th, her grandmother's birthday! She weighed in at 8 lbs. And 11 ounces. A roaring crowd of 14 were there for her arrival, including three generations from each side of her family. She has a stubble of red hair! Parents are Josh and Christy. Grandparents are Jalynn and Ed and Bubba and Debra. Great grandparents are Vonnette and Allen and Jeanne and the late Jimmie.

Honoring Veterans

The Students and Faculty of Gorman ISD will honor both our local veterans and those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces on November 13, at 2:00 in the School Auditorium. Everyone is invited.

Notice Of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 12th in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, in Eastland to consider the following agenda items:

1. Canvass the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioner's Court.

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

Thank You

The Longoria Family would like to thank everyone who has donated to us as Dana and her father John go back and forth to Temple to get ready for a Kidney Transplant. We would like to thank Dairy Queen, Taylors, Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, and Breakfast Delights for allowing the donation cans to be set out at their businesses.

To the people who were wondering the date for the transplant, has not be set, when the date has been decided we will let everyone know.

Again thank you for everything. May God Bless All Of You.

The Longoria Family

Carbon Community Center

At the Carbon Community Center meeting held November 3rd, 16 people were present to select officers for the coming year. Those officers include:

President - Janis Keith
Vice-President - Mittie Bledsoe
Sec.-Treasurer - John Rodgers
Reporter - Roy Broussard

The annual financial report was submitted and approved.

A January meeting is planned for 7 p.m., January 4, 2010. Also planned is the regular fifth Saturday Musical on January 30. The menu will include stew, soup, cornbread, dessert and drinks.

Plans Set To Send Cards To Service Men

Christmas time is coming up quickly and a few of us have put our heads together and decided we need to do something for our local men and women that are serving this great nation to keep us free. I would like to suggest that if you know someone from around here that is in the military, put their address in the paper or bring it by the City office and we will find somewhere to post them so whoever would like to write or send a card/care package can. Thanks, Jill Rainey

Panthers End Season With Loss To De Leon

GAME AT A GLANCE		
GORMAN	DE LEON	
3	First Downs	11
3/-1	Carries/Yds.	18/249
12	Yds Passing	120
1 of 8/2	Pass Cplt./Int	3 of 7/0
3 / 2	Fumbles/Lost	0 / 0
6 / 21	Punts/Avg.	1/37
3/25	Penalties	6/70

The Gorman Panthers ended their season on Friday night when they hosted the De Leon Bearcats and Came out with an overwhelming defeat and a 62-0 score. The Bearcats scored 20 points in the initial quarter on 3 possessions, and then added 28 in the second on 4 possessions for an enormous 48-0 score at intermission. They added 14 in the third and did not score in the fourth period for the 62-0 margin.

The Bearcats scored on each of their 9 possessions in the first 3 quarters and failed to score in the fourth and played most of their starters until late in the final period.

The Panthers had some starters out with injuries and played most of their reserves during the overwhelming defeat. But don't cry for the Panthers because they put forth an outstanding, never quit effort like they have all season long. The Big Red have met some outstanding opponents this year and have always fought to the final game. They lost several top notch players from last season and had to pretty well form an unexperienced team. Then some of their regulars have been hampered with injuries that caused them to substitute some unexperienced players. It think they did a yeoman job considering what they had to do to put a team together. So don't feel sorry for the Panthers because they always showed up and put forth an unbelievable performance considering their situations they suffered through.

Let's all continue to give out athletes all the support you can muster, because they turly deserve all the praise we can give them. We will be looking forward to a better season next year.

We congratulate the players, and coaches, the Band, Cheerleaders, Drill Team and Pep Squad on all their efforts this season.

