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## Matt Underwood Receives Built Ford Tough/ Dallas Cowboys Player of Week



With the help of The Whole Panther Team, Matt has made the list of Player of the Week. Thanks Panthers



Matt Underwood (R) is shown with his trophy from Rob and Debra King (C) during the the Pep Rally Friday, also shown is Coach Paul Talbert (L) with a trophy for the trophy cabinet at High School.

PLANO, Texas (November 8, 2007) – Six great young Texas high school football stars have been recognized today as the Built Ford Tough/Dallas Cowboys Texas High School Football Players of the Week for Week 9.

The Built Ford Tough/Dallas Cowboys Texas High School Football Player of the Week program honors one student-athlete in six of the state's athletic classifications every week during the high school football regular season for his accomplishments on and off the field. The award was launched for the 2006 season to celebrate the strong ties between Texans and high school football, as well as Ford's recognition as the "Truck Line of Texas" for an unprecedented seventh consecutive year. This year, the program was expanded to include America's Team: The Dallas Cowboys.

Week 9 winners:  
Class 1A: While Gorman continues its undefeated (9-0) march through District 12, Junior Running Back and Strong Safety Matt Underwood is the key. In last week's 47-0 pasting of De Leon, the 5-10, 170-pound Underwood ran 17 times for 273 yards, a 16 yards per carry average, and scored four TDs, including runs of 40 and 62 yards. And, just for good measure, he tossed a 33-yard TD pass on an option play. Underwood also runs track (a regional qualifier in two relays last year) and plays baseball and still finds time to rack up a 3.2 GPA in the classroom. He's also active in the shows program of the local Future Farmers of America. "Matt is totally unselfish," says Coach Paul Talbert. "He's out there working hard every day and never leaves anything on the field. He's a bona fide example of a great student-athlete."

### Nominate Your Elite Student-Athletes

Students recognized by Ford and Scholastic Coach & Athletic Director magazine as the Built Ford Tough/Dallas Cowboys Texas High School Football Player of the Week have excelled in three categories:

- Individual performance on the field, including significant game statistics
- Contribution to the team's success through individual leadership abilities
- Performance off the field, including academic success and good community citizenship

Texas high school football coaches, athletic directors and fans are invited to nominate players each week. To nominate student-athletes for this award or for additional information on the nomination process, visit TexasFord.com or coachad.com.

## Ashley Rich and Cory Hull To Pledge Vows



Bobby and Vicki Rich and Harvey and Dixie Hull are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Ashley Renee Rich and Cory Shane Hull.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Ray and Linda Hughes and Marvin and Lousie Rich all of Gorman.

Ashley is a graduate of Gorman High School in 2000. Ashley is a Nurse at B&W Clinic in Eastland. She is also the Youth Director at Carbon Community Baptist Church.

Cory is a graduate of Cisco High School in 1994. Cory is employed at Higginbotham Lumber yard in Eastland. He is also the Music Minister at Carbon Community Baptist Church.

The couple plan to exchange vows on June 28, 2008. They will make their home in Eastland.

## Notice Of Public Hearing

The Eastland County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 26th at 8:30 a.m. In Commissioners' Court to discuss and consider tax exemption on goods in transit.

## Hazel Campbell 95th Birthday

"Happy Birthday"



Hazel Campbell of Carbon will celebrate her 95th birthday Sunday, November 25.

Please join us at the Carbon Community Center between 2:00 and 4:00 PM to wish her happy birthday.

No gifts, please.

## County Tax Assessor Collector To Be Here

The Eastland County Tax Assessor/Collector will be in Gorman on November 28th at the usual time instead of new normal third Wednesday. She will not be in Gorman in December because of the holidays, but will resume a regular schedule in January.

**Trooper Clint Cole Benefit Set Saturday, Dec. 1 at Holiday Inn in Stephenville From 4 to 7 p.m. For info call 254-965-5928**

## Send Off Pep Rally 10 a.m. Friday

The send off pep rally for the Area Championship game against Windthorst will be held at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 23rd. The send off pep rally will be in the yard in front of the gym. Everyone come out to support the Panther team and give them a spirited send off as they travel to Graham for the game to be played at 2:00 p.m. at Graham High School football stadium.

## Missy Jobe Honored With Engagement Shower

The Gorman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall was the scene of an engagement shower on Sunday for Missy Jobe of Fort Worth, formerly of Gorman, bride elect of Travis Walston of Odessa. A host of friends and relatives gathered to recognize the upcoming marriage of the couple on Sunday afternoon. Missy is the daughter of Leisa Jobe of Athens and the late Rex Jobe. She is the granddaughter of Durward and Mary Webb; Lavelle Jobe of Gorman and the late Doyle Lee (Pinky) Jobe. She is the great granddaughter of Anna Lois Watson of Gorman. Her sister is Stephanie Catoe of Fort Worth. Parents of the groom are Jody and Gary Walston of Desdemona. He is the grandson of Alta Mae Wilcoxson and the late Travis Wilcoxson. Missy and Travis will be married on December 16, 2007 in Arlington. Hostesses for the event were Edna Ann Powell, Carolyn Foster, Monda Oldham, Linda Simmons, Velda Baze, Dolores Underwood, Louise Smart, Floydene Gilbert, Marceil Laminack and Carolyn Gilbert.

Josefina Will Be Closed Until The End Of The Holidays, Thanks.

**GORMAN VS. WINDTHORST  
NOVEMBER 23RD - 2 P.M.  
GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL - GRAHAM  
TICKETS - ADULTS - \$6.00 / STUDENTS \$4.00  
NO DISTRICT PASSES**

## Panthers Win Bi-District Title; Play Windthorst Friday At 2 p.m.

The Gorman Panthers hit the road to Alvarado on Friday night to meet the Lindsay Knights in the Bi-District Title Game and outgunned the Knights by a score of 52-10 to take the trophy.

The Panthers will advance to the second round of the playoffs on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. when they will meet Windthorst Trojans; last years State Finalist at Graham. Windthorst has a season record of 4 and 6 but have lost some close games. The Trojans lost heavily from last seasons team by graduation as they lost 12 players. However, they are still a very strong team. They were the third place team in District 11A.

### GAME AT A GLANCE

PANTHERS	KNIGHTS
21 First Downs	15
53/394 Carries/Yds.	21/34
68 Yds Passing	139
3 of 5/0 Pass Cplt./Int	15 of 32/2
1 / 1 Fumbles/Lost	4 / 4
0 Punts/Avg.	1/27
1/15 Penalties	5/30

The Panthers won the coin toss and received the kickoff on their own 20. They showed their blocking power and speed as they scored in 5 plays with Matt Underwood breaking free for a 65 yard run with 9:20 left in the first. The kick for point failed and Gorman led 6-0. The drive also featured runs of 5 and 4 by Underwood, 9 by Tony Perez.

The Knights came right back with a drive of their own, mainly by passes and moved to the Gorman 5 before the Big Red defense held, forcing a Ross Jones field goal of 21 yards deep in the first quarter to make the score 6-3.

After exchanging possessions, the Panther defense got a Knight fumble on the Lindsay 24 and scored in 5 plays with Orlando Valenzuela racing in for the score from 14 yards out with 10:51 left in the second. The drive featured a 2 yarder by Perez, 4 by Zack Fox, and 3 and 2 by Underwood. The run for 2 points failed and Gorman led 12-3.

The Big Red Defense again gave the offense the ball on a pass interception on the Lindsay 46 and it took only one big play for the score as Tony Perez broke free up the middle and ran in for the TD with 9:48 left in the second. Again the run for 2 points failed and Gorman was up 18-3.

After holding the Knights on their next possession, the Panthers took the ball on their own 38 and moved the distance in nine plays after overcoming a 15 yard penalty. A beautiful pass from Tyson Swanner over the middle to a wide open Underwood covered the final 23 yards with 1:52 left in the half. The drive featured 5 runs of 7, 4, 12, and 16 by Perez. Again the run for 2 points failed and Gorman was up 24-3 at halftime.

