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Outdoor Burn Ban Reinstated Nov. 24

COUNTY OF EASTLAND)(

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this 97 Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This 4 of 9/2 order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the 2/33 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline 2/1 or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a 6/45 prescribed burn manage certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

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

Adopted this 24th day of November, 2008, by a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 nays.

(s) Rex Fields County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho Eastland County Clerk

TATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EASTLAND

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EASTLAND CO., TX

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Eastland County; and WHEREAS, on the 24th of Novembere, 2008, The Commissioner's Court of Eastland County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioner's Court of Eastland County adopts this order prohibiting the sale or riod, then added 14 in the fiuse of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County.

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

This Order Does Not Prohibit:

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho, County Clerk

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U. S. Dept. of Trans. [Tex. Occ. Code, Chapter 2154].;

3. The use of restricted fireworks at La Mancha Ranch

 A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a Prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor. APPROVED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008 BY THE EASTLAND COUNTY COMMIS-

SIONER'S COURT.

Possible Credit Card Scam

There may be a credit card scam via telephone. If someone calls you and wants you credit information, be sure you know exactly who they are, and why they are calling you. Do not give the Hornets. After a 2 yard them information if you feel uncertain at all.

Especially do not give out the three numbers on the back of your credit card. If you have a 10 yard penalty on the Horany questions, please feel free to call me at the City Office, 734-2317. Thank you, Chief Fenley

HUMBLING GRATITUDE

The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart". - Helen Keller

Because of the citizens and businesses of our small town and surrounding areas, we felt beautiful things Saturday night. I have no words to express the humbling gratitude that has come upon our family in the past two weeks. So, thank you to all who came out and donated time, money, love and prayers. It would be impossible to make a specific list, not to mention it would take up the whole paper, without all of you this medical procedure could not take place. If you are one of the unfortunate souls that didn't get brisket or dessert, I am very sorry, but what a wonderful thing that the response was so grand that we ran out. I do want to say thanks to the Gorman ISD for the use of the gym, Dr Dan & The Band-Aids, Daryl & Glenda, and The Cross Country Band for the superb entertainment, those who prepared and brought food, those of you that went soliciting and decided what was needed and the ones that organized and served, thank you. We are very fortunate to live here in Gorman.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts,

Martha Rainey - Renee' Early and Family & Jill Torres and Family

Panthers Defeat Muenster In Area; Play Albany In Graham

GAME AT A GLANCE First Downs

22/197 Carries/yds. 51/326 30 Passing Yds. Complete/Int. 1 of 5/1 Punts/Avg. Fumbles/Lost 1/0 Penalties

The Gorman Panthers played the Muenster Hornets at the Burleson Sports Complex on Friday night and surprised the Hornets both on offense and defense as they played much better final half on defense than the first. The Big Red came out smoking in the second half and held the Hornets to 1 first down and continued their outstanding play in the fourth for a 27-19 shocker. Muenster led 7-0 in the first quarter and 13 to 7 at halftime, but the Big Red came out pumped up after the intermission and tied the score at the end of third penal quarter for the Area win. They held the Hornets to only 6 points in the last half.

The Hornets held the Panthers on their initial possession, and got the ball on their own 25 via the interception route. From there the Hornets scored in 8 plays with Garrett Walterscheid catching a 45 yard pass from Levi Trubenbach for the score with 6:32 left in the first. Wal-(s) Rex Fields, County Judge terscheid added the point after and Muenster was up 7-0.

The Pantehrs came back in the second quarter on a scoring drive that started on their own 23 after holding run by Matt Underwood and nets. The Big Red scored on a beautiful pass and run play by Tyson Swanner to Drew McCreless covering 60 yards. Swanner added the point after and the score was 7-7.

The Hornets swered right back with a 82 yard drive in 14 plays with Trubenbach getting the final yard with 1:24 left in the half. The kick try failed and the score was 13-7. This held up until halftime.

Both Bands performed outstanding jobs and the cheerleaders from both We hope to see you there!

