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Lady Panthers Advance To Regionals

Last week the Lady Panthers began their playoff run by defeating the Bryson Bulldogs in 4 games in front of a packed gym at Breckenridge High School. The girls came out firing easily winning the 1st game 25-11. They let the Bulldogs come fighting back in the 2nd game losing 22-25. With the game even at one match a piece the Lady Panther's took control winning the next two games 25-14 and 25-20.

Audrey Johnston led the way for the Panthers with 25 kills, 18 digs, and 3 serving aces. Senior Tecia Jones had 35 digs, 11

kills, and 1 ace. Defensive specialist Reba Granado added 27 digs, while Kimi Seaton added 38 assists in the winning effort.

After knocking off Bryson in the bi-district game, the Lady Panthers faced District 11 Champions Evant. The Lady Panthers dominated the Elks, winning in 3-straight: 25-14, 25-20, 25-18 to capture the Area Championship. A balanced attack and aggressive play at the net proved too much for Evant who couldn't match the Panthers fire-power.

The Lady Panthers return to action on Tuesday, November

6 to take on District 9 Champion Woodson in the Regional Quarter-final game to be played at Cisco Jr. College. The Lady Panthers defeated Woodson earlier in the year in a very heated battle at Woodson High School.

Gorman Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held November 18th at 6:00 p.m. It will be hosted this year at the Gorman United Methodist Church. All are invited to come and join in the joys of singing, scripture reading, preaching and fellowship. There will be a finger food fellowship following the service. This is a wonderful opportunity to see family and friends in our busy times. Won't you take just one hour and praise God for all our bountiful blessings. Each congregation is asked to provide Special Music as part of the program. If you have any questions, please contact your minister for details.

School Menu

GORMAN ISD MENU FOR WEEK OF NOV. 5 THRU NOV. 9 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - French Toast sticks, fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Casserole, hashbrowns, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk
FRIDAY - Eggs, bacon, biscuits, Juice and Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken and Dumplings or Lasagna, tossed salad, fresh carrots, crackers and Milk.
TUESDAY - Beef Fajitas or Chicken Fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, spice cake and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce or Chicken Wraps, corn, garlic bread, fruit and Milk.
THURSDAY - Meat loaf or Chicken Rings, cream potatoes, corn nuggets, rolls, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken pot pie or Cheese Pizza, tossed salad, crackers, sparkle apples, crispy rice treat and milk.

The Honors English III Students will be hosting a celebration in honor of our veterans. We would like to invite everyone to attend this special event on Monday, November 12 at 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium. A reception in the library hosted by the student council will follow the program.

SWINE VALIDATION NOVEMBER 20, 2007

Swine validation for Eastland County and Major stockshows will be Tuesday November 20, 2007 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the county show barn. Please remember all breeding swine as well as market swine will have to be validated this year.

Gorman Fire Dept. To Sponsor Hands On Safety Demonstration

Are you ready for the fire season? Do you know how to effectively use your home fire extinguisher? Or do you even have one? Ladies of the community are invited to a free demonstration on the use of home and vehicle fire extinguishers on Tuesday, November 13 at 2:00PM in the north parking lot of the Gorman Church of Christ. The hands-on demonstration is targeted to ladies, but anyone may attend. At that time, personnel from the fire department will demonstrate the procedure for extinguishing the most common home fires.

While we are at risk for fires throughout the year, we are particularly vulnerable to home fires during the holiday season. Do you realize YOU can be your first line of defense in case of a home fire? If you have a suitable fire extinguisher, AND if you know how to use it properly! If so, you may be able to protect you and your property from fire.

Everyone who attends will have the opportunity to use an extinguisher and will put out an actual fire. Because this is a hands-on educational event, it is necessary for you to let us know if you plan to attend so adequate training material will be available. Please call Gene Foster at 734-2692 or Carolyn Gilbert at 734-4268 by Saturday, November 10 at noon to register for this free demonstration.

Panthers Shock Bearcats 47-0; Travel To Tolar Friday Night

GAME AT A GLANCE

PANTHERS	BEARCATS
18 First Downs	8
45/353 Carries/Yds.	25/35
99 Yds Passing	71
3 of 5/0 Pass Cpt./Int	16 of 24/1
1/1 Fumbles/Lost	1/1
1/45 Punts/Avg.	6/30
6/40 Penalties	2/10

The Panthers hosted the De Leon Bearcats in a District 12-A contest before sold out full house on Friday night and shocked the De Leon fans when they came away with a 47-0 score. The Panthers scored 14 points in the first quarter, then added 20 more points in the second for a comfortable 34-0 margin. They added 6 more in the third and another 7 in the final period as they coasted to a 47-0 victory.

The Panthers received the opening kickoff on their own 32 and wasted little time in showing their offense power as they scored in just 2 plays with Matt Underwood running for 9 in the first carry and then he broke through the Bearcat defense and raced 60 yards almost untouched for the score with 10:59 left in the first. Tyson Swanner added the point after and Gorman was up 7-0.

