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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Lunch Planned; New Improvements Taking Place



Look what's new at the Methodist church! Drive by and see the ongoing improvements we are making and join us for Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday at noon!

Players Of The Week For Gorman High School



For the Week of 9/26: Kendra Swanner
Kendra is one of only two seniors on the 2005 Lady Panther volleyball team. Kendra serves as a captain for the volleyball team. Kendra also participates in basketball, powerlifting, and softball. Kendra is one of the first to be at practice and the last to leave. Kendra's dedication and hard work is a great asset to the Lady Panther program.

For the Week of 10/3: Sharla Perez
Sharla is a senior who plays softball and powerlifting. Sharla gives 100% in strength and conditioning. Sharla shows great leadership skills through her hard work and pride. Sharla strives to achieve her goals and the goals of the Lady Panther program.

For the Week of 10/10: Tecia Jones
Tecia is a sophomore who plays volleyball, cross country, basketball, softball, powerlifting, and track. Tecia is a great competitor on our volleyball team as an outside hitter. Tecia is always ready to go no matter what is asked of her. Tecia demonstrates her dedication to the program through her hard work and positive attitude.

For the Week of 10/17: Rosa Herrera
Rosa is a junior who plays volleyball, basketball, powerlifting, and softball. Rosa is a huge asset to our volleyball team through her dedication to the team and her ability to keep everyone going with a great attitude. Rosa works hard during strength and conditioning and motivates others to do the same.

Profiles of the Panthers shown were not available at press time. Sorry about that.

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.

Eastland County Pecan Show Santa Coming To Town Dec. 3rd

The 53rd Eastland County Pecan Show will be held November 29th - December 1st in the Lobby of Eastland County Courthouse. If you plan to enter, please bring your samples to the Texas Cooperation Extension Office by Monday, November 28th by 5:00 p.m.

If you have never entered the Pecan Show, it is easy. Just pick out 42 pecans of the same variety and put them in a paper or plastic sack, list the variety (if known), your name, address, phone number and bring them to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. On Nov. 28th. For best results bring 42 of the best pecans. DO NOT POLISH your pecans, but you may weigh them or float them to get the heaviest pecan you can. You may enter as many varieties as you wish.

Pecan Show schedule:
Entries Due - 5 p.m. - Nov. 28
Set Up Tables - 8:30 a.m. - Nov. 29
Process - 8:00 a.m. - Nov. 30
Judge - 1 p.m. - Nov. 30
Take Tables Down - 1 p.m. - Dec. 1

Entries due to Regional Contest on Friday, December 2nd in Stephenville. If you have any questions, call Bob Bailey at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office in the Courthouse at 629-1093 or 629-2222.

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!!!!



Thank You

The City of Gorman would like to thank Johnny Smith for the wonderful donation of the Santa Claus for our City Park. We appreciate your interest in helping make our park an enjoyable holiday scenery display. For all of us still young-at-heart, it makes the holiday season a brighter glow. Thanks again to Johnny and Ina Smith.

Probation Revoked and Defendant Sentenced to 5 Years

Presiding Judge Steven Herod revoked the probation of JAMES EDWARD PETERSON, 30, Thursday morning in the 91st District Courtroom in Eastland. Peterson, a Cedar Creek resident, had previously been placed on ten years probation on November 15, 1999 for Robbery. The offense occurred on April 14, 1999, when Peterson stole a purse from a resident of the Sabine Terrace Apartments. After hearing evidence and a plea of true to allegations that Peterson violated his terms and conditions of probation, Peterson was sentenced to five (5) years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division.

District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuted the case with Brownwood Attorney Fred Franklin representing Peterson.

The Gorman Progress Will Be Closed On Thursday and Friday For Thanksgiving Holidays Will Open As Usual On Monday

31 Shopping Days Until Christmas Shop Local Businesses

Gorman's Doodle Bug Committee Attends Meeting In Dublin



Gorman's Doodle Bug Committee members, Cliffa Vaughn, Lori Dodd and Joe Casey are shown presenting a certificate of appreciation to your Robert Ervin, Mayor of Gorman.