The Gorman Panthers will play the Albany Lions at the Graham Stadium on Friday, November 28 at 2:00 P.M. The game was originally stated the play at 7:30.

sides did real good routines.

Following the break the two teams played on fairly even terms with the Big Red Defense holding the Hornets to just 1 first down in the third.

The Big Red Defense intercepted a Hornet pass by Matt Underwood and returned it to the Hornet 39 yard line. From there the Panthers drove the distance for the tyeing score in 7 plays with Underwood getting the final yard on a run with 45 seconds left in the third. The kick for point failed and the score was 13-13. The drive featured runs of 9, 3, 2 and 11 by Underwood and a 10 yarder by Justin Little and a 4 yarder by Swanner.

After holding the Hornets the Panthers took over the ball on their own 37 and in one big explosion, the Big Red scored on a beautiful pass and run when Swanner passed to Drew McCreless and he raced the distance for a 63 yard TD with 10:40 left in the fourth. Swanner booted the point after and Gorman led 20-13.

The Panthers got another break when they again intercepted a Hornet pass on their own 18 by Underwood. Following runs of 2 and 6 by Underwood, Swanner broke free and raced 62 yards for the TD with 2:36 left. Swanner added the point after and Gorman had a 27-13 lead.

The Hornets came back with a drive of their own and scored in 11 plays with Tann Herr scoring on a 5 yard pass with 30 seconds left. The kick failed and the score was Gormnan 27 and Muenster 19.

The win give the Panthers the Area Trophy and sets up another playoff game on Friday with the Albany Lions at 2 p.m. at the Graham Stadium. So let's all follow the Panthers to Graham and back the Panthers to victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!

PANTEER ICTORY LINE

The football boys will be leaving at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. We want to build Gorman's longest victory line so we would like everyone to line Kent street from the school to the downtown area and see our Panther team off on their way to Graham. So everyone please come out to share in the spirit and show our team our support.

> Happy Holidays! YOU are Invited

Join us for a time of Fellowship! What: Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn's Open House Fellowship

When: Saturday - Dec. 6, 2008 - 2pm to 4pm Where: Jerry and Virginia Skaggs's Home

> 19950 Hwy 6 Gorman, TX

Obituary

Verna Dean Underwood

EASTLAND - Verna Dean Underwood, 78, of Eastland, passed away Sunday, November 23, 2008 in Eastland. Services will be held at 2 P.M. Wednesday at the Daugherty St. Church of Christ with Larry Roberts and Gary Montgomery officiating. Burial will follow in the Eastland City Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Edwards Funeral Home on Tuesday, 6~8 P.M.

Mrs. Underwood was born on July 13, 1930 in Gorman to Claude William & Merle (Proctor) Smith. She was raised on the Blackwell Ranch in Gorman and Desdemona. She attended Desdemona High School. She married Milton Underwood on August 3, 1945 in Gorman. She worked at Hollywood Vassarette for 16 years. She then became a cook for Carbon High School and later Eastland High School, retiring after 21 years service. She was a member of the Daugherty St. Church of Christ and enjoyed cooking, was an avid sports fan and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded by a brother, Delbert Smith.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 63 years, Milton Underwood of Eastland; 2 children, Stanley Underwood and his wife Judy of Eastland and Sue Mizell and her husband Terry of Fort Worth; sister, Ima Mae Tonn & her husband Durwood of Denton; brother, Ronnie Smith and his wife Betty of Glen Rose; sister-inlaw, Myrna Smith of Longview; 7 grandchildren, Laurie Alexander, Tammy Ledbetter, Doug Underwood, John Mizell, Brad Underwood, Tracy Sweet & Gary Mizell; 10 great-grandchildren, Zach, Trey, Christopher, Dylan, Megan, Mindi, Bailey, Haley, Mason & Cutter. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Basketball Sign-Ups - Grades 3rd thru 6th

It is time to get ready for Pee Wee Basketball. We are starting signup this week. The sign-up will end December 1st. There will be a meeting, we will send out notes. You can also turn your forms in at City Hall. We are looking forward to getting started. Anyone that is interested in being a coach or if you were a coach last year, there will be another meeting when we know how many coaches that we need. If you are interested please let me know or you can come to the sign-up on the 1st. The fee to play this year will be \$25 per child. This will get us uniforms and insurance onthhe kids. Forms to sign-up will be available at City Hall. If you have any question, feel free to call Barbara at the City Hall or you can leave a message at 254-413-3595. Please Do Not Take Your Form Back To School - We May Not Get It.

