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Outdoor Burning and Certain Fireworks Ban Reinstated

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081, a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Adopted this 27th day of November, 2006, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

County Judge, (s) Brad Stephenson

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho, County Clerk

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS

IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Eastland County; and WHEREAS, on the 27th of November, 2006 the Commissioners Court of Eastland County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Eastland County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Eastland County.

B. This order does not prohibit:
1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B. explosive by the U. S. Dept. of Trans. {Tex. Occ. Code, Chapter 2154}.

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. A offense under this order is a Class C. Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 27 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006, BY THE EASTLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

(s) BRAD STEPHENSON, County Judge

Attest: Cathy Jentho

"A Country Fair" At The Old School House In Desdemona

"A Country Fair" At The Old School House is sponsored by the Desdemona Community Center and Foundation. The Fair will start on November 30th and run thru December 2nd - Times: Thursday - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Friday and Saturday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Enjoy shopping in the old country schoolhouse for *Unique Gifts, Arts, Crafts and More.* Vendors from many different areas will provide a spectacular choice of traditional and specialized items for your shopping pleasure!

Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere at our "Country Kitchen", where we'll be serving breakfast and lunch. You'll enjoy a variety of delicious home cooked foods, priced right, and prepared by our very best cooks! "The public has a Special Invitation to come and eat with us."

Christmas is just around the corner! Get that "someone special" a very special gift! Examples: Great Gift Idea: Vintage Photograph of yourself, or your family! Visit the beautiful "North Pole" and have your picture made with Santa!

The "Old Desdemona School House" is located on Hwy. 8, 20 Miles West of Stephenville. For more information call: 254-758-2691 or 254-758-2257.

Kokomo Baptist Church To Dedicate New Building And Celebrate 100th Anniversary



Kokomo Baptist Church will dedicate their new church building and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church on Sunday, December 10, 2006. The church was organized on June 9, 1906, but due to the church building burning on January 1, 2006, the celebration had to be postponed until the new building was completed.

The service will begin at 10:00 A.M. There will be a dedication service, special music, a brief history of the church, recognition of former pastors and their families and former members. Dr. Jimmy Nelson, of Carbon and Fort Worth, a Baptist Missionary, who grew up in the Kokomo Church will deliver the message in the worship service.

Other preachers of the area will participate, as will Deacons Joe Bond, Woodrow Browning, Bobby Little and Jimmy Little. We do not have a pastor at this time.

We will remember those who had a part in organizing, building, attending, pastoring and maintaining the church during the past 100 years, and praise God for all his wonderful blessings in the past and those to come in the future, as we serve Him as a light and witness of his love and saving grace in our community. If anyone has pictures or special memories of the church you would like to share, you are welcome to bring them. Former members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at noon. There will be a time for visiting in the afternoon.

The church is located at the junction of FM 2526 from Carbon and FM 2689 from Gorman in the Kokomo Community.

Christmas Shop Without Your Kids?

It's possible with Firstfruits Christian Fellowship "Mom's Day Out." Mom's Day out is a day for you to shop, set-up your home for the holidays, clean, or just rest. On December 9th from 9:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. you can have FREE child care. Firstfruits will open the doors at 9:15 a.m. to receive your kids and have a days worth of activities for them while you are gone. We will care for children from 12 months to 12 years (or fifth grade). Pre-registration begins December 6th thru the 8th from 11:00 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. or you can call 254-734-3203.

Gorman Chamber Receives "Award Of Merit"



The Texas chamber of Commerce has presented the "Award of Merit" to Dublin, DeLeon and Gorman as a whole for their success with the 2005 Doodlebug Train Excursion. The purpose of the Doodlebug Train Excursion is to unite Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development and City Governments in a combined goal. The pilot program began with a mission to promote tourism and to educate the public on the impact of rail service in small rural agricultural communities. It is a wonderful experience when individuals and organizations work together, create unity and take pride in their accomplishments. At this time the 2007 train ride reservation list is complete and all future calls will be placed on the standby list. This does not imply that you may or may not be a passenger. To verify reservations, the passenger list will be contacted by phone in August 2007. At that time it will be possible that names or names will be moved forward in accordance with cancellations.

