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Players Of The Week For Gorman High School



GORMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - PANTHER ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
AWARD WINNERS

SEPTEMBER 26TH: JOHN TORRES- John Torres is a sophomore LB/RB for the Panther football team. John also serves as a team captain for the Panthers. On the September 30th football game against DeLeon, John led the Gorman rushing attack with 98 yards on 15 carries while recording 8 tackles for the Panther defense.

OCTOBER 3RD: DAVID IBARRA- David Ibarra is a junior athlete that plays football, basketball, powerlifting, and baseball. David plays center and inside linebacker for the Panthers. He also serves as a team captain for this year's team. David leads the team in tackles this season including a 12 tackle/1 caused fumble performance in our double overtime loss to Evant on October 7th.

OCTOBER 10TH: KENNON HORNBACK- Kennon Hornback is a sophomore who plays football and baseball for the Panthers. He plays quarterback/split end and cornerback for this year's football team. Kennon recorded the team's first interception of the year in the Panthers victory over the Cross Plains Buffaloes on October 14th. Kennon would record another interception later as well as 2 tackles and a caused fumble.

OCTOBER 17TH: TY VAUGHN- Ty is a junior who plays basketball and baseball for the Panthers. Ty is currently working hard in off-season and has been complimented for his efforts by the coaches. We hope Ty continues to work hard and contribute to the Panther program. Ty was not available for photo.

Scouting for Food

The local boy scouts and cub scouts would like to thank the people of Gorman who so graciously gave to the boys in their efforts to collect food for the poor. All of these boys and volunteers assisted with the Scouting for Food. The food drive was on November 12th. They collected 920 pounds, which would have cost the Gorman Food Bank 14 cents per pound.

Teresa Lewis, James Thomas, Robert Shawver, and Rhys Vaughn, Tony Rabon, Sean Rainey, Dalton Murphy, and Miles Turner, Becky Laminack, Ryland Laminack and Brenton Coan, Nana Vaughn, Sergio Garcia. Beth Underwood, boy scout leader, with Daniel Sherman and Jonathan Fenley. Lora Lewis, Cub Scout Leader, coordinated this effort.

Wildfire Danger Alert Issued

As Thanksgiving approaches, firefighters across Texas are thankful for a lot of things, but what most would really appreciate is significant rainfall. Recent hard freezes across two-thirds of Texas have left grasses cured and ready to burn. The Texas Forest Service has issued a fire danger alert, warning firefighters that conditions are ripe for large wildfires.

"Winter-cured fuels (grasses) combined with an extended dry weather pattern, has elevated the fire risk potential," said Tom Spencer, Texas Forest Service fire risk assessment coordinator. "Under these conditions, accidental fire starts are more likely to occur, and when winds and low relative humidity are present, those starts are more likely to become wildland fires that require suppression resources to contain."

Areas already hit by frosts, including north (including Dallas-Fort Worth), northeastern, western and central Texas as well as the Panhandle, are of most concern to firefighters.

"Any area that has seen a hard freeze is susceptible to wildfire," Spencer said. "Fire personnel and citizens need to be aware of the elevated fire risk, and limit all outdoor activities that could possibly lead to an accidental fire start." Spencer said repeated dry cold fronts are expected to bring wind and low humidity, but no rain to reduce the fire danger.

"Several factors make Thanksgiving weekend a critical time for all of us to practice fire safety," he added. "Not only is it still hunting season, but people often want to burn leaves and brush piles, cook outside, and even go camping. We're just asking people to be aware of the conditions and to be diligent about fire safety." Spencer noted that, although the southeast Texas area impacted by Hurricane Rita hasn't yet been hit by a hard frost, the presence of extensive amounts of downed trees, limbs and brush increases the risks of dangerous wildfires in this area as well.

The Texas Forest Service offers the following fire safety tips to keep this holiday season free from wildfires.

* Adhere to all outdoor burning bans. For a list of counties currently under a burn ban, log onto www.tamu.edu/ticc.

* If no burn bans are in place, only build campfires in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Keep fires small and extinguish them cold to the touch before leaving them unattended.

* Avoid using grills over flammable vegetation and leaf litter. Make sure coals and ashes are cold to the touch; then dispose of them properly. Never transport a grill or mobile barbecue pit with live embers.

* Dispose of smoking materials properly, either by using your vehicle ashtray or by crushing smokes and matches dead out in bare mineral soil.

* Avoid parking or driving where dry grass and weeds can come into contact with the hot pollution control equipment under your vehicle.

* Make sure that mufflers on all power equipment are in good working condition.

Proper use of fire safety practices will help all outdoor users have safer and more enjoyable outdoor holiday season.

Gorman GROW Meeting

Next meeting of Gorman GROW will be Tuesday, December 6th, at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

Jr. High One Act Play To Perform Thurs.

The Junior High One-Act Play cast will perform *The Happy Scarecrow* at 7:30 on Thursday, December 1st. The performance will be in the high school auditorium.

Everyone is invited to attend this special performance.

P.T.O. Meeting December 1st

There will be a P.T.O. Meeting in the Elementary Library, Thursday, December 1st at 6:30P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sipes Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be held Saturday, December 3rd at the Sipe Springs Community Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. All Musicians and everyone is invited to attend.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By Bob Bailey
Second Annual Turfgrass Ecology and Management Short Course

This "new" turfgrass management continuing education program is designed to provide basic and practical information to new professional turfgrass managers, as well as to provide experienced turf managers the opportunity to review and update their knowledge. The five-day course will be held at Texas A&M University in College Station on January 23-27, 2006. The fee for the course is \$595 and includes the following: *Turfgrasses: Their Management and Use in the Southern Zone* as the text, a short course notebook of reference materials, CEU Certificate, four lunches and refreshments. Participants will be awarded 3.6 Continuing Education Units (36 contact hours). The course is directed by Dr. David Chalmers, State Turfgrass Extension Specialist with instruction provided by thirteen Texas A&M University turfgrass program faculty. This program is intended for individuals caring for turfgrass grown in a broad range of management systems (sports turf, lawn care, golf, parks/municipal and sod production).

Early registration is encouraged, as enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required through the Office of Continuing Education & Public Outreach. The registration deadline is January 6, 2006. The website (<http://cecoe.tamu.edu/turfgrass/index.htm>) is very complete and provides course information, course topics, on-line registration, speaker bios, lodging information, and a downloadable program brochure.

For further info contact Dr. David Chalmers (dchalmers@tamu.edu) or Debbie Sutherland 979-845-0884 (Dsutherland@ag.tamu.edu) or visit the world-wide web at <http://cecoe.tamu.edu/turfgrass/index.htm>

Homemade Christmas Ornament Contest

Ornaments should be turned in to Mrs. Burselson in the Elementary Office or the classroom teacher of the student, no later than Friday, December 2nd. The Ornaments will be on display all day Saturday, December 3rd, in the foyer of the Opry House. The voting will begin at 5:00 on Saturday, so come on by and vote for your favorites.

Santa Coming To Town Dec. 3rd

Santa will be arriving in town on December 3, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

He will be at the Community Center. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2.00 each.

Gorman Chamber of Commerce invites you to join the festivities downtown Gorman on December 3, 2005.

Santa will be arriving at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. Please come to visit him in the Community Center.

Following your visit with Santa, please come to the park to see who will win the Christmas tree contest. Grades Pre-K through 12 will have trees decorated in our city park.