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De Leon Arts & Craft Fair

De Leon's Arts and Crafts Fair is being held Saturday, November 29th at De Leon's City Hall Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Admission is "FREE" to the public. Bring the Kids and have their picture taken with "Shrek".

Gorman High School 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

A- Zach Carlton, Amy Hendrix, Kensey Johnston and Melissa ASAEL MALDONADO Ramirez; A-B - Connie Gonzalez, Mykisha Hampton, Haven Johnson, Jessica Ledford, Randall Miley, Yarixa Montelongo and Jessica Williams.

Eight Grade

A - Drew Flanary, Luis Limon, Austin Marlow and Rachel Tucker; ABBY JOHNSON A-B - Jasmeen DeLaTorre, Sergio Garcia, Skyler Henderson, Vidi Maldonado, Margarita Oronia, B. J. Ramirez and Robert Shawver.

Ninth Grade

A - Chelsea Griffin, Raven Kehl, Erica Madera, McKenzie Osborne and A. J. Vaughn; A-B -Matt Fox, Dolores Garcia, Carlie Jackson, REECE SCITERN Josh Ryon and Stetson Thompson.

Tenth Grade

A - Jaime Johnston and Jaylon Miley; A - B - Brice Campbell, Cecilia LAUREN UNDERWOOD Olivares, Abigail Pacheco, Maria Raygoza and Stephanie Risueno. **Eleventh Grade**

A - Chance Bryant, Brittany Henderson and Eric Ryon; A-B - Sean Bates, Kelsi Gibson, Alex Giles, Laura Herrera, Tyler Johnson, Erica Limon, Adriana Madera, Drew McCreless, Kimberly Seaton and Cole Underwood.

Twelfth Grade

A - Matt Cogburn, Nathan Flanary, Marsela Gonzales, Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Jordan Perry, Tyson Swanner, Carrie Thetford, Matt Underwood, Perla Velasquez, April Voyles, Veronica Walton and Maci Williams; A-B - Sonia Hipolito, Lindsey Laminack and Valerie Longoria.

VIEWPOINT

5 HOUR CEU TRAINING -

This year's five-hour CEU program will once again be sponsored by Erath, Bosque, Somervell, Eastland, Comanche, Hamilton and Hood county Texas Agrilife Extension Service offices. The event will be held at the Texas Agrilife Research and Extension Center on Highway 281 in Stephenville SYDNEY CASEY on Thursday, December 4th beginning at 8 a.m. The CEU training will provide five hours of CEU's for commercial, noncommercial, and private applicators. Participants will receive a minimum of one hour of laws and regulations, one hour of IPM, and one hour of drift management. The other two hours will be general.

Cost for the program is \$30 per person, and lunche MAYRA RAMIREZ is included. In order to get an accurate count for handouts and the second BECKY MATA and lunch, please call (254-965-1460), and pre-register. The \$30 registration fee is due prior to the program. Make checks payable to Erath Ag Committees, and mail to 112 W. College -#109, Stephenville, TX 76401.



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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] \$880,000 250±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 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrian, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre REDUCED \$1,995/acre

231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting SOLD [DK01] \$665,280 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, 3-21/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000 21±A, 2-2 16x72 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+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lake, metal roof, stove, barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 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 2-2 Mobile Home 14X70, 12x28 add-on, strg.bldg/carport [PA01] \$29,900 REDUCED \$22,500 2-11/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 REDUCED \$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, undergound sprinkler, carport [JT03] \$35,000

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Gorman 12A., more or less, Frontage pond, resquite cover. \$2,500 A. 15A north UNDER and, 2 CONTRACT

17A N/E Gorman, 10A woods, to large on trees, electric meter, country location, great place for a new form \$3,500 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. \$2,750 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 80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7 - 8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, 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. 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.

