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Merry Christmas!!!



From

Lonnie, Debra and Joe Bennett And our Correspondents Vonnie Guthery, Carol Ward and Carol Pell and the late Zelda Jordan.

Gorman

Panthers

a total of 30.

Basketball

The Gorman Panthers

Scoring for the Panthers

Basketball Team played Gordon

on December 11th at Gordon. The

scoring by periods was Gorman 31

- 15 - 12 and 10 for a total of 68.

Gordon scored 2 - 9 - 12 and 7 for

was Tyson Swanner with 21 points,

10 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 turn-

overs, 2 steals and 1 block. Zack

Fox had 15 points, 4 rebounds, 2

assists, 3 turnovers, 2 steals; Or-

lando Valenzuela had 9 points, 10

rebounds, 3 assists, 3 turnovers, 2

steals and 1 block; Sean Bates had

9 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, and

1 steal; Cory Clark had 7 points, 7

rebounds, 2 turnovers and 2 steals;

bounds, 1 assist, 1 turnover, and 1

Christmas Eve Program At First Methodist Gorman

May the grace of God bridge the gulf between Him and the worries and concerns that engulf our daily lives! May you find peace and comfort in the days of expectation, as we await the birth of Jesus Christ!

PLEASE JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 P.M. AT THE GORMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR WORSHIP; AS WE ANTICIPATE THE COMING OF OUR LORD!!

Child Passenger Safety

With Christmas just around the corner, this means that we will be traveling to see friends and family. They maybe across the state or they maybe just across town, either way we need to make sure that our kids are safe during this trip. Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of kids. Why? In many cases, children are either not properly buckled into their safety seats or parents don't realize that a booster seat is vital to ensuring children fit safely in their vehicle seat belts. On average, 7 out of 10 car seats are not installed correctly. For the most part, it's only minor things, but they can become dangerous if not caught. Example, seat belt not pulled tight enough to secure the seat, seat not a the correct angle for rear-facing infants, seat turned around too soon, internal straps are not tight enough or positioned correctly, and the list can go on.

In Texas, the law states; " if the child is BOTH less than 5 years Brandon Greer had 5 points, 5 reold and less than 36 inches tall, they are required to be in either a car seat or booster seat." It's recommended that infants remain rear-facing as long as possible, and that children in booster seats remain in those seats for as long as possible, at least until they reach the maximum weight limit of the seat. As with any child safety seat, they should NEVER be placed in front of an active air bag, doing so can cause serious injury to the child including death.

Children that have out grown their boosters seat and are able to sit in the vehicle seat with a seat belt should make sure that the seat belt fits them properly. Allowing the belt to ride up on the child's abdomen or neck can cause severe injuries to the child's neck and internal organs during a

If you would like to have your seat checked before hitting the road for Christmas, please call our office at 254-734-5989 for a free seat inspection. If you need a seat, we still have some convertible seats and a few boosters seats left. These are free to those that are not able to purchase a new one. What better way to say, "I love you" to your child than making sure their seats are installed and working properly, or getting a new seat for them.

We want you and your family to have a safe and happy holiday season, so please set an example and buckle up.

Wayne Dennis, EMTP Director, Eastland County Child Safety Program Member, Governor's Injury Prevention Committee Child Safety Seat Technician

NOTICE OF INCREASE!!

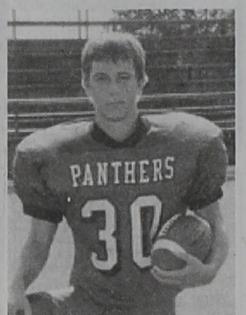
Due to the rising cost of printing the paper and mailing, we are having to raise the cost of the paper subscriptions starting January 2008. The incounty price of the paper will go up to \$15.00 per year; In Texas price will be \$20.00 per year and Out of State will be \$22.00 per year. We are also raising the cost of the our advertising rate. The local rate will go to \$4.00 per column inch and the national rate will go to \$6.00 per column inch. Classified Rate will be twenty words minimum - \$4.00, Each additional word will be 25 cents. Borders will be additional 50 Cents. Card of Thanks will cost \$5.00 and Wedding and Anniversary Announcements \$5.00 and with picture \$10.00. Inserts in the paper will stay the same at \$72.00 per 1,000 pieces. NEWSTAND Price Will rise to 40 Cents Per ISSUE.

Defensive Player Of The Year Gorman Panther defensive player Chad Klein was named AP Class A All-State Defensive Player of the Year for 2007 and First

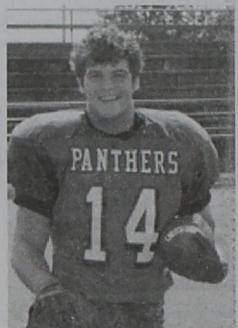
Gorman Panther Chad Klein Named

Team All-State Defensive Linebacker. Chad is a Senior at Gorman High School. Corey Clark was named Second Team All-State Lineman. Matt Underwood was named On Honorable Mention All-State Running Back. The Panthers will really miss Chad and Corey next year. "This is the sort of thing that comes with having a winning program, and he wouldn't have had this opportunity if the other players hadn't played as well as they did," Panther Coach Paul Talbert said of Klein. "But Chad was certainly a catalyst for us, he had a great year, and the only thing that upsets me about him is that he won't be with us next year".

