

# The Gorman Progress

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## Merry Christmas

### Lady Panther & JV Lady Panthers Basketball News

#### LADY PANTHERS LOSE TO GORDON = 32 to 48

Gorman Lady Panthers scored 32 Points. High scoring for Gorman was Jamie Johnston with 10 points, Audrey Johnston with 9 points, Kimi Seaton with 7 points and Bethany Oliver with 5 points.

#### LADY PANTHERS WIN OVER RANGER = 52 to 47

Gorman Lady Panthers scored 52 Points. High scoring for Gorman was Audrey Johnston with 22 points, Bethany Oliver with 12 points, Kimi Seaton with 11 points and Chelsea Griffin with 8 points.

Their record is now 6-6. Next game will be District vs. De Leon at De Leon - Jan 9.

#### JV LADY PANTHERS LOSE TO GORDON - 13 TO 29

JV Lady Panthers lost their with Gordon. Scoring was Jaylon Miley with 7 points, Stephanie Risueno with 2 points, Laura Herrera with 2 points and Luisa Silva with 2 points.

#### JV LADY PANTHERS LOSE TO DE LEON - 21 TO 24

JV Lady Panthers lost their with De Leon. Scoring for Gorman was Erica Limon with 4 points, Stephanie Risueno with 4 points, Abby Pacheco with 4 points, Jaylon Miley, Laura Herrera, Brittany Rameriz, Cecilia Oliveraz each with 2 points, and Perla Maldonado with 1 point.

Their record is 1 - 7.

### Ag Viewpoint

By Heath Begeman

#### Holiday Fire Safety

With the onset of the holiday season, it is important to focus on fire safety and prevention. The

celebration of the season brings with it increased usage of electric lights, decorations, candles, and the ever popular Christmas Tree, all of which can be potential fire hazards. By following general fire safety precautions, potential holiday fires, deaths, and injuries remain preventable.

Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be.

When selecting a tree for the holidays should look for the following. Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The tree should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long and, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

#### Office Closing For Holidays

The Gorman Progress office will be closed on December 25 and 26 for the holidays.



From

The Gorman Progress - Lonnie, Debra and Joe

### Look Who's New It's A Girl!!!



Sheryl and Porfioro Lopez are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kaitlynn Grace. Kaitlynn was born December 8, 2008 at 5:34 p.m. At Harris Methodist Erath County Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs and 1 ounce and was 18 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Cecil and Kathy Everton of Gorman. Paternal grandparents are David and Bralia Lopez of Strawn.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST 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.

#### Food Bank

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

#### Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly  
Mondays - 6:00 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. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee 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.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

The New Year's Eve Singing at New Hope Baptist Church will begin at 8 p.m. We will break at 10 p.m. For a Time of Food and Fellowship, then sing in the new Year until Midnight +. "Specials Welcome" and Lots of Congregational Singing!!! New Hope Baptist Church is located at 109 Country Road 321, West of Gorman - Church Phone Number is 254-631-8938. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND.

### Is Your Child Riding Safe for Christmas

By: Tim Dennis, EMTP - Child Passenger Safety Technician - Eastland County Child Safety Program

With Christmas only being one week away, many of you will be traveling out of town to see family for Christmas. Whether this is for the day or several days, whether you are traveling 5 miles or 500 miles, is your child or children riding safely in a seat belt or child passenger restraint device?

Children who are under 4'9" and 5 yrs old are required by Texas law to be secured in a child passenger safety device. This can be a booster seat or a regular car seat. Does your child/children have one or need one? To find out, please contact our office.

The number 1 killer of children in Texas under the age of 14 is unintentional death, which included those involved in car crashes that were not restrained or improperly restrained. Best practices states that a child under 13 is safest when riding in the back seat, secured with a seat belt or in a child passenger safety device.

If your child is riding in a seat, please remember that these are made for adults, so some adjustments need to be made for children. The lap portion of the belt should be low and be placed across the bony portion of the hips and pelvis area, and should not be allowed to "ride up" on the abdominal area. The shoulder portion of the belt should be placed across the bony portion of the upper shoulder, across the collarbone, and not across the neck. In the event of a crash, these bony areas will help absorb the crash forces better than the soft tissue area of the abdomen or neck. In a crash, if the belt is across either of these soft tissue areas, it can cause severe internal damage. If the child is riding in a belt positioning booster, high back booster or no back booster seat, the same principal applies when using the lap/shoulder belt to secure the child.