79 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown, \$2,350.00 acre. SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!

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GORMAN JH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2008-09 *GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M. AND FOLLLOW THE ORDER OF: GIRLS-B, GIRLS-A, BOYS-B, BOYS-A*

DATE	OPPONENT PLACE		TIME	
10-Nov	RISING STAR THE	RE(GIRLS	ONLY)	6:00
17-Nov	MERIDIAN	THERE		4:00
11/20/20-22 CROSS PLAINS TOURN. THER				TBA
24-Nov	EVANT	THERE	-,	4:00
1-Dec	DELEON	THERE	1955	4:00
8-Dec	MERIDIAN	HERE		4:00
15-Dec	DELEON	HERE		4:00
8-Jan	EVANT HERE		4:00	THE
15-Jan	DELEON	HERE		4:00
22-Jan	MERIDIAN	HERE		4:00
29-Jan	EVANT THER	E	4:00	
5-Feb	DELEON	THERE		4:00

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The Christmas Store will be held December 4th through the 6th and December 11th through the 13th. Y'all come.

Even with all the problems our country is facing right now and all the injustices or perceived injustices there are, we still live in the greatest country in the world. If you don't believe it, spend some time studying what goes on in other countries. Let's all give thanks everyday that we are here!

Happy Thanksgiving! -- Carol Pell

Sen. Cornyn Encourages

And Women In Uniform

With Holiday Greetings

Texans To Support Our Men

a member of the Senate Armed

Services Committee, today encour-

aged all Texans to participate in

"Holiday Mail for Heroes," an ef-

fort led by the American Red Cross

to deliver holiday cards to our ser-

vice members and their families.

Sen. Cornyn's Web site features a

link on the homepage for Texans

interested in participating: www.

approaches and we gather with our

families, I hope each of us takes the

time to consider the great sacrifices our servicemen and women have

made to ensure our safety and well-

being. Many of these heroes are far-

from home this holiday season,

serving on the front lines or train-

ing at military bases. Many of our wounded warriors will be spending.

the holidays recovering in hospi-

tals and medical facilities across

the country. One important way we

can show them our support is by

sending a holiday message to wish

to participate in 'Holiday Mail for

Heroes' and send a greeting to our

troops. It is a small effort we can

make that can brighten the day of a

serviceman or woman who is serv-

ing selflessly on our behalf. Please visit my Web site, www.cornyn

senate.gov, for helpful informa-

tion on how to ensure your holiday,

greeting makes its way to one of

America's heroes today.'

"I encourage all Texans

them well," Sen. Cornyn said.

"As the holiday season

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U.S. Sen. John Cornyn.

Happenings At FBC!!!

Home! Truly, there is no place like home; there is nothing like being in harmony with familiar surroundings! Gorman is a fantastic place to live.

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 27th - Wishing you all a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving Day!

Dec. 6th - 2:00pm - Bro. Barry and Sharlene's Time of Fellowship at Skaggs's Home.

Dec. 7th - Youth Led Sunday

Dec. 7th - Youth Luncheon

Dec. 14th – 6:00pm - Church Holiday Meal – bring your favorite dish or dishes.

Liz Caraway's Children Sermon: The Thanksgiving Holiday is this week. Liz told of one family's Thanksgiving tradition: while at the table they read Psalm 100 and then pass an ear of corn. Each person takes one kernel from the ear of corn and states something they are thankful for. There are a lot of kernels so that mean a lot of things to be thankful for. God is always on our side. Therefore, we can give thanks for many things and praise God's name.

Bro. Barry's message was "Take Me On A Sea Cruise" - Matthew 25:28.