Chad finished with 142 tackles, also forced nine fumbles, recovered five, picked off four passes and registered seven sacks. Gorman finished the season at 11-1, falling to Winthorst in the Area Round. "This means a lot to the Gorman community and the team", Talbert said. "Usually, when a kid wins an award of this magnitude, it's because of the team's success, and obviously we had a lot of success this year. Defensive we had some great numbers, and Chad was the leader of that bunch".



Matt Underwood Honorable Mention All-State **Running Back**



Chad Klein



Corey Clark Second Team All-State Offensive Lineman

Meek Blood Center To Hold Blood Drive - "One More Gift To Give"

A Community Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, December 26th. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Gorman City Park from 1:00 p.m. Until 6 p.m. According to Meek Blood Center, blood donations drop drastically during the week between Christmas and New Year's. Blood is needed every day, including holidays.

"I would like to ask donors to give one more gift this holiday season, which is the gift of life," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "While most of us are at home enjoying time with our families, there are parents in the hospital who are reciving blood transfusions. These patients are totally dependent on volunteer donors to save or sustain their lives," Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or log on to www.meekbloodcenter.org

Each donor will receive a T-Shirt and a complimentary Total Cholesterol Test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

steal; Clinton Oliver had 2 points, 1 assist, 1 turnover and 1 steal.

Gorman was 27 of 55 for 49% from the field; 1 of 5 for 20% on 3 point shots; and 11 of 21 for 52% of Free Throws.

All News For Next Week's Paper Needs to Be in By Noon On Monday. We will be closed on Christmas and New Year

We're Having a Party!!!!!

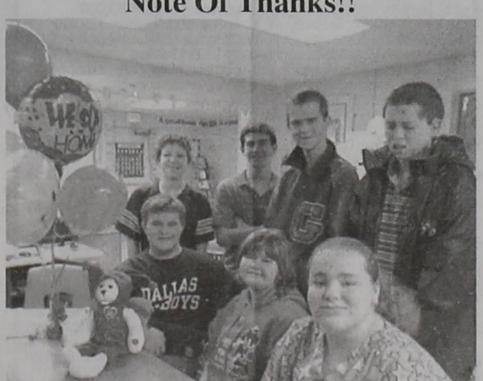
Please join us to celebrate Chessley Atchison's 79th Birthday Party Dance

Saturday, January 5, 2008 DeLeon City Hall 7 pm until midnight All friends and family are invited

Party given by his Children

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Note Of Thanks!!



The family of Chance Bryant would like to thank all of the family and friends, who called, visited, sent cards and gifts and prayed for his speedy recovery. We appreciate the Carbon First Responders who rushed out on Thanksgiving Day to help with Chance. We also appreciate the encouragement from the local and surrounding community members. We have so many blessings to count this Christmas season and we appreciate each and every one of you. I personally appreciate the support of Mr. Perry, Mr. Panter, Ms. Sowell, and the faculty as Chance eases back into school. He is so excited to be back with his classmates!

Card Of Thanks!!

Thank you to everyone who helped us in any way during the loss of our Momma / Granma, Mary Thompson. We appreciated every act of kindness that was provided to our families.

The family of Mary Thompson

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16Th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. ogy Center / Gorman Community (enter. Contact Leu or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

Buster Brown

Buster Brown, age 92 of Gorman passed away, Wednesday, December 12, 2007 in the Comanche County Hospital.

Services was at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Rev. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mr. Brown was born on May 26, 1915 in Alvord, Texas. He married Louise Dillard on June 14, 1941 in Brownwood. She preceded him in death on February 26, 2005. Mr. Brown retired from the railroad in 1977 after 46 years of service. He was a member of the Gorman Masonic Lodge and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: daughter, Janice Grice and husband, Max of Brownwood; two grandchildren, Jeff Grice and wife, Melanie of Keller, Tx; Tisha Grice of Stephenville and three great grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Gorman or the First Baptist Church in Brownfield.

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Billye Ruth "Binky" Rice

Billye Ruth "Binky" Rice, age 76 of De Leon passed away Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at the Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Thursday, December 13th at 11 a.m. At First United Methodist Church in De Leon with Pastor Lisa Neslony. Music by Nelda Priddy. Internment was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Billye was born September 13, 1931 in De Leon to the late Joseph E. Holleman and Edna Victor Davenport Holleman. She married Holt on August 28, 1937 in De Leon. David Rice on July 10, 1949 in De Leon.