Then travel on down to the Opera House and see who won the ornament contest. Everyone in town needs to come by and vote sometime during the day. These ornaments will be placed on a tree and exhibited in the window of the Opera house during the Christmas season.

The festivities will continue with a Christmas program in the Opera House beginning at 7:30. We have the Ballet Folklorico dancers from St. Vincent's Catholic Church from Abilene. Our wonderful local talent will be there to sing our favorite Christmas songs. Come and join in the fun !!!!



Gorman falls to DeLeon

The Gorman Panthers opened the season on the road in DeLeon to face the bearcats. The panthers played an experienced team and fought hard throughout the game. The game was close through three Quarters before DeLeon pulled away those leading the way for the Panthers include Orlando Rodriguez with 9 pts and great effort on the boards. Brandon Greer also through in 7 and played outstanding defense all night long, Cory Clark came off the bench to add another 7 pts. The final score was 74 - 29. The panthers played well in there first action of the season.

Panthers Lose Scrapy Battle with Woodson

The panthers showed great strides and fought hard against the Woodson Cowboys. Gorman fought back from a 14 pt. half time deficit to force overtime on Matt Underwood's three pointer. The entire Panther team played exceptionally well. The Gorman defense played great in the entire second half and overtime. Those leading the way for the panthers, included Tyson Swanner with a resounding 32 points and numerous assists, Aaron Keith added 10 points. Brandon Greer added 9 Points and exceptional defense. The panthers played hard but just fell shorts as they lost 70 - 68 in overtime. The panthers record now stands at 0-2 on the year.

Panthers Fall To The May Tigers

The panthers fought hard against the May tigers with a score of 41 to 66. The panthers started out strong winning the first quarter. The panthers never gave up and strived to win till the last second. Everyone on the team contributed to give their panthers their 41 points. Tyson Swanner had 12 total pts. Brandon Greer added 8 along with a great tough mentality. Orlando Rodriguez added another 7 points and Matt Underwood added 6 points as well. The Panthers did a great job of overcoming and pushing through to compete well.

JV Panthers Play well.

The JV Panthers play well and gave a great effort throughout the entire game, however fell short to DeLeon 41 - 8. Those making contributions were Marc Gillen, Pete Ramirez, Martin Ramirez, Cody Church, and Carlos Gutierrez. The JV Panthers played well and gave a great effort.

JV Panthers Fall To Hico

The panthers showed improvement and increased excitement. However, they eventually fell to the tigers from Hico 31-16. Pete Ramirez led the way with six points, Marc Gillen added five points, and Matt Cogburn added 2 free throws. The Panther JV improved and play well as a Team.

JV Panther Lose A Close One To May

The Panthers lost a nail bitter to the May Tigers 38 - 39 on a last second shot. The Panthers played arguably their best game of the young season. Marc Gillen led the way with 18 points, Pete Ramirez scored 13 points, Martin Ramirez put in 5 points, and Gabe Burt added 2 more for the Panthers. Cody Church and Ty Vaughn both did an excellent job of rebounding and playing defense.

7th Grade Cub Basketball

The Cubs lost a close game to Eula 39 - 21. The Cubs played well and put forth a good effort. Those leading the way for the Cubs were Cameron Clark with 8 points, Raymond Martin added 5 points, and Matt Keith added a 4 more points. Following the loss the Cubs record now stands at 1-2 in district play.

8th Grade Cub Basketball

The Cubs defeated the Baird Bears 20 - 12 this game was with the 7th and 8th grade teams combined. Those leading the way for the cubs, were Ernie Rodriguez with 8 and Taylor Chew with 12. The cubs did a good job of playing hard and playing a great defensive game which has become a staple for these Cubs.

8th Grade Cubs Improve To 3-0 On The Year

The Cubs defeated Eula to remain Undefeated in District play. They showed that they could win the close game by defeating Eula 33-28 in what was an exciting finish. Alex Giles led the way while scoring 15 points, Ernie Rodriguez, Taylor Chew, and Tyler Johnson all finished the night with 6 points a piece. Ben Burgess played a good defensive game. The Cubs will travel next Monday to play Cross Plains.

Upcoming Events

- December 1-3 Rising Star Tourney, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
- December 5th Jr. High @ Cross Plains
- December 6th @ Woodson, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, Times TBA
- December 9 - 10 Newcastle Tourney, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
- December 12th Jr. High VS. Ranger
- December 13 @ Perrin Whitt
- December 16 VS Strawn
- December 19 VS Zephyr, 5:00 Start, JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
- December 27 - 29 Zephyr Tourney

Christmas Lighting Contest Entry Form Deadline Dec. 15

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 15. Judging will be on Friday, December 16th. No Entry Fee. Prizes will be awarded for First Place- \$75.00; Second Place- \$50.00; Third Place- \$25.00;

Entry Form

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Directions to House _____

Forms need to be turned in at the City Office.

NOTICE:

Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk will be in her office for Election Business on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the First Day To File A Candidates Appointment of Campaign Treasurer. All Interested persons will need to enter on the East Side of The Courthouse. If you have questions please call 254-629-1583.
Thank You - Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

Obituaries

Floy Morrison

It is with great sadness that the family of Floy Morrison, age 105, reports her death November 28, four months short of her 106th birthday. Mrs. Morrison was a long time resident of this area prior to relocating to Lake Fork to be near her son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Reta Crenshaw. She died at home surrounded by her family under the care of Hospice of East Texas.

As recently as October she was in Gorman for the Centennial celebration of the Church of Christ where she had been a long time member. Her sudden illness and death were unexpected, taking family and friends by surprise and robbing them of their hopes of celebrating yet another remarkable birthday March 30, 2006.

She was born March 30, 1900 in Anson, Texas, to Pinkney Franklin Ford and Beatta Laura (aunt Bea) Hamlin Ford. She was widowed twice. Her first marriage to Leslie Felix Crenshaw ended with his death in 1928. She later married Horace Morrison who was killed in a truck accident in 1937. She nursed at the Blackwell Hospital more than 30 years, as well as private nursing in the area and surrounding counties. She loved traveling; quilting; reading; but her real love was fishing. Longtime residents will remember her bringing big fish to be weighed at the grocery store next to the post office and perhaps - a true fisherman except she didn't exaggerate.

She is survived by her son, Gene Crenshaw and his wife, Reta of Lake Fork; daughter, Patricia Harrington of Sulphur Springs; five living grandchildren, eleven living great grandchildren; and thirteen great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two husbands; one daughter, Jo Underwood; one son Herbert Crenshaw; a grandson, Michael Clayton Underwood; a granddaughter, Leslie Leighann Harrington; a great grandson, Conrad Paul Clapp; and four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, December 4, 2005 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Comanche County, Texas in the family plot next to her mother, Aunt Bea Woody, and first husband, Felix Crenshaw.

The family wishes it to be known that they are grateful for her long life, her strong-spirit, her sense of humor, her love of her family and her God, and that strong pioneer spirit, grit if you will, that sustained her for almost one hundred and six years, into two centuries. Praise be the Lord.

Joan Wiler

Joan Wiler, 69, of Abilene, Texas died Friday, November 25, 2005 at her residence. Graveside services were held Saturday, November 26, 2005 at Downing Cemetery with Jackie Auvenshine officiating, under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born August 27, 1936 to the late Holland Wiler and Belvina Mae McCarley Wiler in Jones County, Texas.

She was a geological draftsman for a petroleum company and a homemaker.

