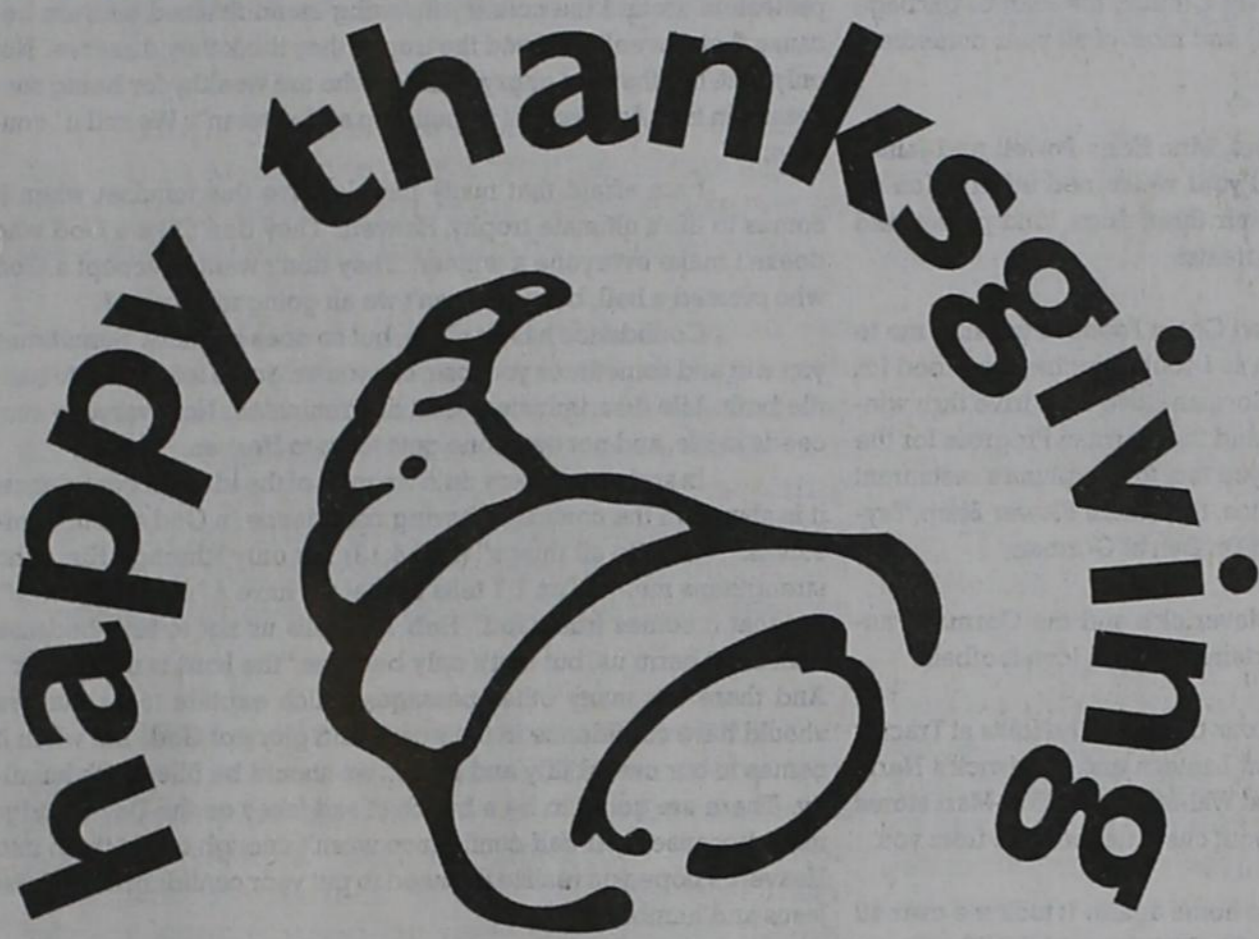


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From
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And Correspondents*

Panthers Outmaned By Wildcats In Area Round

GAME AT A GLANCE		MT. ENTERPRISE	
GORMAN			
14	First Downs	19	
41/157	Carries/Yds	30/335	
99	Yds Passing	44	
7 of 11/0	Pass Cplt./Int	3 of 7/2	
2 / 2	Fumbles/Lost	1 / 1	
2/34	Punts/Avg.	0/0	
1/5	Penalties	8/80	

Congratulations to the Panthers making it into the Area Round of the playoffs. Great Job Big Red!!! We're proud of you. They played a big, very strong team from Mount Enterprise on Saturday afternoon but were heavily outclassed in the battle. And battle was a good description of the game as the Panthers played their hearts out despite being heavy outmaned.