If your child is not old enough to ride in a seat belt or booster seat, then they should be restrained in a conventional car seat or infant seat depending on their age. Children birth to 1 yr and less than 20 pounds should be in a rear facing and in an infant seat or appropriate rear facing seat. It is recommended that even after the child reaches the 1 yr and 20 pound mark that they remain rear facing as long as possible, again this depends on the seat they are in. The 5 point harness straps in the seat of a rear facing child should be at or below their shoulders. If the child is old enough to travel in a forward facing seat, then these should be at or above their shoulders. When the child is secure in the seat, whether they be rear or forward facing, these straps should be snug, where you can get a finger under the straps. If you can pinch more than an inch of the strap, the strap is not tight enough.

If you are under sure if your child or children are riding safely, please contact our office and we will evaluate your seat for free. I would also like to remind everyone that we still have car seats available for those that are not able to purchase a new seat for their child. These seats are provided for FREE. We have a few booster seats left, but have plenty of the regular car seats available. You may contact our office at 254-734-5989. We provide this service to everyone in Eastland County as well as the counties surrounding Eastland County. Again, if you need a seat, please give us a call.

## Gorman City Commission Minutes

DECEMBER 18, 2008

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

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 3-0.

After complaints about citizens driving thru by the City barn the Commission discussed the option of fencing off the area around the city barn to enforce the stopping of the thru traffic.

Charlie reported that the fire department had received a grant and will be adding another Jaws of Life.

After discussion about the vacant lot next door to Gene Foster the Commission told Tacy to phone Robert Hunt.

Nathan made the motion that the City of Gorman will adhere to the County Burn Ban. This will enforce the burn ban completely in the city limits of Gorman as well as the unincorporated areas of the county. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion that Trace Gortt will fill out a log sheet with full explanation of all overtime. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business for discussion Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 3-0. Time was 6:35 p.m.

## Obituary

### Lee Kea

Lee Kea, age 78 of De Leon passed away Friday, December 19, 2008 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were Monday, December 22nd at 10:30 a.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson and Alan Sadberry officiating. Music by Vicki Robinett and LaResse Wilkerson. Burial was in Downing Cemetery.

Lee was born August 12, 1930 to Felix Lynn Kea and Mertie Mae Cozart Kea. He married Nadine Sadberry on July 18 1959 in May.

Mr. Kea retired from Golden Oak Milling Company, having worked there 53 years. He was a lifelong resident of Comanche County. He was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church.

Mr. Kea is survived by his wife, Nadine Kea of De Leon; three daughters, Carolyn Fischer and husband Harold of Lorena, Penny Fronterhouse and husband Wayland of De Leon and Polly Snow and husband Floyd of Eastland; two brothers, Wayne Kea of Tyler and Delmer Kea of Crane; a sister, MaeBell McCrary of Crane; 8 grandchildren Vince and Jennifer Fischer, Kristi Fischer, Lance Fischer, Jackson and Terra Jobe, Leslie and Chris Cogburn, Troy and Lori Snow, Justin and Heather Snow and Ashley Snow; 13 great-grandchildren, Miranda and Hanna Fischer, Tayln, Chloe and Heston Jobe, Marshall and Ryan Cogburn, Brittani, Taylor, Bailey, Tristin, Kambrie and Hunter Snow.

Preceded by his parents, Felix and Mertie Kea; two brothers, Cecil and Ralph Kea and sister, Violet Dawkins and grandson, Brian Snow.

Pallbearers were Vince Fischer, Lance Fischer, Jackson Jobe, Chris Cogburn, Troy Snow, Adam Sadberry, Russell Woodrum and Ricci Coan.

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful Christmas season!