She was survived by a brother, Jake Wiler of Benecia, Ca.; and one sister, Gwen Belyeu of De Leon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Lillian Geneva Reynolds, Violet Wiggins and Theola Williams.

Esmer Holland Wilmot

Esmer Holland Wilmot, age 85, of De Leon, Tx passed away on Friday, November 25, 2005 at Comanche County Medical Center.

Services were held Monday, November 28, 2005 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Vicki Robinett. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born June 17, 1920 in Georgia to the late Arther Mosley and Rosa Lee Poppins Mosley. She was a retired cook at De Leon Hospital and at the Weeping Oak Drive Inn Theatre for many years; homemaker. She resided in De Leon since 1952, coming from Roby, Tx. She was a Protestant.

She is survived by a son, Clarence Holland of De Leon; daughter, Barbara Whitley of Proctor; two sisters, Pat Russell and Mary Holland, both of De Leon; 6

Ciria Landa

Ciria Landa, age 81 of Gorman, passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2005 at the Heritage Manor Care Center.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at the Gorman Cemetery.

Miss Landa was born August 3, 1924 in Jalisco, Mexico to Macedonio Landa and Teresa (Gonzales) Landa. She was a homemaker and a Catholic. She was like a mother to her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by three brothers, Santiago Landa of Gorman, Margarito Landa of Mexico and Arnulfo Landa of Reno, NV.; two sisters, Guadalupe Landa and Consuelo Landa both of Mexico and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Lucio Landa.

grandchildren, Patricia, Raymond, Rickey, Sherri, Anita, Andre; 9 great grandchildren, John, Christina, Jeffrey, Brandon, Whitney, Shurya, Abel, Dewayne, Carressa; and one great great granddaughter, Kay-D.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred M. Holland in 1954; one daughter, Judy Lanell Beck; two brothers, Glen Mosley and Demmie Mosley and one sister Anna Lee Pollak; two granddaughters, Judy and Donna and one great-great-grandson, Dyson Robert Wright, II.

Pallbearers were Jeffrey Sones, Brandon McDonald, B. J. McDonald, Andre Benitez, Larry Holland, Dyson Wright, Ray Seckinger, Jimmy Moran. Honorary: Raymond Whitley.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation and thanks to the numerous fire fighters, friends and neighbors, who responded so quickly on Thanksgiving Day when a grass fire threatened our homes. We especially appreciate the sacrifice that you made when you left your family on this holiday to rescue us. Words cannot adequately express our feelings of gratitude. We would have lost everything without you.

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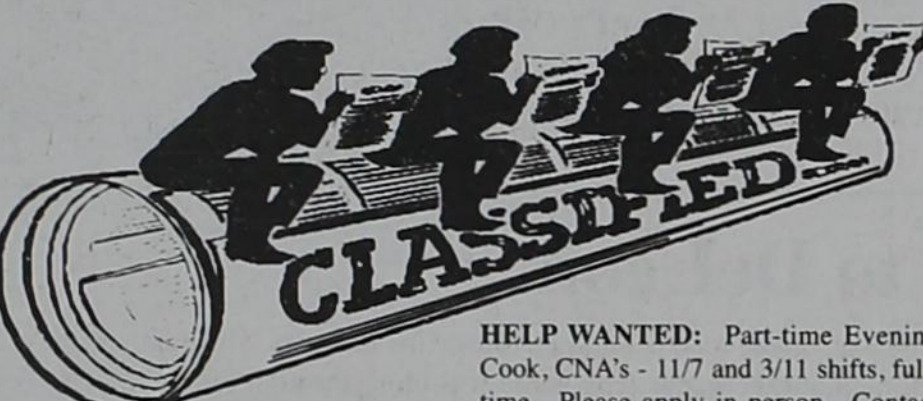
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Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Country Christmas

Dec. 2

Country Christmas, December 2, 2005 is almost upon us. Plan to come and participate. It will be held in the De Leon City Hall Auditorium from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be lots of fun activities for the children and the Merchants will be having their Open House. There will be lots of good things to eat and you can get your Christmas Shopping done. The Chamber is also having Open House with goodies. Come by and visit with us.

Santa will arrive at 6:00 p.m. in front of City Hall. Then, he will be available for pictures. Riley's Studio of Comanche will be taking pictures this year. The outside Christmas Lights will be turned on at this time by Mayor Jim Adams. The display will be in the City Park Lot. Ray Holcroft will be here with his mule, Dolly, and covered wagon to give free rides sponsored by The Comanche County Telephone Company and Mid-Tex.

Inside the Girl Scouts will have the Food Concession, the 4-H Club will have cold/hot drinks and desserts, and the Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn and have games. There will be vendors with jewelry, crafts and much more. We will be drawing for door prizes throughout the night. We still have room for vendors, so give us a call if you want a space. This is sure to be a fun night.

The Pecan Bake Show will be held in the Auditorium. Jane Sims will be taking entries between 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. Judging will be held immediately after the entries are turned in. The items will be on display at Country Christmas for everyone to see. Please enter, you might win. For more info call Jane at 254-893-2130 or 893-2427.

Don't forget to buy your tickets on the SUNL 90cc 4 Wheeler. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Call Barbara at the Chamber 254-893-2083 for more info or to enter the home or business Christmas Decoration contest. The deadline to enter is **December 15, 2005**. The categories are Religious, Traditional (old fashioned), Originality and Businesses. The judging will be **December 15**.

For more information about FSA county committee elections, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/Default.asp>.

Dorothy Roberts spent Thanksgiving Day in Fort Worth visiting with her daughter, Richard and Ulenda Cofsky. Other visitors in the home were Heather Caddell and children, Kelsey, Cameron and Cain; Heath Weaver, Ashley Weaver and son, Noah; Tanner Weaver, Sylvester Cooper all of Fort Worth; Jeff Roberts and Henry Rivas of Dallas; Shelly Horan and son, Sam, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena all of Granbury.

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

Karen Eaves and Lorin hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for the family. Those attending were Pug and Vonnice Guthery, Belinda Webb, Holly Guthery, Roy and Angela Powledge and son, Lane, Kandice Martin and son, Dylan. Other visitors were Jody Walston and grandson, Trevor all of Desdemona.

Colin and Kaley Garcia spent Thanksgiving weekend in Whitney with their Dad, George and Crystal Garcia and son, Gavin.

Thanksgiving Day visitors with Benard and Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinett of De Leon, Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn of San Antonio, Billy and Nikki Febinger and children, Christopher and Allison of Cleburne, and Derek Robinett of San Antonio.

"Humpty" and Betty Duke hosted a late family Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 27th. Those attending were Rodney and Debbie Duke of Pantego, John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney, Scott and Risa Ashley and children, Brandon and Lauren of Meridan, Russell and Kayla Duke and daughters, Elisa and Katie of Stephenville and Rusty and Samantha Duke of Desdemona.

Larry and Gay Moore enjoyed their family thru the holidays. They are Bruce and Renee White and children, Chelsea and Cory of Stephenville, Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagan and Scarlet of Lingleville and "Shorty" Fox of Desdemona.

Estelle Lindley enjoyed having all of her family together on Thanksgiving Day at the First Baptist Church Annex. Forty family members attended for lots of good food and fellowship.

Have a Good Week, Vonnice.

USDA URGES VOTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Dec. 5 Deadline for Submitting Ballots Nears

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today urged America's farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to vote in FSA county committee elections by Dec. 5, the deadline for casting ballots.