A Note To Parents:

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I just wanted to write you a quick letter regarding some important information about your children. First, let me just say how much I appreciate all of your support for our kids during football season. It was awesome to see all of you at the games and pep rallies. Our kids appreciate how Gorman supports them so much!! I have two important items that we have decided to implement for the future: one is our semester exam policy-I am so concerned that many of our students do not test particularly well. As a result, I met with the faculty and we decided that testing of all of our students is essential to their future success. We are going to have our entire high school student body take a comprehensive exam in each of their core courses on Dec 12-14. There will not be anyone exempt from these tests. These tests will count 25% of their third six weeks grade and will be an essential part of their 3rd six weeks average. Each teacher will construct their own final exam and provide a review for their individual tests. I am convinced this will serve to improve their knowledge base and their test taking abilities. Secondly, we will still offer an exemption policy for Monday and Tuesday, December 18 and 19. Here are the qualifications for exemption: 85 averages in core courses, maximum of 2 absences, no office referrals, and no six weeks where they had 3 tardies. These students who have adhered to all of these qualifications will be allowed to be absent on Monday and Tuesday. They must still sign in at the school office before 9am each of those days. We feel this is a significant reward for their excellent record for the first semester.

Additionally, our staff feels that our kids need tutorial time each day. As a result, we will start a new schedule for the spring semester. I have enclosed it below; these tutorials will be mandatory for all students who are failing. We hope this allows our students an opportunity to come in and get help during a regularly scheduled time.

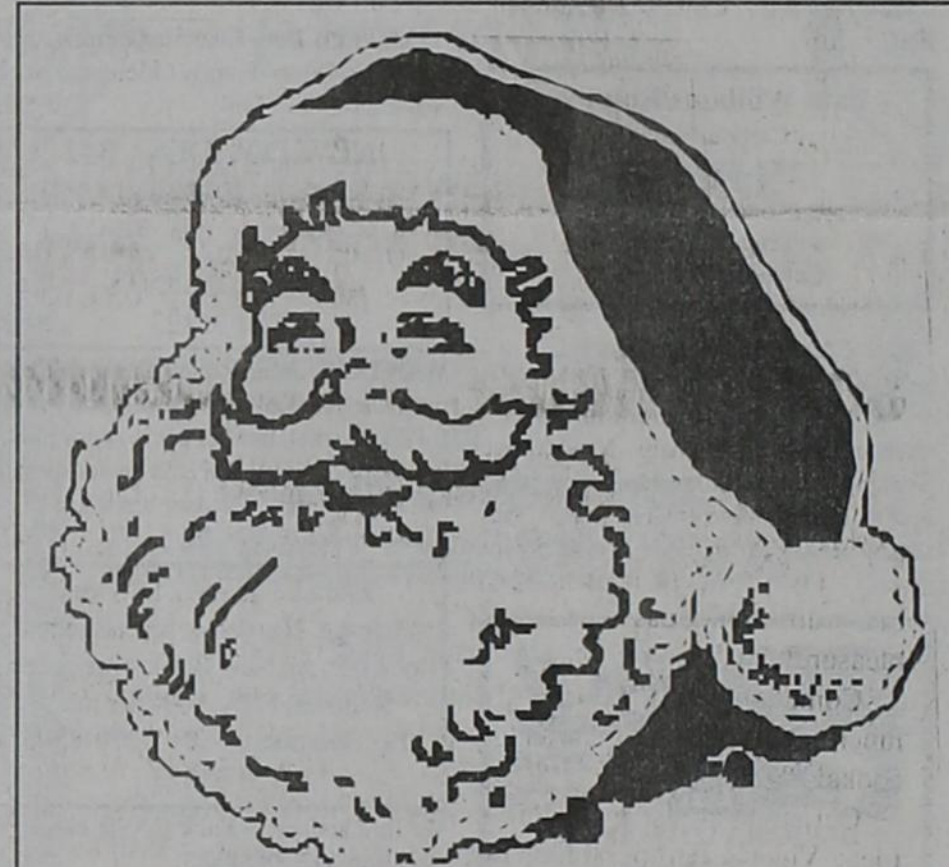
Tutorials	7:45-8:15
1st period	8:20-9:12
2nd period	9:16-10:08
3rd period	10:12-11:04
4th period	11:08-12:00
Lunch	12:00-12:35
5th period	12:39-1:31
6th period	1:35-2:27
7th period	2:31-3:23

I feel confident these changes will be very beneficial for our kids. Please call if you have any questions, I will be happy to discuss them with you. Thanks for your continued support!

Mr. Panter

PRAY FOR RAIN!!!