During this busy season, I hope you will take a few minutes to fill in your calendar with some upcoming events here at the DAC:

1. New Year's Eve Game Night - December 31 at 7:00P.M. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share and we will ring in the New Year. No charge for this evening. Y'all come!
2. 'Breakfast at the DAC' - January 3, 2009 from 7:00 to 10:00A.M. Cost is by donation.
3. Chili Supper - January 10, 2009
4. General Meeting - January 22, 2009 at 7:00P.M. It is time to renew our memberships. Membership fees are \$25.00 and each membership gives voting rights and a discount on the building rental fee. Also, we have some board members whose terms are ending and we need folks to take their places. Please consider allowing your name to be put in nomination for a place on the board.
5. Dance with Johnny Johnson and the Memory Makers - January 29, 2009 at 7:00P.M.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

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455 A, wells, tanks, creek, tree covered, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000  
 320±A, on Turkey Creek, creek, wildlife cover, tanks, well, hunting [ET01] \$880,000  
 SOLD 250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000  
 243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig. pit, on hwy., cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre  
 REDUCED 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre \$1,995/acre  
 SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,200  
 81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig., wells [REM01] \$405,000  
 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500  
 51 A, highway frontage, spring creek and hunting [RP01] \$182,000  
 45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre  
 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000  
 21±A, 2-2 1/2 mobile home, well, World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass [MS03] \$105,000  
 20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water avail, hunting, minerals neg. [WM01] \$75,000  
 19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre  
 4+4, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900  
 REDUCED 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500  
 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000  
 3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900  
 REDUCED 2-2 Mobile Home 14X70, 12x28 add-on, strg. bldg./carport [PA01] \$29,900 \$22,500  
 REDUCED 2-1 1/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000  
 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000  
 2-1 Fleetwood 14x52, shaded corner lot, well, underground sprinkler, carport [JT03] \$35,000

More Info & Pictures at: [www.GilderRealty.com](http://www.GilderRealty.com)

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NEW: De Leon: Nice older 3-1 Frame home, 1308 sf, new roof & Plumbing, 2 car garage, fenced yard, corner lot, large Pecan trees. \$33,900.

NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees. \$59,900.

NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre

40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,500 acre.

77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.

NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00

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. \$2,950.00 A.

NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.

NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.

156 A, Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.

179 A, south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$1,950.00 acre. **SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!**

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## Take My Son

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands.

He said, 'Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art.' The young man held out this package. 'I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.'

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. 'Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift.'

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. 'We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?'

There was silence.

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, 'We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.'

But the auctioneer persisted. 'Will somebody bid for this painting. Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?'

Another voice angrily. 'We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandt's. Get on with the real bids!'

But still the auctioneer continued. 'The son! The son! Who'll take the son?'

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. 'I'll give \$10 for the painting.' Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

'We have \$10, who will bid \$20?'

'Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters.'

'\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?'

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son.

They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. 'Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!'

A man sitting on the second row shouted, 'Now let's get on with the collection!'

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. 'I'm sorry, the auction is over.'

'What about the paintings?'

'I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings.'

The man who took the son gets everything!'

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: 'The son, the son, who'll take the son?'

Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE...THAT'S LOVE John 3:16

MAY WE NEVER FORGET THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!!!!

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**Santa Letters**

These are the Dear Santa letters from my first grade class at Maxfield Elementary in Gorman. Thank you, Tracy Spivey

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a pink 4-wheeler and a flat screen tv and a pink flip phone. How is Rudolph doing?  
Love,  
Kori

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is diamond pink phone and a pink pony.  
Love,  
Abby  
P.S. Santa, can you get a pony for Alexis?

Dear Santa,  
I want a pink 4wheeler for Christmas. I want a Dimine pink fone. I want a Brats Girl. I want a little pet shop. I want a Barbie castle and a new purse and new makeup. I love Santa and Mrs. Claus.  
Love,  
Alexis  
P.S. Abby a Barbie castle

Dear Santa,  
I what for Christmas is a game and a globe with Santa's house and a real phone. I want a Swimming pool and a game. I love you Santa so much.  
Love  
Isaiah

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie and a Littlest Pet shop toys. And a computer, pink sparkly belt a Nintendo DS and a new pants and some shoes and some shirts. I also want a Bratz doll I would like my daddy a new big 4-wheeler and an Xbox 360 and for my mom I want some Cruel Girl jeans, a belt, purse and perfume. My little brother want a toy rhino, a truck and a trailer and a PBR corral and with Bulls. I hope you and your rander have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Kelsie

Dear Santa,  
I want a G1 cell phone and a chipmuk 22. Kamern wants a remote control Dukcesa Hazzard car.

Dylan

Dear Santa,  
I want a 22 cricket and a new Dukes of Hazzard and a ril Fone for mi self. I Love roodof, and I Love Santa, I love everyone.  
From Driston to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle for Christmas a TS teck phone for my dad. I love you Santa. How is roodolf?