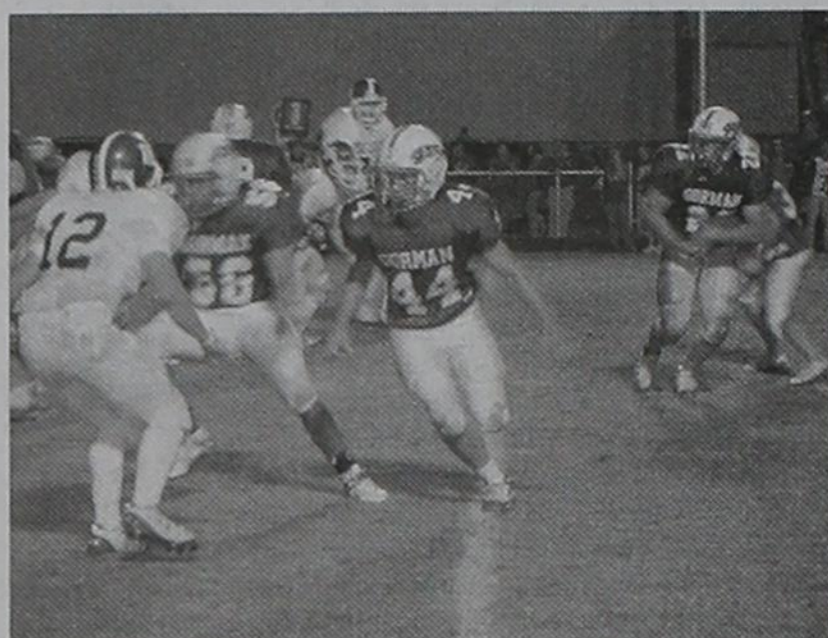
Go Get "Em Big Red!!

SCHOOL MENU

Week of Nov. 16 thru Nov. 20

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Juice and Milk
TUESDAY - French Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hash Brown, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Eggs, Toast, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Bacon, Egg Pattie, Biscuits, Juice and Milk.

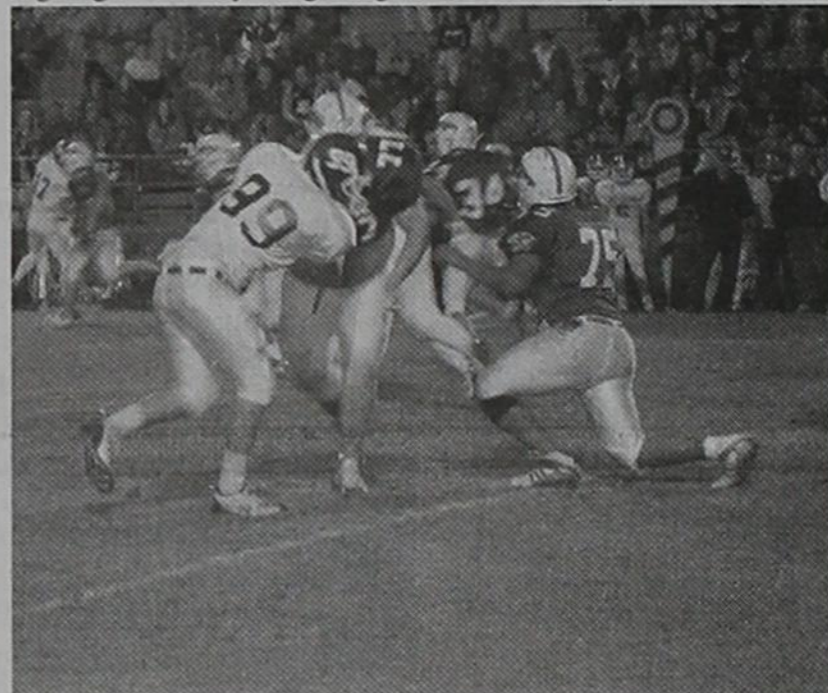
LUNCH
MONDAY - Smoked Sausage, Ranch Beans, Cream Potatoes, Roll, Fruit and Milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken Legs, cheese potatoes, broccoli, roll, Crisp, and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito, re-fried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, crackers, fruit and Milk.
THURSDAY - Corn dog, Mac and cheese, blackeyed peas, oranges and Milk.
FRIDAY - Steakburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and Milk.



BLOCKING FOR RUNNER -- Cameron Clark and Alex Giles are shown blocking for Tyler Johnson in game action Friday.



TRYING TO BREAK FREE -- Quarterback Drew Flanary is trying to gain some yardage in game action Friday.



BLOCKING FOR THE PANTHERS -- Jon Fenley and Luis Limon shown blocking in game action Friday.