The Panthers took the opening kickoff deep in their own territory but fumbled the ball on the first play and the bobble was picked up at the Gorman 20 and returned for a touchdown with 11:45 left on the clock. A run for points made the score 8-0.

On the next possession by the Wildcats they took the ball on their own 29 and scored in just 4 plays on a 12 yard run with 5:22 left in the period. The try for 2 points failed and the score rose to 14-0.

The Panthers then took the ball on the Wildcat 47 and moved to the Wildcat 5 before losing the ball on the another fumble. From there the Cats scored in 15 plays when the run ran in from 3 yards out with 4:22 left in the second period. The run for 2 points upped the score to 22-0.

On the next possession by the Wildcats they got the ball on the Gorman 39 and scored in 5 plays on an 8 yard run with 51 seconds left in the half. The extra point kick made the score 29-0 at the intermission.

Following the intermission the Wildcats took the kickoff on their own 36 and moved 43 yards before losing the ball on an interception by the Panthers on the Gorman 3. However on the first play the Wildcats tackled B. J. Ramirez in the endzone for a Safety. The score rose to 31-0 with 10:15 left in the third.

On their next possession the Cats took the ball on the Gorman 45 and scored in 5 plays on a 7 yard run with 4:23 left. The extra point kick made the score 38-0.

After holding the Panthers on their next possession the Wildcats got the ball on their own 12 and went the distance in just 4 play, scoring on a 78 yard scamper with 9:47 left in the game. The kick failed and the score stood at 44-0.

The Panthers took the kick off on their own 36 and scored in just 4 plays with Carlton hitting Matt Fox on a long pass and he raced 60 yards for the score with 7:30 left on the clock. Fox added the point after and the score was 44-7.

The Big Red got a fumble on the next Wildcat possession at the Gorman 4 and drove deep into the Wildcat territory before the game expired.

B. J. Ramirez led the Panthers with 116 yards on 18 carries. Fox got 23 on 5 tries

And Carlton wound up with 18 yards on 18 keepers being hurt by losses on pass tries.

The Panthers are to be Congratulated on their efforts this season as they won District with a 4-0 record and their season make could have been better as they lost a couple of game by close losses.

Great Job Big Red!!! Take A Bow.



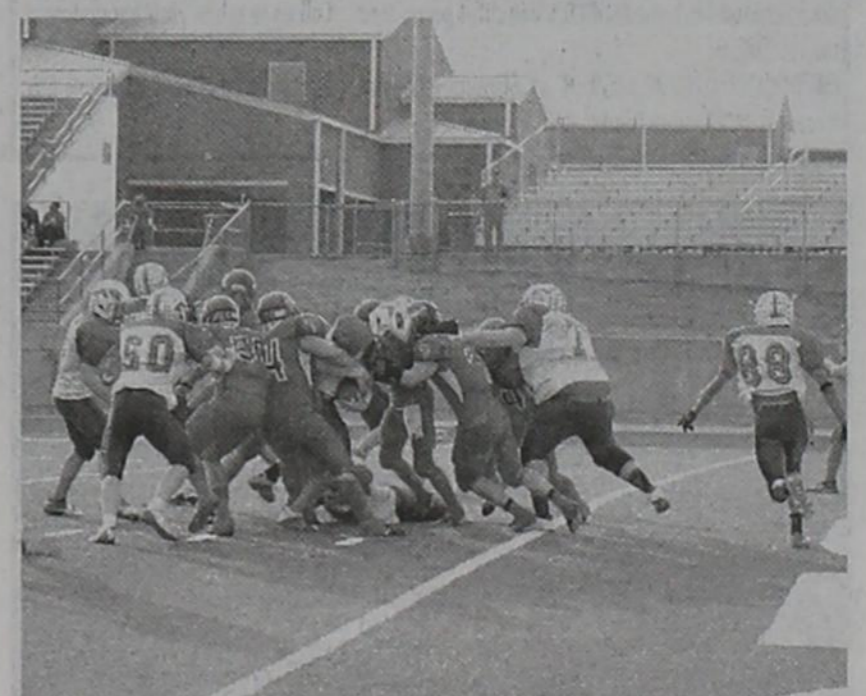
GOING THROUGH THE HOLE - B. J. Ramirez is shown breaking the hole in game action Saturday. Blocking are Stetson Thompson, James Thomas, Jon Fenley, Matt Fox and Sheldon Fenley.



