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## Blackwell Hospital Historical Marker Dedication Held



Photos Courtesy of Ed Rodgers and Lonnie Bennett

**Gorman Makes Texas History as the Blackwell Hospital and the Dr. D.V. Rodgers Memorial Sites Are Formally Dedicated**

Memories came to life in Gorman last weekend when a large crowd of people gathered to place a Texas Historical Marker depicting the Blackwell hospital site and to dedicate a commemorative marker to Dr. D.V. Rodgers, longtime beloved physician of the facility. This scene took place on West Roberts street at the former location of the hospital on Saturday. Various dignitaries were on hand to give honor to this Texas landmark that had such a profound effect on the people and the times of this bygone era.

The hospital was founded in 1919 by two brothers, George and Edward Blackwell. This was a period of extensive growth in the north Texas area due to the development of the times and the large oilfields nearby. Blackwell Hospital made a tremendous impact on the county and the ever extending larger area. New physicians added to the staff included Dr. David V. Rodgers (1910 - 1971), George Blackwell's son in law who joined the staff in 1938. The hospital's powerful influence made Gorman the recognized health care center of this part

of Texas. Dr. Rodgers' contribution to the hospital and to the people he served was recognized on Saturday with a memorial marker. Dr. Rodgers' marker read as follows: "Verle was one of the five children born to Don E. and Nanny L. Rodgers. He graduated from Gorman High School in 1927, attended Weatherford Junior College, Hardin-Simmons University and McMurry College in Abilene and Texas Tech (Technological College in Lubbock). He and Beryl Blackwell were married in 1932. Before being persuaded

to go to medical school by his father-in-law, Dr. George Blackwell, he was a school teacher at Alameda and a Sunday school teacher, and was active in church. He graduated from Baylor Medical School in 1937 and served his internship at the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. In 1938 he began general practice in Gorman. In 1943 the third floor of Blackwell Hospital was completed, accompanied by the installation of an electric elevator, the fourth floor was added in 1947. Dr. Rodgers

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## Full Family Renewal At Bride of Christ Church

The Bride of Christ Church of Gorman, on Ector Street will sponsor a Full Family Renewal by Impact Ministries International on Saturday, September 23rd at 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings will bring spiritual, emotional and physical healing to the entire family with prophetic ministry, equipping seminars and miraculous healings by Dr. Teresa Stammen and Rev. Tom Stammen, who have ministered in over 1000 churches in the USA, Canada, Asia, Africa and South America since 1986. Since then, they have prophetically prayed for over 100,000 people, bringing God's love and healing power to persons of all denominations, ages and backgrounds.

Life-changing personal and prophetic prayer is offered after each service. The church invites everyone to attend these services.

## HOMECOMING DANCE

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be hosting a Homecoming Dance at the Gorman Opry House, downtown Gorman, immediately following the Homecoming Game, Friday, September 22nd. There will be a \$2.00 per person charge for the dance. Make plans to attend.

## Chief Of Police To Retire

I would like the Citizens of Gorman to know that I will be retiring on September 22, 2006. I have been Chief of Police since 1998. I have enjoyed my time here. I will miss the enter action with the kids at the school through the Drug Program which had been sponsored by the Masonic Lodge for the past eight years. I would like to thank all those who have supported me while I was here. I would like to also thank the City Employees for their friendship and support along with the City Commissioners present and past.

Sincerely,  
Doug Caffey - 1998 thru 2006

and I am a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 of Eastland County.

My family and I moved here in 1972 and at the time I was a Texas State Trooper. We were not born or raised here but chose Eastland County because of the friendly people and the good environment for raising our children.

My family and I are members of River of Life Church in Eastland. My wife, Pam and I have been married for 43 years and have 2 children and 9 grandchildren we are very proud of, my daughter Robin and her husband, Steve Hayes live in Eastland and my son Russell and his wife Antonette

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## Panthers Lose To Badgers; Host Sterling City Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		
Gorman		Ben Bolt
13	First Downs	22
29/188	Carries/Yds.	45/234
32	Yds. Passing	170
2 of 9	Passes/Comp.	10 of 18
0	Interceptions	1
0 - 0	Fumbles/Lost	1-0
0	Punts/Avg.	1/22
1/10	Penalties	13/115

The Gorman Panthers (an good number of fans) traveled to New Braunfels on Friday night to take on the Ben Bolt Badgers and came away on the low side of a 28-14 score. The Panthers got behind in 8-0 in the first quarter and dropped to 22-0 score by halftime. Then they came back to score 14 in the third while holding the Badgers scoreless in the third. However, the Badgers got a late score to insure the 28-14 score.

The Badgers scored on the first series in the game as they took the kickoff on their own 16 and went the distance in 11 plays with Gabriel Gutierrez getting the final 12 with 6:32 left in the first. Alex Mejia added the 2 pointer on a run and Ben Bolt was up 8-0.

Then after exchanging possessions on a couple of occasions, the Badgers took the ball on their own 36 and scored in 10 plays with Tommy Cadena getting the final 20 with 6:39 left in the second. Mejia kicked the extra point and the Badgers had a 15-0 lead.

The Badgers added another touchdown before halftime when they got the ball on their own 32 and went the distance in 12 plays with Alex Mejia passing to Guitierrez for the final 31 with only seconds left in the second. Mejia added the point after and the score rose to 22-0.

The two bands performed at halftime and did a very good job. Also the dance team of Gorman did a great job on their presentation.

Following halftime the Panthers came out ready to play, taking the kickoff on their own 38 and then in one fantastic play Tyson Swanner kept the ball on a roll out play and raced the 62 yards to the end zone for the score with 11:41 left in the third. The run for 2 points failed and the score was 22-6.

After exchanging possessions on a couple of series, the Panthers took the ball on their own 24, after getting an interception by Swanner, and get a long drive for the TD, going 76 yards in 9 plays with Tony Perez getting the honors from 2 yards out with 2:25 left in the third. Perez then ran for the 2 pointer and the score was 22-14. The drive featured runs of 12, 1, 9, 2, 2 by Matt Underwood and a beautiful 26 yard pass to Orlando Valenzuela. Also Swanner had a 9 yarder.

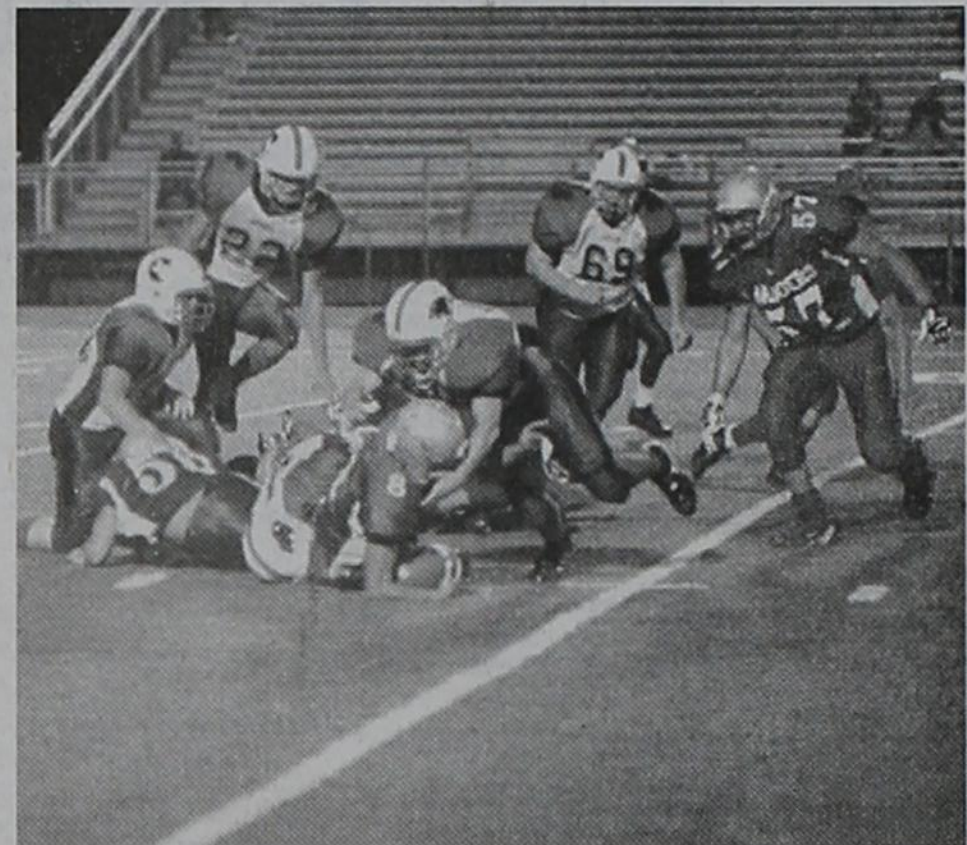
Tyson Swanner led the Panthers with 80 yards on 7 carries. Underwood had 50 on 11 tries. Reggie Sanchez got 37 on t totes. Valenzuela had 17 on 3 trips. Zach Fox was 2 for 2 and Perez was 1 for 2 and a 2 point run.

