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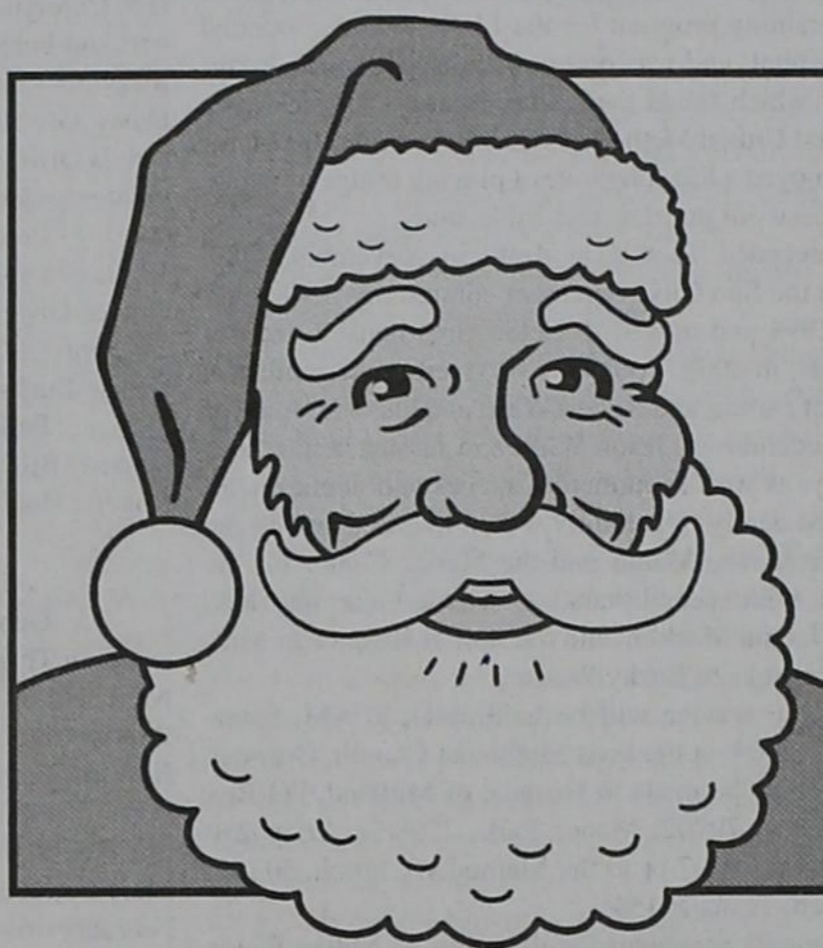
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## Santa Claus Coming To Gorman Saturday At 4:00

Santa will be arriving in town on December 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. He will be at the Community Center. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2.00 each. Santa will be there until time for the parade.



### NOTICE TO GORMAN ESL CLASS

ESL classes will be suspended for the rest of December for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Thank you all for your participation in classes this year! This has been a great class!

We will resume on Monday January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Come prepared for more fun, food, laughter and learning.

Para ustedes y sus familias, Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo!!!

### Plans Set To Send Cards To Service Men

Christmas time is coming up quickly and a few of us have put our heads together and decided we need to do something for our local men and women that are serving this great nation to keep us free. I would like to suggest that if you know someone from around here that is in the military, put their address in the paper or bring it by the City office and we will find somewhere to post them so whoever would like to write or send a card/care package can.

Thanks, Jill Rainey

## State Representative Jim Keffer Files for Re-Election

**Representative Keffer to run on his strong conservative record and distinguished list of accomplishments for Brown, Eastland, Hood, Shackelford, Stephens and Palo Pinto Counties.**

Eastland, TX—State Representative Jim Keffer filed on Friday to run for re-election in the Republican Primary. Keffer, who was first elected in 1996, pledges to continue fighting for the issues that are important to the residents of District 60.

"I am proud to say that I have always fought to lower property taxes, protect our local lakes and water supplies, increase teacher pay and protect our conservative family values," Keffer said. "I am honored to be your voice in the Texas House, and I humbly ask for your continued support."

Keffer is a trusted leader in the State Legislature and currently serves as chairman of the House Committee on Energy Resources and as a member on the Business & Industry, Calendars and Redistricting Committees. In previous sessions, Keffer has served as committee chairman of Ways & Means, Economic Development and the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief.

"I believe my experience in these leadership positions has provided me with the expertise needed to continue to be an effective advocate for the citizens of District 60," Keffer said. Throughout his legislative career, Representative Keffer has been named one of the five best members of the legislature by Gallery Watch. He has received the "Legislator of the Year Award" from the Texas Economic Development Council, the Texas Eagle Forum "Freedom and Family Award", the Texas Association of Family Physicians' "Patient Advocacy Award", "Outstanding Legislator Award" by the Texas Industrial Vocational Association, and the "Fighter for Free Enterprise Award" by the Texas Association of Business. Jim and Leslie Keffer, his wife of 34 years, reside in Eastland, and are the proud parents of three sons who graduated from Eastland public schools and three Texas universities. They are especially proud of their 16-month-old granddaughter. Keffer is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is President of EBAA Iron Sales, Inc., an iron foundry with plants in Eastland and Albany.

Christmas Store -  
Desdemona Activity Center  
December 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12  
9:00A.M.-6:00P.M. - Desdemona, TX.

### Gorman High School Band News

The "sound" of Christmas is in the air. We are very busy preparing for our upcoming Christmas concert, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. We hope that all of you will be able to attend this festive event. In addition to the concert on Thursday night, several classes will be performing at Homestead on Wednesday.

The region round of auditions for ATSSB was held at Cisco College on Saturday. We had three students registered for this audition: Jaylon Miley, Daniel Rivas, and James Thomas. James was unable to attend due to a conflict with the Rising Star tournament. Daniel is to be commended for all the hard work he committed to due to the fact that the percussion music was on backorder and did not arrive until mid-November.