Then after the strong Big Red Defense held the Bearcats on the next possession forcing a Bearcat punt. The Panthers took the ball on their own 43 and after Zack Fox ran for 5 and Tony Perez set up the Big Red with a First Down on an 8 yard run at the De Leon 45, Underwood again broke thru the Bearcat defense and outraced everyone for 45 yards and another score with 8:27 left in the first. Swanner added the point after and the Panthers led 14-0.

The teams exchanged possessions on 3 occasions before the Panthers got the ball on their own 9 and went the distance in just 3 plays for the score. Perez broke loose on a beautiful 27 yard scamper and Underwood added another run of 29 yards to set up the Big Red on the Bearcat 34 before Perez broke loose again and rambled 35 yards for the score with 11:63 left in the 2nd person. Swanner booted the point after and Gorman was up 21-0.

After holding the Bearcats and recovering a fumble by Clinton Oliver on the De Leon 12, the Panthers had a 5 yard penalty before a Perez run of 2 to set the Big Red up at the De Leon 15. Underwood again outraced the Bearcat defense on a fine run of 15 for the score with 10:15 left in the half. Swanner added the PAT and Gorman was up 28-0.

The Panthers got another opportunity late in the half when Drew McCreless stepped in front of a Bearcat receiver and intercepted a pass at the Panther 25. The

Panthers then moved the distance in 7 plays with Perez getting the honors from 5 yards out with 4:43 left in the half. The drive featured 9 by Perez, 12, 4 and 35 by Underwood and a great ramble for 10 by Orlando Valenzuela to set Gorman up at the 5. The kick of point failed and Gorman had shoed the Bearcat defense for a 34-0 margin at the intermission.

Both Bands and the Gorman Dance Team and Cheerleaders did a fine job of entertaining the huge crowd.

The Bearcats took the second half kick off and moved from their own 34 to the Bearcat 45 before being forced to punt. Gorman got the ball on their own 42 and again added to their point margin as they moved the distance in a long 15 play drive for the score as Swanner hit Underwood on a fantastic 32 yard pass for the score as he broke free behind the Bearcat defenders and scored with 1:25 left in the third. The Panthers overcame penalties of 5, 10 and 5 for the score. The drive featured runs of 11, -2, 5, 2, 6 and 2 by Perez and runs of 5, 9, 7, and 5 by Underwood and 2 by Swanner before Swanner hit Underwood with a wide open pass for the score. The try for point failed on a bad snap and the score rose to 40-0.

The Panthers added the final score with a great 48 yard pass from Underwood to Zack Fox with 10:09 left in the game. The Big Red Defense held the Bearcats and Gorman got the ball on the Bearcat 48. Swanner added the point after and the final score was 47-0.

Underwood led the Panthers with 173 yards on 17 carries and had a pass of 32 yards. Perez got 156 on 21 tries. Fox had 13 on 4. Valenzuela got 9 on 2 and Swanner had 2 on 1 keeper.

The Big Red Defense gets better with each performance and really shut down the Bearcat offense. They will need another stellar defensive performance this week as the Panthers travel to Tolar in a game to decide the District 12A winner. The Big Red had a perfect 9-0 season and a 5-0 record in 12A. So let's all follow the Big Red to Tolar this Friday night and back them to victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!



Halloween Parade Big Success

We had a huge crowd participate in this years Halloween Parade. It was also good to see all the people along the streets cheering us on and taking pictures. The night was just right for a parade and all the activities that followed. We had approximately 250 kids come through the Sr. Citizen building and receive goodie bags. I would like to thank everyone who help make this years parade another success. I greatly appreciate Mr. Boles and his class for bagging all the candy. They do a great job. I appreciate our school and Mr. Perry for allowing them to do this. Mr. Perry always comments on how it takes a community to help with the school. I would also like to say that it helps the community for our young people to be able to be involved things out in our community.

I would also like to thank Chief Barbara, for helping direct traffic, Carlos Herrea for driving the fire truck and leading the parade, Mayor Robert, Tacy Warren, Michalyn and Tommy Clark, and Johnny Smith for helping hand out the candy. Also Jill Torres for helping me move the candy from the City Office to the Sr. Citizen building.

Next I would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated candy for money to fill put in the goddie bags. I appreciate City Gro., Bob's Gro. and Smith's Service Station for collecting donations. To all of you who made a donation at these locations...Thank you.

Sorry I don't know the names of those who did. I also would like to thank, American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro., Gorman Chamber of Commerce, City Gro., Clarks Building Supply, Panda's Flowers and Gifts, Gilmores Auto, Gold Metal Imports, Gorman Pharmacy, Simmons Propane, Gorman Progress, Smith's Service Station, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, Nathan's Barbar Shop, Dr. Dan Brudnak, Gorman Economic Development Corp. Jimmy and Marilyn Warren, Nina Skiles, Kenneth Welch, and Dors Bradshaw. With out the help of our whole community, this would not have been possible. Thank you again everyone, and thank you for allowing me to do this.