Love  
Kamren

**Santa letters from Mrs. Forbus's second grade class Maxfield Elementary - Gorman**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? It's been cold here in Gorman. How is Rudolph? Santa, this is what I want for Christmas; a 4wheeler, a playstation 3 game, Lego Indiana Jones, a Batman and Robin video game, drums, drumsticks, and a skateboard.  
Your friend,  
John Tyler Warren

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? How is the weather there? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeers? How are the elves? How is Snowflake? How do you make the toys? It is very cold here. Santa, I want a four wheeler, lots of Christmas books, and skates. Santa, the last thing I want is two Hello Kitty games.

Love,  
Briana Landa

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? How are the reindeer? Is it cold up there? It is pretty cold down here. Where is Mrs. Claus? Is she O.K.? Are yall working hard up there? I'm glad you are coming to town. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a playstation 3, a PSP, a bike, a moon scope so I can look at the moon, a fourwheeler, a ranger, a gun, the biggest coin in the world, a globe, a playstation game called flatout 2, and a laptop.

Love,  
Kolby Gaines

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing today? How is Baby Bambi? Is it cold at the North Pole? I want a Baby, and also some flip flops, sunglasses, a pretty purse, and a phone.

Love,  
Chasity Fraley

Dear Santa,  
How is Snowflake and Mrs. Claus? Are the elves working hard? It has been a year since it snowed down here. How is the North

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a Littlest pet shop a Princess doll and a cell phone. How is Rudolph? I Love you santa.

Love  
Leslie

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a bicycle, sparkley phone, new shuses, pants, new shirts and a baby doll a Barbie and a little chicken. I Love you santa.

Love,  
Yuliana

Deare Santa,  
I want for Christmas is a new deer rifle, doodle bug dirt bike, an x box 360, Nintendo DS and a computer. I hope you have a good time.

Love  
Jr.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas what I would like is a phone and a guitar. I also want a purse. I Love you santa.

Love  
Makenzie

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline, swimming pool, poodle puppy and a swimming pool and trampoline for Genaro. I love you santa.

Love  
Larissa

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a dirt bike, a 4 wheeler and a scooter. That's all I want. How are your reindeers doing? Tell them hi.

Love  
MJ

Pole? These are the things I want for Christmas a skateboard and rollerskates.

Love,  
Allison Cowgell

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I wanted to ask you for four things. They are a Nintendo DS, and a game for it, a Gap jacket, and a playhouse with a doll. Santa, tell the elves and Snowflake hello.

Love,  
Nancy Crisp

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph alright? I want a psp and a playstation 3. I would like a pet puppy. Are the elves busy? Can you give me a Nintendo DS? I would like a movie called Good Boy. I would also like an X-Box 360 and video games.

Love,  
David Griffin

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? How is Mrs. Claus? How cold is it up there Santa? How are the Elfs? This is what I want for Christmas I want a PS2 game that is Football Blits, a safe that has an alarm on it. I would also like a dog toy for my dog, some wellies, a gun, and a little football field. That's all I want Santa.

Love,  
Reece Scitern

Dear Santa,  
How cold is it up there? How fast do the reindeers run? I want a Nintendo DS and a big toy dog. Santa, would you give me a baby toy? Could you give me a kitchen toy for Christmas?

Love,  
Jennifer Valdez

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? It's been cold these days. Is it cold up there? How do you make the toys? Are the Raindeer busy? Are the elves making a lot of presents? Where do you put the deers when you get done with them? I think I've been a good boy so can you give me some presents? I would like a remote control car and a monster truck remote control. The last thing I would like to ask for is a little remote control truck.

Love,  
Justice Fischer

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the Reindeer and Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? How's Mrs. Claus? Is it cold at the North pole? It's been cold the last couple of days. Are the elves doing good? Am I on the nothy or behaved list? Are you coming this Christmas? I want a knife for Christmas. I want a fishing pole to. I wold also like a bat with a ball and clothes.

Love,  
Bryce Petree

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph playing? How are you Santa? Are you doing good? How are your elves? I want a remote control car, psp, the toy wrestler Jeff Hardy, a bike, some clothes, a book, and a computer.

Love, Chris Cox

Dear Santa  
Hi Santa! How are you doing? How is Snowflake? How are the reindeer doing? I have been a good girl lately. I would like some toys. I want a scooter, necklace, makeup, a hoody, a Nintendo DS, and a game to play on it.