OUTRUNNING DEFENDERS - Matt Fox is shown after catching a pass in game action Saturday. Matt went on to score a touchdown on this play.



REACHING OUT FOR PASS TRY - Dakota Pacheco is shown reaching for a pass try in game action. The pass was too long for him to catch.



RUNNING INTO FRONT LINE - Zach Carlton is shown trying to break free to score on the final play of the game between Gorman and Mount Enterprise. Others shown are Jon Fenley, Stetson Thompson, Matt Foxx and James Thomas.

More Photos Inside this Issue.

Citizens of Gorman - Clean-UP Your Property Non-Cleanup Is A Violation of Ord. #302

The citizens of the City of Gorman are proud of their city and ask that everyone cooperate in keeping it clean from grass, brush, weeds and other prohibited accumulations. Prohibited growth and accumulations are a breeding ground for rats, mice, mosquitoes and other disease carrying nuisances. Not only that but they are also a source of fuel for many fires. Cleaning up your property helps promote the City, your neighborhood, potential business growth and many other things.

You are required to maintain your property so as to comply with Gorman City Ordinance #302. Failure to comply with said Ordinance, by any person(s) owning or having control over property within the city limits of Gorman, could result in civil and criminal penalties.

Copies of Ordinance #302 are available at Gorman City Hall, 116 S Kent St, during normal business hours. There is also a list of people that assist (for profit) in mowing, property clean up, building demolition and junk vehicle removal. We would also like to remind you that you are responsible for your curb line, ditches and half of your alleyway. So be sure to include those areas when mowing.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community a neat place to live and raise our children.

High School Honor Roll Second Sixth Weeks

Freshman Class - A - Jacquelynn Rainey and Lauren Spivey; **A-B -** Adrianna Brown, Cindy Gonzales, and Madison Warren.

Sophomore Class - A - Zach Carlton, Connie Gonzales, Kinsey Johnston, Melissa Ramirez and Holly Wood; **A-B -** Rasha Rainey, Rebecca Rainey, Tony Ramirez, Alaina Swanner, Jessica Williams.

Junior Class - A - Luis Limon; **A-B -** Jasmeen DeLaTorre, Bradley Lipson, Vidi Maldonado, Margarita Oronia, Robert Shawver and Rachel Tucker.

Senior Class - A - Dolores Garcia, Chelsea Griffin and McKensie Osborne; **A-B -** Raven Kehl, Erica Madera, Cortney Shirley and Katey Thackerson.

GLRA To Sell Fruit And Cheese

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is selling fruit and cheese. If you would like to purchase, please notify any member or contact Mr. Boles @ 734-3171, #2 then #3. Thank you

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library News

Happy Thanksgiving to our regular patrons and everyone in our service area. Thankyou again for the many donations of time, money and books that Charlie Garrett Memorial Library receives on a regular bases. Without everyone's help and support we would not be able to exist in our small community, especially in these uncertain economic times. The library will be closed Thursday and Friday this week for the holiday and open regular hours again next week. Please come by and check out our selection of new books, including The Help by Kathryn Stockett. For you Twilight fans, remember we have the whole series on our shelves.

Regular Hours:
Monday - Friday 3-5
Monday eve 5-7

Espanol que se habla
lunes por la noche 5-7

Building and Standards To Hold Meeting

The Building & Standards Commission will be meeting Monday, November 28, 2011 at 5:30 for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Gorman City Commission Chambers, located at 116 S Kent. The board will be reviewing properties that are in violation of City of Gorman Ordinance 302.2.

Christmas Store
Desdemona Activity Center
Desdemona, TX
December 1,2,3 &
December 8, 9, 10
8:00-5:00

Items of interest

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Food Bank

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

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Downtown Gorman Christmas In The Park

On Dec 10 the Economic Development Commission will host an evening of fun and festivities for the whole family! Jolly Old Saint Nick will lead a "Light Parade" through the downtown area and end up at the City Park where the main activities will take place. Parade floats will be judged according to theme as well as their display of Christmas lights. This year's theme is "A Homemade Christmas".