Natasha Sherman and Josh Bridges To Pledge Vows



Danny and Laura Sherman of Clyde, and Shane and Phebe Neal of Duster along with Jackie Gutierrez of Gorman request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their children Natasha Brook Sherman and Joshua Harless Bridges. The wedding is set for Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 3:00 at the First Baptist Church in Gorman, Texas.

Gorman ISD

P.O. Box 8 -- Gorman, TX 76454 -- (254) 734-2617

Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-12 during the coming school year. Any child in K-12 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before November 24, 2009.

Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Sincerely,

Kristin Matteson and Jackie Gutierrez
Gifted and Talented Coordinators

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The United Methodist Church of Gorman is proud to host this year's community Thanksgiving Worship Service & 5th Sunday Sing (this service will replace 5th Sunday).

The Service will be held on November 22nd @ 6PM with food and fellowship to follow. Churches are invited to gather up musical groups that will perform and we will have a speaker with a short message.

So, plan to bring yourself, your family, your friends and neighbors; come join the fun the fellowship and the worship, as we praise and give thanks to the One from whom all blessings flow.

Why We Honor

Our Veteran's

By: Gorman's fifth grade class

They put their lives at risk to save us. And to think that someone died for you, you feel that the person is thinking about you. You feel really happy because they might have families and they still think about other people.

Vanesa Valdez

We should honor our veterans because some veterans have risked their lives for our freedom. I give thanks to every veteran out there!

Danny Limon

We honor veterans because they sacrifice a lot for present and the future. Many of us are either related to or know vets in our community. I'm related to a vet and I'm proud of him and many others and you should be to.

Sydney Casey

Why do we honor veterans, because they are the people that were willing to risk their lives for our country. Veterans have served in wars or military forces. Every year we honor them on November 11. I would like to thank all veterans for all they did.

Mayra Ramirez

Why we should honor our veterans, they fought for our freedom and religion. They had to leave behind their families and friends for us to be free. They can get hurt, break bones, and even die, yet they are still willing to go to war. The veterans know when they go they are risking their lives, but if it means that America is safe they will go. That's why we should and do honor our veterans!

Austin Byrd



On Veteran's Day, we need to honor the men and women who served in the military. Veterans are men and women who risked their lives in the military. Some men and women may have even lost the ability to walk or do every day activities. Actually, some people are in wheel chairs. Some of the military personnel died fighting for our country. This is why we need to honor the veterans' of wars past.

Bradi Campbell

We honor our veterans because they gave their lives to protect us and served for us. They also give us the freedom that we have today.

Anonymous

We honor our veterans because they have sacrificed their lives and have suffered. They have fought for our country. They have also left their families without guarantee of coming back to their lives.

Dayanna Palacios

If we did not honor veterans, we would have to give up stuff. We couldn't have fun. At school, we would have work harder and have worse rules.

Daniel Keeping

Veterans are the people who have served in the military. These people have died to give us our freedom. They risked their lives to save us from being killed and enslaved.

Anonymous

Veterans are people that have served in the United States Armed Forces. They are really cool people. Yeah, so go Veterans!

Anonymous

We honor our veterans because they risked their lives for us. They may not even have had a clue that we existed but they put their lives on the line anyway. They fought to protect our freedom and I love that freedom. Because of them I can say, "I am proud to be an American."

Talee Jones

We should honor our veterans because they protected us, fought for us, and gave their blood, broken bones, and their lives to protect us from the people we battle. We should honor, help, and support their needs. So on November 11th you should honor them whether they are family or not. Please honor them.

Dylan Watson

We honor our veterans for the values we have today. We will make them happy, and also we will make them proud. I know a veteran, he is my dad, Robert Darley, he let us have our freedom, and not just him. There are a lot of veterans and they have protected us.

Stephanie Janecek

Veterans are people who have risked their lives in the war. These people have been standing for our country to keep it safe. A very well known vet is Elvis Presley who was known for singing but also known for fighting in the war. Elvis is only one of thousands of veterans to serve in the war. We should be thankful for veterans for risking their lives and leaving their loved ones to serve in the war.

Anonymous

We honor our veterans because of what they did. They gave us our freedom and all the things we do. We have freedom of speech because of them risking their lives. We honor veterans because they leave their homes to make sure we have ours.

Carrissa Cole

We honor veterans because they fought in the army to protect us. They went to war in the army or air force. They gave up their lives to save us.