The Big Red Defense did a pretty good job against the spread and some fast runners. they were hurt by the passing game of Ben Bolt. They will host Sterling City in the Homecoming Classic this Friday night and will have to be ready for another tough battle. Maybe if they got their defense set early they can keep the score close before getting behind so early. Get out and back the Panthers in this game. Everyone liked the uniform setup in Friday's game.

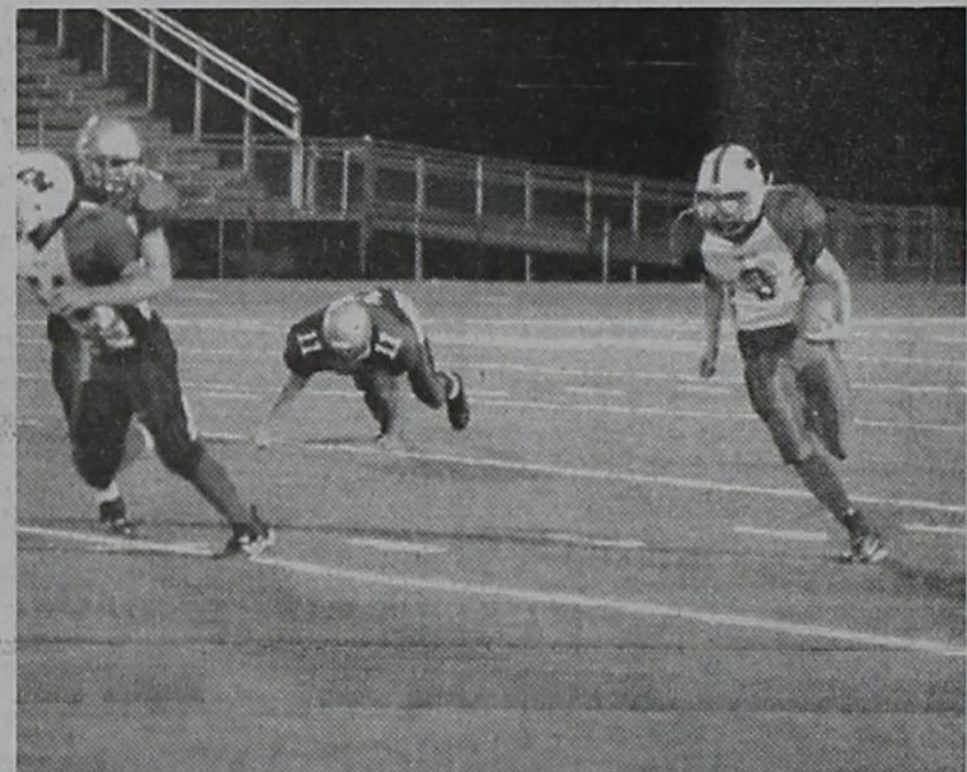
**Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!**

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Comanche Senior Center  
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**GOOD DEFENSE** - Big Red Defense shown stopping a Badger in game action Friday night. Shown are James Brown, Orlanda Valenzuela, three other Panthers.



**SCAMPERING ON A QUARTERBACK KEEPER** - Tyson Swanner is shown scampering for a 62 yard touchdown in game action Friday night. Shown blocking for Tyson is Corey Clark.

## Community Blood Drive Slated For Monday, Sept. 25th

A Community Blood Drive will take place on Monday, September 25th. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. Donors will get their choice of a Cap or T-shirt to thank them for giving the gift of life.

Meek Blood Center supplies blood to seventeen area hospitals. Patients who benefit from blood transfusions include cancer patients, accident or trauma victims, premature babies, surgical patients and individuals with a chronic blood disease, such as anemia. "These patients are dependent on volunteer donors to save their lives," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "My heartfelt thanks go out to the outstanding individuals who are willing to take an hour of their time to give someone else a lifetime."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. and are in good health. Each donor will receive a mini-physical, which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, and hemoglobin level. A total cholesterol test is also included with each donation. Results are usually available three days after the blood drive. Those with eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 to speak with a Meek Blood Center technician or visit the website at [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

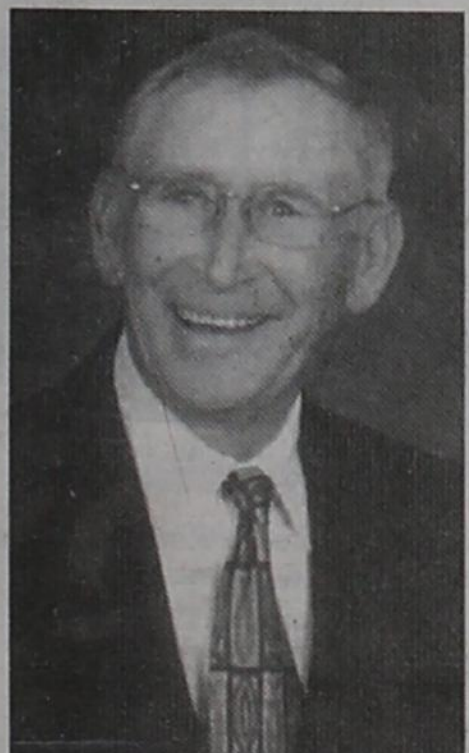
## Shanda Morrison Presented Check From Gorman EDC



Congratulations to Shanda Morrison as Gorman's newest business owner. Shanda was presented with a check from the Gorman EDC for her new window sign. The EDC has a signage grant that helps with the cost of a new sign for any local business.

**Homecoming Parade**  
Friday, September 22 @ 2:00 - Downtown  
Pep Rally at football field directly following.  
Come show your Panther Spirit.

## Ronnie White Candidate For JP Precinct 1



For those of you who don't know me I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Ronald B. White, Ronnie for short,







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 endeared himself to countless families during his 33 year practice at Blackwell Hospital and Clinic. After many hours of seeing patients in the clinic, making rounds in the hospital, and performing surgery, he often made house calls, meeting patients' needs both day and night. He was a bank director at First National Bank, a rancher, a strong bridge player and served on the school board from 1945 until 1953 when severe heart trouble almost took his life. By 1965, Dr. Rodgers was credited with having delivered over 8,300 babies, more than enough to populate Gorman seven times, including three of his four children (George, Ed, Jim and Linda), one daughter-in-law and seven of his eight grandchildren. He touched the life of almost every person in Gorman and the surrounding area during the three decades of his medical practice. In June 1965, the citizens of Gorman proclaimed a "Dr. D.V. Rodgers Appreciation Week." Dr. Rodgers was killed in an automobile accident January 3, 1971. His 6'4" frame carried a wealth of knowledge in the skills of the art of healing. In many hearts and many families the "Appreciation Week" will never end. Thank you "Doc" for your best."

The dedication ceremony for the Blackwell Hospital Historical Marker and the Dr. D.V. Rodgers Memorial marker followed Peanut Festival Parade on Saturday, September 9, 2006 in Gorman, Texas. Some of the personnel who worked

there were present for the ceremony. These included Lucille Broom and Frankie Stacy. Georgie Stacy, (deceased) twin of Frankie, was a nurse with her sister in the facility for their entire career.