Jaylon Miley is to be congratulated for performing well enough to earn 14th chair in the Region Symphonic band. Jaylon just missed advancing to Area; nine chairs are all that advanced. Jaylon is to be commended for her commitment to this competition. When given an opportunity, please compliment these students on their musical representation of our school.



### Lady Panthers

#### Basketball News

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Stats: Jaime Johnston: 13 points, 5 assists, 12 rebounds, and 1 steal; Kimi Seaton: 10 points, 1 assist, 1 steal, and 9 rebounds; Delila Hipolito: 2 points, 3 steals, and 4 rebounds

**Rising Star Tournament:** Lost to Rising Star 36-49 and to Lometa 36-38

Stats: Jaime Johnston: 42 points, 8 assists, 6 steals, and 22 rebounds; Kimi Seaton: 26 points, 8 assists, 5 steals, and 12 rebounds; Cecilia Olivares: 6 rebounds, 1 steal and 2 caused mistakes. Record is 1-5

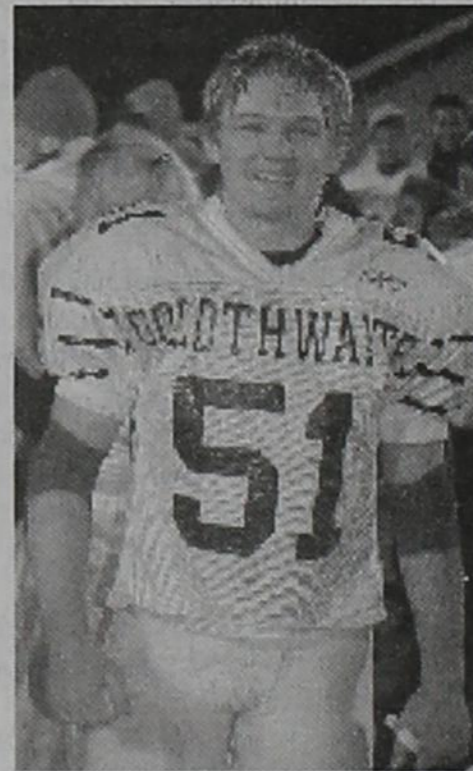


Kourtney shot this Gobbler on Saturday, Dec. 5th. The turkey weighed in at 29 lbs. and had a 9 1/2 inch beard. Great job Kourtney!

### Kiefer Wilson and the Goldthwaite Eagles-Play for St. Championship

This summer Kiefer Wilson, along with his family Kendra and Ryan Wright and Holly Wright made a big move! Kendra took a job in Goldthwaite, Texas to coach and teach. As a result of this move Kiefer found himself playing football, not for the Gorman Panthers, but as a Goldthwaite Eagle. And as far as moves away from home go, this one has proved to be very successful. Kiefer quickly earned himself a starting position on the Eagle football team, and he hasn't slowed down yet! The Goldthwaite Eagles remain undefeated throughout this football season and will be playing for the state championship this Saturday. Kiefer starts both ways for the Eagles. On offense he plays left guard, and on defense he is the strong side linebacker. Since the Eagles playoff run Kiefer has had 47 tackles and 1 forced fumble. He lead the team in tackles against Junction, and has been one of the leading tacklers for the Eagle defense. He has done a great job and we are very proud of him.

The Eagles will play Saturday, December 12th for the class A state championship title against Canadian at Jones Stadium, Texas Tech University in Lubbock, the game will begin at 5:00 p.m. Come out to see a great game and support Kiefer Wilson as his new found team faces their toughest opponent yet!



### Confederate Country Christmas To Be Held At ZJ's on December 12th

Second Texas Frontier district, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #1904 along with Cactus Rose, Chapter #23, Order of Confederate Rose, warmly welcome you to celebrate with us A Confederate Country Christmas on Saturday, December 12th at 6:30 in the evening at ZJ's Steakhouse, located in Gorman, Texas. Come and celebrate a good 'ole Country Christmas, with a hearty Southern Meal, Southern Music, and a Rebel Speaker, U.S. Army Col. Allen C. Huffines (Ret.).

Confederate money will be given as door prizes as well as for Best Period Dress and Uniform. Ticket cost is \$15.00 (include meal). For more information, contact Thomas Harrison - 254-734-5058 or rebeltom@cctc.net. You may also order tickets by mailing a check and ticket request to P. O. Box 41, Gorman, Tx 76454.

Anyone wishing to attend the celebration while dining at ZJ's is welcome.

### City Park Committee Accepting Donations For Miniature Clear Lights

The City Park Committee will be accepting donations of miniature clear lights to be used for decorating in the park. If you would like to donate lights please drop them off at the City Office, or Gorman Pharmacy.

### SCHOOL MENU

Week of Dec. 14 thru Dec. 18

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Meat/Cheese Nachos, tossed salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, crackers, sherbet and Milk.

TUESDAY - Steak Fingers, potato smiles, English peas, strawberries/bananas, roll, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Sub sandwiches, lettuce and tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, peanut butter, cookie and Milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage Pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit and Milk. Early Release - NO SALAD BAR.

FRIDAY - Corn dog, baked beans, potato chips, fruit and Milk. Early Release - NO SALAD BAR.