Love,  
Sydney Locke

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Is she doing good this year? How hard are the elves working to make toys for the children this year? How cold is it up at the North Pole? Is it really cold? Is there a new baby reindeer named Snowflake? Is Snowflake Rudolph's baby brother? It has been cold these days. How do you make the presents? I have been a good girl this year so here are some things I would like for Christmas. I would like a Hannah Montana cell phone for Christmas, also a Hannah Montana purse with Lilly and Miley's family on it. Please bring me a Hannah Montana shirt with belt loops on the side, a Tinker Bell game, a skateboard, and a pair of roller skates, black nail polish, and some real Bratz makeup, and a Hannah Montana styling head.

Love, Taylor Shephard

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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**"A Step Back In Time"** "100 Years Ago -- 1908" - Theodore Roosevelt was the President of the United States and Charles W. Fairbanks was the Vice President.

In November 1908 William Howard Taft was elected as the 27th President of the United States. James Sherman was the Vice President.

Henry Ford developed the first Model T automobile which sold for \$850.00.

In England, Lord Robert Baden Powell began the Boy Scout movement and it spread to America in 1910.

Construction of the Titanic (greatest ship the world has ever know) began in 1908 and work was completed in 1911. Fourteen thousand workers worked on this vessel which cost \$7,500,000.00 in 1911 dollars. In 2008 dollars that would be \$400,000,000.00.

Food cost in 1908 Butter - 36 cents a pound; Beef 20 cents a pound; Eggs 30 cents a dozen; Milk 36 cents a gallon; Salt Cured Bacon - 28 cents at pound; and Sugar - 6 cents a pound.

Bernard Keith came home last Thursday after spending a week in the Abilene Hendrick Hospital. He had surgery on Wednesday for an electric type heart test. His report was good.

Karen Fair hosted a Birthday party on Monday night for her granddaughter, Lorin, who celebrated her 15th Birthday. Several family members attended to enjoy supper followed by a "pretty" birthday cake. Lorin is a freshman in De Leon Schools, where she is a member of the High School Band.

Hobart Hilliard of Kerens, Texas will celebrate his 90th Birthday on January 3, 2009. Hilliard Family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Hobart graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1937 and his brother, Travis graduated with the Class of 1932. Hobart is the youngest of eleven children. His parents are the late "Bun" and Bessie (Rogers) Hilliard and they owned a grocery store in Desdemona during the "Oil Boom Days".

"Merry Christmas" to all of our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery

## Happenings At FBC!!

Reason! May we always remember and never forget that Jesus is the single reason we celebrate Christmas!

Mark your calendars:

**Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve** - Join us at the Methodist Church for a Candle Light Service.

**Dec. 25th** - Merry Christmas to all, and may Jesus make this your best Christmas yet!

**Dec. 31st - 8pm** - Join us at New Hope Baptist Church to sing in the New Year!

Special Presentation: Angela Clark recognized the many ladies that have volunteered to work in the nursery during the Sunday morning worship service, and on behalf of First Baptist Church each lady was presented with a gift certificates to ZJ's. Thank you, Ladies!

Children's Sermon: Every year at Christmas time Liz gets a new children's story book. This year she got a book named "Silent Night". The book told the story of Jesus' birth. Remember that Christmas is all about the birth of Jesus. Remember to thank God for Jesus!

Special Music: We are so blessed by the talents of the Clark family. Angela, Jeff, and Tommy Clark sang "O Holy Night", and stirred the spirits of all.

Bro. Barry's message was "Pew Potato" - Matthew 20:28.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. Jesus says to be a steward and learn to give. Abundant living begins with abundant giving.

The Heart of Christianity:

1. Giving begins with a Cause. - Christians must stand up for the Word of God.
2. Real Giving is a Sacrifice. - In 1982 a new word was added to Webster's dictionary and that word was "couch potato". "Couch potato" is defined as an inactive person who especially watches a great deal of television. We American's don't like to make sacrifices. Don't be a "pew potato", get up out of the pew and get busy doing God's work.
3. The Heart of Christianity says that you haven't given God anything until you have given God everything. - Reaching out to people and knocking down a wall in the Church to make more room for people to join together in worship is a great beginning to giving. We must continue to give.
4. Real Giving leads to life. - A child was born in Bethlehem, and His birth, death, and resurrection changed the world. Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice.
5. Real Giving produces Joy. - We've got it and we must share it so others can get it. People deserve the joy of the Lord.