Mayra Gutierrez

We honor veterans because they are the defenders of the United States. In case of emergency, they put their lives at risk to protect us.

Jose Quevedo

We honor our veterans because they go to war to protect us. They give up everything even their own lives just so we can be safe. We honor the army, navy, and air force.

Jonatan Rivas

We honor our veterans because they served to make us free. Veterans are people who served in the navy, coast guard, air force, army, and marines for our freedom. They fought for us and sacrificed to let us have freedom.

Vanessa Hooper

One of the reasons that we honor the veterans is because they sacrificed a lot for us, such as their lives. Some of the veterans lost their lives fighting for our freedom. They are also brave to travel around the world for our freedom.

Izael Herrera

We should honor our veterans because they gave us freedom. Some risked their lives for us. Some veterans leave their families just to give us freedom.

Becky Mata

We honor our veterans because they have made us a safe place to live. They have helped us live a free, happy, and beautiful life. They gave up sweat, blood, and even their lives for us. Honor our veterans because they fought for our country and some good people sacrificed their lives for us.

Kendle Coan

We honor our veterans because they fought for our country and some good people sacrificed their lives for us because they care about us. Many good people are counting on them to make sure they get through the navy, marines, coast guard, army, or air force.

Keighvin Kehl

One reason we should honor our veterans is because they risked their lives for us. Most of them get hurt. All veterans protect our world.

Ismael Herrera

We should honor our veterans because they fight for us to have freedom. They sacrifice their lives for us and they fight for victory. Also people stay in the armed forces their whole lives to keep our freedom.

Alex Rainey

We honor our veterans because they help free our country and help it to be a better place. They do these things because they want to honor us as we honor them.

Shawn Estrada

We honor our veterans by celebrating Veteran's Day. You may be a veteran and somebody half way across the country may not know you exist but they are celebrating you. They are celebrating the work you did, the things you gave up, and the fight you gave. Remember the word veteran and it's very important meaning. The millions of lives that have fought and died for you celebrate it well and pray for veterans all over the world.

Kayce Dodd

Happenings At FBC!!

Conform! Who likes to do what someone else says? Has your Christianity become casual, and thus you are acting without serious intent or commitment? Your eternity depends on your obedience to God. Listen to the Word, and obey God.

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 14th - 8am- Brotherhood Breakfast. Please come and join in a fantastic time.

Nov. 22nd - 6pm - Community Thanksgiving at Methodist Church.

Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving Day.

Dec. 5th - Save the date! Bro. Barry & Sharlene's Open House Fellowship.

Sunday Evening Service - 6pm - Bro. Barry's Series of Great Biblical Questions.

Children's Sermon: Liz asked the children, "What would you say if you were a pirate, you may say Grrrrr, a pirate I am. If you were a cheerleader, you may say Go Panthers! If you were a school teacher, you may say two plus two." Then Liz asked the children what someone would say if they love Jesus. The Bible tells us to be a witness of what is seen and heard, and we are to tell others about Jesus. Jesus loves you and He is your friend. We must speak the love of Jesus!

Bro. Barry's message: "Man in a Hole" - 1 Peter 1: 18-23 -

It is a terrible thing to be in a hole, and feel like you will never get out. Bro. Barry told of a time when his Uncle was digging the hole for their septic tank, and while his Uncle was in it Bro. Barry threw a king snake down in the hole. It was such a fright, his Uncle yelled and yelled for help and ended up climbing out of the hole with no rope. Bro. Barry paid for his actions in the form of a spanking. It is a terrible thing to be in a hole.

1 Peter 1:18-20 - Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We receive absolute power and freedom from the blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus is the only way to claim protection. It is better to not hear about the blood of Jesus than to hear about it and not believe. If God were to send an angel to take a "blood test", would the results show that you are covered by the blood of Jesus?

1 Peter 1:21-22 - Put your faith and hope in God. Obey God and love one another. To be saved is a statement that comes from the heart.