After the parade, we will be lighting the city's Christmas Tree, which will be decorated with ornaments made by students at Gorman ISD.

There will be a "Best Homemade Christmas Cookie" contest for all ages. Entrants must include a list of ingredients.

There will also be a coloring contest for the little ones. You may pick up a coloring sheet at the City Office and return them by Dec 9.

All businesses and churches are encouraged to participate with floats as well as providing warm drinks and goodies.

Contact Jason Wilder at (254) 243-0338 for more information.

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S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Words Of Thanks

My husband and I would like to thank the following people from the cities of Eastland and Gorman for making our transition from California a much smoother one. First, let us thank my Uncle Royce (of the Maverick's Barber Shop) and Aunt Kay Cozart for their invaluable assistance with our house hunting. Without your patience (and camera) and the outstanding help of Nancy Bacon of Barbara Love's Town and Country Realty we would have never realized our dream of moving to Gorman, the home of my father, Bob Cozart and so many family members.

Thanks to Julie Clark of Gorman's Hair Shoppe for a much needed shampoo and haircut during the Texas heat wave. Thanks to Minister Jason Wilder and his wife Christi for welcoming us to the Gorman Church of Christ and all the incredible members of the Gorman Church of Christ. The warm home cooked food, welcome basket from the Dorcas Ladies of the Church, the loan of garbage cans (thank you Mr. and Mrs. Webb) and most of all your immediate friendship meant so much to us.

To our gracious neighbors, Mrs. Edna Powell and James and Ruby Lee Kinser, thanks for all your welcomed information on our new town and putting up with our three dogs, loud parrot, and our pot-bellied pig - He loves your treats!

Many thanks to Keri of Red Chain Feed for guiding me to Matt of Stockman's Feed in De Leon so I could purchase the food for my potbelly pig, the ASB bank in Gorman (love that drive thru window), the City Grocery of Gorman and the Gorman Progress for the use of your copy machine. Thank you too, to Josephina's restaurant for your wonderful breakfast burritos, the Panda Flower Shop, Taylor's Gas station, Bob's Grocery and Dr. Dan of Gorman.

Thanks to the Eastland Maverick's and the Gorman Panther's football teams for great entertainment. We love football!

We'd also like to express our thanks to the folks at Tractor Supply, Higginbotham's, the Golden Lantern and Hardwick's Nursery and of course, the helpful staff at Wal-Mart. The Wal-Mart stores in California have much to learn about customer service from you.

They say you can never go home again. It took me over 40 years, but I came home to the place I so loved as a child. Thank you Dad for living in such beautiful country and the loan of most of your tools! We love you.

We are truly blessed. (s) Tom and Carrie "Cook" Jackson

SCHOOL MENU Week of Nov. 28 -- Dec. 2
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, Animal Crackers, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Donut, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - NO INFO.
FRIDAY - NO INFO.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Corn Dogs, baked beans, oranges, and milk.
TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken, macroni and cheese, pinto beans, fresh carrots, cornbread, pumpkin pie and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked chips, burger salad, fruit and milk.
THURSDAY - NO INFO.
FRIDAY - NO INFO.

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"On The Wilder Side"

My daughter played soccer this year for the first time and her team did well. If I recall, they ended the season with a 3-2 record... not that anyone is keeping score. It is odd that many sports leagues refuse to keep score in children's games. I know that it's all about having fun and learning sportsmanship, but... part of sportsmanship is learning how to win and lose. Not only do they not keep score, but they all got a trophy at the end of the season. Every child on every team won a trophy to tell them how good of a player they are. Now I love my daughter very much, but she is not a good soccer player. I don't think she kicked the ball a single time during a game, and yet she gets a trophy?

We call it "building self-esteem" where every child is a winner. I heard a kid in band tell me a few weeks ago that it's discrimination to have chair tests to decide who the best players are. I feel so bad for him because one day, he's going to realize that the world decimates. Not everyone gets a trophy. There are currently protesters around the country throwing an adult sized tantrum because they haven't received the trophy they think they deserve. Not only that, but they are angry at those who are wealthy for being successful in life. And we call it "building self-esteem". We call it "confidence".

I am afraid that many people have this mindset when it comes to life's ultimate trophy, Heaven. They don't like a God who doesn't make everyone a winner. They don't want to accept a God who created a hell, because aren't we all going to Heaven?