Bro. Barry showed a slide show of their recent vacation - the photos displayed the beauty of God's magnificent creations on the Caribbean islands and the beauty of the family and friends they were able to visit. It is a wonderful blessing to have a family and a church family. God works through these bodies in miraculous ways.

The Bible story in Matthew tells us how the lord, the one in charge, gave three individual men talents and all three of them did different things with them. The man that buried his talent in the dirt was called wicked by the lord, and was told to give his talent to the man who had ten. The talent was worthless while buried, even if it had been put in the bank it could have earned nominal interest. What are we to do during these uncertain times we are living in?

1. Stay Calm - God gave us talents. It's beyond sad to hear that some have already committed suicide over their current financial troubles. Take a deep breath, and don't panic.

2. Learn from the Past - Life lessons can be hard. Learn from your mistakes!

3. Live Smart - When you feel like life has bowled you over, don't dig a hole! Trust God, and conclude with Jesus as your Savior all things are possible.

Jesus never lets us down and He is always there. Jesus loves YOU!

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 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 Tuesdays - 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. Techology 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

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Christmas Will Soon Be Here!

We are having our Country Christmas, December 5th Make Plans to Join Us.

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6 or 8 foot table and the cost is only \$20.00 It will be held in the De Leon City Hall Auditorium from

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Just in Time for Christmas Shopping

You'll also get the opportunity to see our greatly expanded western wear store and more. We're adding new lines of western and work clothing, boots, hats and accessories. We have western gift items, tack, veterinary supplies, show supplies, fencing supplies and hardware, all in addition to our Purina line of packaged and bulk animal feeds. Of course, we also sell custom blended dry and liquid fertilizer and can provide custom fertilizer application.



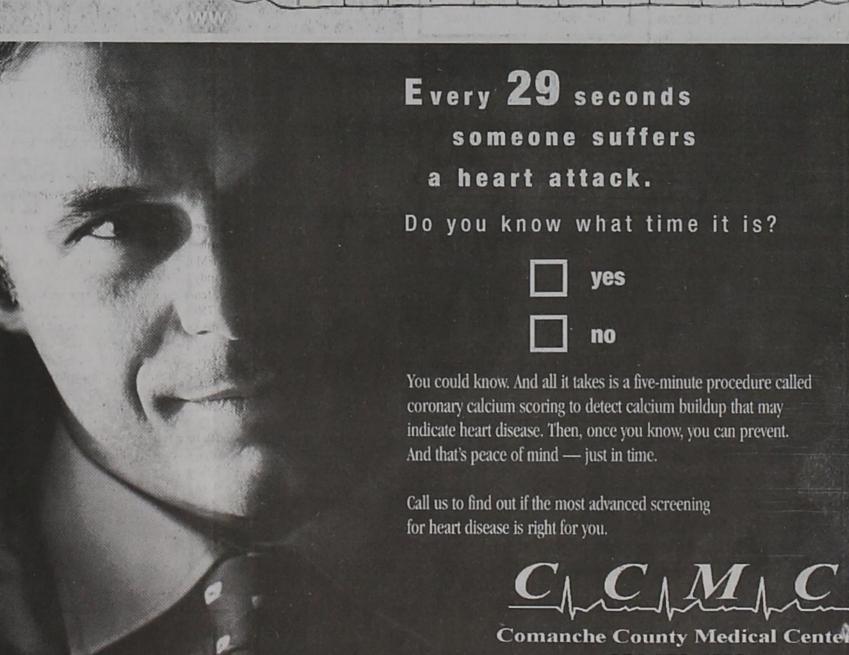
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of De Leon hosted the Annual "Community Thanksgiving Service" last Sunday night. Many area Church Members attended to enjoy this wonderful service. Pug and Vonnie Guthery enjoyed this program very much.

Gail Clayton returned home over the past weekend after spending a three week vacation touring Australia and other places of interest. She reported a wonderful trip but very glad to be back home in Texas.

Rodney and Debra Duke of Pantego; Ronda(Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and daughter, Lauren, Brandon and Daydra Ashley, all of Meridian; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona enjoyed an early Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday in Desdemona with "Humpy" and Betty Duke.