1 Peter 1:23 - Being born again to life through the blood of Jesus will never perish and will abide forever.

Bro. Barry told of a man down in a hole, and of the travelers that passed by the hole. The first traveler told the man to sit and meditate to purify his mind and to do it until the suffering ceases. The second traveler told the man that life is an illusion and that he was not really stuck down in the hole. The third traveler told the man to perform good deeds thereby good karma would come his way; nonetheless the man was still stuck in the hole. The fourth traveler told the man to kneel and pray a certain way to a god that is dead while living according to the koran, all the while he would remain stuck in the hole. The fifth traveler approached the man and asked if he could help him out of the hole. The man cried, "Please save me." A bright light shown, a rope was lowered, the traveler lowered himself into the hole, and then picked up the man to put him on his shoulders and carried him out of the hole. Jesus was sent by God to save mankind.

Many service men and women at Fort Hood witnessed an unspeakable tragedy. The survivors of this tragedy still prepared themselves to be deployed and protect the relatives and fellow believers of the shooter. It is not ironic, our military believes in the cause of fighting for freedom.

Going down the road of life you will find yourself in a hole, and regardless of the hole, don't worry about someone throwing you a rope. Jesus will lift you out of your hole. Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. Trust in Jesus!

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

City Minutes

November 6, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Joe Casey, Durward Webb, arriving a few minutes late, David Stanley. Absent was Mayor Robert Ervin.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Pro Tem Files called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes of the Oct. 15th and Oct. 28th meetings. Durward made a second. Motion carried.

Durward made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

There were no citizens present to address the Commission.

The issuing of a permit for one mobile home and one travel trailer were discussed. The Commission stated that a title showing proof of the age of the mobile home must be produced, and assurance of how much space is currently available to place this mobile home on the lot in question. This will need to be further looked into before a permit will be issued. The permit of the travel trailer has not yet been returned to the City Office. The Commission further stated that proof of age must be presented before a permit will be granted. In the meantime, the travel trailer owner needs to return the application for permit along with proof of age of the travel trailer. The owner will be contacted.

There was discussion of an employee's actions discussed. The mayor will speak with the employee and at which time will present an employee write to be placed in the employee permanent file.

The chipper will be in operation on the last Monday of each month. Residents of the City will need to call the City Office if they have limbs. A notice will be put in the local paper.

Mayor Ervin did arrive late, but did not conduct meeting by participation.

David made the motion to accept the Deed without restriction from Jack and Annye Kate Wheeler. Joe made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Brick from the Blair building will be used in construction of a small fence to be placed around 1/2 of the City Park.

There being no further agenda items for discussion or action David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Durward. Motion carried, time was 6:35 p.m.