Confidence has its place, but so does humility. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose, but you've got to learn how to handle both. Life discriminates. God discriminates. Not everyone succeeds in life, and not everyone gets to go to Heaven.

In scripture, every time we read of the ideas of confidence, it is always in the context of having confidence in God and not ourselves. "I can do all things" (Phil 4:13) but only "through Him Who strengthens me." 2 Tim 1:7 tells us that we have a "spirit of power", but that it comes from God. Heb 13:6 tells us not to fear because man can't harm us, but that's only because "the Lord is my helper". And there are many other passages which explain to us that we should have confidence in the power and glory of God. But when it comes to our own ability and right... we should be filled with humility. There are going to be a bunch of sad faces on the Day of Judgment because their self-confidence wasn't enough to get them into Heaven. I hope you realize the need to put your confidence in Christ Jesus and humble yourself.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times
Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

A Letter To The Editor - What Is A Cult? -
By Henry A. Buchanan

Every new religion starts out as a cult. As the new religion attracts a large following, matures in its relation to the larger community, and its more exciting - sometimes outrageous - beliefs and practices are either accepted or modified, or even dropped, the new religion ceases to be viewed as a cult, and becomes the vehicle of orthodoxy.

Orthodoxy, no matter how radical its beliefs and practices may seem at first, is what is accepted by the majority of a society or church; a heretic is one who refuses to believe or even challenges the beliefs of the now institutionalized religion.

Christianity was once a cult. This new faith broke with Orthodox Judaism, and made the most outrageous claims ever heard. It was claimed that the founder, Jesus, was born of a virgin mother, walked on water, raised the dead to life, and was himself raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, and would at some time in the future return to earth, accompanied by a host of angels, to assume His rule over the world. Southern Baptists, sixteen million strong, a cult five hundred years ago and punished by the Roman Catholic Church with drowning because they insisted on immersion as the proper form of baptism, are now the largest Protestant religious body on earth, definitely established in Texas. Of the 16 million baptized & certified members of the Southern Baptist Convention, I know of only one member who seriously and openly questions those outrageous claims by which Baptists are identified as orthodox believers. But nobody today would call Baptists a cult - not in Texas anyway. And the one who questions the claim that Jesus was born in a manner unlike any other human being would be publicly vilified as a hell bound heretic. Most of them watched and nodded when one of the Baptist spokesmen said Mormonism is a cult.

The Mormon Church came into existence on American soil because its founder, Joseph Smith, claimed to have found a book hidden under a rock, and the leaders taught and practiced polygamy which they have lately given up, officially.

This is not more difficult for some to believe than virgin birth and bodily resurrection from the dead. Or even walking on water. Or Moses receiving the Ten Commandments written on two slabs of stone and parting the waters of the Red Sea. Or Mohammed riding a horse to heaven to receive the Koran from the hands of Allah.

The term "cult" in itself, is neither derogatory nor laudatory, but merely indicates the size of the group and the intensity with which the believers hold to and practice their peculiar beliefs. A cult gets a bad name when it does bad things, such as the suicidal action of the Jim Jones cult in Guyana, or the action of the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints in Texas who abused children and defied civil authorities.