She was an retired Vice-President at Winkler State Bank in Wink, Texas; moved back to De Leon in 1988, having previously lived in Wink 37 years. She was a member of De Leon First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women and Shakespeare Club.

She is survived by her husband, David Rice of De Leon; daughter, Jamie Davida Rice Pierson and husband Douglas of Irving; one sister, Bobbye Holleman Hix of Gordon; two grandsons, James David Kerby and wife Stacie and Joseph Russell Kerby and wife Brittaney; and two great-grandsons, Levi Jackson Kerby and Noah Lee Kerby.

Preceded in death by a brother, Milton Jewel Holleman; three sisters, Winnis Nix, Christelle Thornell and Louise McCarty and her parents.

Pallbearers were Steve Rice, Michael Rice, Kevin Caraway, Ronnie Tate, Shawn Tate, Michael Hennech, Perry Jordan, and Greg

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613 A, w/3-2, 2,144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620 sf barn, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [wwo2] \$2,025,000
328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [RP01] \$1,526,000

Lots of wildlife [RR01] \$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, MINERALS AVAILABLE. [DK01] \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280

90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24'x50' carport/RV shed, 20'x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultavation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable, [BE01] \$397,500 25.6 A, w/4-2½, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [JB03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000

7±A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well [FW02] \$65,000 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 [WK01] \$120,000 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01]

52 Å, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [LP01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
14±A, w/1840sf(CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage [FW01] \$180,000
5 Å, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [KI01] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
20 Å approx 40% wooded myseleder in costal purply storage labels bursting

20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting

51 A, hightway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000
 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [τc01] \$70,000
 236±A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
 380±A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bernuda & tilton 85, gentle roling terrain, good fences/ crossfences, producing gas well [CW01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
 250±A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, an Connerge Crook lake, stock tanks

250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, 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

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3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace,

metal roof, storage building [wco1] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000

2-11/2,1,313sf(CAD) remodeled frame home with attached garage, new roof,

storage building [ST01] \$75,000 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 [BW02] \$75,000 REDUCED \$65,000

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Doris Estelle Holt

Doris Estelle Holt, age 85 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Monday, December 17, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Crenshaw and Rev. Marvin Andrews officiating. Music by Esther Otwell and Cathy Echols. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Doris was born December 27, 1921 in De Leon, Texas to the late Robert Underhill and Dolly Brownlee Underhill. She married Troy

resided in De Leon since 1935 and was a member of De Leon Assembly of God Church. She was survived by her husband, Troy Holt of De Leon; one son, Troy Holt and wife Opal of Waco; one brother Bud Cosby of Port St.

pital and De Leon Clinic for many years. She was a homemaker and had

Mrs. Holt was a retired Nurse having worked at De Leon Hos-

Lucy, FL.; One sister Mary Katherine Wilson of Stephenville; 2 grandchildren, Troy Holt, Jr., and Renee Coker; and six great-grandchildren, Miachel, Casey, Russell, Katy, Hunter and Cody. She was preceded by four brothers, Simon "Monkey", R. A.,

Charlie, and Claude Wayne Underhill and one sister, Wanda Cosby Holdridge.

Pallbearers were Mike Coker, Michael Stanley, Casey Coker, Troy Holt, Jr., Russell Battles and Miachel Echols. Honorary Pallbearers were Rob Davis and Jerry Cox.

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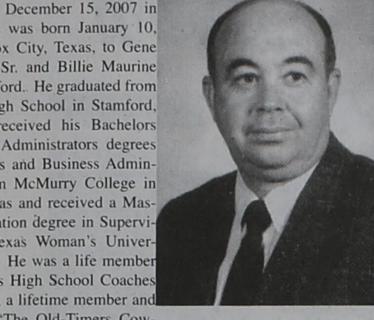
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Gene Shackelford, Jr., 59, loving son, brother, husband, fa-

ther, grandfather, friend and coach, passed away December 15, 2007 in Denton. He was born January 10, 1948 in Knox City, Texas, to Gene Shackelford Sr. and Billie Maurine Hill Shackelford. He graduated from Stamford High School in Stamford, Texas and received his Bachelors of Business Administrators degrees in Economics and Business Administration from McMurry College in Abilene, Texas and received a Masters of Education degree in Supervision from Texas Woman's University in 1983. He was a life member of the "Texas High School Coaches Association", a lifetime member and



Director of "The Old-Timers Cowboys Association" of the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, Texas, Past member and officer of the Gorman's Lion's Club, 1977 Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Football Selection Committee, 1983 Class AA Football State Champion Coach with an undefeated season. In 2001, he received Mirabear B. Lamar "Award of Excellence" from the Masonic Lodge #716 in Gorman. In 2003, he was given a Honorary Life Membership to the "Texas Association of School Administrators." He touched the lives of many coaches, teachers, school administrators, students, atheletes, FFA and 4H members.

