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Nine Panthers Make 13-A Santa Claus Coming All-District Football List To Town - December 4th



First Team Offense: RB - Reggie Sanchez and G - Zachary Bryan; Second Team Offense: RB - John Torres, T - Clint Jones and K - Clint Jones; Honorable Mentions: QB - Ryan Wright and G - J.T. Whitfill; First Team Defense: DL - Zachary Bryan, LB - Clint Jones and DB - Ryan Wright; Second Team Defense: DL - David Ibarra, DE - Gil Cochrane, LB - John Torres and DB - Joey Jones.

The 2004 All-District Football Team has been released and the Gorman Panthers placed 9 players filling 14 spots on that list. Goldthwaite the district champion dominated the list with 17 players filling 19 spots followed by the district runner-up Evant Elks with 11 players filling 17 spots on the list. Baird filled 14 spots with 11 players on the list while Cross Plains had 6 players on the list filling 6 spots. Ranger had 5 players on the list that filled 7 spots. Gorman's numbers include Honorable Mention players, while the other team's numbers do not include their honorable mentions.

The Panthers landed two on the 1st Team All-District Offense. Sophomore Reggie Sanchez rushed for a team high 609 yards on 110 carries with 7 touchdowns and caught 9 passes for a team high 150 yards and 1 touchdown. Reggie was second on the team in points scored with 50. Reggie was named 1st Team Running Back for his accomplishments. Junior Zachary Bryan was named to the 1st Team as an offensive guard. Zach led the team in pins and offensive lineman scoring average for the second straight year. Zach was a unanimous choice for 1st Team (all schools voted for him).

The Panthers then put 2 player in 3 positions on the 2nd Team All-District Offense. Freshman John Torres was voted 2nd Team Running Back after rushing for 411 yards on 74 carries and catching 1 pass for 10 yards. Senior Clint Jones was named 2nd Team Offensive Tackle after a fine senior year on the line. Clint was also named 2nd Team Kicker and was 3rd on the team in scoring with 24 points.

Two Panthers received Honorable Mention honors on offense for their contributions. Senior J.T. Whitfill who was a 3 year starter at guard was voted Honorable Mention in a very tough district for guards. Senior Ryan Wright was selected as Honorable Mention Quarterback after receiving votes for both 1st and 2nd team all-district. Ryan led the team in scoring with 52 points and total offense with 809 yards offense and 8 touchdowns.

Gorman placed 3 players on the 1st Team All-District Defense. Junior Zachary Bryan received the honor of 1st team defensive tackle for the second year in a row. Zachary led the Panther defensive line with 42 tackles and 3 sacks. Senior Ryan Wright was selected as a 1st Team Defensive Back after recording 77 tackles, 3 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries, and 2 caused fumbles. Ryan was second on the team in tackles. Senior Clint Jones was a unanimous choice for 1st Team All-District Linebacker. Clint led the Panthers with 118 tackles. Clint also recorded 5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries (1 returned for a touchdown), and 4 caused fumbles.

The Panthers placed 4 players on the 2nd Team All-District Defense. Sophomore David Ibarra received 2nd team Defensive tackle after recording 44 tackles, 2 sacks, and 1 caused fumble. Freshman John Torres was selected at 2nd team all-district Linebacker. John was third on the team in tackles with 67, he also recorded 2 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, and two caused fumbles. Junior Joey Jones was voted 2nd Team All-District Defensive back after leading the team in interceptions with 4. Joey also had 22 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. Senior Gil Cochrane was named 2nd Team All-District Defensive End. Gil led the team with 7 sacks and 3 fumble recoveries (1 returned for a touchdown). Gil also recorded 65 tackles and 2 caused fumbles.