The Blackwell Hospital Historical Committee was in charge of events. These were President, Sylvia Buchanan, Vice President, Richard Watson and Secretary/Treasurer, Ed Rodgers and committee member Ruth Rodgers. On hand for the festivities were the Eastland County Historical Commission Deann Powell, Ruth Stewart and Ed Allcorn, Chair of the Eastland County Historical Commission. County Judge Scott Bailey (Retired), now representing Texas House Representative Jim Keffer, was keynote speaker at the ceremony. The dedication took place at the hospital site in Gorman.

If you are from this part of the country and are between the age of 28 and 87, there is a good chance you or someone you know was born in the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman, Texas. Whether you were born there, received care there or know someone who was, or if you are simply interested in a significant part of Texas history, the legacy of the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman impacted all our lives and those of our families and will for generations to come. Gorman is honored that the contribution of the Blackwell hospital and Dr. D.V. Rodgers are now formally recognized as a permanent part of our local and Texas history.

## Ronnie White Candidate For JP Precinct 1

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 live in Midlothian, Tx.  
 In the 34 years we have lived here we have been involved in many civic organizations such as 4-H, the JCs, the Eastland County Rifle and Pistol Club and Vol. Fire Depts.

Some of my qualifications for Justice of the Peace are as follows:

- 45 plus college hours in Criminal Justice, Constitutional Law and the Penal Code.
- Over 1200 classroom hours in Constitutional Law, Penal Code & Traffic Code.
- Twice appointed Sheriff of Eastland County and twice elected Sheriff of Eastland County.
- Have been involved with and in Texas law enforcement for the last 35 years
- I am fair and impartial
- I have no agenda other than being fair and impartial

Many of you know me and I am doing my best to get around and meet those of you I am not acquainted with. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Eastland County on the November 7th Election.

Thank You, Ronnie

## Calling all Cub Scouts

We will have our first pack meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 26th, at 7:00p.m., at the Methodist Church in Gorman. All cub scouts, leaders, and parents need to attend. We will go over our plans of activities, budget, and fund raisers. Scouts will meet their leaders, if they haven't already and learn where they will be meeting. If anyone has not signed up and would like to, please come see us. For more information contact: Lora Lewis at 254-734-4480 or 254-734-6701. Thanks. Let's make this a great year in scouting!!

## Thank You

The Gorman High School Music Department would like to say thanks to Brittany Shirley for her rendition of the National Anthem at the game in New Braunfels last Friday. Brittany, you represented our school well. On Saturday, K'ann Howard traveled to Granbury for the first round of auditions of the all-state music sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association. K'ann placed sixth chair in her zone and will move on to the next round. Congratulations K'ann.

Director of Bands  
 John Howard, Jr.

## Thank You

I would like to thank James Tucker for being in charge of the 42 Tournament on such short notice without him it would not have been possible. The 42 Tournament took awhile, but was well worth it in the end. The winners were: First Place - Max Bush and Bill Sandlin; Second Place - Joyce Pence and Maxine Dugan and Third Place - Dora Holland and Estelle Lindley.

Thank You  
 Kevin Scitem  
 Peanut Festival President

## The Town and Country Quilt Guild to Hold '06 Quilt Show

The Stephenville and surrounding area Threads of Texas Biannual Quilt Show is Friday, October 6th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 7th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year, it will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, located at 3000 Northwest Loop in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. Admission is \$5.00. Our 2006 Raffle Quilt, "Red Hot Chili Peppers", a Southwestern Quilt, will be given away by drawing at 4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets will be sold at the show, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The Threads of Texas Quilt Show is presented by the Town and Country Quilt Guild and was started in 1997. Erath County, like many parts of our country, has a history of quilt makers. Don't miss the chance to see old and new quilts plus vendors, the country store and The Scissor Guy. Mark your calendar and see some wonderful quilts and learn the stories behind some of them.

That's October 6th and 7th. For more information, please call 254-968-0433 or 254-965-3650. Or we are online at [t-quiltguild@htcomp.net](mailto:t-quiltguild@htcomp.net)

## Thank You

The family of Jerry "Wayne" Krause would like to send their special thank you to everyone who helped us through the loss of our loving husband, father and friend. Thank you to all that sent food, flowers and your prayers. To the ladies of the Carbon Community Center for your help and the use of the center. To the doctors, nurses, care flight and EMS of Abilene for your caring kindness. And a special thank you to the CNAs, who took the time to care for Wayne.

We will miss him but we know that he is with his loving Lord and that we will be together with him someday.

Samatha Krause and Family

## The Panther 2007 CoEd Softball Tournament Set

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be hosting a CoEd Softball Tournament, Saturday, September 30, 2006 at the Gorman Peanut Park.  
 \$175.00 Entry fee per team - September 28th will be entry deadline - All ASA rules will apply - Game balls will be supplied - double elimination - T-Shirts award to First and Second Place.  
 For More Information, Call Marco at (254) 631-5890.

## FBC of Desdemona To Hold "Inside Out"

First Baptist Church of Desdemona is turning "Inside Out". Kindergarten thru 5th Grade students will meet **every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** beginning September 18th. After-school snacks, games, music, and projects. Join us as we learn from God's Word while we laugh and have fun! (Transportation is available with prior arrangements).  
 At the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona - Call 254-758-2272 or 758-2525 for more information.

## 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.

**Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery** Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

**LIBRARY** — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open every Monday thru Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 starting September 2nd.

### FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.  
 Second Thursday

### Boy Scouts

Meeting Week  
 Tuesdays — 6:00 p.m.  
 Methodist Church

**SANDRA CAGLE** WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

**Oakland Cemetery Association** is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or 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. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

## 2nd Annual

## "Make The Effort" Reunion Saturday, October 21 — 2:00 p.m. La Mancha Lake Ranch - Lake Leon

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## Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, September 23 at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend this "Country and Western" musical. Everyone is welcome and the admissions is "FREE".

Dorothy Mae (Lindley) Baker, 83, of Coahoma was buried on Friday, September 15 in the Trinity Chapel Cemetery near Big Springs. Preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Zella (Thorpe) Lindley. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Plans are being made for an Arts and Crafts show at the Desdemona Community Center School Building on November 30 thru December 2. A Concession Stand will be open for all three days. Spaces are available for those who would like to help. More details on this later on.

This reporter received a phone call on Monday from Winnie (Carter) Rainey of Stephenville. She was needing some information about some of her classmates. It is always good to hear from former residents of Desdemona. Winnie graduated with the Class of 1938.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a Nice Day.

## Fund Raising Dinner To Support The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

Mark Your Calendar To Save the Evening Of Saturday, October 21st for DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT at the CARBON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to BENEFIT CARBON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Carbon Wildlife Management Association will cook fried venison, venison chili, BBQ pork, BBQ beef brisket, hamburgers and hotdogs. The menu will also include red beans, cornbread, potato salad, and trimmings AND delicious home-made desserts prepared by some of the best cooks in Eastland County!

The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department, the Carbon Wildlife Management Association, many friends, neighbors, and business people are working together to make this special night a time to come together to support a great cause and enjoy great food, fellowship and entertainment. The following people are scheduled to perform:

1. GLORIFY: Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas -- Gospel Music.
2. Richard and Cathy Bird, TJ and Brenda Cummings and Bobby Jones, WIRE & WOOD -- Blue Grass Music.
3. Jean Darnell, Frieda Threet, Sarah Christopher, Jean Underhill, Roy Broussard -- SUNDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL SINGERS -- Folklore and Patriotic Music.
4. THE HARGROVES -- Gospel Music

Everyone is invited. The meal and entertainment are free to all who wish to attend. We would appreciate your help by letting us know by October 14, if you are planning to come and enjoy this wonderful evening. This will help us to estimate how many people to prepare for. Please call Jeanna Pack at 254-639-2521 to add your name to the guest list. You may also contact Jeanna if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer to help!

There will be a table with a Fireman's Boot for donations to the CVFD. 100% of all donations will go directly to the CVFD. Volunteer Firefighters will be at this table so they can be available to anyone who wants to visit with them.

Thank you to each and everyone for your support of our fire department.

## Electrifying Events Coming To FBC In Eastland

Dates: October 4-8, 2006 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Regular Sunday morning schedule - 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening  
 Team Impact, some of the strongest men on the planet, will be making several public appearances in Eastland soon. With demonstrations of astounding feats of strength - such as shattering five feet of concrete with one blow from their massive arms and snapping baseball bats in half with their bare hands - Team Impact members are sure to capture the attention of both the young and old; all to share an inspiring message of hope.