Photos Inside This Issue

Ina Smith

Christina Mauney and Matt Clark To Pledge Nuptials



Miss Christina Lynnette Mauney of Gorman and Mr. Robert Matthew Clark of Sweetwater are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Christina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mauney of Gorman. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Mauney of Gorman, Ms. Janie Broom of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pettit of Henderson, NV.

Matt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark of Sweetwater. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark and Ms. Fran Haupt all of Sweetwater.

Christina is a 2001 graduate of Gorman High School. She attended Ranger College and graduated with her Associates Degree in Fine Arts in 2003. Next fall she plans on pursuing her Nursing Degree in Abilene.

Matt is a 1999 graduate of Sweetwater High School. He just completed the John W. Middleton Unit Academy and is currently employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The couple are planning a December 8, 2007 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating.



Corey Clark, Tyler Johnson and Orlando Valenzuela team up in game action Friday night to stop a Bearcat running back for short yardage.



The Big Red Defense is shown holding the Bearcats on negative yardage in game action Friday night. Shown in photo is Chad Klein, Aaron Keith, Corey Clark, Matt Underwood and James Brown.

We would like to Invite you to a Wedding Shower honoring "Christina Mauney."

Daughter of Gary and Sammye Mauney.

It will be this Saturday,

November 10, 2007 at the

First Baptist Church here in Gorman.

It will be in the Fellowship Hall,

from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

NOTICE!!!

Sandy Cable, Tax-Assessor Collector will be in Gorman on Wednesday, November 28th at the usual time instead of November 21st. She will not be in Gorman in December due to the Holidays, but will resume the regular schedule in January.

9-1-1 Addresses

It is very important that each resident have a visible 9-1-1 address on the front portion of the house, or curb. If you are uncertain about your 9-1-1 address, or receive mail with each utility company showing a different fiscal address, please notify the City Office and we will make every effort to get everyone on the same page. It is essential that your 9-1-1 address be recorded correctly, or updated if you move, so emergency personnel will be able to locate your residence as quickly as possible if ever needed. If you have questions or need assistance please call the City office @ (254) 734-2317.

Scouting For Food

The local Scouts are assisting with a project called Scouting for Food. The Scouts will be going door to door on Nov. 10th, Saturday morning, leaving bags for you to place your non-perishable food items. The food will be given to the local pantry to be redistributed in Gorman, just in time for the holidays! If you are not going to be home that day or if you get missed please bring your items to the Methodist Church or the parsonage on or before Nov. 10th. Thank you for your continued support of the Gorman community and Scouting. For more information call Lori Lewis 254-592-5158 or Bob Bell 254-734-4611.

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MARY ALICE BROWN FICKLEN

With love in her heart and loved ones by her side, Mary Alice ("M.A.") Brown Ficklen, peacefully passed away at her home in Desdemona, Texas on October 31, 2007.

Mary was A. "Anse" Brown Brown. She was born Desdemona. She was demona High School of the Class of 1939. tinguished Alumnus University where she journalism in 1943. Degrees in Journal-M Methodist University 1972, she received the professional chap-Phi, national women's for recognition of her



the daughter of R. and Polly Williams on May 24, 1923, in graduated from Des- and Valedictorian Ficklen was a Dis- of Texas Woman's earned a degree in Mary held a Masters ism from Southern earned in 1971. In Matrix award from ter of Theta Sigma journalist fraternity freelance writing.

During her lengthy career in communications, Ficklen was a publicist for Interstate Theaters of Dallas for such films as "Henry V", "Duel in the Sun", "Back to Bataan", "Mutiny on the Bounty", and "Lawrence of Arabia", public relations director for the Dallas Athletic club; a freelance journalist published in the Washingtonian, Southern Living Magazine, Cattleman Magazine, Dallas Magazine, the Dallas Morning News, and the Dallas Time Herald; Lead Public Information Officer for FEMA Region 8 disasters from 1976-1986; and syndicated columnist from 1986-2000. Mary's weekly column, "Of a Certain Age" appeared in the Dallas Morning News, Abilene Reporter, Stephenville Empire Tribune, and the Brownwood Bulletin. In the column, she shared her experience of growing old with grace, dignity, humor, and hope for the future.