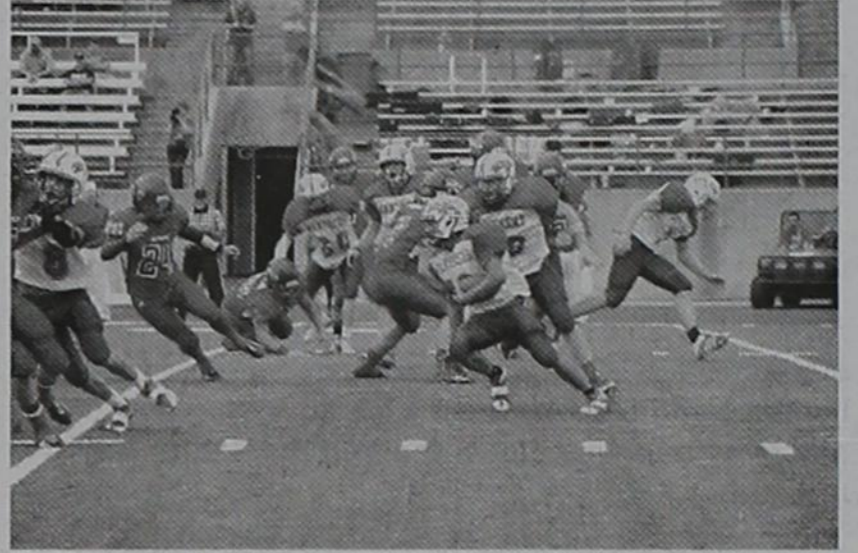
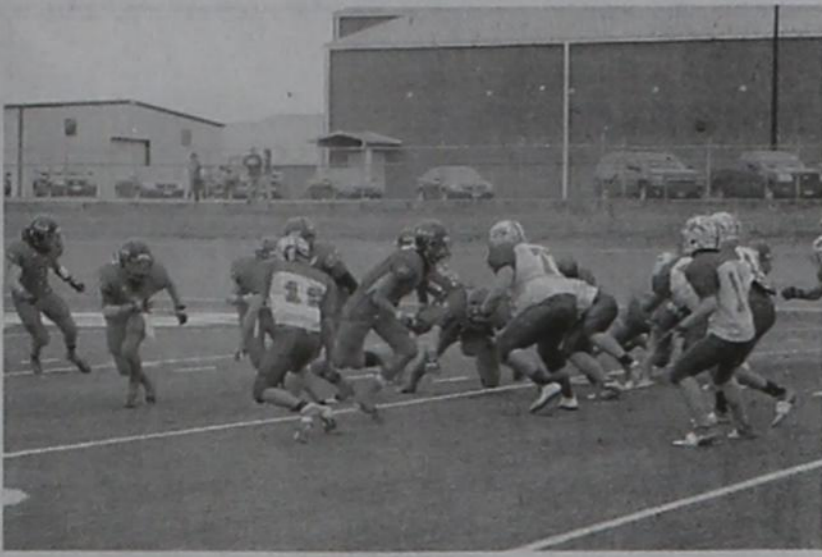
An interesting case surfaced a few years ago. The man was accused of practicing polygamy. He had seven wives, all seven of the women claimed to be happy and to love one another. The husband got into trouble because he was collecting government benefits on all of them. He was arrested and jailed. Concerning the matter of the plurality of happy, uncomplaining wives, one observer made the remark: "The fellow ought to be teaching a course in blissful marriage at a major university instead of taking up space in a jail cell. Here I am with just one wife and I can't keep her happy. He has seven and he's achieved a miracle of marital bliss. The law has got things backwards."

The Reverend Robert Jeffress, a Southern Baptist minister in Dallas has got himself a lot of spotlight attention by calling the former Governor of Massachusetts a cultist and the Governor of Texas a fine Christian gentlemen. He could be half wrong or all wrong, but he has got what he wanted: attention upon himself. That is not what the calling to preach the gospel of Christ is all about.

Me? I am an ordained Baptist minister. And a Democrat. But it appears that I will have difficulty finding a candidate for the office of President this time if I hold out for a practicing Christian. Maybe I'll start a new cult!

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 11/21/11

Football Game Photos



Pig Tales From Hogtown

Hope you received more rain that we did - but at least everything is damp again. That really does not lessen the fire danger so please observe any burn bans in your area.

Well the holiday season is upon us again - sure comes around fast! I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving. It seems we all are struggling right now but each of us has something to be thankful for, if for nothing else, but because we live in America. Things are truly bad in our country now, but if we lived anywhere else, we would be much worse off.

We here in Desdemona are looking forward to the first 2 weeks in December. Our annual Christmas Store at the Desdemona Activity Center will be held on December 1,2,3 and December 8, 9 & 10. We will have lots of gently used or new Christmas items, a few items for small gifts and lots of baked goods. Besides all that, we have lots of fun! If you have never been to one of our Christmas Store sales, come and see what it's all about. The store is open 8:00-5:00 each day. If you would like to donate anything for this sale, please call me at 254-758-2420.

'Breakfast at the DAC' will go on as usual even though the Christmas Store is open. We always have a great time that day!

REMEMBER we will not have our second Friday of the month dance in December due to the Christmas Store. The dances with Johnny Johnson will resume on January 14th. If you will notice that this is the second Saturday instead of second Friday. Beginning in January, the dances will be on the second Saturday of each month. Please help us get the word out about this change so no one makes the trip over here on the 13th.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

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Happenings At FBC!!

Celebrate! Life renders each one of us burdens to bear. Then the miraculous touch of our Lord and Savior reminds us that an eternity with Him makes our burdens lighter. Rejoice in Jesus!