He married Marsha Lynn Royall on June 6, 1969, in Stamford, Texas. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Denton. Visitation was Monday, December 17th at the DeBerry Funeral Directors. Services was Tuesday, December 18th at 10:00 AM in the First Presbyterian Church of Denton with Reverend Steve Nilmeier officiating. Pallbearers were David Gage, Bruce Larance, Bill Reed, Jerrell Burleson, Danny Bellah, Norman Waters, Joe G. Cartwright and Brad Keck. Honorary pallbearers were, John Langsford and Mike Terry.

Viewing was Wednesday from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon at Kinney Funeral Home in Stamford, Texas. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM in the Johnson Cemetery in Munday, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha of Denton; his daughters, Stacie Leah and husband, Josh, Stegman of Wylie, Texas, and Jennifer Ann and husband, Blake, Guthery of Early, Texas; his son, Kelly Dale and wife, Margaret Shackelford of Bowie, Texas; father, Gene Shackelford of Stamford, Texas and his sister, Vickie Maurine Jones of Hawley, Texas, and 4 Grandchildren, Carter and Davis Shackelford, and Zachary and Mackenzie Stegman. He was preceded in death by his mother, Bille Shackelford on January 16, 2002.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Pamela Dianne Mc Learen

Pamela Dianne Mc Learen, age 46 of De Leon passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2007 in De Leon. Services were held Saturday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. In Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Pete Poulsen assisted by Stephenv Forrest. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Pamela was born March 31, 1961 in Clifton, Texas to Linda Scott Melton and the late James Bell. She married Alan Mc Learen on May 31, 1985 in Stephenville, Texas.

She was a machine operator at Saint Gobain in Stephenville and a homemaker. She resided in De Leon seven years, having previously lived in Stephenville. She was a member of LDS, Comanche Branch.

She is survived by her husband, Alan Mc Learen of De Leon; mother Linda Scott Melton of De Leon; son Kenneth Mc Clary of Hamilton; two daughters, Mandy Turner of Cleveland, OK and Amy Mc Clary of De Leon; three brothers, David Bell of Llano, Doug Beff of Weatherford and Danny Barnhill of Stephenville; two sisters Angela Miller and Paula Bolling, both of De Leon; and 9 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Bell.

Pallbearers were Ray Mc Learen, Gary Ray Mc Learen, Danny Barnhill, Howard Tucker, John Mann and Randy Hoffman. Honorary Pallbearers were Frank Reyes and Tony French.

Jack Millwee

Jack Millwee, age 77 of Sipe Springs, Texas in Comanche County, died Thursday, December 13, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Graveside Services were held Sunday, December 16th at 2:30 p.m. At Sipe Springs Cemetery with Dwayne Clower officiating.

Jack was born September 15, 1930 in Gorman, Texas to the late Edd E. Millwee and Bet Barton Millwee. He married Elayne Cotter on July 11, 1964 in Pioneer, Texas. Mr. Millwee was a farmer and rancher; and a roughneck in the Oil Field business. He had resided in Sipe Springs all of his life and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Elayne Millwee of Sipe Springs; two sons, Edward Millwee of Sipe Springs and Billy Jack Millwee of Lake Brownwood; daughter, Margaret Estrada of Comanche; two sisters, Helen Mae Burton of Scottsdale, AZ and Bonnie Campbell of Abilene; 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded by his parents, one brother Kenneth Paul Millwee and one sister Bobbie Jo Bass.

Football District Christmas Championship Shirts Available

There are still some Panther football district championship shirts available. Sizes available range from youth medium to adult extra large. These shirts are mostly short sleeve, but there are some long sleeve shirts available also. Please call the high school office at 734-2614 or contact Becky Swanner or Vicki Brown to obtain one of these shirts.

Volleyball championship shirts will also soon be available for order, call the high school office to place an order for these shirts. Order forms will go out to all school children. Support the Panthers and Lady Panthers!!

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Ken Good, son of Kenneth and Shirley Good, of Tyler was again recognized for his Light Show at his home. Two years ago he started with 20,000 lights that was hooked to his computer. The lights danced to the Christmas music he broadcast on his FM transmitter. The lights were very popular in Tyler. Last year he increased his lights to 30,000 and was so well receive, the local TV station ran a feature story about him and his lights. Then on December 7, 2006 The "New York Times" featured a story about him and his lights. Then on December 15, 2006 "The Investor's Business Daily featured a story about him and his lights. Last year there was also a story in the "Gorman Progress".

This year Ken has increased his lights to 60,000. and added two artifical snow machines, so the snow will fall during the show. This year his show was featured on ABC's Good Morning America on November 27, 2007, CBS's New Story on December 8, 2007, and NBC's News Story on December 13, 2007.

Ken estimates several hundred people from all over East Texas, come each night to see his show. All of the lights and the computer programs are installed and ran by Ken, himself. All of the three years of shows are featured on his web site: Christmas at the Goods.com. Ken is a graduated of Gorman High School and feels Linda Glover was a great help in preparing for this ability to set up these shows.