De Leon, Dublin and Gorman Doodle Bug Committees. The date was Tuesday evening, Nov. 15 in Dublin at a sponsor appreciation dinner at the Chuck Wagon Steak House. Pictured from the left are: Betty Terrill, Sandy Reed, Jerry Morgan, Jeanette Ward, Tom Gordon, Barbara Helberg, Joe Casey, Cliffa Vaughn and Lori Dodd, with John Wayne standing guard in the background. Hiram Smith Jr. was unable to attend.



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.

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musicial will be cancelled for November and December due to the busy holiday season each month. The Monthly Musicals will start back in January 2006 and will continue each month on the 4th Saturday at the Community Center School Building.

Agatha (Genoway) Nance will celebrate her 90th Birthday on Friday, November 25 at the Stephenville Good Tree Retirement Center, 2010 Good Tree Street, Stephenville, Tx 76401. The birthday reception will begin at 2:00 p.m. No Gifts Please. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a birthday card, use the address above and add Room 29. Friends in Desdemona send "Happy Birthday" wishes to Agatha.

Colin and Kaley Garcia spent the past weekend in Breckenridge with friends, Carol Boggs and family.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thank You.

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

Maxfield Elementary Honor Roll

FIRST GRADE
A
Sydney Casey, Kendle Coan, Carissa Cole, Kayce Dodd, Jasmine Fischer, Talee Jones, Samuel Rainey, Mayra Ramirez, Audriana Segura, Bradi Campbell, Izael Herrera, Stephanie Janacek, Katalina Landa, Ricardo Olvera, Rebecca Mata, Dayanna Palacios.

A-B
Vanessa Hooper, Dalton Fraley, Ismael Herrera, Daniel Keeping, Mayra Gutierrez, Kestan Pierce, Shawn Reyna.

SECOND GRADE
A
Arlette Giles, Rylan Laminack, Jose Maldonado, Kodie Sparger, Ethan May, Cassidy Tolan, Turner Whitten, Kourtney Seaton, Alexia Madera and Gareth Vaughn.

A-B
Asahel Garcia, Vanessa Longoria, Tomas Rodriguez, Beth Woodall, Omar Velasquez, Hunter Childers, Brenton Coan, Betty Cruz, Flavio Herrera, Yulissa Madera and Alfredo Montelongo.

THIRD GRADE
A
Austin Carter, Jacquelynn Rainey, Brittany Burns, Chloe Cole, Blake Self, Lauren Spivey, Madison Warren and Cheyenne Gibbs.

A-B
Hayley Bullock, Daniel Perez, Emilee Turner, Cosette Keeping, Russell Morrison, Mariella Sanchez, Jarimma Silva, Lacey Wilson, Adriana Blair, Austin Encinas, Holly Rainey, Zac Ryan, Christopher Simmons, T. J. Trevino and Maty West.

FOURTH GRADE
A
Zachary Carolton, Melissa Ramirez and Kinsey Johnston.

A-B
Haven Gibbs, Dakota Morrison, Jessica Ledford, Skye Lewis, Yaxia Montelongo, Sheldon Fenley, Connie Gonzales, Mykisha Hampton, Dalton Murphy, Jessica Williams, Andrew Keith and Tony Ramirez.

FIFTH GRADE
A
Sergio Garcia, Austin Marlow, Mario Silva and Rachel Tucker.

A-B
Skyler Henderson, Jenna Bullock, Virdiana Maldonado, Tyson Underwood, Kacie Keith, Jasmeen Delatorre and Margarita Oronia.

SIXTH GRADE
A
McKenzie Osborne and Cody Self.
A-B
Chelsea Griffin, Stetson Thompson, A. J. Vaughn and J. C. Whitten.

Gorman High School Honor Roll

7th Grade
A
Jamie Johnston
A-B
Brice Campbell, Jordan Carter, Cameron Clark, Troy Gilder, Cecilia Olivares, Abigail Pacheco, Brittany Ramirez, Maria Raygoza, Amy Regian, Stephanie Risueno, Luisa Silva and Madison Wells.

8th Grade
A
Chance Bryant, Taylor Chew, Jonathan Flores, Brittany Henderson and Eric Ryon.

A-B
Ben Burgess, Laura Herrera, Tyler Johnson, Perla Maldonado, Aracely Tovar, Brenda Velasquez and Jose Velasquez.

9th Grade
A
Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis and Matt Underwood
A-B
Codi Church, Marsela Gonzalez, Sonia Hipolito, Stormy Hurd, Olivia Jackson, Lindsey Laminack, Valerie Longoria, Jordan Perry, Martin Ramirez, Tyson Swanner, April Voyles and Veronica Walton.