Of the 76 spots on the all-district team 39 were seniors, 21 juniors, 14 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. The two freshmen spots were filled by our John Torres. With 37 of the spots filled by underclassmen, it looks to be a very competitive district next year in District 13-A. Goldthwaite lost some very good lineman, but return the districts co-offensive MVP in Tye Moseley. Evant, like Goldthwaite lost some good lineman, but return almost all their skill positions except QB, but we know they have that filled with the outstanding 8th grader they had. While Baird lost some key players to graduation, they also return their top rusher, top passer, and top 3 receivers from this year. Ranger returns the districts co-offensive MVP in Jacob Russell. Finally, Cross Plains has unanimous all-district linebacker Phillips to head up an already tough defense. 2005 will definitely be fun to watch and should prove to be as competitive if not more so than 2004. Congratulations to all our young men who earned all district honors and to the rest of our team that helped them reach those honors:

- Juniors: Tim Patel, Kevin Lewis
- Sophomores: Brian Greer, Pete Ramirez
- Freshmen: Seth Cochrane, Tony Perez, Seth Johnson, Toby Darville, Aaron Keith, Kennon Hornback, Orlando Rodriguez, Brandon Greer, Trey Holdman, Corey Clark, and Paul Burt.

First Baptist Church to Observe "Hanging of the Greens"

Our 'hanging of the greens' service is, in sense, a formal opening of the Christmas season in the church, preparing our hearts by scripture, song and prayer, and beautiful decorations for the full and proper appreciation of the Greatest Season of the Year. It puts in proper setting and in correct focus all the traditional and lovely customs associated with Christmas.

Please join us on Sunday evening, December 5th at 6 p.m., as we enter into this service with sincerity of heart and imaginative eagerness and rise spiritually with the high time of the hour. The community is invited.

Christmas Lighting Contest

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest. The Contest is open to all residents in a 5 mile radius of Gorman. Entry deadline is Thursday, December 16. Judging will be on Friday, December 17th. No Entry Fee. Prizes will be awarded for First Place-\$75.00; Second Place-\$50.00; Third Place-\$25.00.

ENTRY FORM

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DIRECTIONS TO HOUSE: _____

Forms need to be turned in at City Office.

Southern Gospel Music at Kokomo Baptist - Sunday, Dec. 5

Glorify, a southern gospel duet, will present a concert at Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, December 5th at 6 p.m.

The duet is composed of Daryl Hirst of Gorman and Brenda Thomas of Cisco. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of gospel music. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken.

The church cordially invites the community and surrounding area to attend.

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



24 Days
Until
Christmas

Christmas Tour of Homes Set for December 12

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

Five GHS Lady Panthers Make All-District Lists In Volleyball



1st Team All-District --Ashlee Hornback
2nd Team All-District --Nikki Keith
Honorable mentions--Kendra Swanner, Kristy Carlton, Sharla Perez

De Leon Country Christmas December 3

DeLeon's Country Christmas is Friday, December 3, 2004 at the City Hall Auditorium from 5 to 10 p.m.

Pictures with Santa, youth groups participating, vendors, free rides in the covered wagon drawn by Dolly, Chamber and many Merchants will be having Open House, so be sure and visit them.

For more information call 254-893-2083.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

FOOD BANK

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

Boy Scouts

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

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

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

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Bob Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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

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

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



Obituaries

Alpha Mae Andry

Alpha Mae Andry, age 88, of Gorman passed away at her residence on Thursday, November 25, 2004. Services were Saturday, November 27, 2004 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Stogsdill officiating. Burial was at the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Alpha Mae was born April 12, 1916 in Erath County to the late Henry Arthur Collins and Willie Clara (Hood) Collins. She married Billy Lee Andry on April 5, 1938 in Desdemona. He preceded her in death on August 15, 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two brothers, T.A. Collins of Midland and Jimmy Don Collins and wife Faye of Weatherford; sister-in-laws, Peggy Brooks of Merkel and Hazel Collins of Eastland; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, W.R. Collins, Dub Collins and Cecil Collins.

Gayle McGinnis

Gayle McGinnis, 83, of DeLeon, passed away Sunday, November 28, 2004 at the DeLeon Nursing & Rehab. Graveside services were Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at the Downing Cemetery in Comanche Co., officiated by Mark Roath.