# Obituaries

## Mildred "Tootsie" Whitt

Mildred Whitt, known by her family and friends as "Tootsie", passed away on November 23, 2009, in Midland, Texas. Tootsie was born on December 20, 1920, in Groesbeck, Texas, the daughter of Luther and Willy May Davis. Tootsie married Keith Whitt in August 1940, and they moved to Gorman, Texas in 1948. Tootsie graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Shannon School of Nursing in San Angelo, Texas in 1944. After raising her two children, she returned to nursing, most recently as the Director of Nurses at Dublin Hospital. She enjoyed her years in the training program for the LVNs that she founded at the Dublin Hospital, and was proud of the success of her students, not one of which failed their State Boards. Tootsie was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Gorman, Texas, for fifty years. She enjoyed a life-long love of playing bridge, reading, dancing, daily crossword puzzles, and Bible study.



Keith preceded Tootsie in death in November 1989. Tootsie moved to the Sun City retirement community in Georgetown, Texas, in 1998 and moved to Helen Greathouse Center at Manor Park, Texas, in 2006. Tootsie is survived by her children, Tomasine Payne of Dallas, and Robert Whitt and his wife, Joan, of Midland, and grandchildren, Jason Whitt and Jessica Whitt, both of New York City, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. The family would like to thank all the staff at Helen Greathouse Manor and the Mabee Center for the loving care given, with special thanks to Wanda Feliz, the Head of Nursing, and Chanita Macklin, and the staff at Hospice of Midland, with special thanks to Becky Walker.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the First Methodist Church, Gorman, Texas. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 or to the Methodist Church, 303 W. Roberts St, Gorman, Texas 76454

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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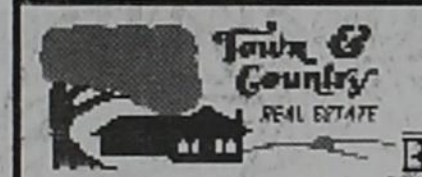
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**Mildred Otwell**  
Mildred Otwell, age 92 of De Leon passed away on Monday, November 30, 2009 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Friday, December 4th at 2 p.m. at De Leon Church of Christ with Kris Groda officiating. Burial was in Comyn Cemetery.  
She was born July 10, 1917 in Comyn to William Henry Caffey and Mary Jane Swanner Caffey. She married James Aubry "Pans" Otwell on June 1, 1935 in De Leon.  
She was a homemaker; had worked at Holleywood Vasarette in Eastland for 26 years. She lived most of her life in De Leon. She was a member of De Leon Church of Christ.  
She is survived by a son, Bobby Otwell of De Leon; sisters, Ollie Mae Sciotte of Sweet Home, Oregon, Pearl Sanford of Abilene and Mary Evelyn Howard of Whitney; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Otwell of Granbury; 6 grandchildren, Vicki Campbell and husband Dee of Houston, Beckie Wilcox and husband Marvin of Granbury, DeOnza Otwell and Danny of Granbury, Dusty Otwell of Houston, Darren Otwell and wife Laura and Travis Otwell, both of Celina; 7 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.  
Preceded in death by her husband, J.A. "Pans" Otwell in 1979; two sons, James Otwell and Bill Otwell; daughter-in-law, Ginger Otwell; parents, William and Mary Jane Caffey; brothers, John Caffey and Howard Caffey; sisters, Morene Nance and Louise Buchner; and one step-granddaughter, Kimberly Davis.  
Pallbearers were Jim Womack, Gayle Graham, John Gilbert, Bill Medart, Dwayne Lane, Marvin Wilcox and Clint Rogers; Honorary: Jerry Clark, Bill Roberson and Cap Nowlin.

**George Wayland Hodges**  
George Wayland Hodges, age 81 of De Leon passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at his residence. Services were held on Saturday, December 5th at 2 p.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Bro. David Kelly officiating. Music by The Edwards Family. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.  
He was born February 22, 1928 in Comanche County to Clyde C. Hodges and Selma Faye Sides Hodges. He married Mary Beth Peavy on November 1, 1951 in De Leon; she preceded February 16, 1994; he later married Joyce Franklin on March 17, 1998 in Comanche.  
He was retired from Golden Oak Milling Company in De Leon where he was a foreman and a salesman; he served in the U. S. Navy during WWII; he lived in De Leon all of his life; member of De Leon First Baptist Church where he taught a children's Sunday School class for many years; was a 50-year member of De Leon Armstrong Lodge.

She is survived by his wife, Joyce Hodges; son Bruce Hodges and wife Tracy of Dublin; daughter Carla Coyle and husband Andy of Stephenville; step-son Roger Lewis of De Leon and step-daughter, Jennifer Jaggars and husband Kevin of Sidney; brothers Glen Hodges of Granbury, Bob Hodges of Stephenville, Robert Hodges of De Leon, John D. Hodges of Dublin and Terry Hodges of De Leon; two sisters, Linda Teague of Hallettsville and Elizabeth Sharp of Athens; 2 grandchildren, Tiffany Bates and Josh Glasscock; 5 step-grandchildren, Catelynn Jaggars, Ethan Jaggars, Elizabeth Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Kimberly Lewis; and 3 great-grandchildren, Ross, Ty, and Brinlea.

Preceded in death in addition to his first wife, Mary Beth; his parents Clyde and Selma Hodges and a brother Talmage Hodges.