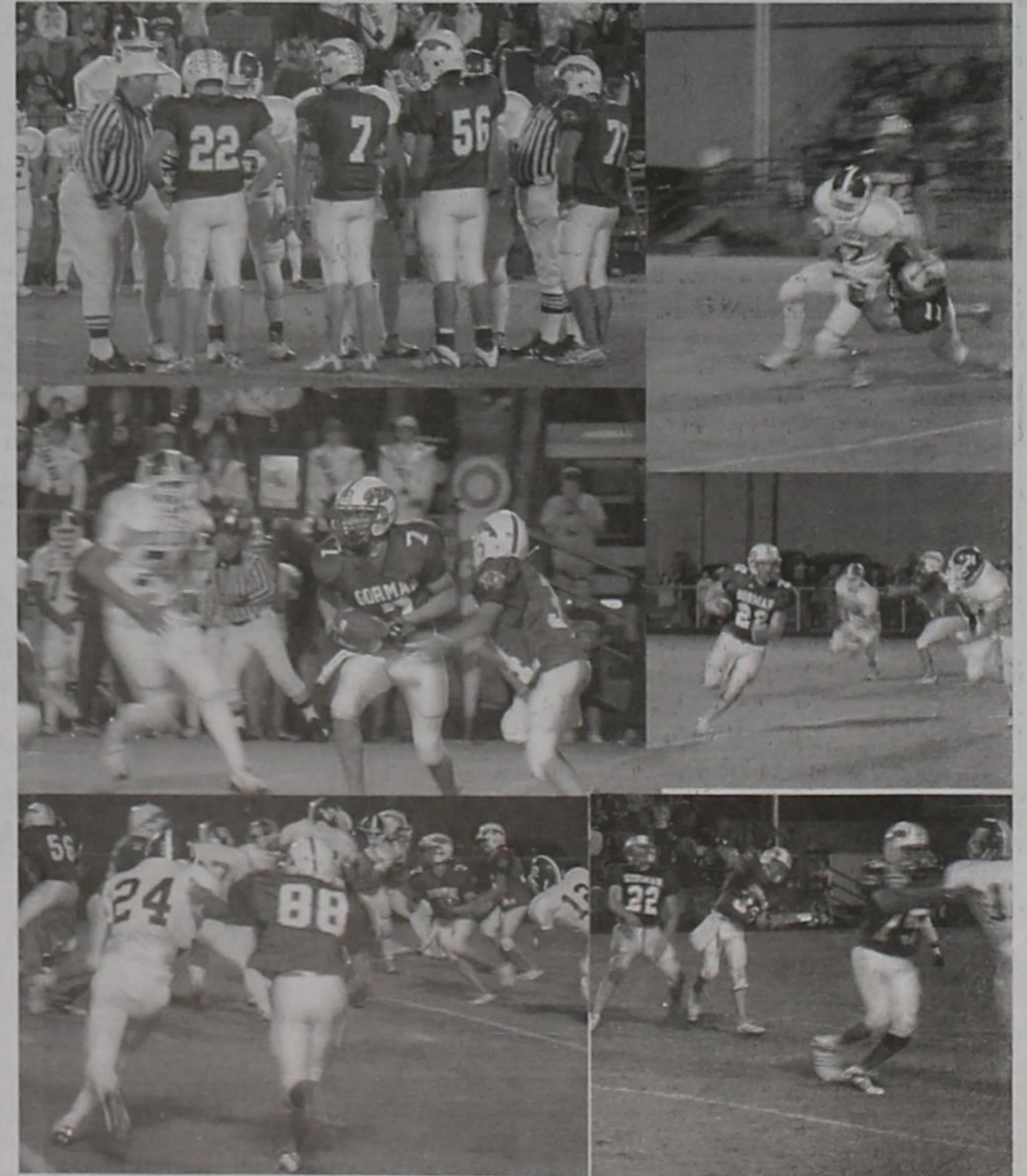
AGENTS FOR CHRIST

Children in Action, CIA, meets every Monday at 6:30 pm with a purpose to present the goodness of God. As a children's outreach program of Firstfruits Christian Fellowship, the focus is to help children be Agents for Christ. As an agent for Christ, children are taught what makes a good agent. Every child between the ages of 6 to 12 is welcome to attend along with their parents. Some of the CIA participants are taking on responsibilities with the understanding that they can have an active part in the kingdom of God regardless of their age. As a parent, we welcome you to come see what is keeping your child's interest active. After the evening's presentation, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, children are welcome to stay for food and a trip to the APEX, our local "kid's store." There is something for everyone...even the parents.

This past Monday, CIA had another full night of fun, music, games and learning. Our focus was Praying for Others. Children were led in a prayer for our military and were encouraged to thank those who serve our country. This was done in remembrance of Veteran's Day. They were placed with a CIA director in prayer groups to help them pray for one another. They were encouraged to pray for their families, friends and neighbors. It was an amazing time of praying for others.

Our next meeting will be this coming Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm. We would like every child in Gorman and surrounding areas to experience His goodness. If you would like transportation or have a question, then please call 734-3203. You may need to leave a message, but we will get back with you.

Scenes from the Game



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 in Breckenridge.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns.

For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567 or (254) 246-1972 (cell).