Mr. McGinnis was born on April 29, 1921 in Comanche Co. to the late J.C. McGinnis and Lula Ruth Stephens McGinnis. He married Hazel Ware on June 16, 1940 in DeLeon. He was a farmer/rancher, veteran of U.S. Navy-serving in WWII; lived in DeLeon area all of his life. He was a Protestant and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel McGinnis of DeLeon; three sons, Bill McGinnis and wife Linda of Denton, Bobby McGinnis and wife Carrie of Downing and Bruce McGinnis of Amarillo; 9 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; several step grandchildren, step great-grandchildren and one step- great-great grandchild.

Also preceded by a sister, Lois McGuire and one granddaughter.

School News

Monday, Dec. 6th - District FFA Banquet
Jr. High Basketball - here
Tuesday, Dec. 7th - Early release 12:30 p.m.
Jr. High UIL Meet - here
High School Basketball - boys only - Gustine
Wednesday, Dec. 8th - School pictures - sports and retakes
Thursday, Dec. 9th - Early release 12:30 p.m.
High School Basketball Tournament - Lingleville
Jr. High UIL Meet - here
Friday, Dec. 10th - High School Basketball Tournament-Lingleville



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Needed: CNAs - days and evening shifts. \$8.00 an hour. DeLeon Nursing & Rehab, Hwy 6, DeLeon. 254-893-2075. 2-12-9-C

Roses for "Relay for Life"

The "Pajama Mama's" Relay for Life Team is selling rosebushes this year for one of their fundraisers. The Rosebushes can be bought in Memory of someone you lost to cancer or as a Living Memorial for someone who is a Survivor of Cancer.

Price is \$15.00 per bush. All profit from sales goes to the American Cancer Society. Rosebushes are available in red. Contacts to order: Valerie Hampton - 1-254-734-2174 or Michelle Byrd - 1-254-639-2849.

I would like to let everyone know the 2003-2004 Relay for Life was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the wonderful people who worked hard and spent many hours getting your teams ready; and to all the sponsors who donated money and products to the "Relay for Life" and to the teams. Without each and every person involved we would not have been able to pull it off. Thanks so much!

Now it's behind us - let's make next year bigger and better!

Thanks from Valerie Hampton and the 2003/2004 Relay Teams

School Menu

Week of Dec. 6

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, fruit milk, juice
Tuesday--Breakfast burritos, milk, juice
Wednesday--Cinnamon rolls, apples, milk, juice
Thursday--Pancakes, syrup, oranges, milk, juice
Friday--Sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Burritos/chili cheese, Spanish rice, salad, cookies, milk
Tuesday--Ravioli, salad, pas, milk
Wednesday--Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gr. beans, hot rolls, milk
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160 A. cropland, live oaks and mesquite, hunting. \$195,000 Sold

157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250

132 A. Hwy. frontage, tank, 4 wells, coastal, cropland. \$165,000 SOLD

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77 A. Palo Pinto Co., Woods, creek, hunting, might divide. \$240,000

66A Near Rising Star, mature pecan orchard, 5 wells, underground mainline, by golf course, good home site. \$108,900 SOLD

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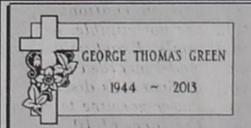
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I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. Aren't we thankful that this cold weather waited until after the holidays to move in.

Attendance at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday was a little low as many families were away celebrating Thanksgiving during the weekend. Daryl Hirst directed the music with Glynda Bond at the piano. Visitors were Shannon Bond of Copperas Cove, Brian Bond of Houston, Vernon Bennett of Crane and Bailey Underwood of Gorman.

Glorify will present a Southern Gospel Music concert at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 5th. The public is invited to come and hear Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas as they minister through the music.

Those enjoying an early Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 21 in the home of Joe and Barbara and Michael Fields were Richard and Teresa Nachtigall and Paul and Taylor Dyas all of Morgan Mill, Trevis Nachtigall of Granbury, Kaylea and James Thomas of Gorman, Lisa Fields and Falyn Fields.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited on Tuesday and Wednesday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Bond in Plano and they all enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with other Bond family members in the home of James's daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Chock Christopher in Celina. Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove and Brian Bond of Houston joined them there for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Shannon and Brian visited from Friday until Sunday with their parents, Joe and Glynda Bond.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during the Thanksgiving holidays were James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb of Granbury, Judy and Sarah Porter of Austin, Scarlett and Tino Torres of Austin, Jacob Webb of Bursleson, Kaci, Randell and Aaron Suniga of Comanche, Alice and Steven Bergman of Comanche, and Brandon Burk of Brownwood. Following the Thanksgiving meal on Friday, Jantzen Webb and Steven Bergman were honored with a birthday party.