Remember the sick and shut-ins during this "Holiday Season" with your cards and prayers.

Pug Guthery celebrated a Birthday on Wednesday, November 19th with his family. Taco stew and birthday cake was served to those attending - Vonnie Guthery, Karen Fair, Lorin Eaves, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan, Sonja Hornbacm and son, Justin, Angela Powledge and daughter, Kaley, Donal and Kandice Cogburn and children, Dylan and Taiah, all of Desdemona.

"HAPPY THANKSGIVING" to our Friends and Neighbors. -

Pug and Vonnie Guthery

Super Notes

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

To see young people step out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves is what I like the most about One Act Play competition. Last Tuesday, our Junior High troupe competed in Ranger. I saw the play and thought they did an excellent job. Congratulations to them and to Mrs. Gutierrez! The following participants received recognition for their part in our play:

> Connie Gonzales-Best Actress Rachel Tucker - All-Star cast Skylar Henderson – Honorable mention all-star cast Mykesha Hampton – All-Star Crew

I wish you all could have seen the play. Our students really did a good job.

Our junior varsity girls lost last week to May, but our varsity girl's had a decisive win against them and looked really good. All of our girl's teams have room to improve before district officially begins in January. Coach Hendrix has a lot to work with and I believe she has the experience to take them to a higher level than they have been in some time. We also participated in tournaments last week. The junior high were in Cross Plains and the high school girls were in Hico.

Our boys were well prepared when they went to Burleson to face Muenster last week and won the Area Championship. The score was 27-19. I was told that this is the farthest the Panthers have gone in the playoffs in about twenty-five years. I don't know if this is a fact or not, but I like the sound of it. If you know different, let me know. I certainly appreciated those who officiated the game Friday night. They were good communicators and appeared to be fair in all their calls. They were from the Dallas chapter of TASO (Texas Association of Sports Officials). This week we travel to Graham to play for the Regional Title against Albany. Albany is a good team and we are working hard to prepare for them. Remember, the Panthers need for you to be at the game. You make a difference! This week we are on the home side. The game will be Friday, November 28, 2008 at 2:00pm. The tickets will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Only specially issued passes and coaching association passes will be accepted for

The building project is coming along as scheduled. Last week they completed the first layer of deck on the gym roof. This week we will see more masonry work on the front of the building and inside. Check it out!

I hope you all have a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving! I also hope you will all reflect on how blessed we are to live here in Gorman, Texas and what a wonderful place it is in which to raise a family. Consider how much better off we are today than many other places throughout the United States and the rest of the world. Consider what a great country in which we live and how fortunate we are to have the freedom to worship as we please. Sunday night it was a blessing to see most of the churches in the area come together for the annual Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving service. It was held at the First Baptist Church, hosted by New Hope Baptist Church (Richard Watson). Denver Rainey, the pastor of Bride of Christ, gave the opening prayer. A testimony was given by Mr. Cogburn from First Fruits regarding his recent mission trip to India. The message was delivered by Daryl Hirst from Kokomo Baptist Church and then a closing praying was given by Pastor Barry Schahn of First Baptist. There was a lot of great music too. It is a real testament about our community that all of the churches are working together to help those in need that live among us. What a blessing!

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!

Specials At Bryan's Auto Supply and TXOL Internet

STICKER CONTEST for 500 BUCKS

Bryans "Fun Place to Trade" sticker contest in its 2nd week and creativity is certainly being shown, Details, entries and weekly winners can be found online at http://www.ebryans.com/stickercontest.htm Don't forget, the winner of this game will receive 500 bucks Christmas week. Now how's that for a Fun Place to Trade?

MORE TO GIVEAWAY

Drop by and enter to win a 22" Flat Screen LCD Monitor. This is in conjunction with Microplex News and KATX Radio right here in Eastland. Listen to 97.7 for all the Sweepstakes info and more giveaways from other participating merchants.