Mary Alice was a long-time Texas Yellow-Dog Democrat and

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- 455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy 6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000
- 613 A, w/3-2, 2,144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [W02] \$2,025,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [R01] \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover [PK01] \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50' carport/ RV shed, 20'x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500
- 25.6 A, w/ 4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [J03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000
- 5 A, w/ 4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [W01] \$120,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000
- 52 A, w/ 2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, bams [LP01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
- 5 A, w/ 1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, waterwell, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [J01] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [W01] \$75,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RPO1] \$193,000
- 11 A, w/ 16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- 236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [JS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences/crossfences, producing gas well [W01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 costal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 81 A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [RE01] \$405,000
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system [R021] \$265,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, C/H/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DLV01] \$297,500
- 3-2, w/ 2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop [CC03] \$137,500
- 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [W01] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [A02] \$135,000
- 2.3 A, w/ 2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [GB02] \$55,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
- 3,925sf(CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [B02] \$75,000 REDUCED \$65,000

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Bill, Winnie, Cole, Clay and Cylea Carper
Bill Joy Family
Nell Carper Family

dedicated member of the East Dallas Democrats, a fighter for fairness, and a staunch supporter of womens' rights, studies, and authors. She loved to write, read books, world-traveling and fine dining, wildflowers and birds, Texas and Desdemona history, summer vacation at South Padre Island, and ranch visits with beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ficklen enjoyed promoting local Desdemona causes; she served as Secretary Treasurer of the Desdemona Cemetery Association and helped spearhead the recently completed Erath County Farm to Market Road 8 highway improvements begun in 1989. At Goodtree Retirement Community, Mary was appointed Resident Advisor of Cultural Affairs.

Mary Alice Brown and Jack ("Here") Howells Ficklen, Sr., political cartoonist for the Dallas Morning News, were married October 21, 1950, and reared their family in Dallas, where she lived until 1984, when she returned to Desdemona. Mary is predeceased by her parents, her husband "Here" and his mother Bessie Curran Howells Ficklen; her special companion of later years, Harold Taylor, formerly of Marshall, Texas; brother-in-law, Lowell H. Johnson, II, of Amarillo, her beloved best friend Agatha Genoway Nance, formerly of Desdemona, Texas; and beloved first cousins from the Williams, Brown, and McGrath families.

Mary Alice is survived by three children and their families, including four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, Molly Ficklen Godwin and Bill Weaver, of Kyle, Texas; Jack Howells Ficklen Jr. and Whitney Ficklen, of Port Mansfield, Texas; Robert, Lacy, and Jack Ficklen of Coppell, Texas; and Tara, Cora, and Patrick Ficklen-McBean, of St. Charles, Illinois; David, Ariana, and Evelyn Virginia Hertenstein of Coppell, Texas.

In addition, Mary is survived by her very special "Little Sister" Marjorie Louise Brown Johnson and niece Carolyn Contreras and family, of Amarillo, Texas; brother and wife, Robert Calvin and Ima Martin Brown, of Desdemona and Temple, Texas; nephew, Lowell H. Johnson, III, and family of Corinth, Texas; niece, Fran Senger and family, of Russellville, Arkansas; nephew, Robert Alton Brown and family of Fort Worth, Texas; many beloved cousins; her dear, dear women friends, Barbara, Ellen, Evah, Fran, Lucille, Mary Frances, Marion, Meg, Paulia, Doris, Sue, and Susie; her GoodTree friends and neighbors; and her life-long Desdemona neighbors and friends.

A Celebration of Life service was held November 3, 2007, at 2:00 pm at the Desdemona Garden of Memories Cemetery Chapel on State Highway 16, south of Desdemona. A graveside service followed.

Each member of the Ficklen family would like to express their sincere gratitude to The Gonzales Group Eldercare Services, under the direction of Ventura Chavarria, of DeLeon, Texas. Our heartfelt thanks always to Mom's caregivers Ventura, Adelina "Nina" Gonzales, Kristy Gonzales, and Janie Gonzales, Lucy Rangel, and Niki Chavarria; Angela Cozart of Goodtree; and Donna Ferguson with CCS Hospice, Dublin, Texas, for their patient and loving care of Mary in her home and their strong support of the Ficklen family. Melinda and Chuck Abbe, of Gorman, Texas; Pam Field McCaslan and Kevin McCaslan, of Weatherford, Texas, and Joan and Bobby Baker, of Desdemona, Texas; and many more friends, neighbors, colleagues, and fans of "Of a Certain Age" also have our thanks for your caring concern and support since 1999.

The family would also like to express their many, many thanks to our "Goodtree" family, under the direction and management of Cheryl M. Warren, Stacey Gilley, and Angela Cozart, with Mary Lewis, Katie Still, Michael Helms, Ricky and Carol Fidler, the Reverend Buddy Wells and to the many personal attendants who assisted Mary from 1999 to 2007; and to Lillie McCarty of Stephenville, Texas; Dr. Lester Ong and Tricia at Stephenville Medical and Surgical Clinic; Blake LaRue and Debbie at Jones Hearing; Dr. Haley, DDS, and staff; Home Care Direct, Stephens Home Health, and Connie Barham and CCS Hospice are also thanked for their very respectful and compassionate care of Mary through recent years. Ed Horton and the staff at Tanglewood Pharmacy were invaluable help.

The family suggests that to honor Mary Alice's memory, share a good book with a friend. For those wishing to make a donation, send memorials to the American Stroke Association of Dallas, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231-4596 (1-888-478-7653) or to the Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department building fund, P. O. Box 86, Desdemona, Texas 76445.