Sylvia Buchanan and Nancy Hendricks enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner with Doris Bradshaw on Wednesday. Sylvia and Nancy enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday with Roger and Inetha Anderson in Baird.

Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis brought dinner and visited with Delmon and Joyce Eaves on Thanksgiving Day. Nancy Hendricks visited with Joyce and Delmon on Sunday evening.

Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Gary, Donna, Leslie, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham spent Friday and Friday night with Woodrow and Helen Browning for a Thanksgiving celebration. On Saturday they all went to Abilene for the annual Browning Family early Christmas celebration at an Abilene hotel. Others attending were Gene and Kay Snider, Mike, Crystal and Rachel Snider, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Eddie and Anna Lou Browning and their daughter, Kelly Staley and her daughter, Meagan and a friend all of Granbury.

Those enjoying a Thanksgiving gathering with Bobby and Mary Jane Little on Saturday night were Ima Boles of Granbury, Jerry Wayne and Mindy Boles of Stephenville, Betty Little, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Joe Little of Las Cruces, NM, Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland, Jarad Fails of Arlington, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon, Charles and Carolyn Little, Scott, Caye, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla Burgess, Alan, Ally and Justin Little.

Ima Boles spent Saturday night with Charles and Carolyn Little. Doug and Carole Little of Midland and Joe Little of Las Cruces, NM also visited with them.

Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little, Jarad and Cody Fails and Courtney Butts of Arlington had Thanksgiving dinner with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Sunday.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Lafoy L. Collins, Jr. who passed away Wednesday, November 24. Graveside services were held in Kermit on Monday, November 29. He was the brother of Donnie Rone and an uncle of Mary Donham and Carolyn Little of our community. Among those attending the visitation at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene on Saturday to be with the family were Donnie Rone, Leonard and Mittie Bledsoe of Carbon, James and Mary Donham, Carolyn Little, Charla Burgess, Addie Faye Collins, Vincent Collins and Audra Faye Hobbs and family of Eastland, and Judy West of McGregor.

James and Mary Donham also visited in Clyde on Saturday with his sister and brother-in-law, Jimmie and Judy Atkinson.

Pam Wintermute and daughters, Sarah and Emily of Carthage visited from Wednesday until Saturday with James and Mary Donham, and Chris and Scott Clayton and sons, Travis and Trevor of Springtown visited with them Wednesday and Thursday. They all helped Pam celebrate her birthday in the afternoon, following the Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.

Leon and Glenda Black of Las Cruces, NM, Zelda Jordan of Kokomo and Robert Miles of Bastrop and Brad and Meagan Miles of Waco enjoyed a weekend visit, and Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell in Abilene on Saturday night. Robert, Brad and Meagan were overnight guests with the Daniell family and Zelda spent Saturday night with Glenda and Leon in their Abilene home. They all enjoyed Brunch in the Daniell home on Sunday morning.

EMILY DANIELL CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Emily Jordan Daniell, who was two years old on November 26th was honored by her parents, Wade and Sheri Daniell, with a birthday party in their home in Abilene on Saturday, November 20th. The theme was "My Little Pony". Guests were her brothers, Ryan and Kody, her grandparents, Loyd and Gail Daniell and a cousin, Tanner Daniell and the children from the neighborhood. Cup cakes and ice cream was served.

Another family birthday party honored Emily on Sunday, November 28 in the Daniell home. The "My Little Pony" theme was also used in the tablecloth and napkins. The birthday cake was white with multicolor decorations and had a little purple pony and a candle in the form of 2 and was inscribed "Happy Birthday Emily". The cake was served with ice cream.