The Panther Band and

Dance Team performed at halftime and the Lindsay Cheerleaders also performed and did very good jobs.

Then on the first possession after halftime by the Knights, the Big Red Defense again turned the ball over to the offense on a fumble recovery and return for a 33 yard score by Valenzuela with 11:36 left in third. This time Swanner booted the extra point and Gorman led 31-3.

After holding the Knights and forcing a punt, The Panther defense got the ball on their own 34 and drove the 66 yards in 11 plays with Matt Underwood ramming in from 1 yard out with 2:11 left in the third. Underwood also added the 2 pointer on a run and Gorman was up 38-3.

The Knights came right back with a drive of their own as they took the ball on their own 41 and scored in 11 plays with Ross Jones getting the final 24 yards on a pass with 11:10 left in the game. The drive featured passes of 7 to Jones, 44 to Nathan Martin and 11 to Jones. Jones kicked the point after and the score was 39 to 10.

On the next possession the Panthers got the ball on their own 49 and scored in 5 plays with Swanner hitting on a beautiful 34 yard pass to Clinton Oliver for the score with 8:43 left. The kick failed and Gorman led 45-10.

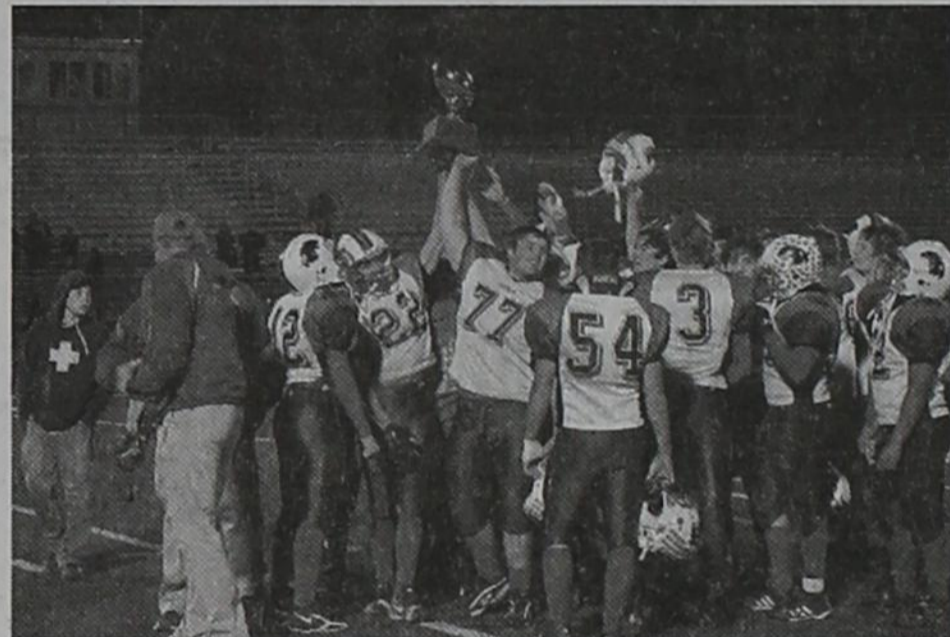
As time was running out in the game, the Big Red Defense gain gave the offense the ball on a fumble recovery on the Lindsay 15 and Gorman scored in 4 plays with Underwood scoring from 8 yards with 36 seconds left. The drive saw runs of 2 and 4 by Perez and a 1 yard run by Underwood. Swanner kicked the point after and the final score was 52-10.

Perez led the Panthers with 151 yards on 24 carries. Underwood had 141 on 22 carries. Valenzuela had 84 on 3. Swanner got 25 on 2 and Zack Fox wound up with -7 on 3.

The Big Red Defense did a great job of holding the high powered Lindsay offense allowing only 34 yards on 21 carries and a pass happy offense to 139 yards on 32 passes with 2 interceptions.

The Big Red Defense will be tested again on Friday at 2 p.m. At Graham when they meet the Windthorst Trojans in the second round. The Trojans have a strong team and the Big Red will really have to have a good game for a victory. So follow the Panthers to Graham on Friday and back the Panthers to another victory.

**Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!**



The Panthers shown lifting the Bi-District Trophy into the air after receiving it after the game Friday night. Congratulations Panthers!!!!



Matt Underwood made several good runs behind the blocking of the Panther offensive line. In this photo blocking for Matt is Corey Clark and others not included in this photo.



Orlando Valenzuela is shown scampering around the outside for yardage and a score in game action Friday night. The Panther Offensive Line did a good job of blocking to free up the outside for Orlando. The Panthers will need another good job on Friday night against Windthorst.



Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-6 during the coming school year. Any child in K-6 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before December 3, 2007. Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Matteson - Gifted and Talented Coordinator

### GISD School Menu

FOR WEEK OF NOV. 26 THRU NOV. 30  
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.  
TUESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.  
THURSDAY - Biscuit, Eggs, Gravy, Juice and Milk.  
FRIDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Noodle or Veg. Beef Soup or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pickles, carrots, oranges and Milk.  
TUESDAY - Roast or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Strawberry Cake and Milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajitas or Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Fruit Stick and Milk.  
THURSDAY - Fish or Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Wedge, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Sweet Potato Pie and Milk.  
FRIDAY - Chicken and Rice or Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot Coins, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Fruit and Milk.

## Bobby Duane Wisdom

Bobby Duane Wisdom, age 80, of Desdemona, passed away Thursday, November 15, 2007 at his residence. Services were held Saturday, November 17th at 10:30 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Malby and Ray Shipp officiating. Music by Rachael Barker and Morgan Barker. Burial was in Desdemona Garden of Memories.

Bobby was born May 1, 1927 in Chaney, Texas (Eastland Co.) to the late David E. Wisdom and Hazel (Buckley) Wisdom. He married Merlene Hogg on January 30, 1947 in Desdemona.

He was retired grocer and carpenter; cattleman; had lived in Fort Worth from 1950 to 1962 and moved back to Desdemona in 1962;

## OBITUARIES

he was a Protestant.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Barker and husband Gary of Teague and Marsha Beach and husband Joe of De Leon; sister, Patsy Kincanon of Hico; sister-in-law, Mildred Barker of De Leon; brother-in-law, Leo Williams of Desdemona, three grandchildren, Garrett Barker and wife Rachel, Billy Williams and Chris Johnson and two great-grandchildren, Morgan Barker and Seth Barker.

He was preceded by his wife Merlene Hogg on October 27, 2002; parents David E. and Hazel Buckley Wisdom; two sisters, Joyce Kimbrough and Eloise Williams, brothers-in-law, Ken Kincanon and Wayne Barker.

Pallbearers were Garrett Barker, Billy Williams, Chris Johnson, Ronnie Barker, Ray Shipp and Eric Kincanon.

### Dessie Juanita Ramseur

Dessie Juanita Ramseur, age 87, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at a Stephenville Nursing Home.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with David Webb officiating. Burial was in East End Cemetery in Lingleville.

Mrs. Ramseur was born in Lingleville on March 9, 1920 to Charles Allen, Sr. and Annie Pearl Bays Allen. She married Ralph Ramseur in 1948 in Fort Worth. Mrs. Ramseur had been the Head Dietician at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, a licensed Vocational Nurse and a School Teacher. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She lived in the Bays Community near Lingleville from 1958 to 2002, since then she had been in a nursing facility.

Survivors include: one sister, Mary Tarver of Gorman; one brother, Charles Allen of Stephenville as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Ralph and one sister, Elva Loreta Kelley.

#### TXOL

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See Jake At Progress

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- 613A, 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
- 328A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, 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 [PK01] \$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, water well, 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 [B03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000
- 7±A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well [W02] \$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 [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, corrals, bams [L01] \$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 A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [W01] \$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 [RP01] \$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 [DS02] \$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 [CW01] \$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 water wells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [REM01] \$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 [J7021] \$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, ruralwater supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DV01] \$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 [JA02] \$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 [W02] \$75,000 REDUCED \$65,000

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NEW - 24.156 A near Gorman: 50 - 60 Pecan trees, excellent fences (some new), 2 working water wells, elec., sprigged coastal 3-07 \$3,000 per acre. Will Divide.  
49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE  
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,900.00 \$2,800.00 A.  
240 a south Gorman, 120a fields, 80a wooded, 40a coastal, 2 small ponds, water well, in a great hunting area, lots of deer sign, great place! Mineral Rights. \$2,250.00 acre.  
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## Ranger's Twelfth Annual Night Lighted Christmas Parade

"Peace On Earth" is the theme for Ranger's Twelfth Annual Night-time Lighted Christmas Parade, presented by Ranger Historical Preservation Society on Friday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Main Street in Ranger, TX.