CHRISTMAS CASH IS BACK in the form of \$2,500 loans

Once again, Bryans will be accepting Christmas Cash, which is a Chamber created retail event to encourage local spending. This project is supported by the local banks and once qualified, allows a 12 month loan for 0 down and 0% interest for 12 months. The money is in the form of coupons and can be spent at participating retailers in Eastland.

NO TURKEY TALK GOOD DEALS – starts Friday (some deals Friday only)

Wow, what an awesome for consumers. Make plans now to drop in and see our deals this Friday. We've got something that's on your list and its priced right. Here are a few of the HOT HOT HOT items.

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Senior Citizens News By Carol Ward

We enjoyed a grand Thanksgiving Dinner on the 19th at 11:30. There were 35 people here for fellowship and great eats. All the Ladies outdid themselves on the wonderful dishes. Lendon Shipman always gracious to give the blessing for us all. Thanks to all for their help in making this a most successful Thanksgiving Meal. Those who were not here surely missed a good time.

Our meal consisted of Turkey breast and dressing, Ham, sweet potatoes, creamed potatoes, rice pudding, green beans casserole, peas and carrots and many relishes. We also enjoyed several good fruit salads, pumpkin and pecan pie, chocolate cake, pumpkin bread, brownies, and homemade rolls. Thanks again ladies for all your hard work.

There were several guests with us to enjoy our good food. Alan Gibbs came alone as his wife was feeling poorly. Hope they will come again sometime. Glad to see James Miears. Bill Sandlin brought his brother Jim. I was surely happy to see Geraldene Wright back with us. Also Lavelle Crawley and Anne Laminack. Barbara and Max Bush's son, Bryan was visiting with his daughter, Cailey. She is such a pretty girl. I got a kick out of her, she loved by fake fruit in the horn of plenty decorations. HA!! We missed seeing the Shirleys, Betty Regian, Evelyn Poindexter and Lil Brudnak.

We will have a BAKE SALE on the 12th of December for Martha Rainey. Jill Torres will be in front of ZJ's to sell your baked goods. Please bring them by 5 p.m. I hope a lot of you will help Martha gain her funds for the trip to Costa Rico. These baked goods will do for Christmas, just freeze them till the big day. I do hope we have a big turnout.

Our WIN at Burleson was Terrific!! The Boys out did themselves, they wanted the win. The trip was long and the game cold. But I was their for my grandson Tyson Swanner, so very proud of him! All the players did well, except the line needs to tighten up some. Now we are on to Graham to play Albany on the 28th. I do hope its not so cold or wet. His uncles Mark and Daryl Ward were also there to cheer the team on.

I had a big weekend in Brownwood. We enjoyed Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 22 at my son Mark's home. We celebrated early as the great grandson couldn't be there on the Holiday. Then on Sunday the 23rd my granddaughter, Alexa and her husband Jay Maddox were baptized in the Salt Creek Baptist Church. What a wonderful, great day for them!

We only had 6 out for games on the 20th. The games of 88's is a little more difficult, but I'm getting it better. We enjoyed some good snacks at 7:30 then went home at 8. Remember, do not come to the Center on the 26th.

Hope all is well and see you on the 3rd of December. GOOD THANKSGIV-ING TO ALL!! Carol.

Gorman **City Minutes**

NOVEMBER 20, 2008

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

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:32 p.m. Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes with correcting the appointments to the EDC board. The re-appointments were Judy Warren, Joe Casey and David Perry, also a motion on the Parks &

Recreation carried 4-0. With those corrections being made Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0. Charlie made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried 4-0.

No one present on Citizens In Put.

from Charlie. Motion carried, time was 6:45 p.m.

The old police car and GMC pick up will be dropped from insurance and put up for bids, also place ad in paper regarding this. Trace is to hand deliver or mail all citations. He is not to leave them on the property or door.

The City Employees will be off for Christmas Wednesday thru Friday. Cliffa will be writing up an agreement about occupants in the police vehicles.

Property clean up will be placed on the agenda again next month. There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second

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