Team Impact is a group of world-class athletes, including champion power-lifters, previous WWE wrestlers, and former NFL football players. The men of Team Impact travel the globe motivating and inspiring people of all ages and have performed their amazing presentation in front of millions.

With the problems young people face today, Team Impact has taken seriously the task of reaching America's youth with a timely message through their highly acclaimed school assemblies. Visiting nearly 1,000 schools each year, this group has the unique opportunity to speak to hundreds of thousands of students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and the importance of academic excellence.

In addition, Team Impact appears regularly on television programs including their own weekly show where millions of people around the world are able to see their extraordinary demonstrations and hear their inspirational message. You may visit [www.team-impact.com](http://www.team-impact.com) to learn more about the efforts of Team Impact.

## Homecoming Mums

**New Designs**  
**Come On In and Design Your Mum**  
**Order Your Homecoming Mums**  
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 (except Holidays and Funerals)



# PEANUT FESTIVAL PHOTOS

## Gorman Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Results & Thank You From the Cook-Off

On Saturday, September 9th, the Gorman Goober Gourmet Cook-Off was held as part of the Peanut Festival. The cook-off had twenty-nine entries this year in five classes with four age groups each. All entries were delicious and made creative use of peanuts and/or peanut products. The cook-off chairperson wishes to express thanks for the effort put forth by all contestants.

The chairperson also wishes to thank all volunteers and judges for donating their time to help make this a successful event

Special thanks to the following individuals and businesses who donated items for the goody bags that each contestant received: Birdsong Peanuts, Golden Peanuts, First Financial Bank of Eastland, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. Due to the generosity of the donors we were also able to provide goody bags to the players in the

42 Tournament. Special thanks to Kim Harrington (Pampered Chef Representative) for the Pampered Chef gifts which were presented to the Grand Champion and to Martha Harrington for the Morenci candles which were presented to the Champions in each class.

Results from the Goober Gourmet Cook-Off are as follows:

### Adult Candy

- First Place: Jane Sims
- Second Place: Becky Smith

### High School Candy

- First Place: Jennifer Sims

### 3rd thru 8th Grade Candy

- First Place: Shylee Smith

### Pre-K thru 2nd Grade Candy

- First Place: Kelsie Guthery

**CHAMPION CANDY** – Shylee Smith

### Adult Cakes

- First Place: MaryAnn Morgan Cox
- Second Place: Jane Sims
- Third Place: Christan Hunter

### High School Cakes

- First Place: Jennifer Sims

### 3rd thru 8th Cakes

- First Place: Kourtney Seaton
- Second Place: Chelsey Buckley
- Third Place: Shylee Smith

**CHAMPION CAKE** – MaryAnn Morgan Cox

### Adult Pies

- First Place: MaryAnn Morgan Cox
- Second Place: Ashley Hamilton

### 3rd thru 8th Grade Pies

- First Place: Shylee Smith

**CHAMPION PIE** – MaryAnn Morgan Cox

### Adult Snacks

- First Place: Colleen Lamb
- Second Place: Lori Dodd
- Third Place: Freda Johnson
- Fourth Place: Liz Caraway
- Fifth Place: Jane Sims

### High School Snacks

- First Place: Jennifer Sims

### 3rd thru 8th Snacks

- First Place: Shylee Smith
- Second Place: Lauren McClure

### Pre-K thru 2nd Snacks

- First Place: Kaycee Dodd
- Second Place: Aubrey Keller

**CHAMPION SNACK** – Kaycee Dodd

### 3rd thru 8th Cookies

- First Place: Grace Watson
- Second Place: Jayla McClure
- Third Place: Holly McClure

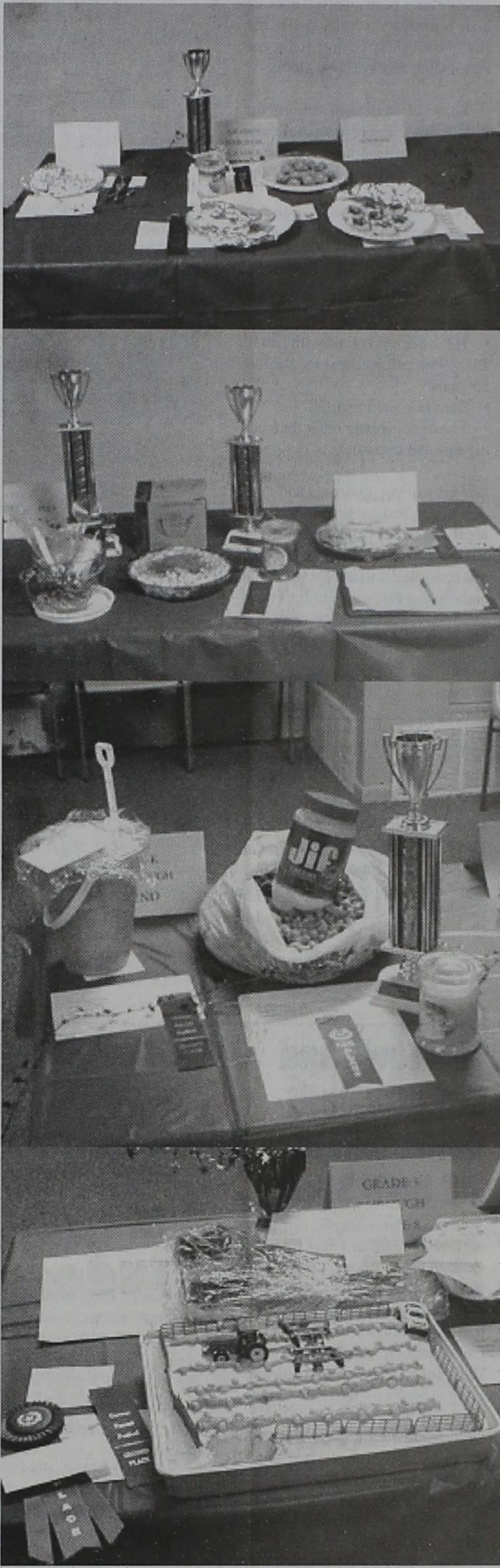
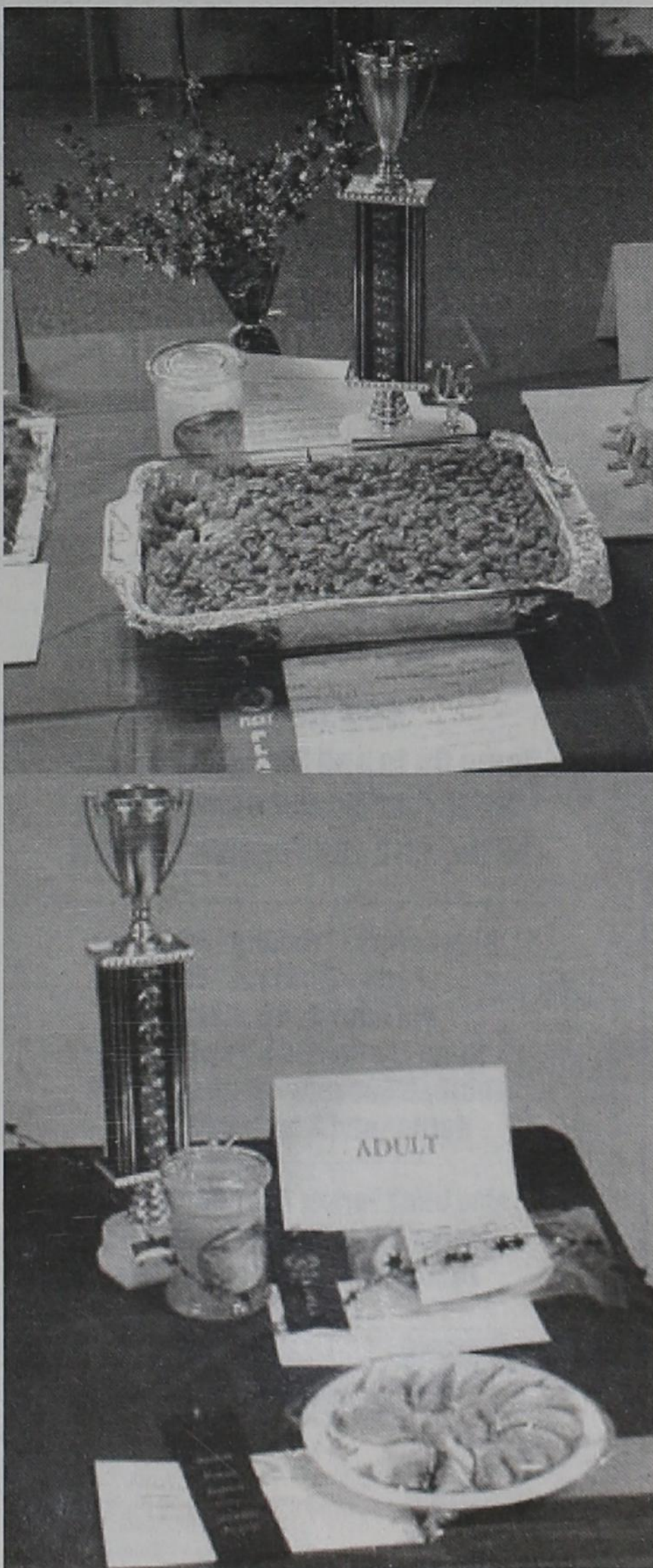
### Pre-K thru 2nd Cookies