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162 A, 2 story 2-1/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000  
147 A, Horse Property, 5-4/4 Brick Home, 2-Car Garage, barn, much more [SW01] \$950,000  
102 A, water well, coastal, corrals, hunting, mins. & owner financing possible [JB02] \$285,000  
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**REDUCED** 81 A Pecan orchard, 9000 trees, possible owner finance [REM01] \$405,000 \$300,000  
**SOLD** 80-A - with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000  
69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, coastal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900  
45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, coastal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500  
45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre  
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24 A, new water well and septic system, coastal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000  
192A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre  
7-4 Brick Home, 2,31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000  
**REDUCED** 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$159,900 \$89,000  
4+4, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900  
3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500  
3-1 Frame Home, 1 car carport, shaded lot, storage building [DS02] \$39,500  
2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2,99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000  
**REDUCED** 2-1/4 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000  
**REDUCED** 2-1 Frame Home, 2,3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000  
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# FOOD & HOLIDAY

## Just a Trifle of Holiday Cheer

NewsUSA



(NU) - Winter might mean snow and ice, but all it takes is a trip to the grocery store to find the fruits of summer. For an elegant treat that will remind your guests of warmer days, try this recipe from the Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission:

- Raspberry/Blackberry Trifle**  
Serves 16
- Raspberry Layer**  
1 1/2 cups whole frozen raspberries  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1-2 tablespoons raspberry or other berry liqueur  
1 1/2 cups fresh or whole frozen raspberries
- Blackberry Layer**  
1 1/2 cups whole frozen blackberries  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1-2 tablespoons raspberry or other berry liqueur  
1 1/2 cups fresh or whole frozen blackberries
- Light Custard**  
4 1/2 cups skim milk  
5 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1/3 cup cornstarch  
4 teaspoons clear vanilla or 2 teaspoons almond extract
- 1 medium size angel food cake (about 17 ounces)  
2 tablespoons raspberry or other berry liqueur

Layers of light custard, fresh berries and angel food cake lend this fruity trifle sophistication.

Using a double boiler, heat four cups milk until steam rises from the surface. In a separate bowl, combine eggs, remaining one-half cup milk and one cup sugar. Sift cornstarch and whisk until blended.

Remove scalded milk from heat, and gradually whisk in egg mixture. Return pan to top of double boiler and whisk constantly over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until very thick and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla or almond extract. Transfer to bowl, press plastic wrap onto surface and allow to cool slightly.

Cut cake into one-inch to two-inch cubes. Arrange half the cake squares on the bottom of a three-quart straight-sided Trifle Bowl, including any irregular shapes. Sprinkle with one tablespoon berry liqueur, and evenly distribute raspberry puree and blackberries over cake layer. Spoon half the custard over berries. Repeat with remaining cake, liqueur, blackberry puree, blackberries and any additional fruit and custard. Cover and chill at least four hours or up to one day ahead. Garnish with additional berries and fruit in the center just before serving.

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 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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S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.  
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. \$200,000 Acre - Seller Financing  
100 A west De Leon FMS87, 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.  
130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.  
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.  
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Brrrrrr! It's cold outside! Maybe this weather will get us all in the Christmas spirit.

Thanks to all who attended 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday and all who attended the first weekend of the Christmas Store. Our Christmas Store will be open again this weekend - Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. We still have some nice things - come and see! I would like to thank all the ladies of the community who contribute their time and their cooking skills to the Christmas Store. The baked goods that they contribute are the first items to sell. They are all so good and most can be put in the freezer for the holidays.

We always meet the nicest people at the DAC!

I am sorry to say that we have been unable to book a band for New Year's Eve. Our regular band was already booked up, as were other bands that we contacted. Instead, we will have a game night again. Bring a snack food and a favorite game and join us to welcome in 2010.

January 5th will be 'Breakfast at the DAC' again and we will start back with our regular second Friday dance on January 8th. We will welcome Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers back then.

## Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Merry Christmas everyone! I love the Christmas season. Everyone's attitude seems to improve just a little. There is a hint of love, hope and joy in the air like no other time of the year. Why? People that are not even Christians celebrate this time of year and exchange presents and greeting cards and have parties. Why? I believe it is because the birth of Jesus represents love, joy and hope to all nations. The message of love and peace surrounding Him is a message the entire world wants to believe. Even if they are not Christians, they want to believe. They would like for the world to be at peace and for everyone to love one another. Love, hope, and peace; are we not blessed, those of us who truly believe and know His love! Remember this Christmas whose birthday you are celebrating, go to church, and be thankful for the gift of Jesus. If you are not a believer, I ask that you give yourself a gift. Visit with someone who is and let them explain to you why they believe and how you can receive the greatest blessing of all this Christmas.

The Junior Class is sponsoring a Jingle Bell Shop. Children in Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade will have the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high quality "Secret" gifts for family and friends during school hours. Before the store opens, your child will bring home a special Budget Envelope; this will allow you and your child to decide together how much can be spent on each gift. The following days will be reserved for this purpose, December 11th will be the Shopping Day for Grades 6-8 and December 14th will be the shopping day for Grades Pre-K through 5th. If you would like your child to shop in the Jingle Bell Store-please have their envelope back by the designated date above. Thanks for your continued support and Merry Christmas!

The Gorman Student Council is sponsoring a Shoebox Christmas! They are looking for boy and girl gifts from ages 4-18 years of age. You may turn in your shoebox donations into a Student Council Member or to Coach Lovelace. All donations must be received by December 14th. If you choose to wrap the shoebox please wrap the box and lid separately. Thanks so much!

Please support our basketball teams with your presence at the games. Your presence and your cheers mean a lot to our kids. Win or lose, just to see you there makes all their hard work worthwhile. Just knowing you care enough to be there id all it takes to make a child's day. I bet you didn't know you were that important.

Don't forget that we get out early n the 17th and 18th. Busses will run at 12:30pm. School will start up again on January 4, 2010. Can you believe it? 2010! Wilburn Overstreet came by our office the other day and was talking about some things at school when he was ten years old. That was 1916. What changes he has see in his lifetime, things that in 1916 were beyond the imagination at that time. What a wonderful world we live in and thank God for all the blessings we've received!

I received a phone call from a gentleman in DeLeon with some information on one of our bus drivers. I don't mind telling you that it is nice receiving calls about good things. We have many great things happen that go unnoticed simply because people complain a lot faster and more often than they praise people for doing a good job. The bus driver in question was called a hero by this caller and the driver in question is John Howard. It was said that because he was very observant prior to opening the bus door to let a young student out that he saved her live. There was a reckless driver that passed the bus, even though the flashing lights were engaged and the stop sign was displayed, and the student may have been run over had Mr. Howard opened the door. I want to commend Mr. Howard for a job well done and thank all of our bus drivers for the great job they do for the students of Gorman ISD. Great job!