After finishing Gorman High School, he attended Hardin-Simmons University, where he majored in Speech and Drama. Then he received a Masters Degree from Tarleton State and then attended Texas Tech and received a Law Degree. He now is an attorney in Tyler, Texas.

Woody A. McGehee

Woody A McGehee, age 81 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Service were held Monday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. At De Leon Assembly of God Church with Rev. Michael Crenshaw, Rev. Curtis McGehee, Rev. Robert Lamb and Woody Lee McGehee officiating. Music was by Esther and Dennis Lee Otwell and Donna Otwell. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Woody was born on July 1, 1926 in Mason, Texas to the late Albert Lee McGehee and Dona Gertrude Stone McGehee. He married Margaret Holdridge on June 22, 1967 in Granbury, Texas.

He was a retired salesman of Liquid Air in Odessa for 28 1/2 years; had resided in De Leon sice 1986; was a veteran of U. S. Army during WWII; and was of the Assembly of God faith.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret McGehee of De Leon; one son Woody Lee McGehee and wife Stephanie of Waxachachie; one sister, Rhoda Baker of Glendale, AR.; And three grandchildren, Dalton, Brady and Allison.

Pallbearers were Rev. Michael Crenshaw, Rev. Robert Lamb, Rev. Curtis McGehee and Woody Lee McGehee.

Stella Carwile Scott

Stella Carwile Scott, age 102, formerly of Gorman, passed away Monday, December 12, 2007. Stella was living in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the time of her death.

Graveside services were held at the Oakland Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 20th with Durward Webb officiating. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

She was born November 3, 1905 in Comanche County, Texas. She married Fletch Carwile, January 8, 1925 at Rock Bluff. He died on January 30, 1969. Stella later married George Scott of De Leon on July 6, 1971. George died July 13, 1980. Stella was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include, one daughter, Johnnie L. Johnson of Albuquerque, NM and a stepdaughter, Jo Francis Brewer of Graham, Tx. Stella lived with her two granddaughters, Connie Robinson and Beverly Sheridan in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the last 5 years of her life. She is also survived by 4 generations of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by many and loved very deeply.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. On Wednesday, Dec. 9th at the

Christmas Luncheon Held For Air Medical Providers

On Sunday, December 16th, Tech*Star EMS Education held its Second Annual Christmas Lunch for the area air medical providers. "This is something that we started last year for these providers last in addition to our annual lunch during Texas EMS Week in May", states Tim (Wayne) Dennis, EMTP, Program Director for Tech*Star EMS Education.

"This is our way of showing our appreciation for our fellow EMS providers who have to work during the holidays", Dennis states. The flight crews always look forward to both our EMS Week and now our Christmas Luncheon as this gives these providers a chance to also socialize with their fellow flight crews in the area, plus they look forward to the good food they are served at ZJ's.

This year we had crews from CareFlite in Granbury and Air Evac in Brownwood. Life Star, which is based in Glen Rose, was not able to attend due to changing out aircraft, but we hope to have them here later in the week, as this will be their first time to attend.

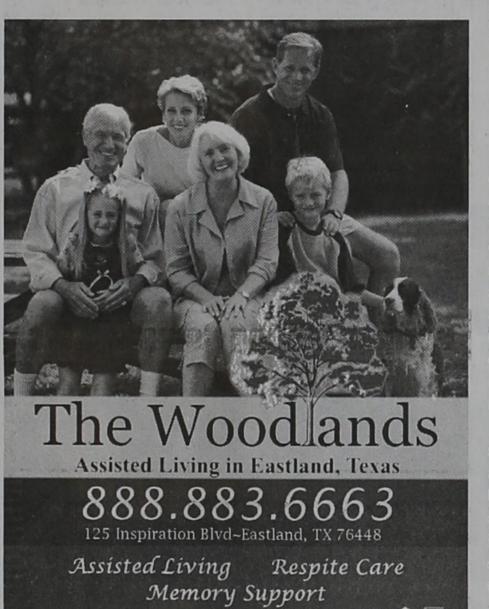


L-R: Tim (Wayne) Dennis, EMTP, Mike Hassel, Pilot Air Evac, Cody Posten, EMTP Air-Evac, Betsy Hurley, RN Air-Evac, James Bailey, EMTP CareFlite, Mike Rarialy, Pilot CareFlite & John Dineen, RN CareFlite.



L-R: Mike Hassel, Pilot Air Evac, James R. Boss, Asst. Director, Tech*Star, John Dineen, RN CareFlite, Mike Rarialy, Pilot CareFlite, James Bailey, EMTP CareFlite, Cody Poston, EMTP Air Evac & Betsy Hurley, RN Air Evac.