Mark your calendars:
 Nov. 24th - Happy Thanksgiving!
 Nov. 27th - 5pm - Choir Practice.
 Dec. 7th - Nursing Home Christmas Store by Youth Group.
 Dec. 10th - Save the date! 2pm - 4pm Bro Barry & Sharlene's Open House at Skaggs' Home.

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children a stethoscope, and asked who uses it. They all replied, "The Doctor!" And what does he do with it? "Listens to our heart." Doctors help us get well when we are sick. In the Bible book of Luke we read about Jesus helping ten people sick with leprosy get well. One person came back to Jesus to thank Him. Only one of the ten people gave his heart to Jesus, and Jesus saved his soul. Give thanks and praise to Jesus! This Thanksgiving give thanks to God for your families, food, warm clothes, and your home. Give your life to Jesus so He can save your soul. The love of God endures forever!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Just Go With the Flow" - I Corinthians 12:1-3 - Jesus decides the gifts he bestows upon you. Just Go With the Flow, the Flow of the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 12:1-11 NLT

We are who we are because of what has happened to affect us.

Charisma: Favor one receives without any merit of his own. You cannot work for gifts because God has already given them to you.

Karis: Grace
 The Grace of God is pure and unconditional love.

Ignor: Ignorant, Ignoramus
 Many times we are misunderstood and we misunderstand.
 Romans 14:17-19 NLT

Four Types of Christians: Never forget your children are watching & listening to it all

1. Grumpy Christian - doesn't know the joy of the Lord.

2. Butterfly Christian, Flighty - flies in and out, comes and goes, and they are the only Holy ones yet need the most help.

3. Gods Answer to the World Christian - they know everything, are best at it all, and has all the answers. Simon Peter promised never to desert Jesus then betrays Him.

4. The Least & Last Christian - Jesus dealt with the least, last, and lost whom through Him become the most, first, and saved.

LET GO AND LET GOD: When you Let Go and Let God, you will see Him Bless you.

The Spirit of God changes everything in accordance with His will. We are blessed with the opportunity to think, learn, speak opinions, and share in Sunday School.

Being alive is not just a performance. Your praise and promise is between you and God. Open the flow, and let the Joy of the Spirit fill your heart.

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. 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 fbcgorman@hotmail.com

THEY'RE DRILLING FOR NATURAL GAS DOWN THE ROAD. OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?

KEEP THE LIGHT ON PUBLIC NOTICES

When government officials make decisions, they must let their citizens know. That's why the state requires them to publish their actions through public notices in newspapers.

But some politicians would prefer to bury public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites - away from public scrutiny!

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.

The Gorman Progress

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, November 26th at the Community Center. Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with all the group before the music programs begins at 6 p.m. All area musical groups and singers are invited to attend. December monthly musical be Canceled due to the busy "Holiday Season". This is a "Smoke Free" environment and admission is "FREE."

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. There was 32 to attend last Sunday with a visitor from De Leon. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for Morning Worship Service.

Bro. Charlie and Jana Johnson and their daughter, Chris Anne enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holidays in San Angelo visiting their son, Chad, Mary Beth and children, Corley and Clay.

"Hello" to our friends, Dale and Juanita Langlitz in Eastland. Juanita attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1949.

"Congratulations" to Jimmy and Ellen Graham in Lubbock. They will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 26th. Jimmy and his sisters, Bonnie Faye and Peggy attended school in Desdemona but moved away before they graduated.

"Holiday Season" is a lonely time for many shut-ins of our Community. Please remember these with your Cards and Prayers.

"Happy Thanksgiving" to all our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Homestead Happenings

On Thursday we had our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. There were an abundance of food, fun, laughter and fellowship. We would like to thank each and everyone who came and help make this a day to remember.

We would like to welcome Ruby King to our Homestead family. Visiting with Ruby were Jim and Ora Hallmark of Eastland, Shelly Singleton, Dale and Mary Griffin and children, and Eddie King.