- First Place: Aubrey Keller

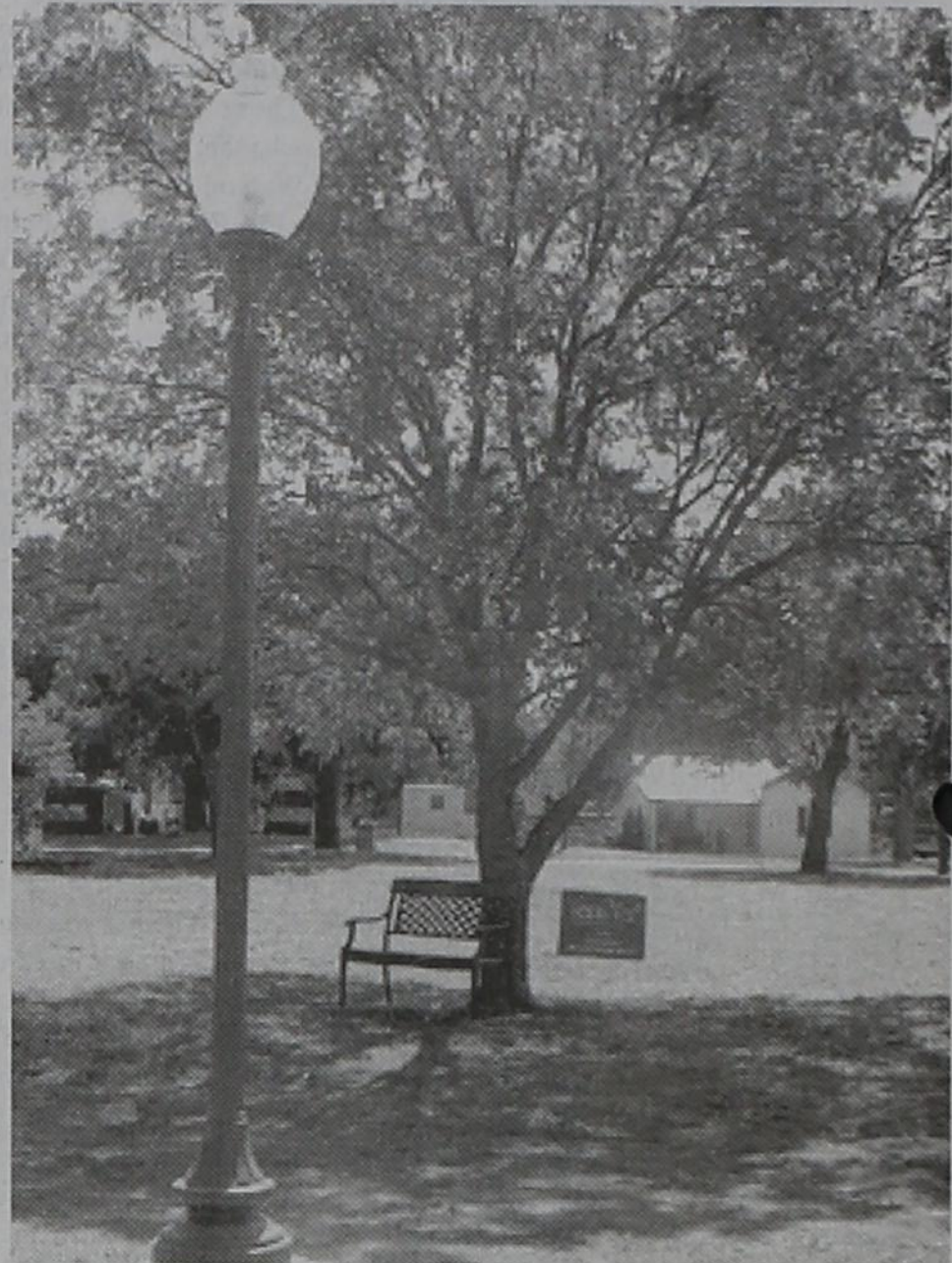
**CHAMPION COOKIES** – Grace Watson

**GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW** – MaryAnn Morgan Cox

**MOST CREATIVE IN DECORATION** – Chelsey Buckley



## EDC TALK



Well, phase I of the park revitalization is near completion. We are awaiting new banners for the streetlamps and an outdoor trash can or two. There is still of course, many more projects we hope to see completed in the next 12-24 months, but this has been a great start.

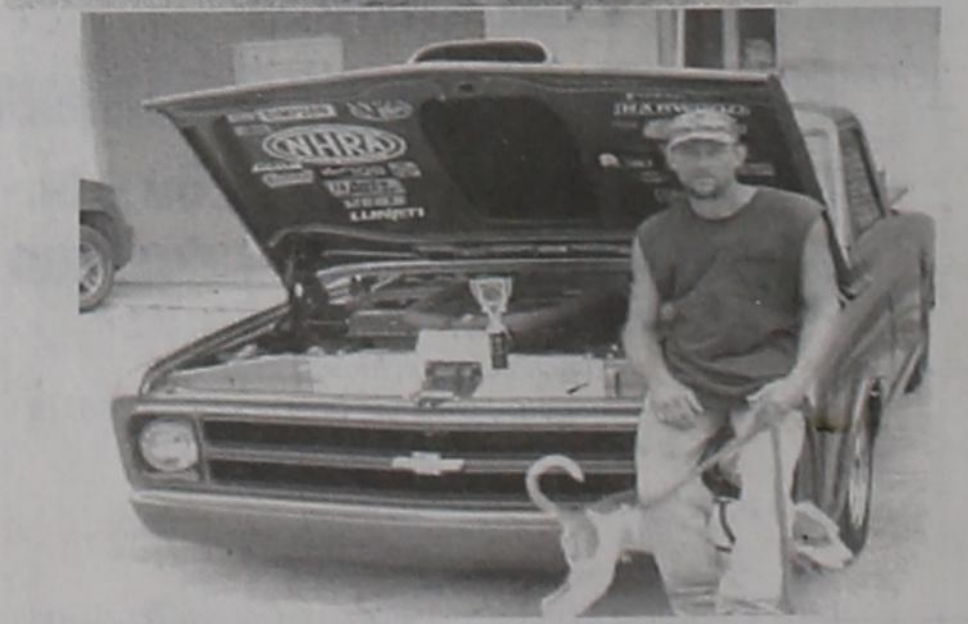
I would like to take a few moments and thank the funding sources for this project. "A Walk in the Park" as it has become known around here, has been primarily funded through three grants. Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Yes! Rural Beautification grant got us started off with a \$5000 grant with a dollar for dollar match. We then received \$2000 from the Leon-Bosque RC&D for a Community Improvement grant that was presented to the City as seed money to help make a few additional improvements while working on the Texas Yes! grant. In June of this year, Gorman was invited to participate in a competitive workshop sponsored by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. Gorman was one of 10 communities vying for \$20,000 in Community Development funds. We received another \$5000 toward "A Walk in the Park". This award gave us a budget of nearly \$19,500 to make improvements to our downtown park.