Emily won the cake in a drawing on the KTAB Daybreak show on Thursday morning, Nov. 26th. Compliments of KTAB and McKay's Bakery.

Those attending and enjoying the celebration with Emily were her parents, Wade, Sheri Daniell and brothers, Ryan and Kody Daniell, Grandparents, Glenda and Leon Black, Uncle Robert Miles, and cousins, Brad and Meagan Miles and Great-Grandmother, Zelda Jordan. Emily had a wonderful time with all her gifts.

Holiday Hints

Smart Spending During the Holiday Season

(NAPSA)—Booking travel arrangements, shopping for last-minute gifts and decorating the home make the holiday season a busy time of year. Fortunately, there are a number of payment options with benefits that can help reduce stress during the holidays. Following are a few simple things to keep in mind when spending your hard-earned money this holiday season.

Select the Right Method of Payment. Before setting out for the mall or shopping online, establish a budget for holiday spending and carefully consider available payment options. Pre-paid cards allow you to pay before you shop, helping you stick to a predetermined budget. Debit cards eliminate the need to carry large sums of cash by allowing you to deduct funds directly from your checking account. Credit cards allow you to pay for goods or services at a later date, which can be helpful if you've budgeted in advance for future expenses. No matter which option you choose, stay within your allocated budget.

Rest Assured with Purchase Assurance. While it can be enjoyable shopping for those you love, it can turn unpleasant fast if something you bought is damaged or stolen. Be sure to check with your card provider as some offer insurance coverage if something you bought is damaged or stolen within 90 days of purchase.

Look for Added Perks. Many credit card companies offer cardholders the opportunity to earn spe-

cial rebates and rewards—from frequent flyer miles to gasoline rebates. In addition, some run special promotions, which give consumers the chance to win prizes simply by using their card. For example, consumers who use any MasterCard at Shell gasoline stations now through Dec. 31, 2004, will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win one of 35 2005 Chrysler Crossfires and \$1,000 worth of Shell V-Power premium gasoline. For official rules and eligibility, visit www.winwithshell.com.

Maintain Your Security. To help protect account information, some credit card companies offer credit protection benefits to cardholders, such as requiring online shoppers to enter verification security codes before purchases are completed. In the event a credit card is lost or stolen, it should be immediately reported to the issuing bank to prevent authorization of future purchases. Also, many cardholders are protected by zero liability for any fraudulent transactions.

Consider Your Holiday Travel Plans. To help alleviate some of the stress associated with holiday travel, take into consideration how you book and pay for travel arrangements. For example, some credit card companies offer insurance on rental cars that are leased with a credit card, preventing you from having to pay for additional coverage. Others offer travel assistance to consumers who purchase airline tickets, including insurance pro-

tection and emergency medical assistance.

"Consider your payment options wisely this holiday to help manage spending and take advantage of extra benefits," said John Hunter, senior vice president of Citi Cards. "As an example, Shell MasterCard cardholders earn their usual 5 percent gasoline rebate while relying on the card's protection and security features. But they'll also be entered for a chance to win a new car and \$1,000 worth of Shell V-Power gasoline every time they make a purchase at Shell this holiday season."

The holiday season can be stressful, so take advantage of seasonal perks. And most importantly, no matter what your payment option, make sure to stay within your allocated budget.

The MasterCard Sweepstakes at Shell starts Oct. 1 and ends Dec. 31, 2004, and is void in Md., N.J., Va., Puerto Rico and where prohibited. No purchase is necessary. For Official Rules and complete details, visit www.winwithshell.com or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: MasterCard Sweepstakes at Shell Rules, P.O. Box 13106, Bridgeport, CT 06673-3106. PIN-based and international transactions are not eligible. Restrictions do apply. Exact vehicle make and model awarded subject to change at Sponsor's discretion. Shell V-Power gasoline to be awarded in the form of 10, \$100 Shell V-Power Gift Cards.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Dorothy Roberts enjoyed having her family for Thanksgiving dinner. Those attending were Ulenda Weaver, Richard Cofsky, Heather Caddell and children Tanner and Noah, Shelly Mendez and son Samuel, Joe Williams all of Fort Worth. Kelsey Caddell stayed for a longer visit with her great grandmother. She returned home late Sunday to be ready for school on Monday morning.