This week marks the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Please remember our veterans and our active duty military and their families during this season of love while they are having to stand in harm's way, some giving their very lives to protect my freedom to write this article and your freedom to read it without fear of persecution.

This will probably be my last article until after we return from Christmas break. I wish you all the best Christmas ever! Please be careful and watch out for the other guy. Do something nice for someone anonymously. You'll be surprised how good it makes you feel.

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!

See you in Desdemona! — Carol Pell

## Happenings At FBC!!

Stop! Take time to celebrate Jesus because He is the reason for every season. Celebrate the birth of Jesus and celebrate your Salvation! God bless you.

Mark your calendars:

**Dec. 13th - 6pm** - Annual Holiday Dinner - bring your favorite side dishes and desserts.

**Dec. 16th** - Team Kids & Mission Friends Christmas Program - Please come and be delighted!

**Dec. 20th - 10am** - Happy Birthday, Jesus, Party!

Youth Led an Absolutely Marvelous Sunday Service .....

Music was led by Haven, Kinsey, and Rachel.

Justin welcomed everyone to the House of the Lord.

Rhys opened the Service with prayer.

Liz Caraway presented the "Youth's Year in Review".

JC presented announcements.

Jaylon presented a slide show of Youth activities. Then led Happy Birthday.

Children's Sermon: Jaime and Kimi showed the children several utensils that look different and are used for serving food. They utensils were made for the same purpose. We are made to serve God. The Bible tells us to follow Jesus and obey God. Our purpose is to serve God.

Offering was accepted by AJ, Josh, Matt, James, and Randall.

Special Music: Cortney Shirley. All were blessed us with her sweet and angelic voice.

Puppet Show: The Youth Puppet Team gave an enchanting performance telling the story of the birth of baby Jesus. God gave us the greatest gift. Giving is better than receiving.

Alex and Justin - Message: "The Formula to Success" - Proverbs 3:5&6 - Alex and Justin reflected on being High School Seniors, and once they graduate the door will be wide open. What will they do? How do you define success? Is it an event? Some dream of being doctors, teachers, professional athletes, and having a family. Life is not about us, it is about God. Trust in the Lord and submit yourself to serving Him.

The writer of the song, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus", was inspired while she and her daughter were in utter despair and an anonymous person left them a simple plate of food at their door.

Lean Not On Your Own Understanding! Committing yourself to God does not mean that you won't have troubles or fail, but it does mean that you will TRY again. God has a use of each of us. God uses things and people to further His will. God can use small things to change the course of history, so certainly God can use YOU. Your age and your circumstance do not matter. Remember the Formula to Success! Trust God, Commit to God, Obey God, and Share God!

The Youth Group expressed special thanks to Liz Caraway for all she does for them. Our Church Family is grateful to God for Liz and her dedicated ministry to the Youth Group, and we thank each Youth for their commitment to serving God and share God in our community and beyond.