The parade is held in conjunction with the **Ranger Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** and featuring Hardin-Simmons University Six White Horses and Cowboy Band will begin at the park at the west end of Main Street, proceed down Main Street to end at the Roaring Ranger Museum. There will be Entertainment at the Gazebo in the Texas Ranger Park immediately following the parade with a few selections by the HSU Cowboy Band followed by a performance.

*This is a Night-time Parade - All Entries must have some type of lights (walking groups, Bands, etc. May have lights on hats or clothing.)*

*Lineup at the Swimming Pool will begin at 5:00 p.m. And entries need to be in place by 5:30 p.m. For Judging. Awards will be given from the review stand. "Please Do Not Include Santa In Your Entry."* Young and old will wait and watch in anxiety for the Ranger Volunteer Fire Department's big red fire engine that will bring **Santa Claus** down Main Street. Following the parade Santa will visit the children, hear their wishes and give them a bag of goodies.

Entry forms should be returned by November 24th to Ranger Historical Preservation Society, P. O. Box 320, Ranger, TX 76470. Forms may be faxed to 254-647-3824. For forms or further information call 254-647-3340 - if no answer leave number and call will be returned.

*For safety reasons, everyone is requested - PLEASE DO NOT THROW CANDY OR OBJECTS OF ANY KIND.*



They are here, the CD's are finally made. The Redeemed have their CD finished and they are ready to release. The new CD features the Rain Song. The songs are all registered with BMI so they can be played on Radio Stations. The CD will also be published through Dee Light Music in Nashville, TN. The CD could not have made it at a better time. Redeemed was voted featured group of the month in the South Texas Gospel Music Association. The group is now members of the STGMA, GMAA, and 4 State GMA, this means they will be able to travel and perform in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. You can pick up a copy of the CD by contacting one of the Redeemed members. They are checking into getting their CD's in the Wal-Mart Stores. If you are planning an Anniversary Service, Revival, Camp Meeting, Banquet, or would just like to have Special Music, call the Redeemed. The group would like to come sing for your church. God has furnished them with a lot of talent in Music and singing. To order a CD, send \$15.00 to Tim Elmore / Redeemed, P. O. Box 1, Eastland, TX 76448 or call 325-518-8792.

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## Life Skills Class To Sell Lighted Christmas Wreaths

The Life Skills Class will be selling Lighted Christmas Wreaths (approximately 22" circles) for only \$12.00 each. See our displays in the Elementary and High School Offices. Place your orders today. Order Forms are available from the office or Mrs. Sowell's classroom. **Wonderful inexpensive gift idea - Decorate your home for the holidays - Help support our students.** Wreaths will be delivered Friday, November 30th thru Friday, December 14th.

## GLRA Annual Fruit Sale

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is selling fruit. If you are interested in purchasing you may contact Mr. Boles @ 734-2505, or any livestock raiser member. You may purchase fruit, hams or turkey also. Thank you very much for your great continued support.

## Drawing Held

The PTO has ended its raffle for the 12 gauge AS Select semi-automatic shotgun. The winner is Gary Shirley. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser! We really appreciate your support.

## Donations Needed

Oakland Cemetery is in need of donations for its care and maintenance. You may send donations to Oakland Cemetery PO Box 532 Gorman, TX 76454. All donations are appreciated.

## Arts and Crafts Fair Set At De Leon City Hall

The De Leon Women's Division Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the community to it's Art and Craft Fair at the De Leon City Hall Auditorium, Saturday, November 24th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is FREE. There will be a lunch of beef stew, cornbread, dessert and tea for only \$4.00. Have your kids' picture taken with "Shrek" and then check out the Bake Sale Table!!!!

## Benefit For Trooper Cole To Be Held Dec. 1st

Trooper Clint Cole, Highway Patrol, De Leon, has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. This will be his second battle with cancer. His doctors at the Seton Hospital in Austin, have stated that we will need a stem cell transplant. His chemotherapy will be four days a week, every three weeks for four months, beginning Monday, November 5th. Trooper Cole has been with DPS since 2003. He and his wife, Jennifer have three children, a son, Cade - age 13 and two daughters, Chloe and Carrissa - ages 10 and 9. Trooper Cole served our country as a Marine from 1988 until 1998. Trooper Cole is the son of Clifford and Verlee Cole of Huckabay.

To help defray medical expenses and travel to and from Austin, a Hamburger Benefit and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, December 1st at the Holiday Inn at 2865 W. Washington in Stephenville from 4 to 7 p.m. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, it can be brought to the DPS Office, 850 East Road in Stephenville beside Hard 8 BBQ.

Plans are also being made for a drawing. Prizes will include a Remington 700 30-06 Rifle, Model 700 LSS Bolt-Action and a TV. The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 22nd.

Monetary donations can be made to the Clint Cole Fund at First Financial Bank, P. O. Box 998, Stephenville, TX 76401.

Thank you for your assistance, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call Sgt. Danny Briley, HP, Stephenville at 254-965-5928.

## Pig Tales From Hogtown Recently Completed MCEWB Course

Desdemona has had another passing. Our prayers go out to the family of Bobby Wisdom who passed away on November 15. We have had a rough time the last few weeks with several deaths in our community. We all hope and pray that this is the last for a long while!

Thanksgiving is upon us and that means Christmas is not far behind. I would like to remind you to come to Desdemona for our Christmas Store that will run November 29, 30 and December 1 and also December 6, 7 and 8. We will have lots of Christmas items for sale and lots of baked goods, also. If you have been to our store before, you know about the baked goods! Lots of good cooks live in Desdemona! December 1st is, also, our usual 'Breakfast at the DAC' the first Saturday of every month. You can eat and shop at the same time - can't beat it! There will be an Arts and Crafts Show down the street from the DAC on November 30 and December 1. Y'all come and do your shopping!

And speaking of shopping - there is a new store opening in Hogtown. It will be called the Hogtown General Store and is located just north of the blinking light on the east side of the highway.

While you are in the area, take a look at the beginnings of our new fire station. It is located on Hwy. 16 just south of the blinking light. We are very excited about this as our old firehouse is pretty primitive (as in no bathrooms)! As a fundraiser for the firehouse we will be selling chances on a 42 inch LG plasma TV. The tickets sell for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on December 20th at the new fire station. Wouldn't that be a terrific Christmas present!

Carol Pell

## Gorman City Commission Minutes - November 15, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files and Joe Casey. Absent were Charlie Torrez. Others present were Emmett Lasater, Edna Joyce Brinegar, Robert Kluge and Chief Barbara Fenley. (Charlie was unable to attend due to the fire department being called to a plane crash.)

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:35 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

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

Hoyt Franklin, a representative from Reliant Energy made a presentation to the commission. He went over the kilowatt charges and what the prospective savings would be.

Edna Brinegar was present as a representative for Cirro Electric. She also made a presentation option for a different electric service provider. Mrs. Brinegar also presented a separate long distance carrier option with Touch Tone Long Distance. The Commission will be looking at the long distance charges and more consideration will be sought before a decision will be made on this.

Robert Huger was present to meet with the Commission. Mr. Huger applied for the police officer position.

At 7:00 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

At 7:19 p.m. Joe made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular open session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

Nathan made the motion to hire Robert Kluge and Jonathan Shoemaker. Each officer will start out at \$12.50 / hour and be placed on a (90) ninety day probationary period. If at the end of the probation the Commission is satisfied with their job performance they will be raised to 13.00 / hour and placed on City insurance. If anytime during this probation period the Commission feels they are not satisfied, employment may be terminated. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

It was decided to place the Highway 6 property, formerly the Kenneth Lee Rawson property, up for bids.