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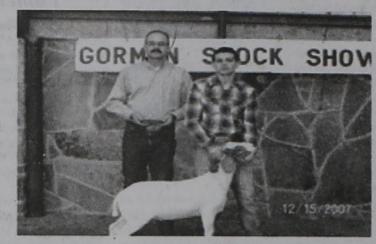
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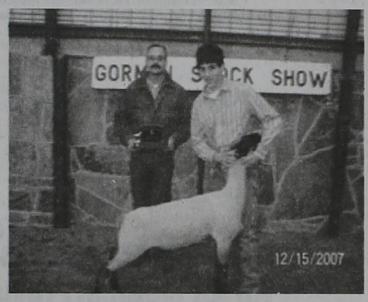
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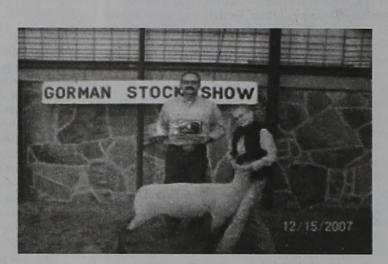
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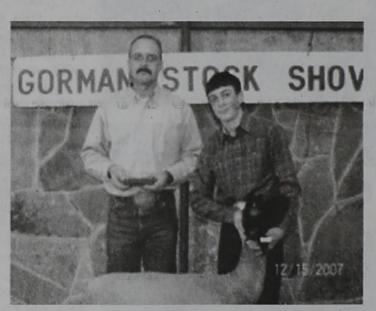
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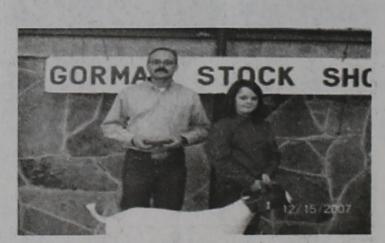
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Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Nathan Gee



Pee Wee Showmanship Meat Goat Division - Trent Fenley Also competing was Reese Scitern, Sara Woodall and Karsyn Scitern



Grand Champion Meat Goat - Taylor Hull



PeeWee Showmanship - Sara Woodall Also competing Keeton Moore and Kade Sparger



Grand Champion Market Lamb - Madison Warren

Pig Tales From Hogtown

I am repeating last week's column – because of a computer glitch it didn't get printed in the Free Press. Please mark your calendars for the New Year's Eve Party and for our regular first Saturday 'Breakfast at the DAC'.

Very important – Thursday, December 20 is the date for the drawing for the 42-inch LG plasma TV. The drawing will be held at our new fire station at 7:00 P.M. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, call our Fire Chief, Dwight Dold at 758-2346 or me at 758-2420. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Time's a'wastin! You do not have to be present to win but we would like you to come and see our new station.

I would like to thank all the great folks who supported our Christmas Store this year. We had a super time visiting with you and hope you will come back next year.

Even before next year, we hope you will join us at the DAC for a New Year's Eve party.

We are planning a family event with board games, card games, domino games and a ping-pong table. We will serve finger foods and desserts, tea and coffee. The party will start at 6:00 P.M. and last until the first minutes of 2008 – that is, if anyone can last that long! Come join us for a fun evening and, if you would like, bring your favorite game to share with the group. Also, we are hoping that those of you who play an instrument will bring it along and jam for those of us who can only play the radio!

Also, please remember 'Breakfast at the DAC' on January 5th from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. This is our usual first Saturday breakfast that we have each month. We serve bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy and it is very good!

See you in Desdemona!

A very Merry Christmas to all! Carol Pell







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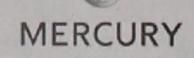
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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

SPECIAL FARM BILL ADDITION

December 17, 2007

Progressive Movement on the Farm Bill

Last week the Senate passed its version of the 2007 Farm Bill. I am pleased to report this to you, as it is good news for the farmers and ranchers of the 19th District as well as producers across the nation. With the 2002 Farm Bill expired and no programs in place as farmers plan for next year's crops, getting a bill through the Senate was essential. Additionally, I was delighted to see the defeat of several amendments in the bill that would have negatively affected local farmers and ranchers.

It is imperative that America has a sound agriculture policy to ensure that we never become reliant on foreign sources of food and fiber such as we are with oil and many other commodities. While the House and Senate versions have some significant differences, I am hopeful that bipartisanship and common sense will prevail as those differences are worked out and we get a bill that can be signed into law. The completion of this five year farm bill will be a progressive step forward in protecting and promoting American agriculture, as well as an important, and often overlooked, component of our national security.

The next step is for this bill to go to conference between the House and the Senate to hopefully come to agreement on a good bill that meets the needs of farmers and ranches in a timely manner. Currently, there are no programs in place, leaving significant uncertainty among agriculture producers as they are meeting with the lenders and landlords, preparing for next year. Legislation the House and Senate will vote on this week provides an extension of nutrition, conservation and other programs until March 15 but does not extend any commodity programs for 2008 crops.