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

## Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

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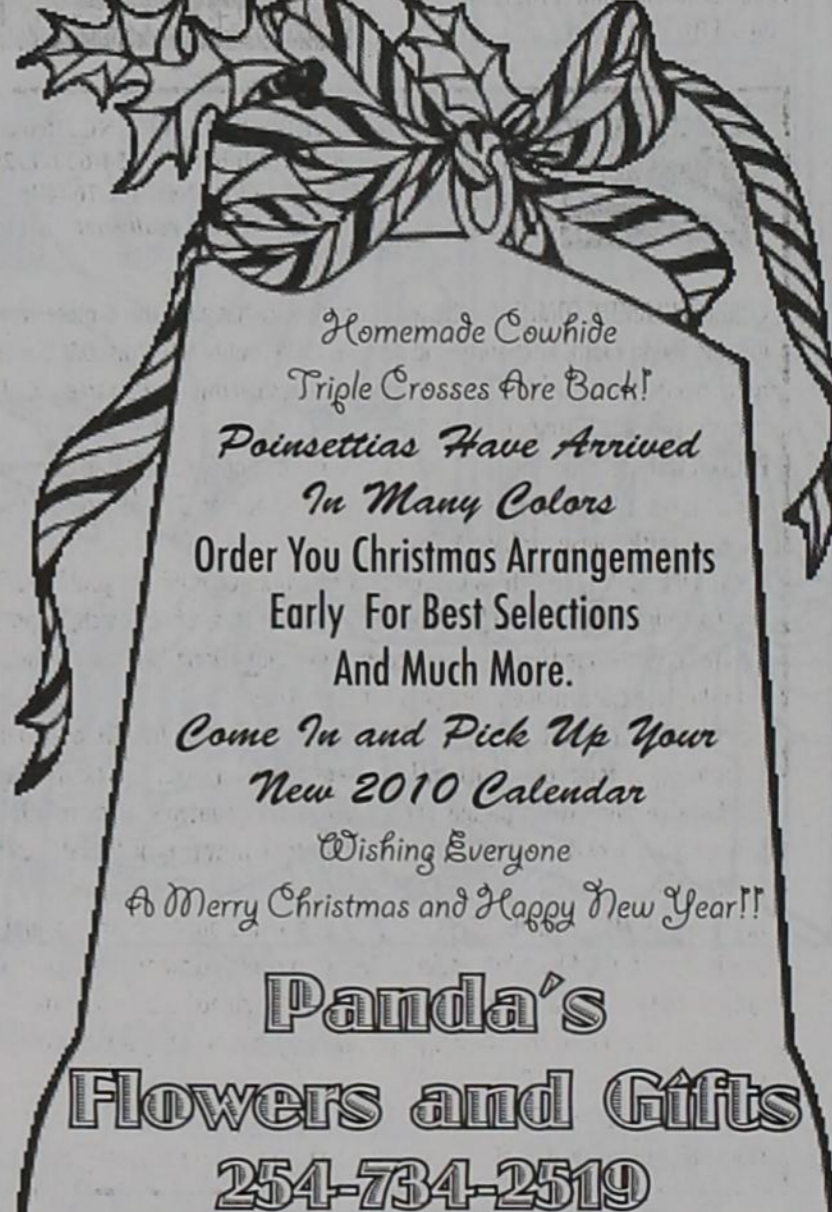
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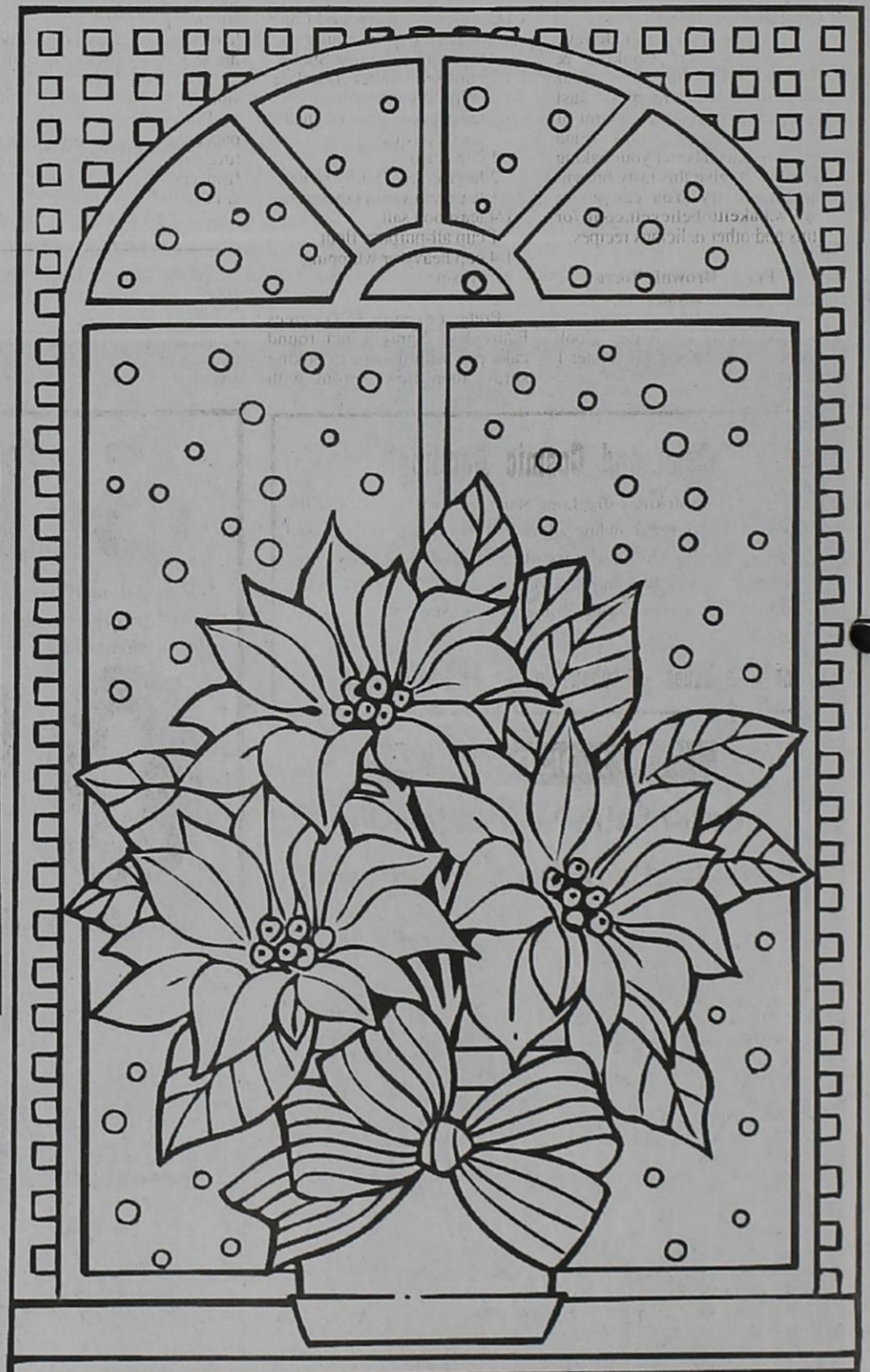
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# Gorman Livestock Show Set For December 19

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association will hold the annual Gorman Livestock Show on December 19, 2009. The show is tentatively planned to begin at 10:00 a.m. with the lamb show, followed by the goats, lunch break, and finishing with the swine show. Please make plans to attend and support our kids as they exhibit their livestock projects. You can also enjoy a great lunch! Thank you for your continued support.

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## Senator Hutchison on White House “Jobs Summit”

### Obama “Has Spent Nearly a Year in Office Ignoring Every Republican Proposal We’ve Offered”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) released the following statement in regards to President Obama’s White House jobs summit and his request for suggestions to prevent further job loss:

“President Obama has asked the American people for ‘ideas’ on how we can stem the job losses, yet has spent nearly a year in office ignoring every Republican proposal we’ve offered. Taking him at his word though, here are my ideas... No more record setting budgets. Do away with the Cap and Trade proposal that would raise fuel and utility costs for every American family and business. Stop the \$2.5 trillion government takeover of our healthcare system going through Congress right now. Do away with the stimulus bill, which was chock full of wasteful spending, and put that money to use cutting our national debt or back in the hands of American taxpayers, who can use it most effectively. Take a step back and realize that heedlessly throwing money we don’t have at programs we don’t need is not an effective way to kickstart our economy. I hope that President Obama’s request for ideas is genuine, and I hope he will sincerely listen to limited government, conservative alternatives.”

