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Community Thanksgiving Service Set For Sunday, November 20th

The Community Thanksgiving Service for Gorman and the surrounding area will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, November 20 at 6 P.M.

This is a time for the entire community to come together and, like our Pilgrim fathers, gratefully acknowledge the blessings that we enjoy which have been purchased by the shed blood of our Savior.

A time to share food and fellowship with your neighbors will be provided in the Methodist Fellowship Hall immediately after the service. Please come and join in this celebration.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Cubs started their season with a bang on November 7th, when they traveled to Rising Star defeating them soundly with a 26-15 win. Saturday, November 12th, they took the championship trophy at the Perrin-Whitt tournament scoring 40-21, 44-23, and 39-24. November 14th, was their district opener. They outscored Albany 36-31.

The Lady Cubs are Jordan Carter, Katie Fritts, Maressa Gillen, Brittney Henderson, Laura Herrera, Jaime Johnston, Perla Maldonado, Abby Pacheco, Amy Region, Evangelina Sanchez, Kimmy Seaton, and Madison Wells.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

This years Lady Panthers are Nikki Keith, Jessica Panter, Kendra Swanner, Holly Wright, Kristy Carlton, Rosa Herrera, Kaci Seaton, Crystal Thackerson, Brandy Carlton, Nicole Cogburn, Reba Granado, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis, Audrey Johnston, Lindsey Laminack, Valerie Longoria, and managers Kendra Lewis and Mary Powell.

The Gorman Lady Panthers traveled to Evant for their season opener last Friday, November 11th. The JV girls beat the JV Lady Elks 38-20, and the Varsity Girls toppled the Lady Elks 48-26.

Evant's "big threat" on varsity was held to two points thanks to the efforts of Kristy Carlton and Kaci Seaton, allowing Kendra Swanner free reign of the back side with a performance of 17 rebounds and 16 points. High pressure defense in the front court led by Nikki Keith and Jessica Panter wore down the Lady Elks as the Lady Panthers took the game to another level. Freshmen Audrey Johnston and Valerie Longoria combined for 20 points proving their confidence on fast breaks.

The coaches are proud of the hard work and inspiration all these young ladies have to offer the Gorman Athletic Program.

Varsity stats: Gorman 8 13 17 10 48
Evant 7 11 5 3 26

Gorman scorers: Longoria 12, Panter 8, Keith 2, Johnston 8, Swanner 16, Seaton 2. Rebounds: Swanner 17, Panter 10. Steals: Panter 4, Longoria 4. Free Throws: Gorman 5/9, Evant 3/14.

JV Stats: Gorman 16 8 9 5 38
Evant 5 7 4 4 20

Gorman scorers: Wright 2, Carlton 11, Lewis 8, Jones 11, Granado 2, Thackerson 3, Cogburn 1. Rebounds: Jones 17, Cogburn 13. Steals: Cogburn 4. Free throws: Gorman 11/28, Evant 4/17.

Cubs Win District



The showdown between the Gorman Cubs and the Goldthwaite Eagles took place Nov. 3 at Brogden Field in Gorman. The Cubs entered the game undefeated and the Eagles defense had not allowed a score in district. Something had to give. The Eagles started the scoring in the 1st quarter on a reverse. Gorman then answered with a 51 yard touchdown run by Tyler Johnson. Johnson then put in the 2 point conversion to give the Cubs the lead 8-6. The Eagles then drove down the field, Goldthwaite was able to convert an important fourth and five to score and take the lead, 14-8. Gorman then drove the length of the field to score on a Cameron Clark 4 yard touchdown run late in the second quarter. Gorman and Goldthwaite went in at halftime tied 14-14.

In the second half the Cubs defense put the clamps on the Eagles only allowing 3 first downs the entire second half. The Cubs offense sustained a long drive that used most of the 3rd quarter, and scored on an Ernie Rodriguez 4 yard touchdown run. Tyler Johnson punched in the 2 point conversion to give the Cubs a 22-14 lead. Justin Little made a great run on the drive going around end for a 38 yard keeper that kept the drive alive. Both teams exchanged turnovers in the fourth quarter, the Cubs were finally able to run the clock out on a couple of key 1st down runs by Tyler Johnson.