Some of the main differences between what I supported in the House Agriculture Committee versus the Senate bill include:

Commodities: Much of the commodity portions of the bills are very similar, so that is good news. However, the Senate bill contains an optional Average Crop Revenue Program that is based the difference between state revenue for a crop and expected state revenue. While this program would be optional, it does not seem to be a feasible option for Texas producers. Additionally, it also has a high cost over the long run, which is a concern.

Payment Limits: The Grassley/Dorgan amendment did not pass in the Senate, so the bills are similar in the changes they make to payment limits. These are reforms that the farmers I have spoken to in the 19th District have told me they can live with. Because the amendment did not pass, further pressure to make more changes to payment policies is reduced.

Crop Insurance: I would also like to have my crop in- Program. surance proposal considered as a possible alternative to the Senate's ACR and disaster programs, as it provides greater benefits to producers in many instances at a much lower cost.

Livestock: There are some significant differences between the House and Senate versions, with the Senate prohibiting many useful marketing arrangements and contracts that producers set up with packers. The federal government should not tell cattle producers how to market their livestock. Both bills contain similar, beneficial improvement to country-of-origin labeling, which are much needed before regulations take effect next fall.

Conservation: The House bill focuses funding on proven programs such as EQIP and CRP. The Senate focuses funds on Chairman Harkin's newer and more uncertain Conservation Security Program. I prefer the House approach since we know those programs producer results for conservation and for farmers and ranchers.

Pay For: Both bills contain substantial increases in nutrition and food stamp funding, conservation, and energy programs that must be paid for in some way or these increases will have to be lower. Each bill pays for these increases in different ways.

-- Randy Him.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended "Open House" at "The Harris House" on West Clinton Street in Dublin, Texas. This beautiful 16 room home was built in 1898 by John and Anne Harris. Pat and Sarah Bays have recently purchased this home and they have completely restored it from top to bottom. Each room was decorated for Christmas. This home has seven fireplaces with beveled mirrors, domestic tile and oak carved mantels (8th fireplace was sealed off after a fire in 1950). We enjoyed the tour of this lovely home.

Billy Don Browning, 72, of Stephenville passed away on De-

cember 6, 2007. Burial was in the Bullock Cemetery north of Ranger. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Browning of Stephenville; daughter, Teri Baxter of Mesquite; sister, Oneida England of Bedford. Preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Willie Mae Browning. The Browning family are former residents of Desdemona where Billy Don attended grade school before moving to Ranger where he graduated with the Class of 1954. Friends in Desdemona send sincere sympathy to this family.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community during this busy Holiday Season.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Merry Christmas to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery

4-H News

By Halee Walton, Eastland County Extension Agenty

2007-2008 Community Service Project Sewing Scheduled For January 3rd

Eastland County will start the Clothing and Textiles Community Service Project on January 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. At the Courthouse conference Room on the 1st Floor. This Clothing Project will consist of making "Cozy Shoulders" to donate to local nursing homes.

Each participant must bring a sack lunch but drinks and dessert will be provided. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up at attend, please call Halee Mitchell at 629-2222.

Happenings at FBC

Freezing? Yes, it's been very cold outside. Sunday mornings we are warmed by fabulous fellowship with our Church Family. We're making marvelous memories together! Mark your calendars and don't miss these dates:

Dec. 19th - 6pm - Mission Friends and Team Kids Christmas when here. I really appreciate these ladies who help clean up.

Dec. 23rd - 6pm - Candlelight Service

Corey Clark delivered a fantastic Children's Sermon. He told of remote control racecars that he and Cameron re- were 10 of us, seems to be the usual amount. Good to have ceived as Christmas gifts. As it turned out, Corey's car wasn't Wilburn Overstreet here to play. the fastest or the best. Corey told us that the Best gift is the gift of God giving His son Jesus - our Lord and Savior Jesus is and will always be the very Best gift!

Sarah Lewis beautifully sang "Mary Did You Know?" while accompanied by her Dad playing the violin, and her brother and cousin playing guitars - it was gorgeous and an amazing blessing to all!

Bro. Barry's sermon was "When Christmas Is Not All It's Cracked Up To Be" - Mathew 2:1&2

I. Seek the Right Thing – Jesus is the reason for Christ-

mas. We want what we want! Usually we won't stop until we get

(A) We all have been disappointed by Christmas.

(B) Be honest - Christmas wasn't the Problem. The wise men show us - they were seeking Jesus to worship

II. Give the Right Thing.

In "Father Knows Best" they made things to give as gifts.

(A) Part of the wise men's worship was Giving.

(B) Showing love and kindness to our family and friends. Help to the hurting. Forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

SLOW down and realize that once the rush of the holidays is over, and all the gifts are opened we still have Jesus - the real Christmas has no end! There is no end to Jesus!

Our Worship Service is broadcast on 88.7FM. God Bless and Keep You! See you next Sunday!