## HOLIDAY & FOOD

# Make Your Holiday Desserts Better Than Ever

NewsUSA

(NU) - During this season of festive treats, why not take a holiday from the typical buttered-down desserts? Now you can whip up sweet favorites for your family and guests that are full of rich flavor with less saturated fat.

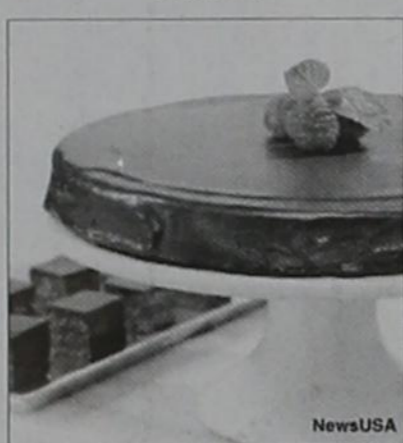
One way to reduce your saturated fat intake and make your holiday baking better is by using I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!® Cooking & Baking Sticks in your recipes. They taste and bake like butter with 50 percent less saturated fat than butter and zero grams trans fat per serving.<sup>1</sup> Plus, they are made with a blend of soybean and canola oils, so they are an excellent source of omega-3 ALA.<sup>2</sup>

You can use I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Cooking & Baking Sticks in all of your favorite butter recipes. Just swap it for the same amount of butter that your recipe calls for and see how much better your baking can be. Or give this tasty brownie torte a try. You can go to [www.bakeitoblivion.com](http://www.bakeitoblivion.com) for this and other delicious recipes.

### Fudgy Brownie Torte

16 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes, Cook Time: 25 minutes, Chill Time: 1 hour



This brownie torte is perfect for guilt-free entertaining.

- 1/2 cup plus 2 teaspoon I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Cooking & Baking Sticks
- 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips, divided
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup heavy or whipping cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray 9-inch round cake pan with nonstick cooking spray, then line bottom with

waxed paper and spray again; set aside.

Melt 1/2 cup I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Cooking & Baking Sticks, 1 cup chocolate chips and the cocoa in 3-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, then stir in sugar, eggs, vanilla and salt. Stir in flour just until blended. Spread into prepared pan.

Bake 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out almost clean. Cool 15 minutes on wire rack. Remove from pan and cool completely.

Meanwhile, bring cream just to the boiling point in 1-quart saucepan. Remove from heat, then stir in remaining 1/2 cup chocolate chips and 2 teaspoons Cooking & Baking Stick until melted. Let cool to thicken, stirring occasionally.

Place rack with cake on waxed paper, then spread chocolate mixture on cake. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Garnish, if desired, with raspberries.

<sup>1</sup> 79% vegetable oil spread. Contains 11g fat (3.5g sat. fat, 0g trans fat) per serving.

<sup>2</sup> Contains 500mg of omega-3 ALA per serving, which provides 38% of the daily value of ALA (1300 mg).

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Ladies Monthly Social** will be held on Monday, December 14th at the Community Center (former school building). This will be a covered dish Christmas Luncheon. Make plans to arrive at 11:00 a.m. And bring the food of your choice. Drinks will be furnished by the Hostesses.

Kaley, daughter of Roy and Angela Powledge attends De Leon School in the 5th grade. She made a high score grade on the TAKS test. With several of her class members, they won a trip to Washington, D.C. over the past weekend. What a wonderful trip for these young children and teachers.

Roy and Angela Powledge hosted a birthday party on Sunday for their son, Colin. Several family members and friends attended to enjoy lunch followed with a chocolate birthday cake.

During this busy Holiday Season please take time out from you busy schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins with your Cards and Prayers.

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

Thanks and have a great day, Coon.

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

After our Thanksgiving break we had seventeen at the Center to enjoy our meal on the 2nd of December. Actually I'm surprised there were that many as a little chilly and damp out. So glad to see and visit with everyone. Wilburn Overstreet is always gracious in giving our blessing of food and etc.

Hope all had a pleasant and happy Thanksgiving with your family or friends. Daisy Slaton and I ate at Jake and Dorothy's in Stephenville. They put on a good holiday meal. We had an early Thanksgiving with family and friends. So this was different and fun. We also saw Martha Harrington and family there enjoying the meal.

Our Menu on the 2nd was very good with many different dishes. We enjoyed German Sausage, salmon patties by Barbara Bush, better than usual, must find out how she did it. Martha Harrington brought us a delicious Pork Loin, very tasty, Thanks. Also scalloped potatoes with cheese, corn, mixed vegetables of Cauliflower, Broccoli and carrots. Our usual beans, cornbread and rolls. Desserts were only two cakes, on Chocolate and Italian Cream cheese, brought by Martha Harrington. What a treat, so good. Barbara Bush baked the chocolate, thanks to here, and also delicious. Both had nuts and very rich.

Sure was nice to see Jimmy Stell, he had the day off from the Shell Station. A very good young man and enjoys out food. Also good to see James Bruton and James Miears. Estelle Lindley doing good, glad she is back with us. Always glad to have Lil Brudnak here with us, brightens our day with her wit.

The nurses from Medway Home Health in De Leon were here to check our BP and BS. We certainly appreciate them giving us of their time. We look forward to seeing them the first Wednesday of the month. Again they didn't have time to eat, but are always welcome.

Barbara and Max Bush enjoyed their daughter Nancy and family for Thanksgiving. She lives up in the panhandle, can't remember the town. They don't see her as often as some of their other children, so know this was special.