Wayne and Karen Eaves and Lorin hosted Thanksgiving dinner for the family. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery, Sonja Hornback all of Desdemona; Angela Powledge and children Colin, Kaley and Lane of Eastland.

Bernard and Ann Keith enjoyed their family for Thanksgiving. Those attending were De and Vicki Robinett of DeLeon; Billy and Nikki Febinger and children Christopher and Allison of Stephenville; Derek Robinett of San Antonio; Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter Robyn of Liveoak (near San Antonio).

Robert and Ima Brown visited Thanksgiving day in Fort Worth with their son, Robert Alton and Jana Brown and children, Preston and Julie.

Take time out from your busy schedule to remember the shut-ins with your cards, visits and prayers during the holiday season.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks and have a nice day, Coon.

Feed A Cold

(NAPSA)—As the flu and cold season kicks into high gear, many Americans will turn to home remedies to help alleviate their symptoms. Below is a delicious recipe from the Salada Tea Company that combines two of the most common home remedies—green tea and chicken noodle soup—for the perfect comfort food that is not only easy to make, but an ideal way to enhance your health.



- Green Tea Chicken Noodle Soup Supreme**
(Yields 4-6 servings)
- 8 ounces boneless, skinless chicken. Cut into ½-inch portion
- ½ cup brewed Salada Green Tea
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 5 ounces thread noodles or favorite pasta
- 2 (½-inch thick) slices ginger root, lightly mashed
- ½ cup oyster mushrooms, cubed
- 2 cups celery, diced
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 2 cups onion, diced
- 1 tsp. parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions: Place the chicken in a large bowl and add the green tea. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour to marinate. Cover the noodles with warm water. Soak until softened, about 10 minutes. Drain. In a large pot bring the stock, ginger, mushrooms, celery, carrots, onion and parsley to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer 2 minutes. Add the chicken, including the tea marinade, and noodles. Return to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

For more information and recipes, please visit www.green-tea.com.

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Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

A Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank thee, God, for blessings
The big ones and the small-
Thy tender love and mercy
That guards and keeps us all.

The fresh awakening of joy
That comes with morning light,
Sunlit hours to fill the day
And restful sleep at night.

The hope, the beauty, and the love
That brighten each day's living-
We praise thee, and our hearts are filled
With joy, and with thanksgiving.

The pride that's found in work well done,
The love of those who care,
The peace of mind, the sweet content
That comes with quiet prayer

Some guests were Winston Brown, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Levi Roberts and Shaylor Roberts. Also Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doylena Roberts of Gustine.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker and Vicki Seay. Tootie read the Psalm 100. Rachel passed out the bulletins and the Foreign Mission Prayer Guide for the week of Prayer. James taught the lesson, "Be Thankful." Life question, Why Should I thank God? Bible passage Psalms 65:1-13. Key verse Psalm 65:1. A resident gave the opening prayer and another resident led the closing prayer. There were twenty eight residents and one visitor Pat Hagood present. Some visitors were S.E. and Melba Carter of Eastland, Roy and Char

lotte Johnson of Desdemona, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock and Henry Lenz of Carbon.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Church of Joyful Noise were Rev. Denver Rainey, Alice Rainey, Rose Marie Allen and Mary Perkins. Alice led singing. Bro. Denver's message was "The Prayers of a Righteous Man Does Much Good." Scripture James 5:16. There were ten residents present.

Recent guests were Bonita Richards of Fort Worth, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Janice and Max Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville and Nancy Hendricks.

Residents were very happy to have Karen Guthery come on Monday morning for usual hair styling.

Visiting were Pastor Matthew Bockman of Cisco, Kim and Adreana Dugan, Bob and Garrett Hagood of Brownwood, Howard and Pat Hagood, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Bill Hagood.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham, Jason Killebrew, Judy Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo for ten residents. Residents enjoyed coffee and juices plus winners got prizes.