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Gorman City Minutes

NOVEMBER 1, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey and Nathan Files. Absent was Charlie Torrez.

Nathan led the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes, with type-o corrections. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

Tacy presented a savings analysis that was generated by a Reliant Energy representative, Hoyt Franklin. The Commission requested that Mr. Franklin be in attendance at the next Commission meeting. If the savings would be this significant they would consider a change in electric carriers.

Joe made the motion to amend Ordinance #299 which would prohibit the parking of commercial trucks in residential areas for extended or overnight periods of time. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

Nathan made the motion to update ALL signature cards at the bank. Robert, Nathan, Tacy and Jill will be on all signature cards, and Barbara Fenley's signature will be only on the Police Dept. Seizures Account. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan, motion carried, time was 6:15 p.m.

Lauren and Hannah Underwood Receive Plaques



The Cow Pokes Riding Club of Cross Plains held their Awards Dinner and Program on September 22nd.

Member Lauren Underwood received a plaque for Rookie of the Year (18 and Under) and was presented a Breast Strap for 4th Overall (6 and Under).

Member Hannah Underwood participated in The Lead Line Class. She was presented a Trophy and a Halter on top of a blue horse.

Lauren and Hannah are the daughters of proud parents, Justin and Cindy Underwood of Gorman.

Proud Grandparents are Troyat and Fannie Underwood of Gorman and Jim and Jerry Choate of Cisco.

The girls enjoyed riding and learned several new things. Congratulations Girls - well done!

Eastland County Retired Teachers To Meet Nov. 12

Eastland County Retired Teachers will meet November 12, at the Baptist Student Union Building on the Ranger College Campus at noon. After a lunch of Lasagne, salad, and desserts, Chip Lang, a teacher at Ranger, will present a program of American Folk Lore.

At this meeting reservations may be made for the Christmas luncheon of December 10 by contacting the Chapter Treasurer Phyllis Graham.

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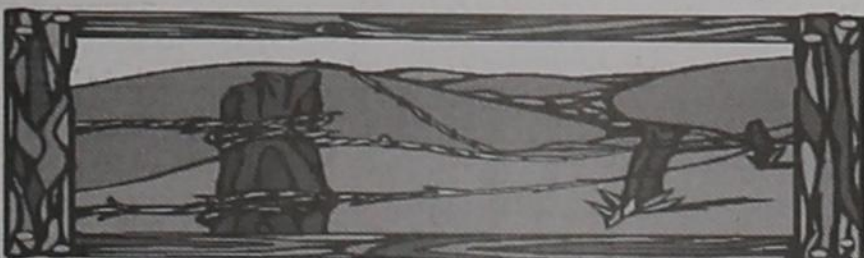
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PAL Students Participate In Trick-Or-Treat For Patients

The PAL students traveled to Fort Worth Cook Children Hospital, Wednesday, October 31st to help with the Trick-Or-Treat For Patients program. The PALs students were involved in passing out bags, organizing the patient lines, passing out treats, taking pictures and delivering treats to patients unable to go through the lines. The patients were dressed in costume and they moved through the lobby to pick up treats for Halloween. The PAL students attending the program were Chad Klein, Lindsey Laminack, Corey Clark, Brandy Carlton, Mary Powell, Yhdira Garcia, Nancy Velasquez, Carlos Gutierrez and Megan Lewis. Nicole Cogburn was unable to attend but she is also a PAL member. These students have been active in a great number of activities and they are excellent representatives for the school. The students commented on how much they enjoyed this opportunity and they are hoping to participate in some other volunteer activities at Cooks in the spring.

Card of Thanks

The Family of Dora Holland would like to express their sincerest thanks for all of the support including prayers, cards and flowers. We are so thankful to have such wonderful friends.

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the delicious food prepared by the ladies of the community. Also thanks to Donnie Nowlin and staff and the doctors and the nurses at the Comanche County Medical Center.

Danny Holland
Ronnie and Jane Holland
Clifford and Galyna Holland
Sammy and Susan Holland
And Families

Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

How about those Lady Panthers! Since last week, they have defeated Bryson for the Bi-District Championship and defeated Evant for the Area Championship and by the time you read this article, I hope they are the Area champions after defeat Woodson Tuesday night at Cisco Junior College. Coach Talbert has done a great job working with this group of girls to help them reach their potential. I always knew they were champions in their hearts and now we will have trophies to prove it. If you see Tori Talbert or any of her girls, congratulate them on a job well done so far in the play offs. A win Tuesday night will put us in the Regional Tournament which will begin Friday night at Weatherford High School gymnasium. Watch the sign for times.