Jo and Virgil Holdman from Desdemona were in Lucanbach with their son, Jr. for Thanksgiving. He runs the store, etc. there. Quite a position, really keeps him busy with not much time off. They have a big blowout there with all kinds of food. Sounds like a fun time.

Daisy Slaton, Anne Laminack and I traveled to Desdemona for their monthly breakfast on the 5th. Always very good with lots of people. There Christmas Store was on, so we enjoyed looking and buying. They had a lot of items for sale, some very nice. Sure was nice to have Anne back from her travels. She had been in Kentucky visiting her friend Henry Buchanan.

Hope all is well and see you next time – Carol

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## HOLIDAY

### End-of-the-Year Television Provides Priceless Entertainment

NewsUSA

(NU) - It's official...the countdown through the holiday season has begun. We're crossing off the days until malls are adorned with lush, green holly and glimmering lights, "White Christmas" plays repeatedly over the loudspeaker in department stores overflowing with merchandise, and children's faces light up with joy as they spot Santa on the pavilion intently listening to wish lists.

But with dwindling finances and a troubled economy on many minds, saving money is sounding much better than giving it. With exchanging gifts on the back burner this year, simpler family traditions can help keep the warmth of the season alive.

American families can gather for holiday dinners, whether they're eating pizza on paper plates or turkey on precious antique china. They can form coalitions to feed the homeless in soup kitchens on cold winter nights, and can even gather in the living room for a cozy night of one of the most popular pastimes – watching favorite seasonal television specials.

According to Nielsen Media Research, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" is one of the most-watched television shows of the holiday season, bringing in 13.75 million viewers in one prime-time showing in 2007. Other favorites include: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." But there's one genre of television that offers entertainment with a bit of historic nostalgia: those memory-jolting end-of-the-year countdowns.

Multiple broadcast television outlets have been known to host end-of-the-year countdowns that highlight the year's history



End-of-the-year programming offers quality time for any family.

through one or many angles. For example: the most popular sports events, celebrity shock moments, game show wins, fashion flops and music. Every year, Great American Country (GAC) broadcasts its "Top 50 Videos" special, showcasing the most popular country music videos of the year.

Once again bringing entertainment to your living room, GAC will air "Top 50 Videos of 2008," every night beginning Dec. 29 through Jan. 2 at 8 p.m. ET. This year's countdown will be hosted by Taylor Swift and will highlight the year's most popular music videos in country music. Country music fans can vote for their favorite videos and find more information on the countdown at [www.gactv.com](http://www.gactv.com).

Through participating in simple pastimes such as watching special television countdowns with family, people throughout the nation can build memories to last a lifetime, without over-extending economy-stricken budgets. The season's most important message – that of sharing love and lending a helping hand – will undoubtedly be heard loud and clear as the days until 2009 continue to pass by, and citizens look past traditional gift-giving into what the holidays are truly all about.

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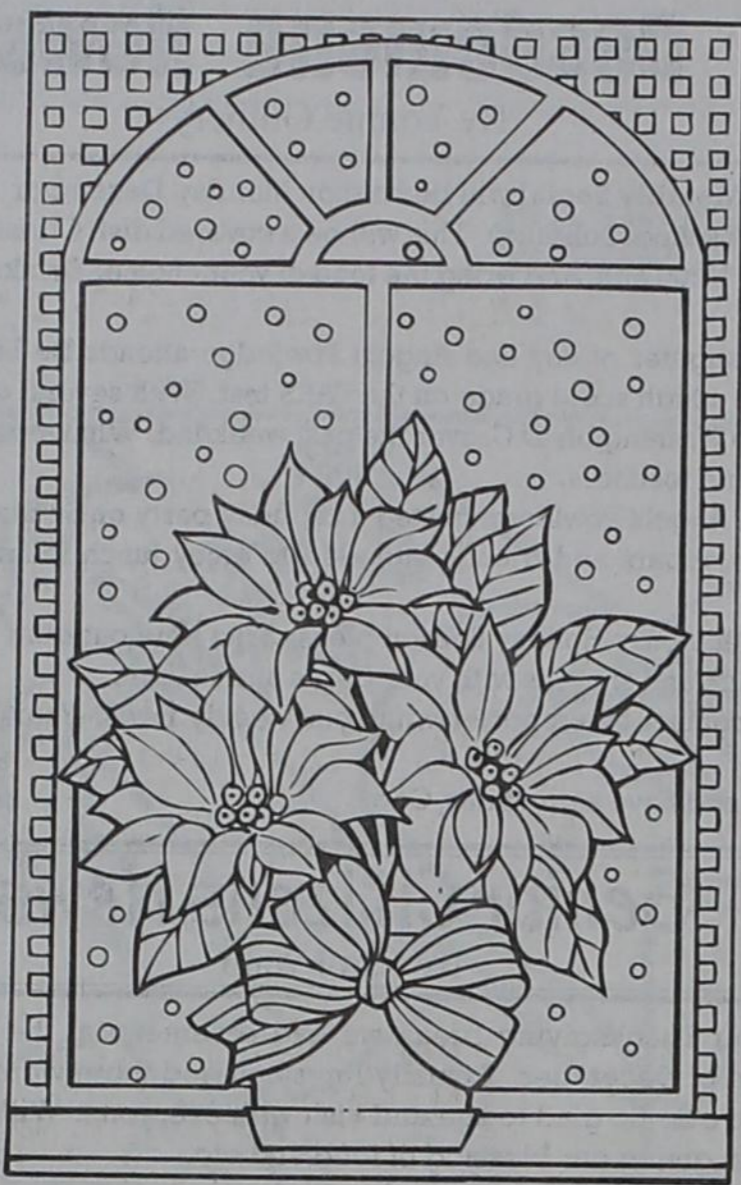
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