As most of you have seen, there are eight antique bronze streetlamps and four matching benches. These improvements have generated a great amount of enthusiasm within the community and motivation to raise more funds and complete additional phases of the park project is at an all-time high! There are a few hundred dollars left from the aforementioned donations and those will purchase banners for the lampposts and a few outdoor trash/ash receptacles.

As we work toward more enhancements for our downtown park, we would like to re-paint the six picnic tables. We are going to have them professionally painted in a shop that will allow it to be more permanent than the every two to three years we have to paint them now.

Would you like to help make this portion of our project happen? Would you like to have a nice bronze plate on one of the tables in memory or in honor of someone you love? We are taking donations of \$125 per table, in order to differ some of the cost of the painting. If you would like to have a loved one honored in the downtown park, please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or Tacy Warren at 734-2317.

## Peanut Festival Car Show Photos



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## Gorman Exes Association Activities Draw Record Crowds

The thrill of the Football season of 1976 was brought to life again last weekend with the 50th Annual Gorman Exes Homecoming! A large number of ex students and visitors took part in the many activities of the Peanut Festival weekend. This year is the 30th Anniversary of that spectacular winning season and it was revisited with a series of events on Saturday. A registration and visitation booth was held downtown on Saturday morning. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mehaffey and Panda's Flowers and Gifts for allowing the exes to place the registration booth in their storefronts. Then the Gorman Exes Float in the Peanut Parade featured the current Football team of Gorman High School and members of the 1976 team. Grand Marshals of the Peanut Parade were coaches of the 1976 team. Coach Allen Gibbs and Coach Joe Bond represented this group. The yearly meeting of the Gorman Exes was then held at the auditorium of Gorman High School during the afternoon. Registrants enjoyed viewing numerous newspaper clippings and memorabilia of the winning season before the meeting began. Officers this year were President Kenneth Welch, Vice President, Francis Simpson, Secretary Sylvia Buchanan and Treasurer Cecilia Hirst. Gorman Exes President of 2006, Kenneth Welch, Class of 1961, was master of ceremonies for the event. He introduced Larry Stogsdill, Minister of the Gorman Church of Christ, who offered the Invocation. Superintendent Mr. David Perry welcomed guests and served as host to the school facility along with his wife, Vicky. Pam Childers also worked with the Exes in advance of the meeting and hosted the group at the High School. Following opening ceremonies, President Welch called the meeting to order. Sylvia Buchanan, Secretary, read the minutes of the 2005 meeting. Cecilia Hirst, Treasurer, presented the annual report. The classes of 1946, 1956, 1965 and 1986 held reunions this year and received special recognition. Celebrating their 50th anniversary, the 1956 group also had a special Float in the Peanut Parade. All the classes of Gorman schools were then recognized by decades.

The program highlighted the 30th Anniversary of the 1976 State Winning Football Team. The men were recognized as a group and when Coach Allen Gibbs' name was called he received an enthusiastic standing ovation. Team members, coaches and members of the administrative staff were then recognized individually and presented an embossed gold medal with engraved inscription of remembrance of the event. They also received a folder featuring an 8x10 color and a black and white formal picture of the original team. Randy Seaton, number 86, that year, gave the response from the group. He spoke of the exceptional cooperation and support of various groups, including the Band, that also won State recognition that year, the coaches, teachers, cheerleaders, pep squad, drill team, other groups from the school and the entire town. On behalf of the team, he expressed appreciation for that support and for the current recognition.

Special recognition was given to Bill Clark of Gorman, for whom the State winning season was dedicated. After the final win in 1976, the football team presented their autographed football to Bill and recognized him for his winning Panther spirit. Bill is a 1971 graduate of Gorman High School and played football for the Panthers. He graduated from Tarleton State University in 1977 and taught school at Gorman and De Leon. Upon receiving the emblems on Saturday, Bill responded to the team with a motivational message to the assembly.

Richard Watson, Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, presented the memorial service. They were Estelle Clark Craddock, Raymona Westmoreland Stacy Stewart, Gracie Wright Yarbrough, Virginia Pullig Stone, Edsell "Cotton" Lightfoot, R.W. "Jr" Hampton, Georgia Faye Stacy, Jessie Calvin (J.C.) McCulley, Sue Eppler Thompson Leazer, Arthur Ray Yarbrough, Jennette Isbell, Billy Jack Sims, Gladys Snider Rainey, Fraley, Myrtle Faye Davenport, Teacher, Doyle Parker and Mary Ruth Yarbrough.

Following the service, Mrs. Velda Baze, Class of 1942, was presented to the group as the reigning Coming Home Queen. Mrs. Baze is a long-time citizen of Gorman. She has made outstanding contribution to the Gorman Exes Association through her support and year long effort to compile hundreds of names and addresses she researched and updated for this group. As a result of her efforts, attendance has flourished and lives have been touched. Countless numbers have been and will continue to be reunited with friends and classmates as a direct result of her efforts. The election of the new Homecoming Queen followed. Classmate Jack Wheeler of Salado nominated Sue Hallmark Burrows for this honor and Mrs. Burrows was elected. Mrs. Burrows, Class of 1956, was part of the class that celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year. After graduation from Gorman High, Sue graduated from Abilene Christian University and moved to Breckenridge, Texas. There she married George Burrows. They had two sons, Russell and Brad. She is also a proud grandmother. Sue is an accomplished writer and presenter. She, along with her friend Mattie Wright, was a guest speaker this year to the Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ.

The Election of officers for the coming year was held. They are Francis Simpson, President; John Howard, Vice President; Sylvia Buchanan, Secretary and Cecilia Hirst, Treasurer.

Gorman Exes' activities continued with a recognition dinner held at ZJ's restaurant in downtown Gorman. There the State winning Football Team, their coaches and administrative representatives were honored again. Their families were also recognized. Featured speaker was Mr. G.W. (Jud) Maxfield, Superintendent during this period. He presented an exceptionally appropriate and thrilling speech to the group. He was reminiscent of the times that led to the spectacular season that year. The group heard how the season brought the whole town together in a common bond. He told how fortunate the team was to have the coaches and leaders they had with the special contribution of Coach Allen Gibbs and how strongly his influence molded the team. He spoke of the Panthers of this group who are deceased and how they shared the warrior spirit of the team. He spoke of the union of the team and how they were strong because they were committed to each other without regard to who got the credit. He told the team how much they meant to the community and how much they were loved. He ended the speech with "...And didn't we have fun!" to the enthusiastic applause of the crowd.

The families of the team members, coaches and staff were recognized. Honored guests at the dinner were the current Coming Home Queen, Velda Baze and the Incoming Queen, Sue Burrows.



**Gorman Exes Association Honors 1976 State Winning Football Team With Recognition Dinner at ZJ's Restaurant Saturday Night**  
Standing (L-R): Mr. G.W. (Jud) Maxfield, Superintendent during this period; Tim Swanner, Standing in front of Tim Swanner is Matt Keith, son of Larry and Traci Keith, Mel Maxfield, Jamie Snider, Chuck Troutman, Doug Warren, Revise Laminack, Billy Burgess, Riley Curb, Randy Laminack, Blaine Gibbs, Mr. Bill Sandlin, Principal during this period; (Seated L-R): Steve Keith, Coach Allan Gibbs, Coach Joe Bond, Mrs. Jack (Debra) Jackson, Randy Seaton and Bobby Jay. Not pictured, but recognized during the afternoon session was team member Clifford Lewis and Aaron Keith, son of Larry and Traci Keith.



Mrs. Sue Hallmark Burrows of Breckenridge, Class of 1956, was elected Coming Home Queen during ceremonies at the Gorman Exes Association business meeting on Saturday. With her are (L-R:) Gorman Exes Association President Kenneth Welch, Sue's escort, Larry Stogsdill, Minister of the Gorman Church of Christ and Mrs. Velda Baze, Outgoing Coming Home Queen who presented Sue with the bouquet.