This year is the beginning of a new tradition at Gorman High School. Do you know what it is? It's called beat the bearcats! That is exactly what the Panthers did last Friday night and we left the scoreboard on all night. It was awesome to say the least. Everyone outside of Gorman thought that the Panthers would fold when they had to play what everyone else thought was a seasoned team, but Coach Talbert and his crew came through with a vengeance and completely destroyed the De Leon team 47-0. That makes our record 9-0 going into the final district game against Tolar this Friday at Tolar. It is going to be one great battle you won't want to miss. Be there early to get the seat you want.

Happenings at FBC

Abundant Living - what does it mean to you? Bro. Barry has started his "Abundant Living Series - Are You Living Life to the Fullest?"

Nov. 10th - Brotherhood Breakfast at 8am in FBC Fellowship Hall - please be there for wonderful food, fellowship, and fun!

Thanks to all who came to our Fall Festival - special thanks to Ellen Tucker and all those that worked to make it a marvelous success!!!

Our precious Deacon, Gaylord Battenfield, remains in ICU at Harris Hospital Fort Worth Downtown - please continue your prayers for him.

We are so proud of our Honor Roll Students and our Super Athletes - it is a pleasure to witness the academic and athletic accomplishments of all the girls and boys in our community - Gorman's Kids are the Greatest!!!

Audrey Johnston, Kimi Seaton, and Jaime Johnston delivered an amazing Children's Sermon - just like these three ladies must work together on a volleyball team to win a game - our Church Family must work together as a team to win people to Jesus Christ.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Stretch Out the Clothesline of Your Mind" - John 14:5-7

God knew your name before you were born. God has a plan for you. Too many people are losing the battle. You don't know how to live until you know how to die.

Clothes Pin #1 - Self Perception - Do you see yourself as a sinner or as saved? You are a child of God.

Clothes Pin #2 - Self-Purpose - Will you be found faithful? Get hold of your purpose.

Clothes Pin #3 - Stop and Smell the Roses - Small pleasures are what count. Celebrate the precious moments that belong to you!

Clothes Pin #4 - Realize the Tension - We are living the battle for our life; there is tension everywhere around us so we are making progress even when it doesn't feel like it.

Clothes Pin #5 - Keep the Faith - Keep the Hope! When you know Jesus - Faith and Hope are in You!

To Fail to See Life is to Fail in Living. God has given us the process to which we love abundantly. Jesus will always be with you to help you climb the falling rocks.

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COUNTY OF EASTLAND)

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHERE AS, 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 until November 13, 2007, 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 harvest 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.

Court Approved by a majority vote.

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

ADOPTED this 31 day of October, 2007, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields, County Judge

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho, County Clerk

Congratulations Panthers!

Girl's junior high basketball began this week. Boys will begin next week. The schedule is posted on our website and the coach will send a copy of the schedule to the paper for publication as well. Remember that these young athletes are the future of Gorman's athletic success. Please encourage your child to participate and support them with your presence at the games. Thanks!

We are starting a Campus Crime Stoppers at Gorman ISD. I do not have all the details worked out yet, but that does not mean we can't move forward and begin the program. If you know of someone that has committed a crime at Gorman ISD, you could receive a cash reward for turning that information over to Campus Crime Stoppers anonymously. The phone number is 1-800-300-3TIP (847). All you have to do is call and give the information. If it results in catching a thief (for example) like the guitar that was stolen from the band hall last year, then you could receive a reward of up \$100.00 depending on the nature of the crime solved. So if you have information about someone that has vandalized school property, stolen something at school, sold drugs, or has possession of drugs at school, these are examples of the sort of things we would like to see reported. Everyone's help makes Gorman a better place to live!

Did you receive a notice of concern on one of your children last week? If you did, that means your child is failing at least one class or is close to failing. We are getting very serious about children turning their work in at the high school and junior high. Those students not turning in their work when it is due are going to be dealt with harshly. They are going to learn that we care about their grade and their success and that we are not going to accept a lack of effort on their part. I hope that all of you will do your part and insist that your child complete all assignments on time every time. If you have any concerns at all, please call me or call or e-mail their teacher. We have to work together as a team for the success of your child!

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. Thank you for all you do to support us!



Stuff Your Own Collectable Animal

We're bringing a "Fun Filled Event" to our children! On Friday, November 16th, 2007

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Animaland... is similar to the "Build a Bear" concept you see in a Mall Store, except we are bringing this event right into our school! Here's a unique opportunity to "Stuff Your Own" collectable animal and help our school at the same time. Why are we so excited?

- Your child gets to help stuff their own animal.
- The Quality and Value of the animals is of equal or better quality than you find in the mall stores.
- They Cost Less... than what you will find in the mall stores.
- And best of All...Our school earns a profit on each one sold!

We are excited to bring this great program to our children...and to you! We hope that you and other family members join your child in choosing their animal and outfit.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Thanksgiving Supper"

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday, November 10th at the Community Center School Gym. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. This annual event began at the end of World War II when our Community gave a "Welcome Home" supper for our returning soldiers (men and women). Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable meal - turkey, dressing with all the trimmings. Adults - \$8.00 and Children (under 12) \$4.00. All proceeds go for building repairs, etc.