ONLY 24
SHOPPING DAYS
UNTIL
CHRISTMAS



Santa Visit

Saturday, December 9th
4-6 pm

Gorman Community Center
Pictures will be available at \$2.00 each

It's A Girl



Krista Kay Brown with her family is happy to announce the birth of her daughter, Kamry Jayde Brown born October 27, 2006 at 2:22 p.m. at Brownwood Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents at Kathrine and Don Brown of Gorman. Maternal great grandparents are Jimmie and Glenna Turner of Gorman, Lin and Dorothy Silva of Gorman, Darrell and Michelle Brown of Utah. Maternal great great grandmother is Georgia (Clark) Erwin of Gorman and Uncle D. J. Brown of Gorman.

Kamry is the fifth generation in the Clark family.

Small Town Christmas Set For December 9th

Small Town Christmas is planned Saturday, December 9th in Downtown Gorman, starts at 12 p.m.

Come join us - there will be lots of stuff for the whole family to enjoy. A schedule of events will be posted around town and in the paper. We hope to see everyone there.

Thanks for your support. Gorman Senior Travel Club 2007.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

A "Country Arts and Crafts Fair" will be held on Thursday, November 30 thru Saturday, December 2nd at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Enjoy shopping for gifts, arts and crafts for that "special" someone. Our "Country Kitchen" will serve breakfast and lunch for all three days. Remember Christmas is just around the corner and Santa will be present each day to visit with everyone. Come and enjoy fellowship with our group. Hours for Thursday are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To reserve a space to display your crafts - contact Linda Lindley at 254-758-2691.

Visitors for the Thanksgiving weekend with Bernard and Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinett of De Leon, Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn of Converse; Derek Robinett and Robert Shuster of San Antonio; Billy and Nikki Febinger and children, Christopher, Allison and Erin of Cleburne.

John and Karen Fair and Lorin hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for the family. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan Jade and Roy and Angela Powledge and Lane all of Desdemona.

Colin and Kaley Garcia spent the holiday weekend in Whitney with George and Christal Garcia and Gavin.

Dorothy Roberts spent Thanksgiving Day in Granbury with her granddaughter, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena. Other visitors in the home were Shelly Horan and son, Sam of Granbury; Jeff Roberts and Henry Rivas of Dallas; Richard and Ulenda Gofsky and all of her family of Fort Worth.

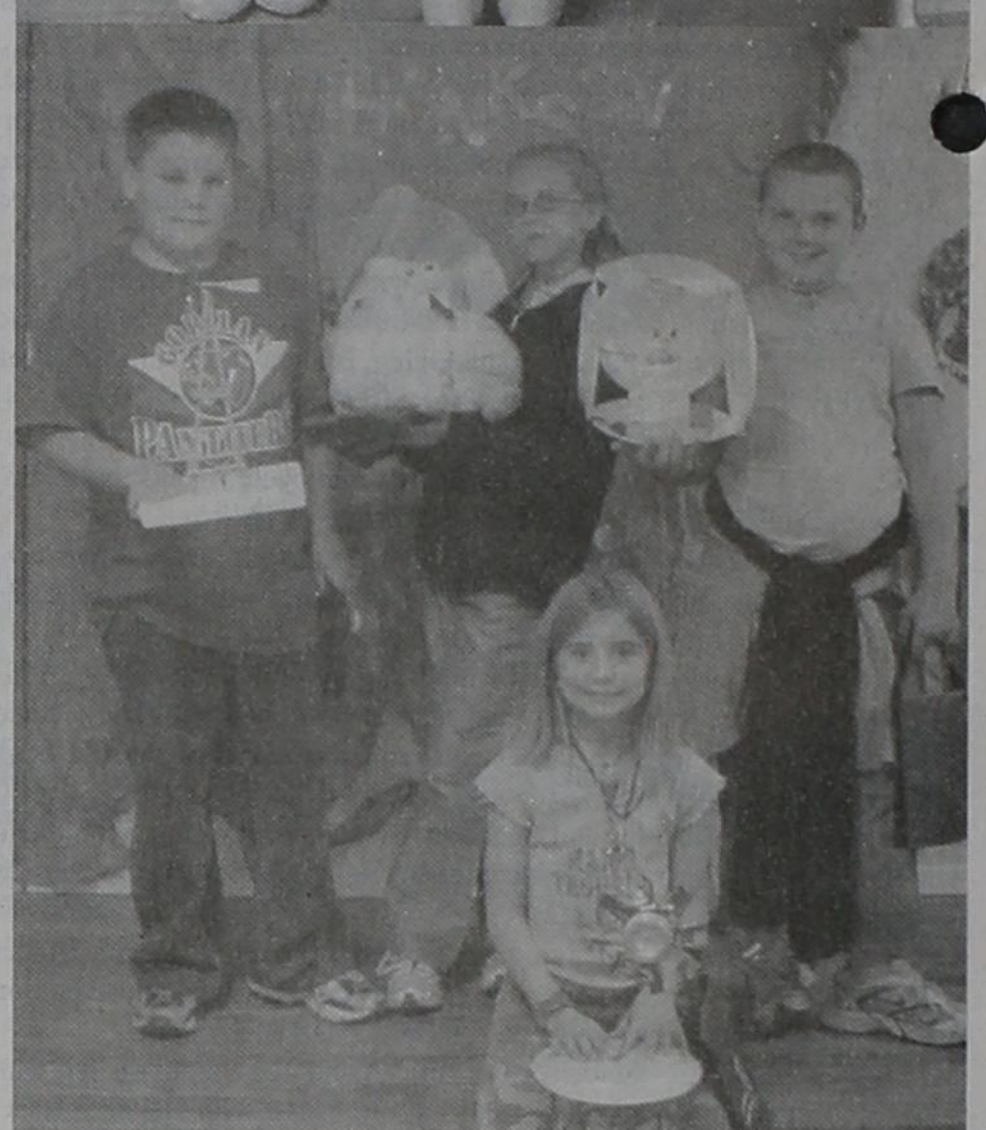
Desdemona Community Center is selling a very colorful "Throw" is pictures of "Boom Days" - "Magnolia Ball Tanks" - "Old Tabernacle" - "all three School Buildings" - "Duke #1 Discovery Well". These throws are available at the Arts and Crafts Show this coming Thursday, Nov. 30, Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2. They will make a great Christmas Gift. Contact Ima Brown at 254-748-2634 to purchase one.