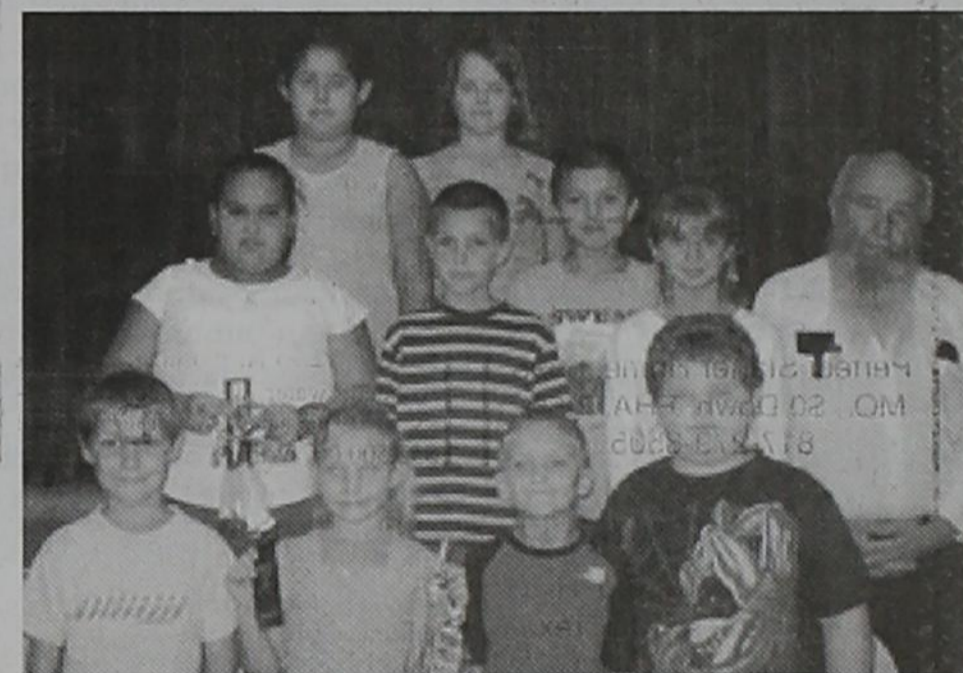
For the amendment to Ordinance #299, Article II, C. Compliance Required: The omission or deletion of statement to exclude overnight parking at Driver's Place of residence. Such vehicles will not be allowed, extended or overnight stays in or at residential area(s).

Addition as follows: This is intended for Eighteen Wheelers. This addition will be published and passed at the next meeting.

Appointment of a commissioner to fill the position of Don Underwood will be on the next agenda.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 8:00 p.m.

## Maxfield Elementary Veterans Day Poster Contest Winners



- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st Grade                    | 2nd Grade                   |
| 1st Place - Lauren Underwood | 1st Place, Connor William   |
| 2nd Place- David Griffin     | 5th Grade                   |
| 3rd Place- Justice Fischer   | 1st Place, Lauren Spivey    |
| 4th Grade                    | 2nd Place, Taylor Hull      |
| 1st Place- Keighvin Kehl     | 6th Grade                   |
| 2nd Place- Freddy Montelongo | 1st Place - Connie Gonzalez |
| 3rd Place- Betty Cruz        |                             |

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## 13th Pension Check Announced For Teacher Retirees

AUSTIN -- On November 9, 2007, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Board of Trustees approved a 13th pension check for eligible TRS retirees. The trustees gave their approval after receiving a 2007 actuarial valuation from the System's independent actuary showing that the condition of the TRS pension fund has improved considerably from one year ago. As a result, the 13th check will be paid to eligible retirees without needing to increase the active member contribution rate.

Eligible annuitants who retired on or before December 31, 2006, will receive an extra amount equal to their normal monthly pension payment, up to a maximum of \$2,400, in January 2008.

The passage of Senate Bill 1846 in the 80th Texas Legislature, required the TRS Board of Trustees to approve a supplemental annuity payment based on results of the 2007 actuarial valuation, but only if the resulting funding period to amortize liabilities would be under 31 years after payment of the additional benefit. SB 1846 also increased the state's fund contribution for active teachers from 6.0 percent to 6.58 percent and authorized the 13th check.

"I am proud to announce that retirees should receive their 13th check within two weeks after receiving their January check," said State Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). "This will be the first benefit increase for retired teacher's annuities since 2001, and it is an overdue reward for retired teachers who dedicated their career to educating our children."

The TRS fund has over \$100 billion in assets, but has been actuarially unsound since the drop in the stock market after the 9/11 attack in 2001. The Texas Constitution prohibits the Teacher Retirement System from providing a benefit increase to its annuitants unless the fund is actuarially sound. Last session, the Legislature appropriated \$650 million new dollars to the TRS fund which helped enable the 13th check to be issued.

Rep. Keffer is a member of the Texas House Committee on Pensions & Investments that has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to benefits or participation in benefits of a public retirement system and the financial obligations of a public retirement system; the regulation of securities and investments; and the following state agencies: the Office of Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner, the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Texas County and District Retirement System, the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System, the State Pension Review Board, and the State Securities Board.

## Eastland Co. Awarded Federal Reimbursement

The U.S. Department of Justice announced the award of \$3,228.00 to Eastland County, Texas, to reimburse some of the costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who have committed serious crimes in the United States. The goal of this program is to enhance public safety in communities throughout the nation.

This opportunity originates from federally mandated programs that the Country is providing at local cost. As many local entities are aware, the Federal Government drives local political entities to assume more responsibility for the administration and delivery of government services. Many times these services are funded with local dollars.

However, in some cases there are Federal funding opportunities available, if the proper request is made. Identifying federal funding stream opportunities and then properly applying for them are not simple or easy tasks. The interaction between federal, state and local political entities is complex, and often unwieldy for most local political entities.

An aggressive program of researching and applying for little known federal programs to supplement the local tax burden was implemented by engaging Justice Benefits, Inc. (JBI) for assistance.

JBI is a public sector consulting firm located in Dallas, Texas, that specializes in locating and accessing hard-to-find federal reimbursements for local and state entities. JBI does the research, gathers and analyzes the data, and completes all necessary information to be included in the application. As a result of JBI's expertise and experience, Eastland County was able to maximize its dollar amount on this application. Eastland County was one of one 809 (out of 3,140) eligible local entities across the U.S. that successfully applied for these dollars.

## Lady Cubs Basketball

- 10 Katey Thackerson
- 11 Ally Little
- 12 Chelsea Griffen
- 14 Cortney Shirley
- 15 McKenzie Osbourne
- 21 Jasmeen Ibarra
- 22 Angelina Perez
- 24 Carlie Jackson
- 30 Delila Hipolito
- 35 Erica Madera
- 43 Ashley Burt
- 44 Rachel Tucker
- Mgr. Karla Lara
- Mgr. Raven Kehl

## Gorman Cubs Basketball

- 7th Boys
- 11 Sergio Garcia
- 12 B.J. Ramirez
- 22 Mario Silva
- 31 Robert Shawver
- 41 Brandon Velasquez
- 42 Bradley Lipson
- 45 Luis Limon
- 51 Juan Olivares

### 8th Boys

- 3 Trevor Williams
- 5 J.C. Whitten
- 10 A.J. Vaughn
- 11 Josh Ryon
- 20 Sergio Hipolito
- 41 James Thomas
- 42 Jon Fenley