"DANCE CANCELED"

Senior Citizen Dance will be canceled for the month of November due to the conflict of date with the Annual Thanksgiving Supper that is held each year on the second Saturday night of November. The dance will continue on the second Saturday night in December on the 8th. So mark your calendar for this date and make plans to attend. Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m., dance begins at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. No

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

An Enjoyable time was had by all on Wednesday, October 31st at 11:30 for our weekly dinner. We had 27 in attendance to enjoy all the good dishes. Barbara Bush prepared brisket for us all. Ann Maxfield brought a delicious ham. We also had chicken liver and sausages, plus all the good veggies and desserts.

Geraldene Wright gave the blessing for us all. So good to have her here with us, wish she would come more often.

We sure were happy to see Frank and Beth Shirley. She brought a delicious orange cake, that was also quite pretty. We do miss seeing them often. Beth seems to be well and looks so good.

We missed Waynogene Smith not being here, felt she might be coming down with something. So we missed having her good rolls and sometimes pie.

Bill Barrentine came for lunch and brought Frank Fenley, Sr. with him. Good to have both of them. Bill is much improved after having stints implanted.

Ann Warren was having a bout with Bronchitus, so missed her being with us. I've talked with her since and she is back to work at the City and Center. Glad she is much improved.

I want to thank Bill Sandlin for carrying the utensils in from my car. Also Jud Maxfield for taking out the trash. These men are such a help to us ladies. We do appreciate them.

I do hope Eula Mears is feeling much improved. We have missed having her and James with us. Also he good casserole dishes.

We will all travel to Desdemona for the Thanksgiving Supper on the 10th. Let's meet at the Center at 5:30. Those who need rides will be taken care of. Lets try to be there by 6 when the meal starts.

There will be no games on Thursday the 8th, day or night. The Center has been rented for the entire day.

It's been so hot for November. I'm glad to finally have some fall feeling weather, cool and leaves blowing. Wonderful!! Now if it will just be cold on Friday for the football game. We have had a little football weather - just hot, poor boys.

Hope all is well - Carol.

alcohol and No Smoking permitted. Music provided by James Roberson and The Unknown Band. Admission is \$4.00 each.

"ARTS and CRAFTS SHOW"

Desdemona Arts and Crafts Show will be held on Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st at the Community Center School Gym. This annual event was well attended last year and we hope to have more to attend this year. Breakfast and Lunch will be served both days in the Concession Stand. Come early to enjoy breakfast with all of the group and get your Christmas Shopping done early. Contact Linda Lindley (254)-758-2691 to rent a booth or reserve a larger space.

"MONTHLY MUSICAL CANCELED"

Desdemona Monthly "Country and Western" Musical will be canceled for November and December due to the busy "Holiday Season." This musical will start back-up in January 2008 and be held on the 4th Saturday night of each month. All area musical groups, singers and visitors are invited to attend. The concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Each month serving good food, homemade pie and drinks. Musical program begins at 6:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. Admission is "FREE".

Our Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Mary Alice (Brown) Ficklen, 86, of Desdemona. Services were held on Saturday, November 3rd with burial in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include two sons, Robert Ficklen of Dallas and Jack Ficklen of Port Mansfield; one daughter, Molly Godwin of Kyle; one brother, Robert Brown and wife, Ima of Desdemona; one sister, Marge (Brown) Johnson of Amarillo; nieces and nephews, grandchildren and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her parents, Ansa and Polly Brown and her husband, Here Ficklen. Mary Alice attend school in Desdemona and graduated with Class of 1939.

Kaley Nicole Garcia celebrated her 9th birthday on Friday night, November 2nd with a "Skating Party" in Stephenville hosted by her mother, Angela Powledge of Desdemona. Several family members and friends attended to enjoy skating followed with a birthday cake and ice cream. Kaley and her brother, Colin attend school in De Leon.

Colin and Kaley Garcia spent the past weekend visiting with their dad, George Garcia and family in Cleburne.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers "To Love and Be Loved is a wonderful Gift".

Karen Fair, Angela Powledge, Holly Guthery and daughter, Jade spent the past weekend in Fredricksburg sightseeing and shopping. They reported a good trip.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended a birthday party last Saturday for Alton and Cleta (Clark) Coffman of Ranger. They celebrated their 80th Birthdays' with a reception hosted by their daughter, Shelia Edmonds at the old Bullock School House (north of Ranger). Alton attended school in this building. Cleta attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1946. Ron and Marquita (Guthery) Barham, Eula Beth and Jr. Guthery all of Irving attended the reception.

David and Fran (Brown) Senger of Centern, Arkansas; Robert Alton Brown and son, Preston of Fort Worth; Marge (Brown) Johnson and daughter, Carolyn Conteras and her son, Joey Medart all of Amarillo visited over the past weekend with Robert and Ima Brown. They attended the funeral of Mary Alice (Brown) Ficklen on Saturday, November 3rd.