When we give of ourselves our Heart is changed; the Heart of our Christ shines through!

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

## As Holidays Approach, Families Are Reminded to Order Digital TV Converter Box Coupons

*Elderly, People with Disabilities and Others without Cable or Satellite TV Services At-Risk of Losing Free Access to TV*

Washington, DC - In less than two months, the government-mandated DTV Transition will require millions of Americans to take action in order to maintain access to free over-the-air television and important emergency announcements. While supplies last, the government is offering two free \$40 coupons per household to help cover the cost of digital converter boxes that will keep viewers connected.

As friends and families finish up their holiday shopping and prepare to visit relatives, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (LCCREF) encourages families to ensure their loved ones are ready for the digital television transition. Families on fixed incomes, seniors, people with disabilities, communities of color, and those who speak languages other than English are most likely to be affected by the transition.

"As families come together this holiday season, we are urging folks to check in with their loved ones to make sure they are ready for the DTV transition. People who don't have cable, satellite service, or a new TV need to order their DTV converter box coupons in the next couple weeks in order to get their converter boxes in time for the February 17th transition," said Wade Henderson, president of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, noting that it takes about a month for coupons to arrive. "This transition is about access to life-saving public service announcements. It's about letting communities know when a hurricane is about to strike, a snowstorm threatens a white out, that a fire is blazing toward it, or that there is a natural or national disaster."

LCCREF, through a partnership with NTIA and community organizations, will provide on-the-ground assistance in seven cities with at-risk communities: Atlanta, GA; Detroit, MI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN; Portland, OR; San Antonio, TX; San Francisco- San Jose-Oakland CA; and Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

A part of this campaign, include brick and mortar DTV Assistance Centers that will be hubs for information and technical assistance on the transition to digital. These DTV Assistance Centers will hold trainings and events to provide DTV-related assistance to members of impacted populations and local community members.

For more information on how the DTV transition will impact vulnerable communities, visit: <http://www.civilrights.org/dtv/>. To order coupons or for more information on the DTV transition, go to: [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov).

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our Christmas Party on the 17th at 11:30. There were only 23 in attendance. So I was disappointed after all our work to make the room festive. Also want to thank those who did come and for all the delicious eats. Bro. Frank Shirley gave our blessing and Beth made delicious individual keish's. She baked them in cup cake papers, how unique.

We missed many of our regulars at our gathering. Some had other commitments, but I thought the Senior Party had first priority over others that were planned later. We sure were hoping for Icy Munn's deviled eggs. She was going to her daughters later that day, so didn't have time. She will be in Gilmer, Texas through the holidays. Surely was missed and hope she has a good time.

Our finger food luncheon consisted of Ham and Chicken salad sandwiches, sausage balls by Ann Maxfield, so good, eggs keish's by Beth Shirley, delicious, salad, relishes, crackers with cheese spread, and mixed fruit. There were several good cakes to enjoy and snicker doodle cookies by Daisy Slaton, um good!. A cake was given to us which said Happy Birthday Jesus. Thanks to whoever the donor was. We had a Santa face cake and one of Emma Jane Larch's wonderful cakes. Also Ailene Garrett made a fantastic chocolate cake.

We celebrated my and Ann Maxfield birthdays with ice cream and song led by Jud Maxfield. Thanks Jud for the special treat, also the hugs. Thanks also for the pretty cards signed by all.

We miss Annie Fay Foster being with us. So we are sending her a plate every week. Billie Bennett has offered to deliver. Thanks loads. Annie Fay was a big part of us for many years. I do miss her very good cakes.

Betty Regian missed our party as she had been to Waco for her new teeth. She ended up having to make another trip to get them completed. I saw her the other day and she looks great. Good looking teeth for a fast type company. Never heard of anyone getting teeth that quick.

I enjoyed the Christmas Concert by Gorman Band students on Thursday the 18th. They seem to improve every year. John Howard is doing a great job. I wish more kids would come out in High School, so we could have a bigger band.

My grandson Tyson Swanner sprained ankle turned out to be a fracture! Hopefully he will be able to play basketball after the holidays. He misses this time in his life. After all the years and games, this did have to happen his Senior year.

Hard to believe Christmas is here again, the years go by too fast. Especially as we age. I have not been in the mood, too many health issues. But I hope all is well and you have a Good Christmas, Carol.

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