## CUBS AND LADY CUBS BEGIN DISTRICT BASKETBALL

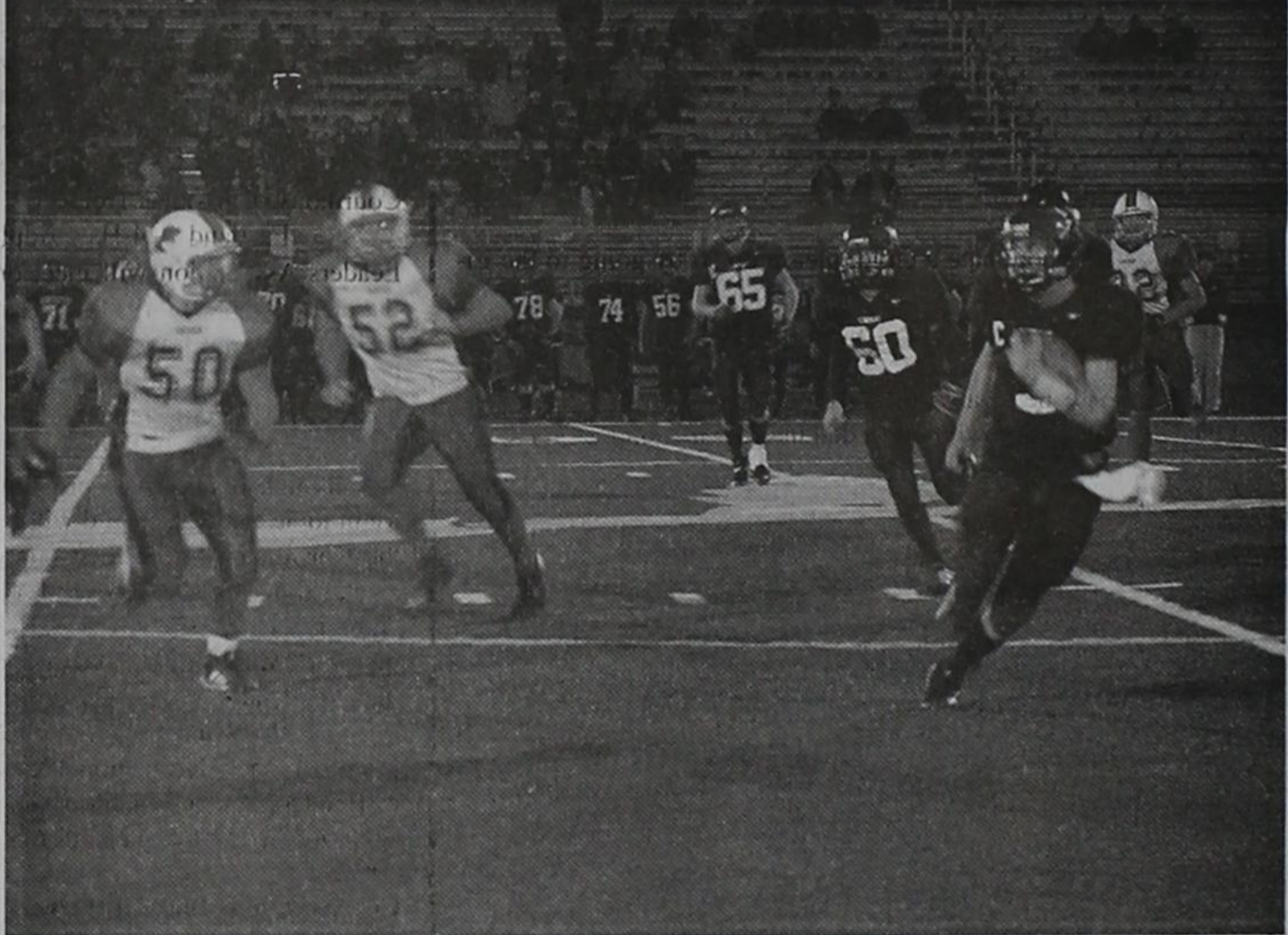
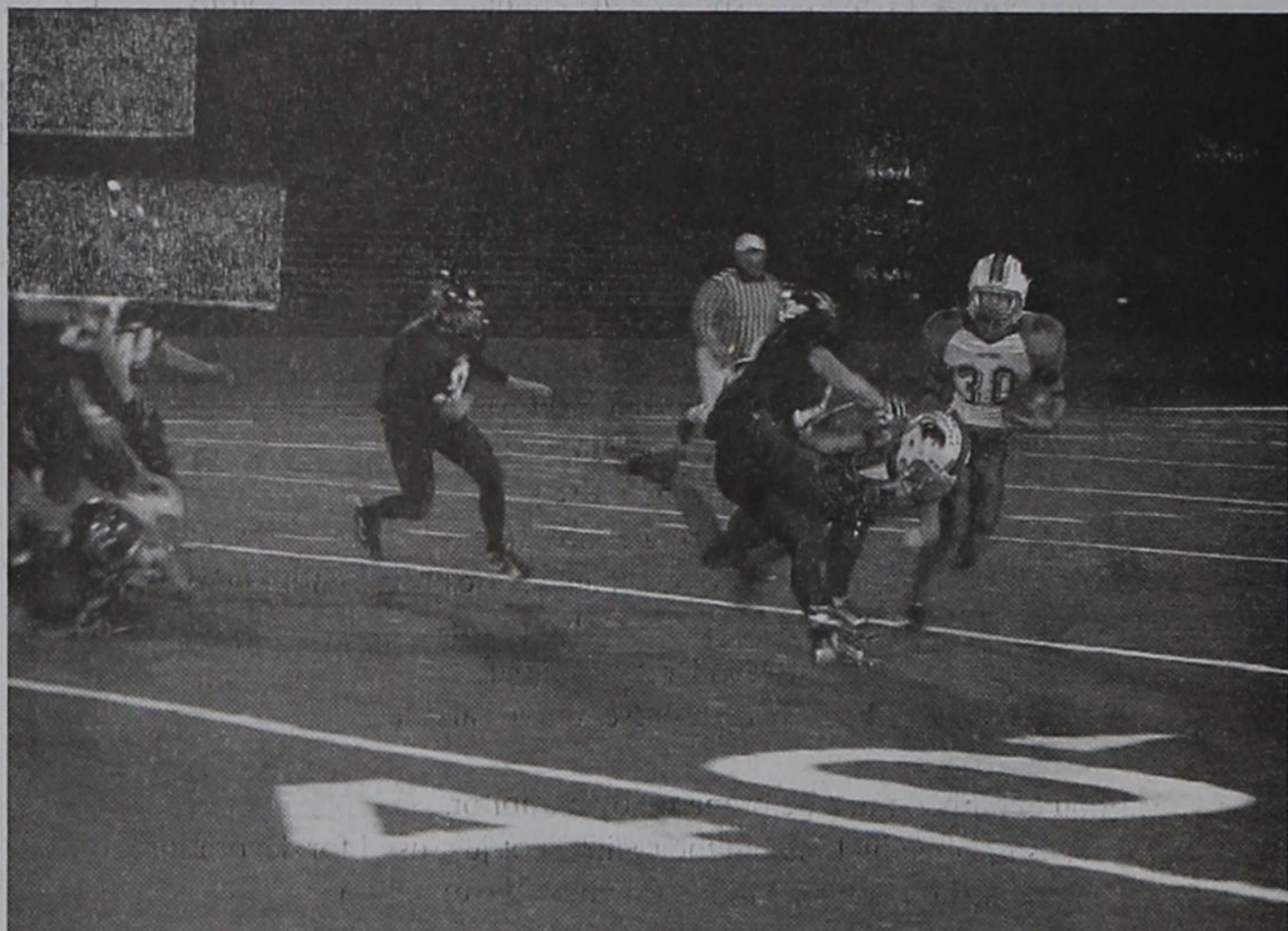
The junior high basketball teams played at Tolar Monday night.