Visiting Bill Babbitt were Frances Babbitt and Jeannie Whittier, Visiting Dorothy Beaty were Nita Cardinal and Juanita Spence of Little Elm. Jana Grice visited Ima Brown. Glenn and Kathy Scitern and Bo Caraway visited Rozelle Caraway. Carolyn Gilbert visited Floydene. Reba Campbell of Ft. Worth and Beia Schkade of Albany and Carroll Hogan visited Leta Hogan. Dale Johnson visited Faye Johnson. Tacy Warren, Chasta Carlton and Frances and B.E. Simpson visited Sunny Kellogg. Sara Bays of Dublin, Karen Kirk and Mary Reeves visited Mary Kirk. Brent and Jean Lasater visited Mayvis Lasater. Pat and Howard Hagood and Kim and Chelsea Brown visited Billie Marble. Nell Kennedy of Olden visited Nell McAnally. Visiting Edgar Reynolds were Margery Churchville of Ft. Worth, Eddie and Nelda Reynolds of Ft. Worth, Jan Pruitt and son of Blum, Sylvia and Jerry Shurgart of DeLeon, Jeff Smith of Eastland, Faye Faulk of Cisco, B.E. Simpson, Nelda Mauney and Johnny Smith. Visiting Lilly Rubio were Sara Reyna and husband of DeLeon, Josie Lopez and Sabrina Brister.

Tommy and LaVern Carr of Whitney visited Troy Scitern. Ewellene Hammon visited Claudie Shelton. Rusty and Claudia Simmons visited Sue Simmons. Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy. Ellen Tucker and Barbara Tucker visited Robin Taylor. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn visited T.D. Whitehorn.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Last write up believe I was running a month behind. Realized my dates were off a bit. HA! I'll try and do better this time. We enjoyed our get together on Wednesday the 16th of November. There were 14 in attendance, glad to see that many out to dinner. Henry Buchanan gave his good, short blessing for all. Thanks Henry.

We enjoyed meeting Brenda Ratliff, hope she continues to be with us. She has moved into the Gorman Hotel Apartments from Comanche. I had met her at the Library before, a nice lady. She brought a delicious Chocolate Cake, a recipe by her Mother.

Our meal was great with Lasagna, garlic bread, green salad, a delicious yellow squash casserole by Beth Shirley, cooked cabbage, mixed vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, and Betty Regians good hot rolls. Our desserts were Chocolate Cake, Banana Cream Whip, tasted like banana cream pie, so good. Also Cookies, ice cream, and homemade candy by Ailene Garrett.

Sure was good to have Betty Regian with us. Since she babysits, hasn't been able to come. Her little helper is two so she brought him with her. He was a good boy and also had a nap, so Betty got to eat in peace and quiet. We missed Jerry Underwood again. She is not doing too good, hope she gets better soon. We sure miss her good help, but Ailene and I manage OK. Jackie Burns is in Temple, supposed to start some kind of treatment. Please keep him and all others ailing in your prayers.

We all went to Desdemona on Saturday the 12th of November for their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Seventeen traveled and met at the School House that evening. The food was excellent!! The ladies form the school house group outdid themselves. They offered all kinds of cobblers. I tried the Chocolate it was great! Had never heard of that one.

Daisy Slaton celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 17th of November. The get-together for all was on the 19th at Gorman Hotel Apartments dining room. Its hard to believe she is 90, could pass for 20 years younger. She looks good and doing better in her new home. I sure miss her being here in Gorman. I manage to get over to Eastland a couple times a month to visit. Lovely cakes were baked by Cecilia Hirst.

I enjoyed eating Thanksgiving lunch with the Homestead Nursing Home folks. Thanks for the invite on the 17th of November. Talked with Rozelle Caraway, Ima Brown, The Babbets, Ora Lee Lawrence and several others.

Crystal Conway from Integra Care in Cisco was with us for a visit. I talked with her about some help for myself. She is good to check on us. If any of you need help don't forget her.

Henry and Ann Buchanan enjoyed a visit from Henry's son, Al and his wife Audry and grandsons, Alex and Anthony form Chicago, Illinois on November 3rd thru 5th. They met at New York Hill Restaurant on Interstate 20 for dinner Thursday afternoon to be guided to 'Grampa Henry's home in Gorman. Friday was filled with meeting Rusty and Claudia Simmons, Lisa and Koko Keeping and visiting their Texas Ranches. Daisy Slaton's granddaughter, Katie, came over in the evening to meet Alex and Anthony and play games. Because of an early departure on Saturday morning the whole family had breakfast at Desdemona before the visitors left for the airport. The boys said they would like to live in Texas.

Have a good Holiday Season, and be Thankful.

Hope all is well and people are improved. Carol

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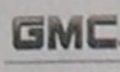
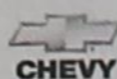
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