"FSA county committees provide producers with the opportunity to help implement federal farm programs in their communities," said Johanns. "It is vital that all farmers and ranchers, especially women and minorities, participate in the elections process to ensure the opinions expressed in committee meetings reflect an area's agricultural sector."

Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by the close of business on Dec. 5. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2006.

FSA county committees help administer federal farm programs at the local level. Committee members make decisions on conservation programs; commodity price support loans and payments; disaster assistance payments; and other agricultural issues.

County committees consist of three to five elected members who serve three-year terms. Committees may also have one or more female or minority advisors to further represent the local interests of women and minority farmers and ranchers. Each year, one-third of all committee members are elected across the country. More than 7,700 county committee members serve in more than 2,300 local FSA offices nationwide.

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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Deficit Reduction Package Approved by the House

Long-time readers of the Roundup know that I've been writing about one particular significant piece of legislation for the past few weeks. Now, a year's worth of work to reduce the deficit is down to its final days. Last week, the House passed the Deficit Reduction Act which will save approximately \$50 billion over the next five years. The next step in the process is for the House and Senate to work out the differences between their respective bills. These negotiations will be important as I believe that the House version is a fair bill that calls on all areas of government to tighten their belts. When Congress reconvenes following the Thanksgiving holiday, finalizing the Deficit Reduction Act will be priority #1. At that time, I hope to have good news to report.

House and Senate Approve Funding for Dyess Housing

With both the House and the Senate approving legislation last week that includes funding for housing construction on military bases, Dyess Air Force Base is a signature from President Bush away from receiving \$43 million to modernize housing on the base. These federal dollars will help build 190 new housing units for our military families at Dyess. Some of the housing dates back to the 1950's and needs to be brought into the 21st Century. There are often many tough decisions that need to be made when it comes to legislative issues. However, this was not one of them. Our military and their families go through a lot to keep us safe. Providing quality housing for them is an easy call to make.

Positive News on Sales Tax Deductibility

Many Texans, especially those who must send the IRS a check each April, may be familiar with the sales tax deductibility issue. Taxpayers who have to send in a state income tax return each year are able to deduct that amount from their federal income tax return. However, taxpayers in states without a state income tax, such as Texas, clearly do not have this option. This has led to an effort to allow Texans to deduct the amount they pay in state sales tax each year from their federal tax returns. Although we have not yet been able to make sales tax deductibility permanent, we have been successful in getting this tax relief enacted for 2004 and 2005. Similar efforts to extend this tax relief through 2006 are currently underway and close to becoming law. Last week, the committee that oversees tax legislation approved sales tax deductibility for 2006 returns as part of H.R. 4297. The House will vote on this measure in early December. Sales tax deductibility is the fundamentally fair thing to do, and I will continue to support it as the issue is debated in Congress.

--Randy

Previous Roundups can be found on my website at http://www.randy.house.gov/newsroom_roundup.shtml

De Leon's Country Christmas — December 2nd - City Auditorium - 5 to 10 p.m.

Tickets for SUNL 90cc 4 Wheeler - \$1 ea. or 6 for \$5.00

Pictures with Santa provided by Riley Studio

Santa arrives at 6:00 P.M.

The Pecan Bake Show - Vendors - Door Prizes

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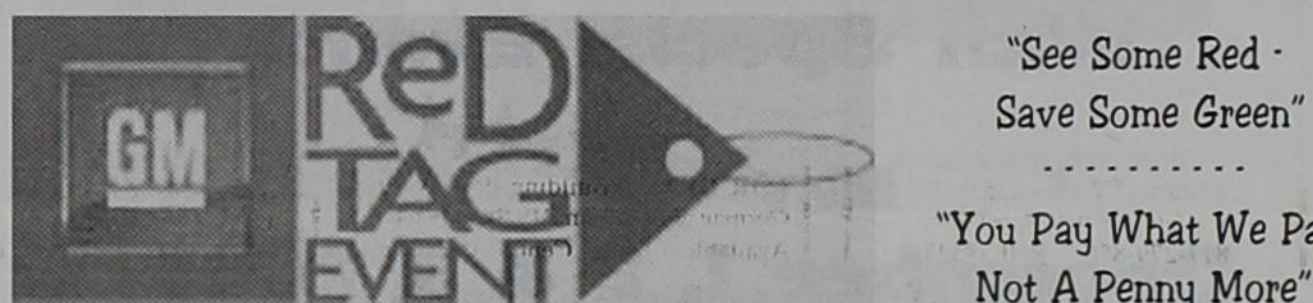
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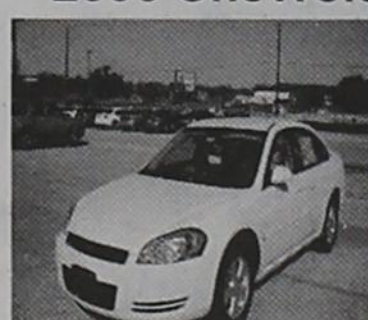
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\$38,316.80 + TT&L

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I along with the entire Tyson Family would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers not only for the past few days since my Mother's passing, but also for the past 6 months while she battled cancer. It has been a long hard road, but it was much easier to travel it with all the prayers she received during her battle. She is at peace now and no longer suffers and even though we are saddened by having lost her, she is where she wanted and needed to be. I would like to especially thank the members of the Methodist Church here in Gorman and Pastor Pena for their continuous prayers and support during the past 6 months. I could not begin to list all those I need to thank for there are so many. However I would like to mention my coaching staff which has been very understanding and supportive and that meant a lot in what was a tough time and I thank each of them for helping me through this. It was very comforting to see some of you at my Mother's funeral and very thoughtful of those that sent flowers/plants to show your sympathies.

I would like to request continued prayers for my Dad who lost his wife of 44 years and almost 9 months to this battle with cancer. There will be difficult times for him and your prayers will help comfort him in his time of need. Once again thank you all from my entire family.
Coby Tyson

Pig Tales from Hogtown

Happy Holidays
From Desdemona!

Now that we have made 'pigs' of ourselves at Thanksgiving, it is time to think about Christmas. Do you really want to do that much cooking again? And who really wants to go shopping? We have the answer for you. We are having a 'Christmas in Desdemona' sale on Dec. 2nd and 3rd and again on Dec. 9th and 10th. The times are 10:00am until 8:00pm each day. There will be lots of homemade goodies - Desdemona has many great cooks. Our crafty folks have put their talents to work making decorations for your home and gifts to give to others.

Please join us in downtown Desdemona right across the street from the Boomtown Cafe this weekend and next.

TXOL INTERNET

See Lonnie At The Gorman Progress

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School Menu

BREAKFAST

Week of December 1 thru 7

THURSDAY - Breakfast

pizza, Juice and Milk.

FRIDAY - Sausage, Biscuits,

Gravy, Juice and Milk.

MONDAY - Cereal, Graham

Crackers, Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY - French Toast

Stixs, Syrup, Oranges, Juice

and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast

Burritos, Taco Sauce, Juice,

and Milk.

LUNCH

THURSDAY - Oven Fried

Chicken, or Steakfingers, po-

tatoes, green beans, hot rolls,

gravy, catsup and milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza or Hamburg-

ers, Corn, lettuce, tomatoes,

pickles, mayo, mustard,

peaches and milk.

MONDAY - Fish or Chicken

Spaghetti, salad, mix fruit,

garlic bread, dressing, tarter

sauce, catsup and milk.