Lady Cubs 17—Tolar 58 (Thackerson 3, Griffen 10, Shirley 2, Perez 2)

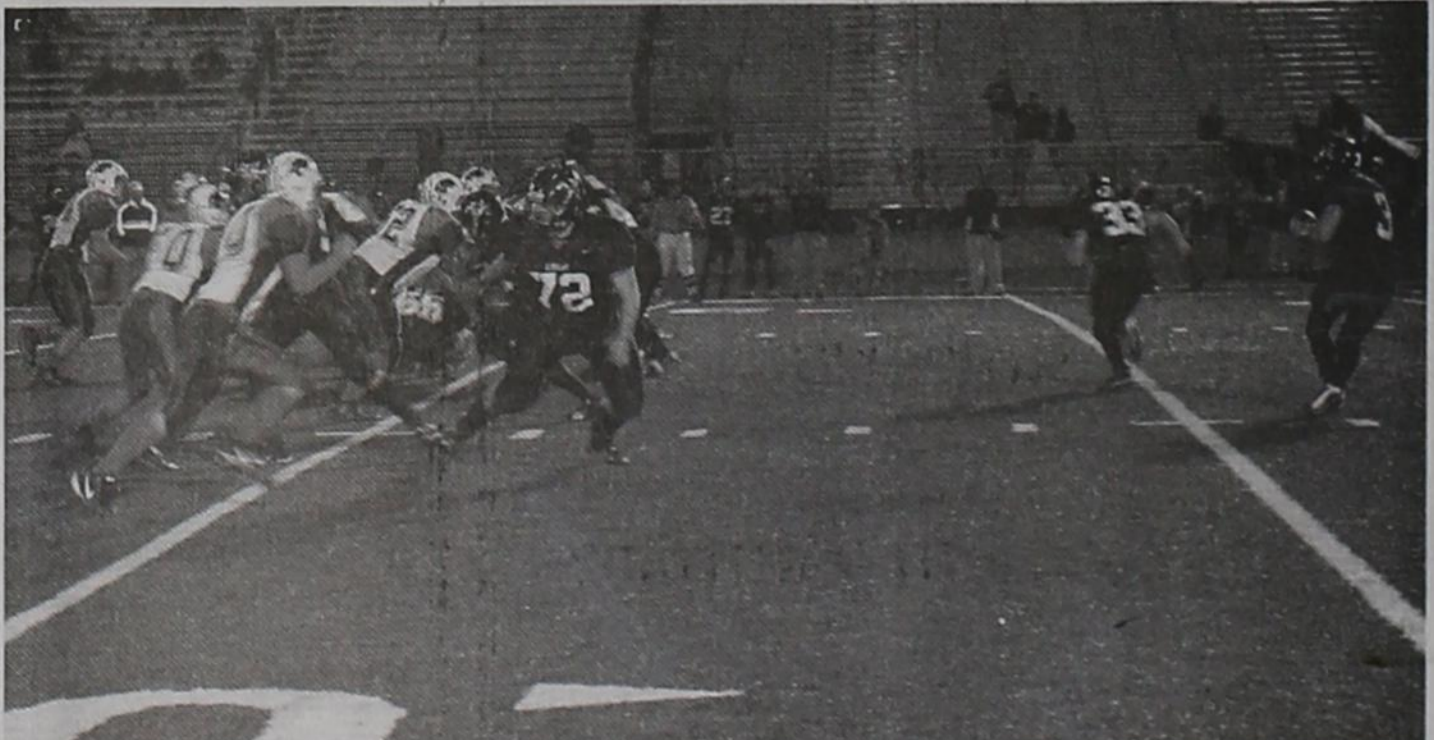
Cubs 7th Boys 26—Tolar 47 (Garcia 2, Ramirez 6, Velasquez 10, Limon 4, Olivares 4)

Cubs 8th Boys 55—Tolar 15 (Williams 11, Whitten 2, Vaughn 14, Ryon 2, Hipolito 16, Thomas 4, Fenley 6)

## PHOTOS FROM GAMES



Senior Football Players and Cheerleaders after game Friday night with Bi-District Trophy





# Pecan Bake Show

The De Leon 4-H Club will sponsor the annual Comanche County Pecan Bake Show on Friday, December 7, 2007 at the De Leon City Auditorium located at 137 S. Texas Street. The bake show is open to anyone from the age of 6 through adult. It is not necessary to live in Comanche County. Entries must be checked in between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on December 7. Winning exhibitors will receive ribbons.

### Age Divisions:

- 6 - 10 Elementary Youth Division
- 11 - 13 Junior Youth Division
- 14 - 19 Senior Youth Division
- 20 plus Adult Division

### Food Categories:

- Pie Bring entire pie.
- Cake Bring entire cake.
- Cookies Bring twelve cookies (pan cookies bring entire pan)
- Candy Bring twelve pieces
- Bread Bring one loaf.
- Misc. Bring representative sample.

### Rules:

1. Food exhibited must be prepared by exhibitor.
2. Pecans must be included in the recipe (not just used for decoration).
3. Pecans used do not need to be grown by the exhibitor.
4. Foods exhibited must be made from scratch (no mixes).
5. Recipes must be typed or neatly printed, giving exact measurements for ingredients. Exhibitor's name and address must be on the back of the recipe. Recipes will not be returned (A cookbook of entered recipes will be prepared to distribute the following year).
6. Entries must be exhibited on paper plates, foil-covered cardboard, or disposable pie tins. Entries must be covered in clear plastic wrap, Zip-Lock bags, or a plastic bakery dome.
7. Participants may enter as many of the six categories as desired, but only one entry per category will be accepted.
8. Entries will be on exhibit during the Country Christmas held in the city auditorium on Friday evening, December 7. Entries may be donated to be sold during the Country Christmas. Proceeds will go to the De Leon 4-H Club. Entries not donated to be sold must be picked up by 9 p.m. or will be disposed of as the sponsor chooses.
9. Judges decisions are final.

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Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-6 during the coming school year. Any child in K-6 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before December 3, 2007.

Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Sincerely,

Kristin Matteson  
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

Gorman ISD  
P.O. Box 8  
Gorman, TX 76454,  
(254) 734 - 2617

Estimados Padres,

Nuestro testamento distrito escolar está dirigiendo un programa para los estudiantes con el potencial en académico y las habilidades del pensamiento creativo-productivas en las calidades K-6 durante el próximo año escolar. Cualquier niño en el K-6 que usted cree es un intelectualmente el aprendiz dotado es elegible ser nombrado. Aquellos nombrados pasarán por un procedimiento de la granza. No debido a las pautas estatales, todos nombraron que los estudiantes reunirán los requisitos de la admisión.

Si usted desea nombrar un niño, por favor haga para que venga a la Oficina Elemental y completando el formulario apropiado. Cualquier nominación debe hacerse antes del 3 de diciembre de 2007.

Finalmente, por favor sea consciente que si usted o un maestro nombran a su niño, la comprobación especial se necesitará para completar el proceso de identificación.

Atentamente,

Kristin Matteson  
El Coordinador dotado y Talentoso

## 4-H NEWS

County Extension Agent - Halee Walton - Eastland County  
**4-H Council and 4-H Adult Leaders Association To Meet**

The Eastland County 4-H Council will meet Wednesday, November 28, 2007 in the Eastland County Courthouse at 5:15 p.m. Topics on the agenda include community Service projects as well as fund-raising ideas for Council trip. All Council delegates need to plan on giving their club report. Also, the Council will be decorating the Courthouse Christmas Tree.

Eastland 4-H Adult Leaders Association will meet on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. in the Eastland County Extension Office. All 4-H parents and leaders are strongly urged to attending This is the foundation of our high quality 4-H program Main topic to be discussed will be the Concession Stand for County stock Show in January and all clubs need representatives at this meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please call Halee Mitchell at the Extension Office, 254/629-2222 or 629-1093.

### County Stock Show Entries

mailto:hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu. County Stock Show entries are DUE by December 1st! !! Mark your calendars and make sure you come by the Eastland Extension Office and fill out your entries and pay the entry fees. If you have any questions, please contact Halee Walton, County Extension Agent-FCS at 254/629-2222-

### Shooting Sports Project Update

The Eastland Shooting Sports Project is off to a good start. Greg Sellers and Steve Key are heading up this project. Due to the holidays and other activities, the Shooting Sports group will not meet for the next few weeks, but will start back on Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the Eastland Gun Range. Please contact the Eastland Extension Office at 254/629-2222 or 629-1093.