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

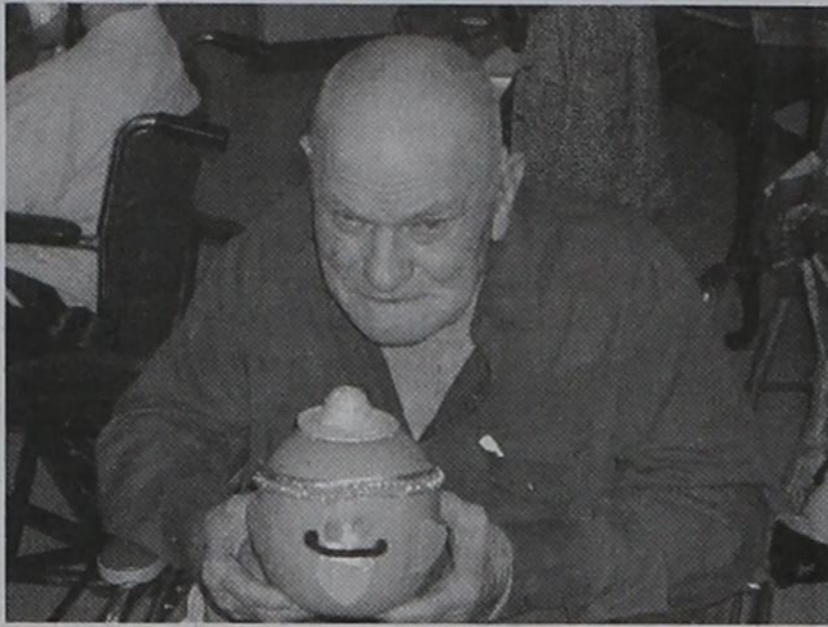
We had a lot of fun decorating pumpkins one day last month. We would like to thank Diane Brown, from the therapy department for donating the pumpkins. We are fortunate to have Diane with us as she is a great asset to our home. Thanks again Diane.

We would like to thank everyone who came to Homestead Trick or Treating and refreshments. The residents enjoyed seeing all the different costumes. Thanks again for taking the time to bring your children by.

A BIG Thank you to Kayla Odell Carlock. Kayla fix goodie bags for each of our residents. They really enjoyed being Treated.

The holidays are fast approaching if you or your organization would like to come and entertain, send cards, help decorate for Christmas, or just visit, please let me know. Come and join us on Monday afternoons at 2:30 for some good ole gospel music. Thanks again to everyone who help make October a great month.

Ina Smith A.D.



Notes From Dr. Dan

A mother walks into the bathroom where her 3 year old is sitting on the toilet. He is tapping himself on the top of the head with the palm of his right hand. The mother asks him what he is doing and he replies: "Well, I can't poop and this works with the ketchup bottle."

Constipation is a symptom of dehydration which is usually the result of drinking less water than your body uses. In these hot days we use much more water than we think. Every breath carries away moisture and sweat can evaporate faster than we notice it.

Other symptoms of dehydration are headache, irritability, back pain, faintness or lightheadedness. I have seen all these in survival training when I was on active duty in the Air Force.

Dehydration can also contribute to heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke. Heat stroke is life threatening because the body stops sweating and if the body temperature gets too high brain damage may start to happen.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.net

World War I was considered at the time as "The Great War" and it officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919 in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, an armistice seven months earlier had ended the fighting on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It is for that reason that November 11, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars." President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." He did this in November of 1919. Originally, the day was celebrated with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. On May 13, 1938 an Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was passed that made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday. The day was to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. However, in 1954, after the greatest mobilization of our military in the Nation's history to fight in World War II and our participation in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the request of veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by replacing the word "Armistice" with the word "Veterans." This was approved (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954 and made November 11th a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

We have many veterans in the Gorman community, all of which deserve our thanks and respect and deserve to be honored for their service to this country. Although we try, I wish I could convey to all of the children in our school how much we really owe these individuals. I feel we fall short of making them realize the sacrifice that has been made on their behalf, but we will keep trying. I personally would like to thank all of the veterans for their service; for doing their part in preserving our freedom; for risking their lives for me and my family! May God richly bless you for the sacrifices you have made! Friday we will be having a combined elementary and secondary assembly to honor our Veterans at 2:00pm in the auditorium in the middle school. All veterans are welcome! We apologize for not being able to have the assembly on Wednesday. We will do our best to clear the schedule and have it on the proper day next year.

Football is over for the Panthers this year and I want to thank the coaches and the team for all the hard work they put in this year. We will have a stronger, more experienced team next year due to this year's hard work. We can all take pride in being a Panther thanks to the hard work and the behavior on and off the field of these young men.

Basketball is off to a roaring start. The girls have already had scrimmages and real games begin this Friday at 6pm in the new gym. Check the paper or our website for complete schedules for high school and middle school.

The Scholastic Book Fair was great success. The fund raiser earned the P.T.O. \$518.14. This will go towards their project of resurfacing the playground. Thank you to all who participated in helping make this project a success!