TUESDAY - Enchilada Cas-

serole or Burritos, salad,

peach crisp, Spanish rice,

salsa, dressing, peppers and

milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hotdogs or

hoagie Ham, lettuce, toma-

atoes, pickles, ranch beans,

mustard, mayo, catsup,

pears and milk.



Christmas Theme

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Santa Phone Calls From The North Pole

The North Pole announces personal phone calls from Santa Claus this year! Santa Claus has decided to make personal phone calls to a limited amount of children upon request. This year Santa Claus is taking time from his busy schedule to make as many personal phone calls as possible. His North Pole recording studio is even recording the conversation plus sending a CD of the Child's conversation with Santa. Santa Claus will even take time from his busy schedule to make a personal video for Children upon request this year. Santa talks directly to children with a personal greeting and message. The North Pole office is even sending out good list awards or a personal letter from Santa Claus himself that's post-marked from the North Pole.

Some lucky recipients will even get to talk to a few elves live. With Christmas being so close Santa and his Elves are scheduling calls now through his web site. www.santaphonecalls.com or they can call his US office at (866)793-3876 toll free. His email is santacalls@hotmail.com. Having Santa Claus call or send a personal video greeting makes a great gift for your loved ones. For every phone call or personalized video made a donation is made to Secret Santa. Santa says you better be nice though, he's still checking his list twice.

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American Angus Association Plans Outreach Seminars

In a continued effort to communicate with its members at the local level, the American Angus Association will conduct a series of Outreach Seminars for the third year. The seminars start in December 2005 and will continue into the winter and spring of 2006.

An Outreach Seminar is set for Friday, January 20 at the Fort Worth Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas. The seminar will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and is being held in the Cattle Barn #1 Dorm, just above the cattle stall in Barn #1.

Association staff and directors will be on hand to discuss current Association programs, including the AngusSourceSM marketing program and genetic selection tools. They will also discuss how the Association and its members will impact the future of the beef business.

"These seminars were designed so our staff can visit with the membership in their own backyard. In addition to informing the membership about current Association programs, we also want to know what ideas are on our members' minds," says Jim Shirley, Association vice president of industry relations and director of commercial programs.

For more information about this or other scheduled Outreach Seminars, go to www.angus.org or contact the Association at 816-383-5100.

A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett

THE KEY TO DEEP SATISFACTION Part One

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matthew 5:6)

Here Jesus addresses the single most relevant issue of human existence: desire. God created us with needs. We are all desire-driven creatures! Desire is the spontaneous hunger for the things we think will satisfy us. Most people live with a hope of acquiring more happiness and satisfaction than they currently enjoy. All people thirst for what they think will make them happy. But have you ever noticed how it is never enough? The new car or toy or wife or movie may make us happy for a while. But then the reality dawns again: I'm not satisfied. So we continue to consume and acquire in our pursuit of happiness.

Someone said that people are like small kids choosing to make mud pies in the slums when an invitation to spend a vacation at the beach is being offered! Why do people abuse drugs and alcohol? They desire to feel better and feel they have found temporary relief in these things. Why do people become addicted to pornography and illicit relationships? They desire physical intimacy and feel temporarily satisfied by instant gratification. Why do people spend their entire lives trying to get rich or trying one more time to win the lottery? They believe money is the key to real happiness.

Desire moves us all to action...every day. Unfortunately, the objects of our desire are often no better than mud pies and virtual reality, and very often create terrible consequences. But Jesus offers something that most of us have never considered as a real object of desire: righteousness. People today look at that word the way a calf looks at a new gate! It's foreign to them. Some of my readers probably think, "Righteousness? That's archaic, boring, and religious. I could never be satisfied with that." And little do they know that what their heart's most deeply desire, yes, and the only thing that can lastingly satisfy them, is being offered by Jesus. (Catch the conclusion next week. Questions or comments? Email: dane@txol.net)

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Child Safety Seat Classes will be held the first Wednesday of each month at the Gorman Community Center @ 7 p.m., and on the third Wednesday of each month at Eastland Memorial Hospital @ 7p.m. This is a free class. Call 734-4526 or 734-5989 To Sign Up.

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

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. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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

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Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

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.

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.

EDC TALK

Extra Photos That were left out last week

Many of you may recall that Texas Recycles Day was last Tuesday. I would like to thank Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Burleson and the entire faculty at Maxfield Elementary for such great participation. BFI donated recycling bins for paper and aluminum (which are still available for collections) and every student received a Don't Mess with Texas sticker or window decal from Keep Texas Beautiful.

The elementary school held two contests: 1) recycled artwork and 2) inventions with recycled materials. There were nearly 30 contestants in grades K-6. Each participant received a t-shirt with the logo GORMAN—OUR FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT, WE'VE GOT TO WEAR SHADES. These t-shirts were donated by Keep Gorman Beautiful and Barefoot Athletics in Stephenville. Second place winners won a free movie rental from Gorman Video and first place winners received two movie passes compliments of the Majestic Theatre in Eastland.

Education is such a large part of the overall program of reduce, reuse, and recycle. Many of us 'old dogs' have a hard time remembering to recycle or seeing the benefit of re-using an item. It was great to see the clever ideas of these students and to encourage all of us to look around and see how we can re-use a particular item to become something useful and artistic.

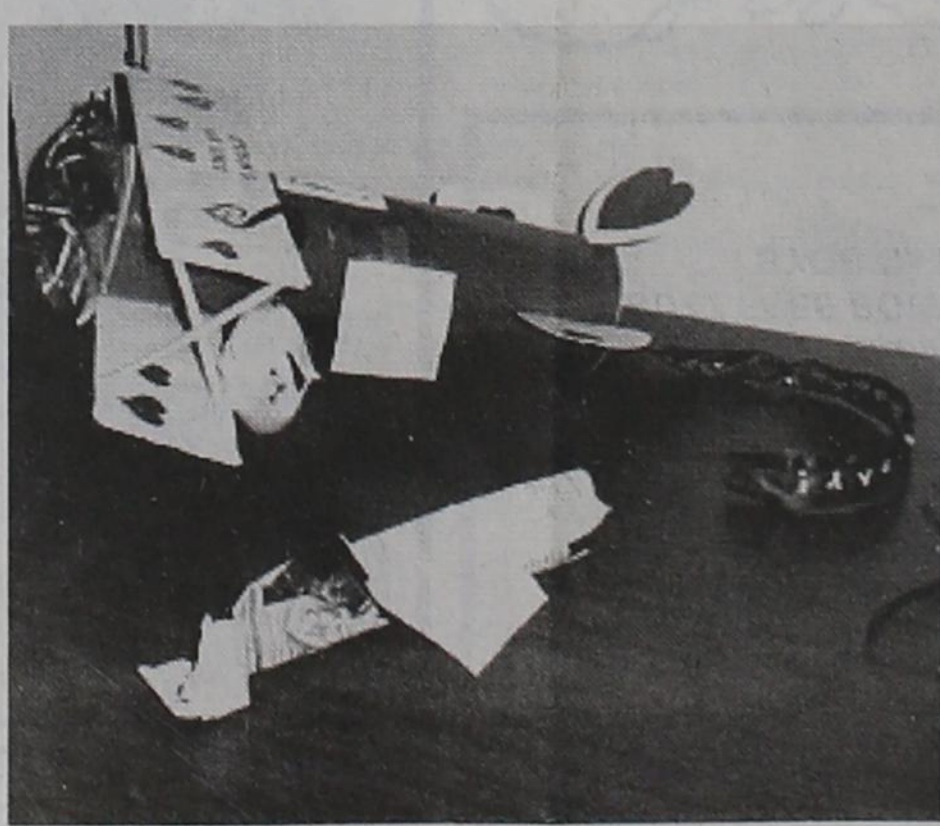
Feel free to continue to send your recyclable items of paper and aluminum to school until further notice. And please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 if you want to get involved with future Keep Gorman Beautiful projects.