10th Grade
A
Brandy Carlton, Maria Cruz, Yhdira Garcia, Reba Granado, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis, Jimmy Murphy, Mary Powell and Nancy Velasquez.

A-B
Ashleigh Bush, Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Toby Daryville, Jessica Esquivel, Brandon Greer, Carlos Gutierrez, Trey Holman, Kennon Hornback, Aaron Keith, Kendra Lewis, Carlos Palacios, Tony Perez, Daniel Shirley and Trey Underwood.

11th Grade
A
Josh Cox and K'Ann Howard.
A-B
Wade Cariker, Kristy Carlton, Brian Greer, Rosa Herrera, Maria Oronia, Amanda Regian, Kaci Seaton and Ty Vaughn.

12th Grade
A
Brandon Hale, Sandra Lara and Cindy Lopez.
A-B
Andy Abbe, Nikki Keith, Kevin Lewis, Kent Long, Summer Olvera, Jessica Panter, Sharla Perez, Kendra Swanner, Justin Willey and Hollyann Wright.

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.

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Isn't Thanksgiving a wonderful time of year? I think so! It gives all of us a time to reflect on the many blessings we've received all year long, many of which we have taken for granted. I don't know about you, but I am thankful to have been blessed with such a wonderful family and for being born a Texas American. I am also thankful for our form of government and the right to select its leaders. I am so thankful for our country's military that defend not only our freedom, but the freedom of others around the world. Please keep all of our service people in your prayers over the holidays. Their dedication and sacrifice make our way of life possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Gorman school community for entrusting your children to us. It is our privilege to be a part of your children's education. I pledge to you all that we will continue to do our best to provide your children with the best education possible. As always, you are all welcome to stop in any time and check out what's going on or to volunteer to help us out. From everyone at Gorman ISD, may you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

If you missed the basketball games last Friday night, you missed a great effort from both of our varsity teams. Although they both lost to Woodson, they played extremely well. The boys actually lost in overtime. We will be competitive and the games will be exciting. So don't be a couch potato. Come support our kids! There will be no basketball games during the Thanksgiving break. You can see the schedules on the school website at www.gorman.esc14.net.

The Governor's "Texas Tax Reform Commission" held its first meeting Monday at 10:00 a.m. in Room E1.030 of the Capitol Annex (the House Appropriations Committee Room). Governor Perry addressed the committee followed by several other background presentations on tax issues. The Committee was expected to discuss a fairly intensive travel schedule over the next two months to gather public input in hearings across the state. The list of committee members is quite impressive. You can view it at the following website: http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/press/pressreleases/PressRelease.2005-11-04.4350. I read through the list pretty quickly, and I may have missed it, but I didn't see anyone on the committee that represents the average voter or anyone that I know to be on the side of public education in Texas, especially not rural Texas. All I saw were big money, big business republicans. Please e-mail me if you know different. I wonder whose interest they will be looking after as they develop a plan. You might want to give Representative Keffer and Senator Fraser a call and ask them to look out after your interest in this tax relief Governor Perry is planning for us. I also suggest that if any of you have the opportunity to testify at any of these public hearings that you seize the day and speak to the needs of rural Texas and public education throughout the state, but especially rural schools.

School will resume the regular schedule on Monday, November 28, 2005 and begin the countdown to the Christmas break and the end of the first semester which will take place on December 16, 2005. The students will be released early. When we return, you might be interested in the following events:

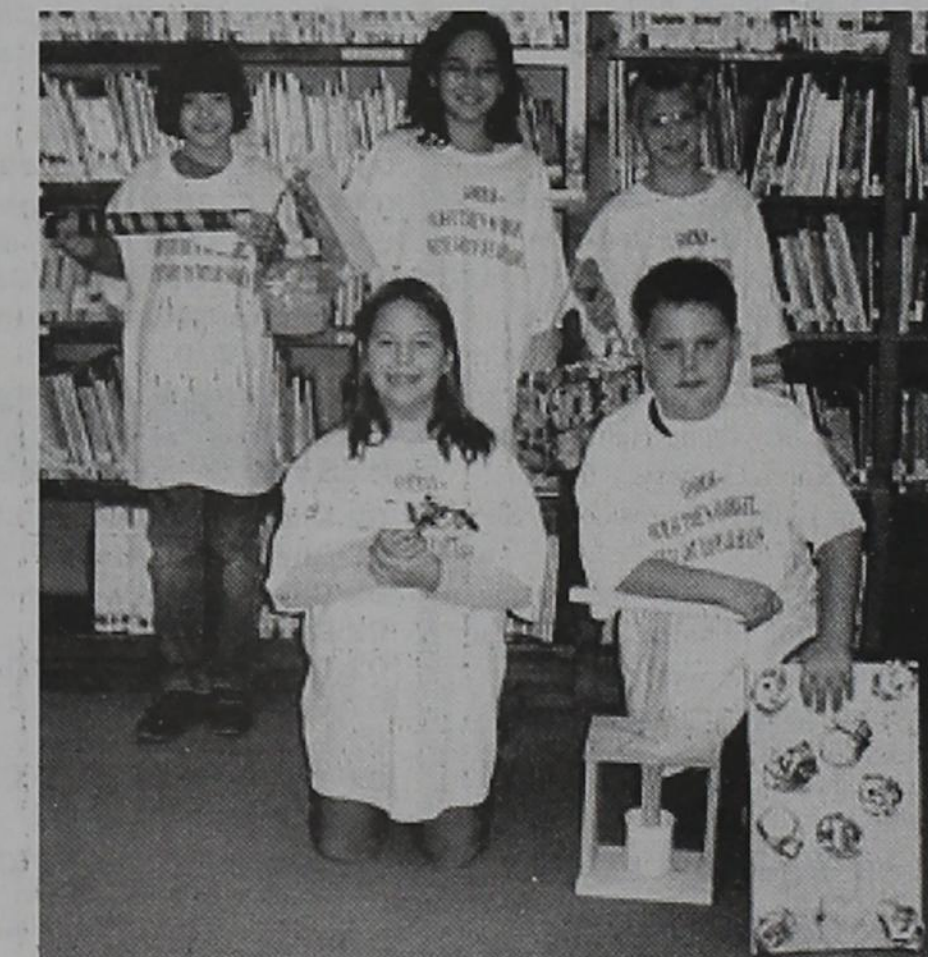
- 11/28 JH Basketball Here
- 11/29 HS Basketball Here
- Dec 1-3 Rising Star Varsity Tournament

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.

(s) David K. Perry



Front Row L-R: Katey Thackerson, Rebekah Powell, Raven Kehl
Back Row L-R: Trevor Williams, Cody Self, Stetson Thompson



Front Row L-R: Alaina Swanner, Austin Marlow
Back Row L-R: Sky Lewis, Haven Gibbs, Courtney Byrd
More Photos Next Week

EDC TALK

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.

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A Word in Season

By Pastor Dane Gressett
BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth." (Matthew 5:5)

For many people, this verse seems impractical. It seems that a meek person gets run over in our fast paced competitive world. But our idea of meekness does not match the Biblical one. Meekness could be described as true humility, gentleness, and kindness. "Weakness" is not a synonym for meekness. "Strength under control," has accurately been used to define this Biblical word.

Jesus Christ described Himself as meek. Jesus confronted evil, drove greedy people out of the temple, rebuked hypocrites, and absorbed the rage of jealous men who ultimately murdered Him. This is hardly the picture of a weak man. He wasn't afraid to speak up. He wasn't afraid to die for what He believed in. But Jesus was also quick to forgive, quick to heal, and often moved by a deep compassion. Actually, the Bible says that it is God's kindness (not His wrath) that moves us to change our hearts and ways. (see Romans 2:4)

I might conform my outward behavior due to the power or intimidation (or volume!) of someone stronger than me. But secretly I will resent it. Only meekness can win a heart. In the end, strength under control wins the day. A hot-tempered, red-faced boss or husband or parent, will often end up driving away the people they need and love. But a strong person, who has learned the importance of gentleness, usually wins the respect of his/her family and peers.

During the holidays meekness, like a wise investment, pays interest to those who have loved it. Our children will look forward to coming home if their parents were just and gentle. But if rage and harshness ruled, the inheritance may be lost. The meek still inherit the earth - regardless of what angry folks say. (Questions or comments? Email dane@txol.net)

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