The end of the second six-weeks is November 13th. Please see that your child has all of their work turned in so they receive the best grade possible.

Please remember that no shorts are to be worn after the Thanksgiving Holidays. This applies to all campuses. The Thanksgiving Holidays are November 26th, 27th, and 28th. We hope this will be a blessed time for all of our students.

Our regularly scheduled board meeting was held Monday night at six in the high school. I will report action taken in next week's article.

Pick your instrument time is set for Thursday, November 12th from 4-6PM for the 5th grade. They will be selecting/purchasing their instruments for this year. This is a process to pair them with the correct instrument for their attributes. Please put it on your calendar to have your child there if they are in fifth grade. I also want to ask every parent to encourage their child to stay in band all the way through high school. It is not just important to the school and the quality of music we produce, but to your child. Music is a universal language that will last them a lifetime. Give them the gift of a lifetime by having them stay in band!

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!

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND the annual Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper to be held on Saturday, November 14th at the Community Center (former school Building). Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Turkey and Dressing with all the trimmings will be served. Tickets sold at the door are \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for children. This is a wonderful time to visit with your friends and neighbors - some of those you don't get to see very often.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Have a great day, Coon.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our Wednesday meal with Seventeen in attendance on the 4th of November. Sure was good to see Martha Rainey here and looking good. She was kind enough to give our blessing. Winston Brown also feeling much improved and good to visit with him. Billie Bennett was back from her travels to Arizona. They visited a Navaho Indian Reservation. Makes me want to go somewhere but my body says no. A short trip really does me in.

Our Nurses from MedWay Home Health in De Leon were here to check our BS and BP. Sure do appreciate their services to us. We miss Lavell Hallmark as she did this for years. Wish she would come out and eat with us some day. One of us work help her. Thanks to Charlotte and Alisha for being here the 1st Wednesday of the month. Wish they would had time to eat.

Our meal was kind of a smorgasboard again this week. We enjoyed Lasagna and garlic french bread, salmon patties, two rice broccoli casseroles, 3 kinds of greens, pinto beans and cornbread. Ailene Garrett prepared fresh sweet potatoes and turnip greens with turnips, so good. Also spinach and lettuce salads, lots of greens this week. Our desserts were low with brownies, 3 kinds of cream cakes and pink Cool Whip fruit salad.

Crystal conway from Integra Care in Cisco brought the cream cakes for us. Thanks so as our desserts would of nearly been non existant. She and Christi Hammonds from Gerimed, Inc. Will be here on the 11th to talk about their products. They have aids for the elderly that own Medicare and supplement will pay for. So I do hope we have a good turnout that Wednesday.

My grandson Markus Ward was married in Noble, OK on the 7th of November. This was his first marriage at thirty, do hope all is well and they have a happy life. He has one child and she has three from a previous marriage. So a large ready made family. Their wedding was very nice and small with mostly family and some friends. There were lots of kids, so lively! I traveled to OK with my daughter, Becky and came home on the 8th with my son Mark and daughter-in-law, Sandra. We spent the night, none of those one day long trips for us. My daughter spent nearly 10 hours on the road the day of the wedding. She also was the photographer, so very busy for her. Tim and Alaina were with her.

Don't forget we will eat in Desdemona on the 14th for Thanksgiving. Please be at the Center by 5 p.m. if you need a ride. We want to arrive by 5:30 when they begin serving. The Seniors will pick up the tab, so don't worry about money. Just get yourself there. Their food is always good and know they work hard to prepare.

Hope all is well and see you next time. Carol

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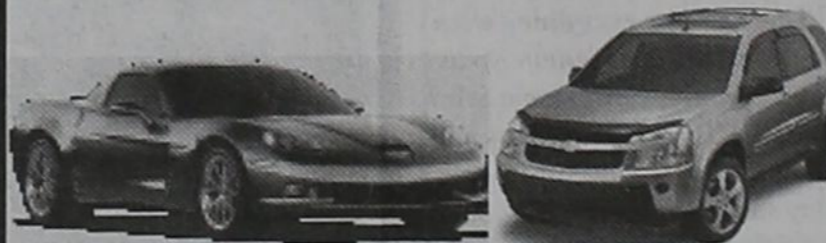
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