Front Row L-R: Jasmine Fisher, Carrissa Cole, Ismael Herrera, Audri Segura, Isaac Segura
Back Row L-R: Talee Jones, Kayce Dodd, Syndey Casey, Stratton Thompson, Connor Kehl



Front Row L-R: Chloe Cole, Brittany Burns, Keighvin Kehl, Brenton Coan, Christopher Simmons
Back Row L-R: Blake Self, Lindsey Thackerson, Madison Warren, Kourtney Seaton



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I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We did! I think for the first time all year I got to watch an entire professional football game. I really enjoyed it except for the fact that Dallas lost in overtime. We spent the day with my sister's family in Abilene and we had a wonderful time. I even enjoyed shopping with Vicki (my wife) the day after Thanksgiving. The crowds in Abilene weren't that bad. I heard on the news that the retailers were disappointed in the turn-out (nationwide). I don't think the news people were at the same stores where Vicki and I shopped. They didn't look disappointed at all, especially in the lines to the registers. We still have a lot of Christmas shopping to do though. Hopefully, we can all stay focused on the reason we celebrate Christmas in the first place, the birth of Jesus. What a gift!

Now for winding up the first semester of school and making it to Christmas break. We really need a lot of help from parents during this time to help keep the students focused on finishing the semester strong; staying focused on getting homework done and studying for semester tests. Three week progress reports go out today. If you have any questions for your child's teachers, don't hesitate to call them. If you are worried about your child's grades, call and set up a conference with the teacher. When you and the teacher work as a team, your child wins!

Important dates coming up:

- Dec. 1-3 Varsity Basketball tournament Rising Star
- Dec. 5 District FFA Banquet Stephenville Junior High Basketball @ Cross Plains
- Dec. 6 HS Basketball @ Woodson Junior High UIL @ Ranger
- Dec. 7 Picture Retakes and Basketball Pictures

The results of the Texas Recycle Day Contests were as follows:

Invention Contest

- 1st Place-Purse out of straws-Haven Gibbs-4th Grade
- 2nd Place-Turkey out of cans-Chloe Cole-3rd Grade

Art Contest

- 1st Place-Totem Pole-Carrissa Cole-1st Grade
- 2nd Place-Airplane-Stetson Thompson-6th Grade

The Second Grade's Thanksgiving Day Celebration was a great success. The children were excited and they had a lot of fun in their Indian and Pilgrim costumes. It was great to see so many parents able to come enjoy the festivities. Parental involvement always makes an event more memorable and special to a child. Remember parents, we want you to be involved as much as you can be!

Speaking of involvement, there will be a P.T.O. meeting on December 1st at 6:30 in the Elementary Library. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in a meaningful way and meet a lot of good people at the same time. What else do you have to do that's as important?

Please remember that no shorts are to be worn to school until after Spring Break. We will let you know when it's ok. In the mean time, dress your children in layers so that they may adapt to the wide range of temperatures we experience this time of year. While on the topic of weather, this is a good opportunity to let you know that in the event that we have to cancel a day of school because of bad weather or delay the time in which we will begin, I will call local radio stations and area television stations with the notice. We will always do our best not to close school.

The end of the third six weeks is December 16th. On December 15th and 16th, school will be released at 12:45pm. The Christmas Holidays are December 19th through January 2nd. Students will return to school at regular time on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the basketball schedules and support these kids as much as you can now and over the holidays. There will be plenty of basketball to go around. Schedules are posted on the school website. Also, over the holidays, we will be making a change in the gymnasium. Besides the floors being refinished, the teams will be sitting on the home side of the court and the seating on the south side of the floor will be removed to make a safe, clear walkway to the restrooms. No foot traffic will be permitted to cross in front of the new team seating areas. You will have to enter the stands from one end or the other. If you want to enter on the west end, you will have to walk around the south side and west end of the court. There will be no more traffic crossing in front of the team and the coaches for safety reasons! Thanks for your cooperation!

If I missed any event that you would like to have seen covered, please let me know. It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the future.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Now that Thanksgiving Day is past, let us continue to be thankful as we begin preparations for Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bro. James Bond of Plano was the speaker at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Other visitors were his wife, Marion Bond, Ima Boles of Granbury, Vernon Bennett of Crane, Rylee Shott of Eastland and Ben Burgess of Gorman. Jimmy Little led the music with Daryl Hirst at the piano and Glynda Bond at the piano. The special music, "Stepping In the Light" was rendered by Aletha Burgess, Sylvia Buchanan, Daryl Hirst, Thomas Seay, Jimmy Little and Joe Bond with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. James and Marion Bond visited with Joe and Glynda Bond during the weekend.

Joe and Glynda Bond took their son Brian Bond of Ft. Myers, FL to Goldthwaite on Tuesday to meet Shannon Bond and Brian spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Coppas Cove with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey.

Joe and Glynda Bond, Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond and Brian Bond attended the Bond Family Thanksgiving get together in the home of Sue and Choc Christopher in Celina. Brian and his cousins, John and Jim Bond attended the A&M - Texas football game at College Station on Friday.

Woodrow and Helen Browning, Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham, Gene and Kay Snider, Cathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider of Gorman enjoyed an early Christmas celebration at the Elgante' Hotel in Abilene during the weekend.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving Day with Joyce Pence and family in Granbury were Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Danny and Charla Burgess, Billy and Sheryl Burgess of Granbury, Alissa Burgess of Bryan, Grant Burgess and friend, Michelle of Stephenville; Gary and Ann Burgess and Ginger, Sonya, Marco and Bryson Herrera of Gorman, Stephen, Shondra, Garrett and Colton Scierm of Anson and Aline Garrett of Gorman.

Nancy Hendricks and Doris Bradshaw of Gorman had Thanksgiving Dinner with Sylvia Buchanan.

Pete and Pat (Everton) Stewart of Bogalusa, LA visited last week with her brother, Cecil Everton.

Those visiting and having a sandwich supper with LaVon Snider this week were: McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger, Sheri Labonte and Lisa Snider of VA, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Ted and Charlotte Snider, Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider, Mike, Rachel and Michelle Snider, Belinda, Isaac, Audri, Ella and Belle Segura of Gorman. Some of the family had school activities and could not attend.

On Thursday, LaVon ate dinner and visited with Dwayne and Connie Snider, Lisa Snider, Brandon and Sheri LaBonte, Rick Park, and Jeanne, Franklin and Chloe Baker. On Friday, LaVon met Dale,

Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum in Stephenville to see a movie. On Sunday LaVon enjoyed dinner with Ted and Charlotte Snider; Jamie, Stephanie, Anna, Andrew, Matthew, Craig and Kael Snider of Hollis, OK; and Clay, Susan, Kyann, Caitlin and McKinsey Wheat of Ranger.

Joe and Glynda Bond, Sylvia Buchanan, Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan visited with Johnnie B. Griffith and Hattie Griffith of Forsan at Hattie's Lake Leon home on Saturday. Bill and Dorothy Mims of Eastland also visited with Johnnie B. and Hattie.

Vernon Bennett of Crane visited with his sister, Betty Little.