Some guests were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Jimmy Jackson of Snyder, Sara Overstreet, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, and Annie Faye Foster.

Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona came Monday afternoon and made residents happy when she opened the beauty shop to style hair.

Recent guests were Kenneth and Vonceia Snyder of Rose Bud, AR, Audrey, Elisa, Brianna, Crysta and Rose Humphries of Jonesboro, OK, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the Gospel Singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Daisy Slaton, Ernestine Campbell, Ann Warren, Woodrow and Helen Browning, June Carruth and Nancy Hendricks. Ruby Lee, Billy Joe, Woodrow and Helen brought the special music. A resident voiced the closing prayer. Eleven resi-

dents were present.

Some visitors were Fred McMullen of Melrose, NM, Durward Webb, Larry Stogsdill, Ann Warren, Joe Beaty of Ft. Worth, George Rodgers. Thursday morning everyone was excited about the game "What?" It was fun when Ina had all the different spices for everyone to identify.

Recent visitors were Vicki Seay, Stanley Porter, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, pat Graham, and Daisy Slaton.

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

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Nell Files of Carbon, Joe Bond, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Jonell Torre.

On Wednesday morning, resident gathered in the front lobby and had a Thanksgiving memory program. It was so nice to talk about days and times gone by.

Some visitors were Don Landers of Springtown, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Steve and Derenda Menten, Ernestine Campbell.

On Thursday morning, residents enjoyed watching the parade and visiting with guests and also each other.

Some visitors were Jason Killebrew, Judy Killebrew, Glen and Nancy lawless of DeLeon.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith and Judy Killebrew had bingo for several residents.

Recent visitors were Robert Moore, Leslie Green and Becky Moore of DeLeon, Judy Carruth of DeLeon, Bill and Tootie Campbell.

Friday morning, Ina Smith had "Resident Council" meeting for residents and family.

Some guests were James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Perkins, Rose Marie Allen, Betty Duke of Desdemona, Anna Rush, Gearldene Wright, Christine Hammontree.

Residents extend sympathy to the family of Alpha Mae Andry. Alpha Mae always came to the Monday Gospel Singing.

Some guests were Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Brad and Treva Keith and Jake Keith of Allen, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater of Eastland.

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Winter Weather Awareness Day Is Approaching

The colder temperatures we are feeling is a sign that winter is on its way. In preparation, state Emergency Management Coordinator Jack Colley has declared Wednesday December 1 as Winter Weather Awareness Day in Texas. On that day, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will team up to highlight the hazards which accompany winter weather. With the holiday travel season at hand, this is a good time to review winter weather impacts and safety tips.

During the day, your National Weather Service will issue a series of Public Information Statements. These statements will describe winter weather terminology, they will review winter weather history in north Texas, and they will provide safety tips for the cold weather season. These statements will be broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio, and posted to the Fort Worth forecast office's home page at www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd

We encourage the area media and local officials to relay this information and assist in preparing north Texans for the upcoming winter season.

Winter weather definitions

Part 1 in a series for Winter Weather Awareness Day
Your National Weather Service uses the following terms when Forecasting and describing winter weather conditions which affect North Texas.

Watch - an advance statement that severe winter weather Conditions are possible within the next day or two.

Warning - an urgent statement that severe winter weather Conditions have begun or will begin within about 12 hours.

Advisory - a statement that winter weather conditions are imminent or

occurring. These conditions will cause significant inconvenience, and may become hazardous or life-threatening if Safety tips are not followed.

Heavy snow - a snowfall which accumulates to a depth of at least 4 inches in 12 hours, or 6 inches in 24 hours.

Ice storm - an accumulation of 1/4 inch or more of freezing rain.

Sleet - pellets of ice composed of frozen or mostly frozen Raindrops, or snowflakes which have melted and refrozen.

Freezing rain/freezing drizzle - rain or drizzle which falls as liquid, then freezes when it strikes the ground or other surface.

Frost - the formation of thin ice crystals on the ground or other Sur-

faces.

Wind chill - a cooling effect caused when wind blows across Exposed skin.

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