The Cubs completed a perfect season with a great victory over a very worthy adversary; it was a very fitting end to a great season. The offensive line consisting of John Flores, James Brown, Taylor Chew, Alex Giles, and Jose Velasquez, did a great job opening up holes for the backs and controlling the line of scrimmage. Defensive standouts for the game were Tyler Johnson, Ernie Rodriguez, Taylor Chew, and Keifer Wilson. Tyler Johnson caused a critical fumble late in the game that was recovered by Ben Burgess.

It was a fitting end to a great season, to put the Cubs domination in perspective, the Cubs were only forced to punt 1 time all season. The Cubs finish the year 9-0, thanks to all the fans that supported the Cubs from start to finish. The coaching staff is very proud of the effort and hard work the kids put into this great season, and look forward to their continued participation in the future.

Coach Barker

Hog Validation Panthers Have Two Listed On All-District Teams

All area FFA and 4H members, hog validation will be November 22, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Eastland County Showbarn. If you plan to show a market hog at the Eastland County Livestock Show or if you plan to show at a major livestock show, please make arrangements to have your hog or hogs at the county showbarn.

If you show under Gorman FFA and have any questions please contact Shawn Boles @ (254) 734-2505, or if you show under 4H contact Bob Bailey @ (254) 629-2222.

Giving Thanks

Saturday evening, scores of neighbors and friends gathered to celebrate the Annual Desdemona Thanksgiving Dinner at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. I watched the greetings, the hugs and handshakes, and listed to the conversations and laughter, and I knew that this is what it is all about. There was fellowship, laughter, and good will in this "beautiful old schoolhouse" again.

This wonderful evening was the result of many hours, and days, of cleaning and, of course, decorating, as only Coon Guthery can do it. (A true labor of love!) Many thanks to all these willing hands and aching backs!!

Then, there were the busy last minute preparations. Larry and Gay Moore cooked the turkeys, and several ladies hurried in Saturday morning to do all the last minute things that needed to be done. There were many errands to run, and pies and other foods were brought in. Many thanks to all these loyal workers who stayed for hours!!

We thank all the generous people and businesses who donated supplies and food, because without these, this could not have happened. We thank all the friends and neighbors who came to share in this delicious dinner. We thank our local newspapers for their support. We thank everyone for supporting us in all our efforts.

Most of all, we thank the LORD for allowing us to live in this country, land of the free!

Betty Duke
225 Cr 509
Desdemona, Tx

Thank You To Gorman

I would just like to start out by saying that the people in Gorman are wonderful. We were set up as vendors at the Doodle Bug Train Festival in October. My daughter was out playing with a group of kids and tripped over her foot, fell and broke the femur above her knee, across the growth plate in her left leg. There was a tremendous response from the people there. Dr. Dan, who has my thanks for coming out at night and doing everything that he did, stabilized her with a splint and helped get her as comfortable as possible. There was also a Spanish man, whom also I give a big thanks to, for making my daughter as comfortable as possible in the situation by sitting under her head the entire time.

We appreciate you very much. Also, to the lady whom I believe was a nurse, helped the doctor splint her leg. Last but not least the teacher who occupied my daughter, kept her calm as well as myself. My husband and I couldn't begin to tell you how much we appreciate the help from those who helped pack everything up so that he was able to get to the hospital to be with us. Brittany had surgery on her knee the next day. The doctor was able to align the break perfectly. We are expecting a 100% recovery. She is doing great and sends her thanks to everyone in Gorman. This is an example of how a small community comes together in a time of need, for people they didn't even know.

We will always be grateful to the people of Gorman Texas.

Thank You,
Lisa, Gary & Brittany

REMINDER

CURFEW IS 12:00 A.M. FOR ANYONE 16 AND UNDERS. EXCEPTIONS BEING ONLY SCHOOL RELATED FUNCTIONS OR SOME CIVIC RELATED EVENTS. CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED IF YOU ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE.

FUND SET UP TO BENEFIT JEFF SEATON

A fund has been set up to benefit the Jeff Seaton Family. Jeff is facing major surgery and will be unable to work for some time. Through his involvement with the ag industry and performing with The Messengers gospel group of Gorman, Jeff has many friends and acquaintances throughout this area. Donations may be made to the Jeff Seaton fund which has been set up at American State Bank and First National Bank in De Leon. Donations may also be mailed directly to: Jeff Seaton Fund - P. O. Box 217 - Gorman, Texas 76454.