Have A Nice Day, Vonnie

Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman News

We would like to welcome our new residents, Faye Johnson, Irene West and Margie Hudson. We are glad to have them join us.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Virginia and Jerry Skaggs, Kay and Gene Snider, Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn and Louise Smart.

On Sunday Johnny and Ina Smith took Jelma Smith to Z.J.'s for lunch and to their house for a visit with 3 of Jelma's other sons, Billy, Floyd and David and his wife Connie Smith of Joshua.

Visiting with Margie Hudson were: Liz Caraway of Valley Mills, Trish Hudson of Dallas, Faye Tucker of Carbon, Veronica Seaton, Kenneth and Shirley Good, Carolyn Wilkerson, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Kay Ann Craddock, Amber, Jordan and Weldon Scitem, Nelda Mauney and Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn.

Visiting with Irene West were Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, Nina Skiles, Annie Fay Foster, Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn, Peggy Brooks of Merkel, Johnnie Barnett of Stephenville, Sandra Osborne and Pam and Nelda Mauney.

Visiting with Troy Scitem were Robert Callison, Billy Earl Simpson, Kristian and Kendall Scitem, LaVerne Carr of Whitney. Troy went to help her greatgrand daughter, Kelsi Guthery celebrate her birthday and visited with several friends and family members.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were Paula Morrow of Plains, Toni Morrow and children of Weatherford, Jeanna Pack of Carbon.

Visiting Ima Boles were Betty Little, and Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Visiting Nancy Hendricks were Zelda Jordan, Joe Bond, Marjorie Nell Treaway, and Sylvia Buchanan.

Until next time.....Ina

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

KOKOMO BAPTIST CHURCH

Jud Maxfield, of Gorman, was the speaker for the Gideon Organization at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. His information about what the Gideons are doing was very informative and encouraging. They have distributed 70,000 Bibles in 182 nations in 83 languages. To some of the children these are the only books they have to read. Many come to know Jesus Christ as Savior. They hope that soon the doors will be open for them to take their Bibles to China. The Bibles are bought with donations from churches and individuals, and Bibles given in Memory or in honor of someone. Please support the Gideons. They need our prayers and donations. God will honor your giving.

Cody Fails of Arlington thrilled our hearts singing "Amazing Grace:" and "How Great Thou

Art" acappella. What a blessing we received. Other visitors were Jarad Fails of Arlington, Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin, Alexis Snapp of Lewisville and Michael and Susie Hampton and children, Chance, Mykisha and Larrisa.

"Where Have All The Heroes Gone" was the title of Bro. Jim Haggard's sermon. The Bible speaks of many heroes. The 11th chapter of Hebrews is the roll call of God's faithful servants. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. God is on the right side. We need to get on His side, and walk with Him step by step and day by day. We need men and woman, and boys and girls to be heroes who will stand up for what is right according to God's word.

Bro. Haggard's sermon on Sunday evening was on "Rest and Peace". Millions are searching for rest. Rest is a condition of the spirit. One way to secure peace in your soul is by receiving Jesus Christ into your heart. He will give you rest. Sin is the root causing man's restlessness. You can't have peace and rest while in rebellion against God. Man's greatest need is spiritual rest. Some of the scriptures Bro. Haggard used were Matthew 11:22-24, 28-30 and John 3:1-8.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Bobby Swan who passed away Friday Nov. 2, and will be buried in the Simpson Cemetery on Tuesday. Bobby was the son of Lester Swan and the late Marilyn Swan. He was a nephew of Martha and Larry Bryant, and the cousin of Susie and Michael Hampton and family of our Community.

Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin visited during the weekend with Oren and Norma Webb.

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Red Ribbon Week Summary

Gorman ISD finished the Red Ribbon Week activities on Friday with a door decorating contest. The winner of the door in elementary was Mrs. Matteson's fourth grade class. The winner of the door in Jr. High was Coach Emmons's fifth period science class. The high school door winner was Mrs. Gutierrez's fifth period English class. We had a theme each day of the week. Mrs. Laminack allowed our PAL students to go into her PE classes to encourage drug prevention through activities. The emphasis throughout the week was to make healthy choices, set attainable goals and work to reach those goals.

Arlington visited during the weekend with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Charles and Carolyn Little were in Lamesa on Friday to attend the funeral of a cousin, Betty Jo Johnson. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the weekend with Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

LaVon Snider enjoyed her Halloween "Trick or Treaters"

Belinda, Isaac, Audri, Ella and Belle Segura and Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider. LaVon also visited with her brother, Dan Snider in Gorman.

The temperature was around 90 degrees this afternoon (Monday), but has been dropping since the cold front came through around 5:00 p.m. and is expected to be in the upper 50's or lower 60's for the high tomorrow, so we will have some adjusting to do. It is quite windy too. Let's all pray for rain so we won't have to worry so much about wildfires.

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