This is the sign that greeted ex students when they arrived in Gorman on Saturday to participate in the many activities including the Peanut Festival, the Gorman Exes Homecoming and the Dedication of the Blackwell Hospital dedication ceremonies. Shown (L-R) are officers of the Gorman Ex Students Association: President, Kenneth Welch; Vice President, Francis Simpson; Secretary, Sylvia Buchanan; Treasurer Cecilia Hirst and Committee Member, Barbara Morrison.

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

Wow! There was a full house at the DAC last Saturday evening for the dinner and pickup drawing. Ronnie Love won the drawing for the pickup truck. Gary Barker won the Winchester rifle and Garland Martin of Weatherford won the Benelli shotgun. Monty and Deana Williams cooked the brisket, sausage and all the fixins. If you haven't tasted a brisket cooked by the Monty and Deana, you have missed a mouth-watering meal. The ladies of Desdemona brought so many desserts that we had an impromptu auction of pies. Auctioneer, Ray Shipp, happened to be in attendance and led the auction for us. Thank you, Ray!

Please mark your calendars for the first Saturday in October. The Desdemona Activity Center (DAC) will be hosting a breakfast that morning from 7:00a.m. until 9:00a.m. This will start a tradition of breakfasts held the first Saturday of each month. Cost will be by donation only. We hope all will come and sample Desdemona cooking. You won't be disappointed.

While you enjoy your breakfast, take a good look around at our facility. I think you will find it would be a good place to hold our family reunion, holiday party, business meeting or any other event. Please call Ron or Carol Pell at 758-2420 if you are interested in renting the DAC.

Remember to watch for Pig Tales for the opening of our library and other events at the DAC.

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We met at the Center on the 12th and all drove to De Leon for sup-

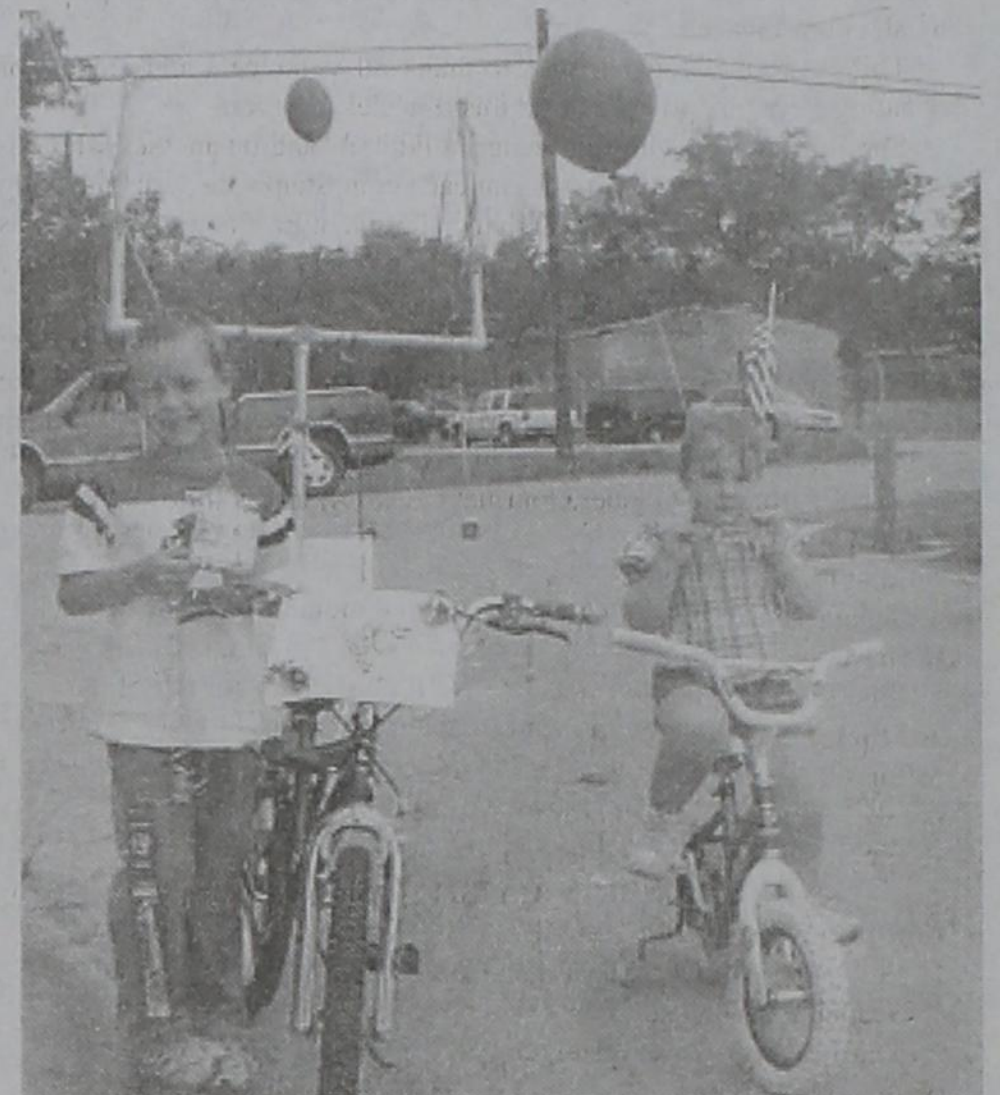
per at Hwy. 6 Cafe. There were 25 in attendance and we had a enjoyable time. The people at Hwy. 6 out did themselves. We had on buffet - frog legs, catfish, hot wings, shrimp and chicken fried steak, plus all the other side dishes and salad bar. All was very good.

Barbara Bush asked if it was Ok to not to meet on the 13th, as we had just enjoyed this huge meal. Most everyone seemed to agree for a day off. Hope we didn't inconvenience anyone. We decided to make Thursday our day for game playing. It seems as all other days were otherwise occupied. We had a even dozen on the 14th. Some of us learned to play Spinner, a fun game. I do hope more will come out to the center for lunch and playday. The weather is now so cool and nice, no excuses. Also we are so blessed to have received this rain. Fall is definitely in the air.

## Little Goober Parade Results and Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and grandparents for bringing all the children to the Little Goober Parade. We had a pretty good turnout. We had about 20 kids. I would also like to thank my judges, Mrs. Bob Boswell and Mrs. Dr. Howard Dickey.

The winners of the parade were:



Bikes - First Place - Jacob Ervin; Second Place - Aryan Cook.



Pets - First Place - Kourtney Seaton; Second Place - Skye Lewis.  
Costumes - First Place - Suelyn Hunter; Second Place - Jordan and Weldon Scitern, Kinsey Johnston; and Third Place - Christian Velasquez.  
Miscellaneous - First Place - Jacquelyn, Samuel and Joseph Rainey; Second Place - allie and Kaylee Grumbles; and Third Place - Rachel and Michelle Snider.



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# Super Notes

By David K. Perry  
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I don't know about you, but I hate to lose! It really doesn't matter at what. Winning is always more fun! I know Coach Talbert and his crew feel the same way and so does our football team. I said all that just to preface this statement; the Panthers did the best they could last Friday night against Ben-Bolt. Yes, they made some mistakes, but they were trying their best and that's all you can ask. They are getting a little better each week and I expect that will be true all year because they are working very hard! So give them encouragement when you see them and a pat on the back for the hard work they endure to make your Friday nights exciting and Coach Talbert and his crew will continue to mold and shape these young men each week until they become the very best they can be. Go Panthers!

It is always fun to watch the transformation our newest students make after the first few weeks of school. Our Pre-K class is a big one and some of the new students are not very happy about coming to school and leaving the safe environment of their homes. But it never fails, by the end of the first few weeks they are all smiles and have begun to turn extremely independent and very social. I know of one young lady that informed her mother that there was no need for her to walk her from the car to the school that she was big enough to go by herself. I know that for the mom that was both a happy and sad moment. We raise our children to be independent, but sometimes it's hard to let go. Thank you all for sharing your children with us. We'll do our best for them!

Don't forget to get your senior citizen pass. It will get you into the out of town games as well. It is important for these kids to see you at all of their games and we appreciate you being there.