## GHS Students Visit Vietnam Moving Wall



Recently, the juniors, seniors, and Ms. Sowell's class of Gorman High School visited the Vietnam War Memorial Moving Wall in Early. Although the day was cold, the students had the opportunity to tour the wall and make rubbings of names on the wall. The students learned a great deal about this time in our country's history. After visiting the wall, the students enjoyed a lunch at Cici's Pizza before returning to school.

## Full House at Stained Glass Art Show and Dinner

A capacity crowd was present for the finale of the Stained Glass Art Class last week. The class was sponsored for the community by the Gorman Church of Christ and was held in the Fellowship Hall. Instructor Monda Oldham was on hand to congratulate the class members on their accomplishments of the last few months. Assisting Mrs. Oldham during the weekly sessions was Edna Ann Powell. For the final occasion, the students brought guests and a dinner and an art display was enjoyed by the group.



Enjoying the Stained Glass Art Show were L-R: Kay Craddock, Bonita Moorman, Caro Boswell, Carolyn Gilbert, Eula Miars and Joy Rogers.



Instructor Monda Oldham (left) discusses art show with friends Joy Rogers and Eula Miars.

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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

### "Country Fair"

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st, the dates for the Annual "Country Fair" at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Breakfast and Lunch will be served both days in the "Country Kitchen", hours are 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy shopping for Unique Gifts, Arts, Crafts and More. Great gifts idea: Vintage Photographs of Your Family. "Santa" will visit on Saturday. A Special Family dressed in the 1860's attire will demonstrate authentic weaving, spinning wheel designs and playing dulcimer music. To rent a booth or reserve a larger space - Contact Linda Lindley at 254-758-2691.

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be cancelled for November and December due to the busy "Holiday Season". This monthly musical will start back in January 2008 on the fourth Saturday night of each month. Remember these dates and make plans to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Hallie Million spent the past weekend visiting with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. They attended Church last Sunday morning at First Baptist.

Take time out during the busy "Holiday Season" to remember the sick and shut-ins of our community with your cards and prayers.

Rudolph and Betty Duke hosted an early Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday for their family. Those attending were Rodney and Debra Duke of Pantego; Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley, son, Brandon and a friend of Midlothian; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona. Betty reported a wonderful visit with all of their family plus a beautiful Fall day to enjoy all of it.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Bobby Wisdom, 80 of Desdemona. He passed away on Thursday, November 15. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Barker and husband, Gary of Teague; Marsha Beach and husband, Joe of De Leon; sister, Patsy Kinncannon of Hico; three grandsons, Garrett Barker and wife, Rachel; Billy Williams and Chris Johnson; great grandchildren, Morgan and Seth Barker.

Preceded in death by his wife, Merlene (Hogg) Wisdom, his parents, David and Hazel (Buckley) Wisdom and two sisters, Joyce Kimbrough and Eloise Williams.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. This news is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon each Monday morning.

"Happy Thanksgiving" to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. May we all thank God for his wonderful blessings as we partake of a bountiful meal with family and friends. Without God's blessings, we would not be able to be with family and friends. I thank God for blessing me each day, and showing His love for me in so many ways through my family, neighbors and friends.

Sunday was a wonderful day at the Kokomo Baptist Church, starting with a very good Sunday School lesson, and then the worship service. Woodrow Browning directed the congregational singing as we sung about our many blessings, with Helen Browning at the piano and Daryl Hirst at the organ. The special music, "Heaven" was so beautifully rendered by Helen and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano.

Bro. Jim Haggard's sermon on Thanksgiving was taken from Psalm 100, Psalm 103, and Psalm 150. We should thank God in everything and for everything, giving Him praise for it all. America is the most blessed nation on earth and we should be very thankful to live here.

Following the service, everyone went to the fellowship hall for the bountiful Thanksgiving meal and fellowshiping together.

The Sunday evening service was dismissed so the members could attend the annual community Thanksgiving service at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman. It was a very inspirational service with special music from all the churches in attendance and a timely Thanksgiving message from the pastor of the host church. A great time of fellowship was held in the fellowship hall as we enjoyed all the delicious refreshments and had a good time visiting with friends. I'm sure God is pleased when his children gather together to worship and visit.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 2, 2007.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland, and their sons and wives, Joe and Ashley Little of Fort Worth and David and Ashley Little of Las Cruces, NM visited with Betty Little during the weekend.

David and Cassie Brasher visited in Baytown during the weekend with his dad, David and Joyce Brasher, and attended the funeral of an aunt, Wanda Barker. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Oren and Norma Webb visited wit James and Mary Donham on Saturday.

Rev. Randy McDonald of Rowlett visited with Zelda Jordan on Saturday and took her to lunch in Eastland. Rev. McDonald is a dear friend of the Jordan family and has held several revivals at Kokomo and other churches in the area. He is pastor of the Celebration Bible Church in Rowlett.

Dan and Ted Snider visited with their sister, LaVon Snider.

Shannon Bond of Bangs visited with his dad, Joe Bond on Saturday and did some hunting. He got a buck with his bow and arrow.

Zelda Jordan visited in Gorman with Daisy Slaton and granddaughter, Kaity on Saturday to wish them a "Happy Birthday". Daisy's birthday was Saturday and Kaity will be 5 years old on November 20th.

I wish a "Happy Birthday" to my great-granddaughter, Emily Daniell, in Abilene who will be 5 years old on November 26th from Grandma Jordan.

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our Thanksgiving Dinner on the 14th at 11:30. There were 28 present to have fellowship, eat and visit. I do wish more would of attended as we had a wonderful meal and our table looked good and pretty.

I believe the free meal at Hwy. 6 for Seniors interferred. I didn't even know they were having it. Bro. Frank Shirley gave our Blessing of the food and many good words for us.

Anna Rush prepared the chicken and dressing. So good, as only she can do. I warmed up a smoked turkey, that was excellent. One of the best I've ever tasted. Also made mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, etc. Barbara Bush made a beautiful relish tray and stuffed celery. Wynogene Smith brought her rolls and a pie. Estelle Lindley made us two fabulous pumpkin pies. Geraldene Wright made the most delicious cranberry salad, Yum!! Emma Jane Larch brought a fabulous chocolate cake. She is a good cake maker. Daisy Slaton made her cake with a very good brown sugar icing. I do love it. Many thanks to all who brought desserts and side dishes.

We enjoyed several guests at our meal. Hank and Barbara Hunter came from Baird, so good to see them. Winston Brown and son Roger came to eat with us. Hope he comes more often. Also we were happy to see Billie Bennett, glad she could be here to enjoy our meal.

I've been to visit Opal Burton in the nursing home at Eastland. She seems to be a little better and resigned to her new home. She is in Valley View

Betty Region and I went to Abilene from my Dr. appt. on the 15th. We also visited her daughter, Betty Fay in a Clinic there. She has been having some problems, hope she can improve soon. We ate at Cracker Barrel and shopped.

Jo Holdman and I have been going to the football games together. She is fun and we can hardly get all our talking done, HA! Saw Max Bush and his son Brian there. This was some game, one of the better ones in spite of the score. We won 52 to 10, take take De Leon!!

We will not eat for dinner or games this week of Thanksgiving. The center is rented on Thursday.

Hope all is well and see you next time, have a good and safe Thanksgiving to all, Carol.

## Fire Extinguisher Class Held Recently



Kneeling, L-R: Lil Brudnak, Gene Foster, Francis Simpson and Betty Regan. Standing, L-R: Floydene Gilbert, Joy Rogers, Ima Brown, Ruth Porter, Aline Garrett, Marie Patty, Nell Moore, Monda Oldham, Wanda Martin, Mary Webb, Bonita Moorman and Bill Oldham. Not pictured were Neal Gilbert and Carolyn Gilbert.

## AG Viewpoint

### TIME TO ENTER THE EASTLAND PECAN SHOW

The Eastland County Pecan Show which will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Pecan entries should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28th.

county pecan producers as well as area homeowners with pecan trees to enter the 2007 Eastland County Pecan Show which will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Pecan entries should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28th.

The pecans must have been grown during this year and by the person entering. A pecan entry must have a minimum of 45 nuts and be labeled with a variety name, exhibitor name, address and phone number.