By Carol Ward

Senior Citizens News

We had a great turnout of 31 for our Christmas Dinner on the 12th at 11:30. James Miears gave the prayer with very good words for us all.

Our table looked very nice with decorations and brightly colored foods. I prepared the best ham I've tasted in a long time. The butt half by Cooks - delicious - not salty or too sweet. They are much better than Spiral sliced, which are dry and like lunch meat. Barbara Bush brought candied sweet potatoes as several others did. Ann Maxfield made her good broccoli dish. Daisy Slaton prepared mashed potatoes. We had two beautiful cakes by Beth Shirley and Emma Jean Larch.

Wynogene Smith out did herself with two lovely peanut butter pies. Estelle Lindley brought good pecan and pumpkin pies. We had many other side dishes and desserts, all delicous. Must not forget Betty Regians good rolls she made for our dinner. Yum!! Also Betty Sanders brought a good banana pudding. Thanks All.

We gave each person a number, then Ann Maxfield called out each one. We did have some confusion, so next year we bring a gift suitable for either sex. I believe everyone did receive a gift. Chinese Christmas more fun.

I really appreciate my lovely poinsettia and candle from Panda's. I will be 73 on the 25th. Thanks All.

It was good to have Annie Fay Fosters' granddaughters here to visit with her. Sarah brought Annie and Arianne brightened our day.

Also nice to have the Miears here with us. Eual looking good and much improved. Beth and Frank Shirley seemed to enjoy all, plus she is looking great. Also brought her lucious coconut cake. Winston Brown's son Roger was here to eat with us. Good to see him wish he would bring his brother next time. We haven't see Roy Johnson in a while, have missed him being here. Maybe he will come back if we don't give him too many desserts.

I want to thank Ruthie Porter for being dish washer We try to leave the center as clean as possible.

We enjoyed game playing on the 13th at 4 p.m. There

Hope all is well and everyone has a good holiday.

Homestead Nursing & Rehab News

We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am sorry I haven't had any Homestead News the past couple of weeks but, I got carried away in decorating the home for Christmas and Tuesday was already past when I remembered to send it in. Will try to do better next year.

Visiting Irene West for an early Christmas were David and Kathy West, Melissa, Sarah, T.J. of China Valley Ariz., Kristy King and Kevin Cowan of Florida, Susan Spruill and Friend of Dallas, Johnny Osbrone and family of Nanasota, Pam and Jamie Gilder of Waco, Archie and Peggy Brooks of Merkel, Johnnie Barnett of Stephenville, Melva and Cody Schubert of Round Rock, Joe and Kathy Williams and Sandra Osborne. Bro. Caig Rhoton of Monahans also visited with Irene.

Visitng with Margie Hudson were Bro. Caig, Carolyn Little, Elnora Lindley, Carolyn Wilkerson, Nelda Mauney, Frankie Jo Shipman, Karen Guthery, Howard Hagood, Sandra Osbrone, Peggy Brooks, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Jo Nell Torrez, Woodrow and Helen Browning, and Kay Ann Craddock.

Visitng withTroy Scitern were Carolyn Little, Gene and Carolyn Foster, Tommy and LaVerne Carr, Johnny Scitern, Robert Callison, Keri Guthery, and Pauline Wheeler.

Lynden and Frankie Jo Shipman and Jerry Majors visited with Lavona Sharp, Visiting Lottie Morris were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Gene and Kay Snider, Jerry and Virgina Skaggs, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Bro. Craig Rhoton.

Visitng Imogene Norris were Jenna Pack of Carbon and James Norris of Eastland. Ann Warren visited Dorothy Beaty.

Jelma Smith and here family celebrated and early Christmas on Sunday at the Sr. Citizen building. All 6 of her sons were able to be here. She also had 12 grand children, 23 great grand children and 5 great great grandchildren present as well as everyones spouses. The kids all enjoy getting to visit with the Care Flight crew who came to Z.J.'s for lunch, and getting to sit inside the helicopter.

Everyone enjoyed having Bro. Larry Stogdill, Philip Lewis, Leo Williams and Mr. Smart come and play for us on Friday. Some of the residents even showed us how well they could dance.

We are glad Ima Boles is home from the Hospital. Wemissed her.

Until next time.

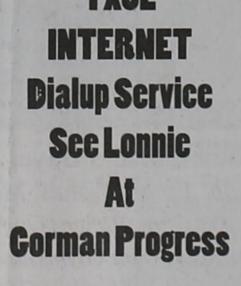
LADY PANTHER CHAMPION

Championship shirts for the Lady Panther volleyball team are now selling. The shirt will state all levels of success for these girls as well as their name. Please don't miss out on getting your shirt for the first time ever Lady Panther Regional qualifiers!! The shirt is royal blue with red and white trim. Contact the high school office at 734-2614, or Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or Vicki Brown. You won't want to be without one of these if you are a Lady Panther supporter and fan!!!

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