Two Gorman Panthers earned all-district honors for their play in district 13- A this season.

Senior Zachary Bryan was named 1st Team All-District Guard for the third year in a row and was also named 1st Team All-District Defensive Lineman for the second year in a row. Zachary led the Panther offensive line that averaged 200 yards rushing per game and 275 yards of offense per game. Zach also finished second on the team in tackle with 69 including 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery, and 3 caused fumbles.

Junior David Ibarra was the second member of the Panthers to make the All-District team. David earned 1st Team All-District Linebacker honors. David led the team in tackles with 96 including 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery and 5 caused fumbles. Congratulations to both of these fine young men on their honors.

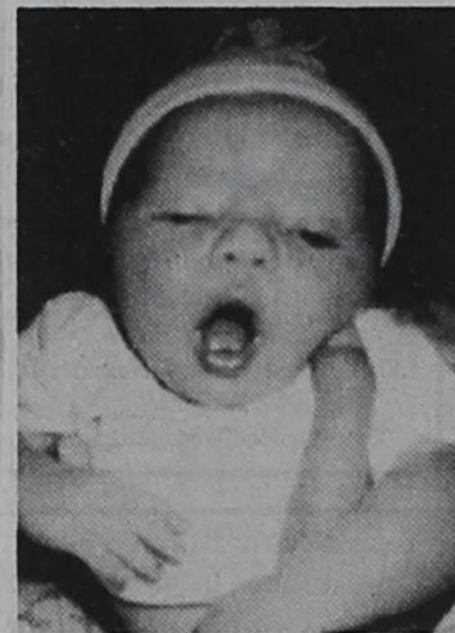
The Goldthwaite Eagles which went 5-0 in district play, placed the most on the all-district team with 18 players filling 25 slots on the first and second teams of offense and defense. That meant that all offensive starters and all defensive starters made either first or second team all-district. Ranger filled the next most all-district slots with 15 followed by Baird at 12, Evant 8, Cross Plains 6, and Gorman with 3 slots.

David Ibarra was unavailable for photo.

Zach Bryan



Look Who's New - It's A Boy!!!



Claire McGlothlin is proud to announce the arrival of her son Cas Wyatt McGlothlin.

He was born at 11:07 p.m. on November 10, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs. and 4 oz. and was 21 inches long, at birth.

Wyatt is welcomed by his grandmother, Rebecca Cook, great-grandparents, Vernon and Shirley Crain, Aunt Heather, Bubb, and lots of cousins.



Several Lady Panthers Volleyball Members Make All-District Team

The Lady Panther volleyball season came to an end after a hard fought out season. The Lady Panthers ended their district with a 6-4 record. During the season the Lady Panthers overcame some great obstacles.

Nikki Keith and Kendra Swanner did a great job as co-captains of the volleyball team. Nikki Keith led the team in assists and saves, while Kendra led the team in kills. Nikki and Kendra received Second Team All-District for District 11A.

Kristy Carlton, Kaci Seaton, and Rosa Herrera stepped up their game to help the Lady Panthers gain their first ever winning season. Kristy Carlton led the team in serving points and blocks. Kristy received



First Team All-District.

Nicole Cogburn, Tecia Jones, and Megan Lewis gained valuable experience on the varsity squad. Tecia and Megan received Honorable Mention for the district.

Audrey Johnston and Lindsey Laminack was able to help the Lady Panthers in their 5-0 district season at home. Audrey Johnston received the Newcomer award for District 11A. The Lady Panthers would like to thank Holly Wright and Brandy Carlton (disabled list) for all of their help and hard work for the team.

Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson To Mark 50th Anniversary



Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on November 19, 2005. Married in Cross Plains, the Wilsons have lived most of their married life in the Stephenville area. Their children, Lowell Wilson of Stephenville and Cynthia Moore of Gatesville, are hosting a Golden Anniversary reception on Saturday, November 19th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Valley Grove Baptist Church Family Life Center. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Letter To The Editor

Heritage Manor News is my favorite. The ones I grew up with. I would love to know Who is having Birthdays.
Thank you Nancy for all the News.

Jo Bice Holmes