Ima Boles of Granbury visited with Bobby and Mary Jane Little during the weekend.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during the Thanksgiving holidays were Judy and Sarah Porter and Tino and Scarlet Torres of Austin, Amanda Porter and John Meldee of Elgin, James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb and Chelsea's friend, Stephanie of Granbury, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga, Hatomie and Stephen Bergmark of Comanche, Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson and Timmy Garcia of Comanche.

A birthday party to celebrate Jantzen Webb's and Stephen Bergmark's birthdays was also en-

joyed late Saturday afternoon.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with Joe, Barbara and Michael Fields were Kaylea and Jamie Thomas of Gorman, Falyn Fields of Breckenridge, Richard and Teresa Nachtigall, and Paul, Taylor and Aubrey Elizabeth Dyas of Morgan Mill.

Zelda Jordan spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Abilene with Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell. They enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner in the home of Wade's parents, Loyd and Gail Daniell. Loyd's mother, Lois Daniell and his sister, Judy Tubb of Abilene also attended the dinner.

EMILY DANIELL CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Emily Jordan Daniell was honored with a party in celebration of her 3rd birthday in the home of her grandparents, Loyd and Gail Daniell in Abilene on Saturday, November 26, 2005. The birthday cake was baked by her mother, Sheri Daniell and held a Strawberry Shortcake candle and was inscribed with "Happy Birthday Emily". The Strawberry Shortcake theme was used in the tablecloth, plates, cups and napkins. Ice Cream and cold drinks was served with the cake.

Those helping Emily celebrate were her parents, Wade and Sheri

Daniell, her brothers, Ryan and Kody Daniell, grandparents, Loyd and Gail Daniell, cousin Tanner Daniell, Great-grandmother, Zelda Jordan of Gorman and a great-aunt Judy Tubb of Abilene.

Emily had a wonderful time opening her gifts.

Emily was also honored with a birthday party, attended by her little friends and neighborhood children at her home on Saturday, November 19. The Strawberry Shortcake theme was also used at that party. The birthday cake, baked by her mother, Sheri, was in the form of a large Strawberry. Emily had a great time at both parties.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

Make Every Second Count!

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Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it closes the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposit. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success. The clock is running. Make the most of today.

- ✓ To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who has failed his final exam.
- ✓ To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.
- ✓ To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the house-parents of an orphan's home.
- ✓ To realize the value of ONE DAY, ask a person on minimum wage with four kids and no sick time.
- ✓ To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask a soldier about to go over seas
- ✓ To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who has missed his plane.
- ✓ To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who survived an accident.
- ✓ To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who came in second in the Olympics.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Annual Family Thanksgiving Covered Luncheon was on Thursday, November 17th at 12:00 noon. Heritage Manor furnished the turkey, dressing and ham. Family members added potatoes, carrots, green beans, black eyed peas, salads, cakes and pies. All served with iced tea or coffee. Mark Slaughter gave the welcoming address. A resident voiced the Thanksgiving Blessing prayer. There were Lots of visitors.

Recent guests were Kenneth and Vonica Snider of Rosebud, Arkansas, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Bill Moll and Maudie Husband of Cisco, Jackie Whitlock of De Leon, Sue Pettigrew and Cloy Clayton of Desdemona, Diana Snider and Larry and De Linda Snider of Gorman.

Residents send "Get Well Wishes" to Beth Shirley.

Some visitors were Billy Earl and Frances Simpson, Frankie Stacy, Tacy and Madison Warren, Christine Hammontree, Durward Webb, Larry Stogsdill of Gorman, and Jim Bourland of Eastland.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 James Mears of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson, "Look to God For Wisdom." Life question, "Where Can I Turn For Wisdom In Dealing With Suffering and Loss?" Background passages Job 22:1-28, Focal passages Job 28:12-19, 23-28. A resident voiced the closing prayer. There were fifteen residents present.

Some visitors were Jewel Dean Morris of De Leon, Annie Faye Foster, Pam Childers, Bonnie D. Stewart, Lendon Morgan, Elmer Lee Morgan of Dallas and Barry Schahn.

On Sunday afternoon coming from the Bride of Christ were Rev. Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Perkins and Rose Marie Allen. Bro. Rainey led singing and his topic was "Thankfulness". Text - Colossians 3:14-15. There were twenty-one residents present. A resident voice the closing prayer.

Visiting were Thomas and Vickie Seay, Tommy Lynn Seay, James Mears, Daisy Slaton and Karen Guthery.

On Friday Billie Marble, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had BINGO. There were seven residents playing. They all enjoyed snacks and juices.

Recent visitors were James, Ellen, and Rachel Tucker and Dalton Taylor.

On Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 the Carbon Community Baptist Church Youth Group came, gave Thanksgiving Cards and visited everyone. They were Leader - Ashley Rich and Nichole Forbus, Katie Byers, Link Lawrence, Paige Preston, Chloe Byers and Justin Cummings.

Recent visitors were Frankie Stacy, Mary Turner, Raymond Hattox and Christine Hammontree.

On Monday morning at 8:00 Karen Guthery opened the Beauty Shop and styled hair.

Some guests were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Pam Hulse of Hobbs, N.M., Virginia Skaggs, Irene West, Kay Snider, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan, Ashley Rich, Nicole Forbus, Link Lawrence, Nancy Hendricks, Paige Preston, Chloe Byers, Katie Byers and Justin Cummings.

On Monday morning at 10:00 was Coffee Break. That fresh Popped Corn and Hot Coffee was sure enjoyed by several residents.

Visiting were Harold and Tody Zink, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and De Sha Johnson, Tyo and Charolette Johnson of Desdemona.

On Monday afternoon Gospel Singers were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan, Ernestine Campbell and Nancy Hendricks. Special by a resident and Ruby Lee, "Send The Light" and also a Special by Woodrow, Helen, Ruby Lee and Billy Joe, "Come Morning", "I'll Shout and Sing" and "Sunset Is Coming But The Sunrise We Will See". Woodrow voiced the dismissal prayer. There were seventeen residents attending.

Some guests were Don Landers of Springtown, Jerry Majors of De Leon, Ernestine Campbell, Ruby Lee Kinser, Dorothy Roberts and Betty Duke of Desdemona.

Tuesday morning those coming to help with BINGO were Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith. There were thirteen residents playing. They enjoyed apple juice and coffee.

Recent visitors were Kennard and Doyleene Roberts of Gustine, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Rodney Roberts and George Rodgers.

On Tuesday Shawnah Bass had "Caring Hearts" for 8 residents. "Current Events" were discussed. She served peanut butter, jelly, crackers and ice tea.

Some visitors were Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Perkins, Rose Marie Allen, Freddie Rodgers of Desdemona, Steve Estes of Sanger and James Kinser.

On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing. There were twelve residents present and guest Nancy Hendricks.

Some guests were Dr. Micheal and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, James and Mary Jesse of Fort Worth, Sylvia Estes and Bubba of De Leon.

On Wednesday morning Bro. Larry Stogsdill came for "Bible Study."

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Brawner and Nell Files of Carbon.

Wednesday afternoon Shawnah Bass had "Caring Hearts" for six residents. They enjoyed cookies and ice tea.

Jason Killebrew, Judy Killebrew, Billie Marble had "CRAZY BINGO".

Some guests were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Mary Jeffs, Frances Warren, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood and Billie Marble.

Visiting were Jeff Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Judy Killebrew of De Leon, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield.

Thanksgiving Day residents watched the Parade, ate and enjoyed their guests.