For best results, bring your best 45 pecans. DO NOT POLISH your pecans, but you may weigh them or float them to get the heaviest pecan you can. You may enter as many varieties as you wish.

Growers are limited to one entry of each variety. Pecan entries will be processed between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on December 4th and judged at 1:00 p.m. on December 4th.

After judging of Eastland County Pecan Show entries, all winners will be sent to the Central Texas Pecan Show for judging at the Texas A&M Research Center in Stephenville.

The Regional Show will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11th - 12th.

If you have any questions on either of these events, please contact the Extension Office at 629-1093 or 629-2222.

## Homestead Nursing & Rehab News

We hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving. On the 15th we hosted our annual Family/Friends Thanksgiving Meal at noon. We had a great turn out. If you missed this you missed some good eating. Thanks to everyone who came and to those who brought desserts.

Visiting with Margie Hudson were Peggy Brooks of Merkel, Daviddie Lester of Comanche, Faye Tucker of Carbon, Lenora Lindley of Desdemona, Vicki Doyle of Breckenridge, Trish Hudson of Dallas, Shirley Good, Shirley Eaves, Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, Zelda Jordan, Carolyn Wilkerson, Amber and Weldon Scitern, Karen Guthery, Liz Caraway, Johnny and Ina Smith, and Kay Ann Craddock.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Pam and Mark Hulse of Hobbs, New Mexico, Beverly and James Morris of Levelland, Glen and Shirley Clements, Freddie Rodgers, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Virginia Skaggs, and Kay Browning.

Visiting Troy Scitern were LaVerne Carr of Whiteny and Johnny Scitern.

Visiting with Nancy Hendrick were Zelda Jordan, Doris Bradshaw, Joe Bond and Sylvia Buchanan. Jeanna Norris visited with her mom, Imogene Norris.

Visiting with Patty and T.D. Whitehorn were Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene and Sylvia Estes of DeLeon. Freddie and Kay Rodgers visited with Don Estes.

Dalton Taylor visited with Robin Taylor, Roy Cooper visited Lula Schneider.

We had several other visitors, but I was unable to get all the names.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF OF HOMESTEAD NURSING AND REHAB.

## Super Notes

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

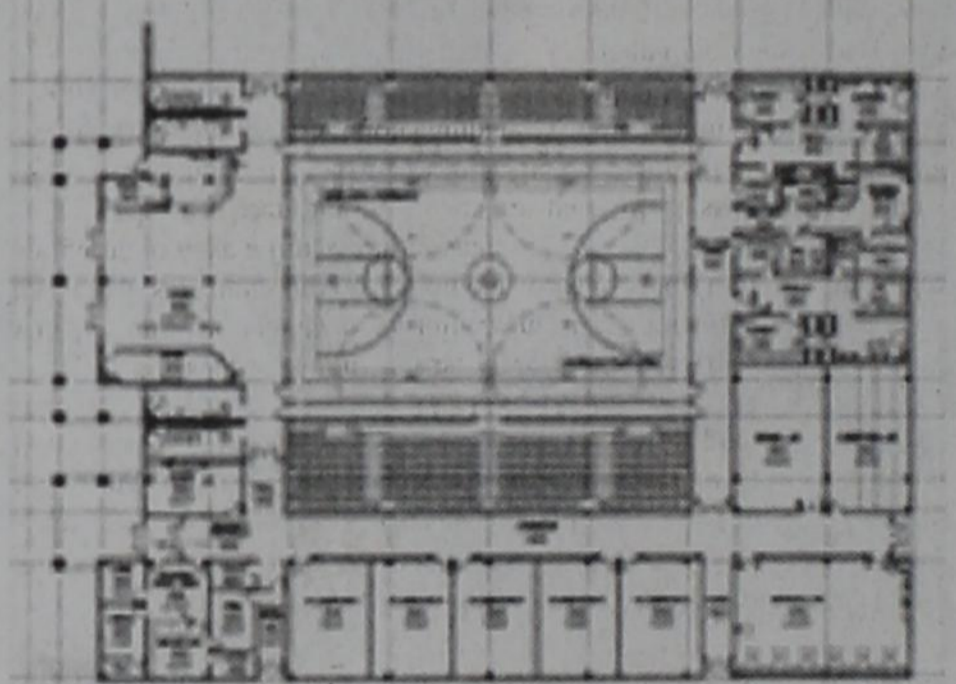
How about those Panthers? Bi-District Champions! The playoffs are an exciting time of the year, especially when you are in them. Watching is fun, but participation better. This week we face Windthorst Trojans in Graham, Texas at 2:00pm. Although the Trojans have been a force in Class - A football for years, I think you will see a dominant Panther team on the field Friday afternoon. If you are one of those folks that have been waiting a long time for a championship Panther football team to surface, this is the one. These young men are serious and so are our coaches about going as deep as they can in the playoffs and that might even be all the way. I've been around championship teams in the past and winning it all is not always based on the best team. You have to have some breaks along the way too! We have a team that is capable, now all we need is a few breaks. You don't you come out this Friday afternoon and see if we get them. Graham is the place to be at 2pm on Friday!

Friday night after the game in Alvarado, one of the Alvarado parents was overheard talking to some of our fans telling them that our team was one of the best behaved teams they played this year. They were very impressed with our team's good sportsmanship! I have been impressed with them too. We have a great bunch of players and coaches!

Basketball is still in just three quarters swing right now and will be until the varsity boys join them after football is finished. Our basketball schedules are posted on our website. Don't miss a game. We are going to have a fun, exciting year.

I have been getting in several pairs of glasses for the Lion's Club. Remember, the Gorman Lions Club, of which I am a member, is having a old glasses collection campaign for the month of November. If you have any old pairs of glasses that you would like to donate, you may drop them off to me at the school or at the Gorman Pharmacy. We collect them year round, but will be trying to get as many as we can through the month of November. Please help us out!

Here is a picture of our updated floor-plan, for the new high school/gymnasium I thought was going to be in last week's paper, but I had a computer problem:



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!

## Happenings At FBC!!

Smile! Joy is abundant when Jesus is in it! When two or three are gathered together in His name, God is there; and we do feel His presence during our Services! Glory to God!

Guest Speaker, Walter Williams, shared with us about the Gideon Ministry of placing Bibles in places like Hotels rooms to give people who otherwise may not have the opportunity a chance to read the Bible. Thus enabling all those to be touched by the power of God's word. The Gideon's are placing Bibles in over 175 countries. Please pray for the Gideon Ministry and support them in the way that God leads you.

Liz Caraway showed us in her Children's Sermon how to trace our hand in to a "Thankful Tom Turkey". Of all the things that we are thankful for, Jesus should be the very first.

Nov. 23rd - 9am - at FBC Fellowship Hall = Breakfast for the Panther Football Team.

Bro. Barry's Sermon was "10-Second Pause Button" - Psalm 122:1 and Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Our athletes are a magnificent example of giving something all you got! Life more enjoyable; more pleasing to God:

1. Do our best to look on the bright side of things - God gave us life so live it!

2. Try to do our best to solve problems instead of adding to them - Humanity is plagued with problems - Jesus promised he would be with us - Let Him help us through these problems!

3. Spend more time listening than we do talking - Listen!

4. Put Jesus FIRST in our lives - Be passionate about Christ, passionate about life - don't stroll through life, Grab it!

Remember, LOVE is the greatest of these.

Abundance isn't an abundance of things, but an abundance of Him. It isn't that God has changed the world we live in, but He has changed us. Abundance isn't looking around, But looking up. If you have abundance, you can sing in the prison, You can dance in a dungeon, And you can walk in a fire. Abundance isn't absence from life, But victory through life.

If I have learned anything in 39 years of preaching, it is the fact that it is level ground at the Cross. The rich and the poor are equal there. It isn't that some need Him more, or some need Him less, we all need Grace the same. All flesh is flesh, and it takes the same amount of blood, ONE DROP, TO WASH US WHITE AS SNOW. Put your life on "Christ Control" by putting Jesus Christ first! Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Our Worship Service is being broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM. God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

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