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

Jeff Roberts of Dallas and Dorothy Roberts visited a few days over the past weekend in Corpus Christi with Kathleen (Henslee) Williams and Angela.

"Walls of Memories" is locted in the entrance hall of the Desdemona School Building. The first wall of memorial bricks has been completed - another wall will be complete real soon. Family and friends are ordering bricks with names of loved ones, classmates, etc. If you would like to purchase a brick (cost \$25.00 each) - Contact Gay Moore 254-758-2240 or Vonnie Guthery 254-758-2665.

RECYCLE DAY WINNERS



Super Notes

By David K. Perry
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I hope you all had wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Vicki and I are very grateful that our children were able to be here over the holidays, especially our grandson Jake who will be one year old on the 2nd of December. We had the pleasure of seeing him start walking any distance for the first time. By the time they left, he was almost running. Their lives are about to change drastically!

There is not a lot to report on since last week since we only had school two days, but there is a little. Here are a few dates you might want to remember:

- 11/30-12/2 Rising Star BB Tournament
- 12/4 - JH BB - Tolar- Here 4:00pm
- 12/5th and 7th - Elementary and Junior High UIL

This is a difficult time of the year to keep students focused on academics due to Thanksgiving and then Christmas following so closely behind. Please encourage your children to study and to take their school work seriously. This is needed all year long, but especially now, there are so many distractions. Thanks!

The basketball teams are showing a lot of promise. It should be a fun year to watch them. With the weather turning cold, I know I am going to appreciate being inside. I hope you will all support the Panther Basketball program this year and come see them play as often as you can. It's the best game in town! Remember that the clergy passes and the senior citizen passes are good for basketball too! Those of you that have official district football passes remember that those same passes are also for basketball.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future.

De Leon Country Christmas

Don't forget! Country Christmas will be Friday, December 8th in City Hall Auditorium. The De Leon High School Band will perform at 5:30 in front of City Hall. Santa will arrive at 6:00 p.m. in the Covered Wagon pulled by Dollie, Riley's Studio will be taking pictures with Santa. New this year, The Theater Troupe will be taking pictures with The Grinch.

The Theater Troupe will have an Ornament Contest Booth where you can decorate your own ornament for \$1.00. There will be two age groups, 3-5 years of age and 1st - 6th grade. The ornaments will be judged at 8:30 p.m. Prizes will be given and you may take your ornament home.

Carla Landreth will be signing her new book "Silk Stocking Road".

The City of De Leon will be having a Chili Supper cooked by Nicky Wilkerson. We expects lots of craft and food vendors plus many other things. Bring the family out for an evening of fun. There will lot's of fun things to see and do. Call Barbara at the Chamber 254-893-2083 for more information.



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- Many single mothers as well as married couples have made hundreds within their first 1-14 days!
- Please visit my website: www.thumperenergy.igniteinc.biz and click on Powerful Opportunity for a 10 minute multimedia presentation!
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