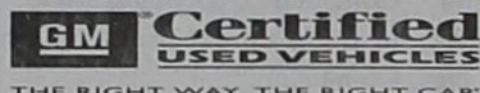
Lions Clubs International President Ashok Mehta presented individual awards to several Lions during the Cleburne Lions Club 85th Anniversary celebration. From left are Lions Brent Shehorn, Fred Bennett, Sam Mann, Joe Stephens, Charlotte Gorman and Curtis Trent. Shehorn received an appreciation gift for hospitality. Bennett, Mann and Charles Cooke, not shown, received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest award from Lions International. Stephens received the President's personal recognition pin. Gorman and Trent received Membership Keys for securing two or more new members.

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'05 Pontiac Grand Am	Loaded, Auto, 25K, Warranty	\$13,250
'05 Chevy Malibu	Loaded, Auto, 23K, Warranty	\$12,750
'05 Chevy Cavalier	Loaded, Auto, 23K, Warranty	\$11,950
'05 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	4X4, loaded, 3K, Warranty	\$27,900
'05 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 14K, Warranty	\$34,900
'05 GMC 1500 Crew Cab	4X4, leather, 15K, Warranty	\$26,900

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'04 Chevy Impala	Loaded, V6, 22K, Warranty	\$12,950
'04 Chevy Impala	Loaded, Auto, 21K, Warranty	\$12,950
'04 Chevy Venture	LS, loaded, 23K, Warranty	\$15,900
'04 Chevy Trailblazer	LS, loaded, 48K, Warranty	\$17,900
'04 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	LS, V8, 18K, Warranty	\$19,500
'04 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	LT, 4 X 4, 28K Warranty	\$22,750
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	4X4, LS, 46K, Warranty	\$24,250
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, leather, 23K, Warranty	\$32,500
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	4X4, Diesel, 6-Spd. 30K, Warranty	\$25,900
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	4X4, Diesel, loaded, 32K, Warranty	\$28,900
'04 Ford Escape	Loaded, XLT, 18K, Warranty	\$17,500
'04 Ford F150 Reg. Cab	Auto, V6, 8K, Warranty	\$15,500
'04 Ford F150 Crew Cab	4X4, loaded, 17K, Warranty	\$26,500
'04 Olds Alero	4 Dr., loaded, 25K, Warranty	\$11,500

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'03 Chevy Tahoe	LS, loaded, 33K, Warranty	\$22,000
'03 Chevy Avalanche	Loaded, V8, 18K, Warranty	\$21,900
'03 Ford Ranger X-Cab	Auto, loaded, 76K, Warranty	\$10,900
'03 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab	Sportside, loaded, V8, 51K, Warranty	\$15,500
'03 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	HD, loaded, 34K, Warranty	\$21,500
'03 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	LS, loaded, 48K, Warranty	\$20,500
'03 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	4X4, loaded, 25K, Warranty	\$19,500
'03 Chevy 3500 X-Cab	Duramax, loaded, 117K, Warranty	\$19,000
'03 Ford F250 Crew Cab	Diesel, 4X4, 51K, Warranty	\$29,000
'03 Ford F250 Crew Cab	Diesel, 4X4, 49K, Warranty	\$29,000
'03 Dodge 1500 Reg. Cab	Auto, V6, 43K, Warranty	\$10,950
'03 Dodge 2500 Crew Cab	Diesel, 4X4, loaded, 38K, Warranty	\$25,500
'03 Toyota 4-Runner Limited	4X4, leather, 28K, Warranty	\$27,900
'03 Volvo V70	Leather, sunroof, 26K, Warranty	\$23,500

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'02 Chevy Monte Carlo SS	Leather, Loaded, 45K, Warranty	\$14,000
'02 Chevy Trailblazer	LS, loaded, 37K, Warranty	\$15,500
'02 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	LS, loaded, 27K, Warranty	\$15,250
'02 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	Loaded, LS, 60K, Warranty	\$14,750
'02 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, LT, 79K, Warranty	\$25,500
'02 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Leather, 4X4, Duramax, 127K, Warranty	\$19,990
'02 Ford F250 X-Cab	4X4, diesel, Flatbed, 60K, Warranty	\$22,500
'02 Dodge 1500 Crew Cab	Loaded, V8, 48K, Warranty	\$15,500
'02 Dodge 3500 X-Cab	4X4, diesel, loaded, 61K, Warranty	\$25,500



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'01 Buick Le Sabre	Loaded, V6, 36K, Warranty	\$11,500
'01 Chevy S-10 X-Cab	4 Cyl., auto, 21K, Warranty	\$ 9,500
'01 Chevy Tahoe	3rd Row Seat, loaded, 79K, Warranty	\$15,250
'01 Chevy Tracker	Loaded, auto, V6, 61K, Warranty	\$ 8,250
'01 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	4X4, LT, 149K, Warranty	\$13,000
'01 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	4X4, loaded, 97K, Warranty	\$14,500
'01 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	Loaded, auto, 69K, Warranty	\$17,500
'01 Chevy 2500 X-Cab	6 Spd., V8, 4X4, 57K, Warranty	\$17,500
'01 Chevy 2500 X-Cab	Auto, 4X4, 49K, Warranty	\$14,900
'01 Dodge Neon	SE, auto, 38K, Warranty	\$ 7,000
'01 Ford F150 Reg. Cab	4X4, V8, 34K, Warranty	\$13,000
'01 Ford F150 Super Crew	4X4, loaded, 101K, Warranty	\$14,750
'01 Ford F150 Super Crew	XLT, loaded, 61K, Warranty	\$13,900
'01 Ford F250 X-Cab	Diesel, loaded, 86K, Warranty	\$17,500
'01 GMC Sonoma X-Cab	V6, auto, 81K, Warranty	\$ 9,750
'01 GMC Sonoma Crew Cab	Loaded, 4X4, 40K, Warranty	\$13,900
'01 Mitsubishi Montero Sport	Leather, loaded, 89K, Warranty	\$11,500
'01 Mercury Grand Marquis	Leather, loaded, 61K, Warranty	\$11,500
'01 VW Passat	Leather, sunroof, 24K, Warranty	\$14,950

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'00 Buick Le Sabre	Loaded, V6, 59K, Warranty	\$ 9,950
'00 Ford Explorer	XLT, loaded, 71K, Warranty	\$ 9,500
'00 Ford Ranger Reg. Cab	4 Cyl., 5-Spd., 72K, Warranty	\$ 5,990
'00 Lincoln Town Car	Loaded, leather, 55K, Warranty	\$12,500
'99 Ford Conversion Van	Loaded, auto, 79K, Warranty	\$ 9,250
'99 Lexus G5 300	Leather, loaded, 71K, Warranty	\$16,900
'99 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab	Leather, 4X4, 120K, Warranty	\$ 9,990
'99 Pontiac Montana	Loaded, LS, 55K, Warranty	\$ 8,950
'98 Chevy 1500 S-Cab	Loaded, only 71K, Warranty	\$ 9,500
'98 Dodge Dakota X-Cab	V6, 5 Spd., 53K, Warranty	\$ 6,250
'98 GMC 1500 X-Cab	Leather, loaded, 97K, Warranty	\$ 9,000
'97 Olds 88	Loaded, only 49K, Warranty	\$ 5,950
'97 Olds Aurora	Loaded, leather, 75K, Warrant	\$ 6,750
'95 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	Loaded, V8, 97K, Warranty	\$ 6,750

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