Here are a few dates you might want to remember:

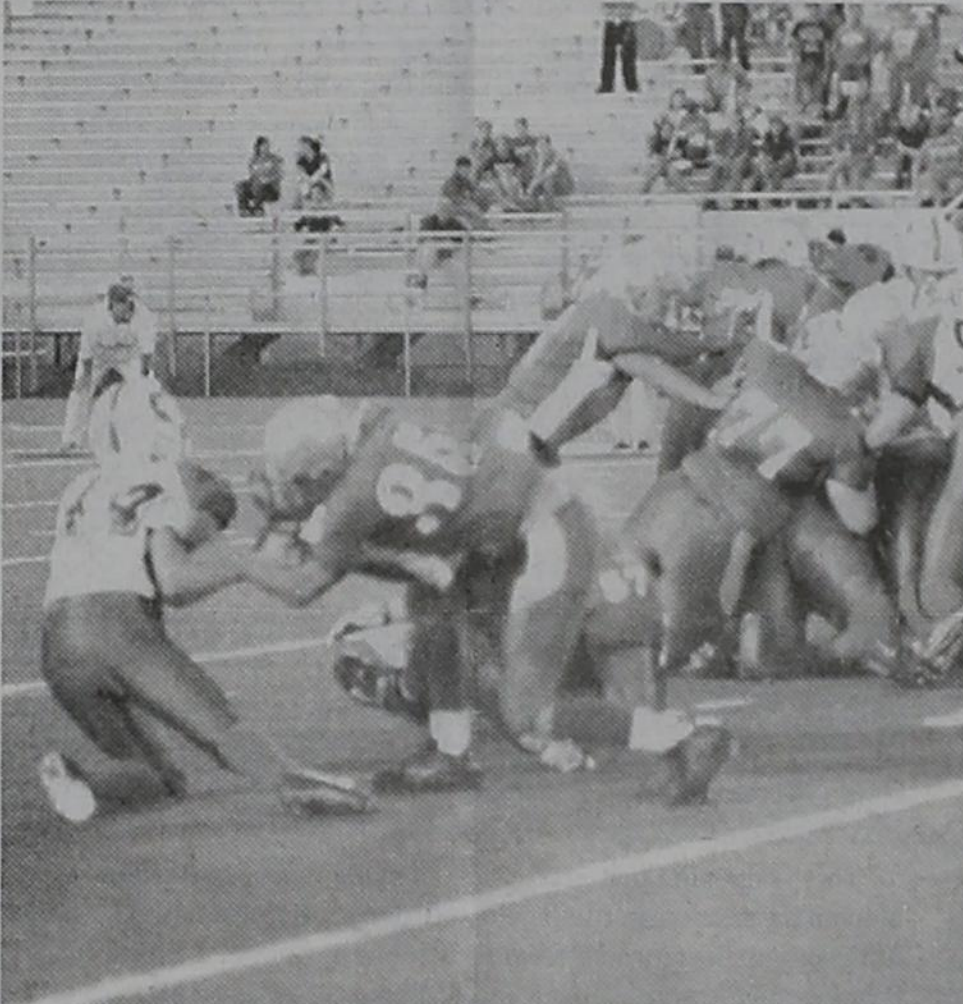
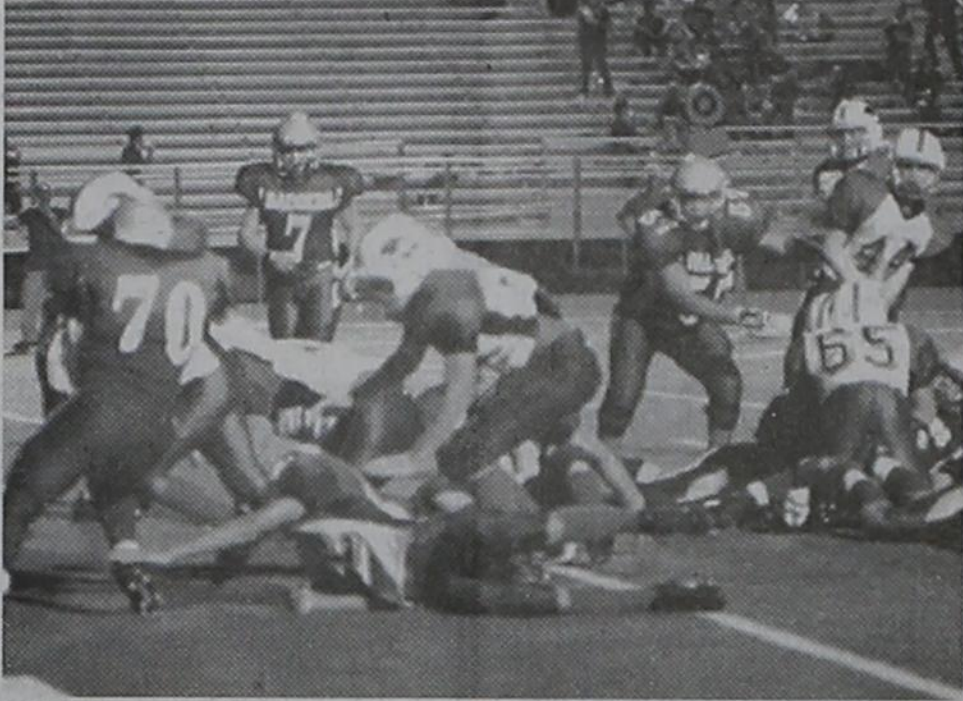
Schedule of events this week:

- Tuesday, Sept 19 VB here 5pm Graford
- Wednesday, Sept 20 Homecoming -Bonfire at Dusk
- Thursday, Sept 21 Junior High Football at Sterling City 5pm  
No pep rally - team leaves early for game  
Parade at 2pm-starts downtown  
Followed by Homecoming pep rally at the Football field - Game at 7:30pm  
Homecoming festivities - halftime
- Friday, Sept 22 Cross Country at Stephenville Park 9am  
HS VB here Ranger 10am  
Spirit Days:  
Tuesday Jersey day  
Wednesday Pink Panther day  
Thursday Nerdy twin days  
Friday Red, white and blue day

I continue to get questions regarding the upcoming bond election so I guess I will keep this explanation in this article till the election so that everyone can refer to it and have several opportunities to read about it. I may add to it from time to time to cover other questions I have been asked. If the bond passes, it will have no effect on senior citizens that have had a ceiling set on their taxes. It will also have no effect on homestead exemptions. Last year, your school tax rate was \$1.45 per \$100.00 dollars evaluation. So, on a \$50,000.00 home, the school tax was approximately \$725.00. This year the tax rate was lowered to \$1.3257 and the approximate tax on the same home will be approximately \$662.85. This is a savings of approximately \$62.15, if your home did not increase in value. If the bond passes, we will not do anything until we see if the Legislature (begins in January) rolls forward the existing debt allotment for schools (EDA). We have to have EDA money to actually do the project. Assuming the state rolls forward the EDA program and the district issues the bonds, the state will be picking up approximately 65% of our debt service payable on the bonds. Our part of the debt service would be approximately .32 cents per hundred dollars evaluation. The state has said they are lowering the maintenance and operations tax rate to \$1.00 next year. Based on this \$1.00 maintenance and operations tax rate, coupled with our .04 cents enrichment and the .32 cents for payment of the bonds, the district's total tax rate will be approximately \$1.36 for the 2007-2008 school year if the bond passes. This would make the school tax on a \$50,000.00 home approximately \$680.00, approximately \$45.00 lower than the 2005-2006 taxes. The amount of the proposed bond is \$5,000,000.00 and the term is thirty years. If you have any questions, please call me.

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.

# Photos



# 5th Quarter at FBC



FBC would like to thank City Grocery for donating the meat & buns, Chad Edgington and all those that helped prepare, serve & clean up.



**Homecoming Game**  
**Friday Night**  
**7:30 p.m.**

# Agricultural Viewpoint

By: Dale Dunlap

## CHECK HAY QUALITY

With the current drought, producers are already feeding hay and it is important to know the quality of hay for a sound feeding program.

Different kinds of livestock have different nutritional requirements, and that is where hay quality enters the picture. Feeding low quality hay, free choice, to livestock may not be the complete answer. An additional protein supplement may be needed to maintain livestock condition. For example, cows with young calves have higher nutritional requirements than dry cows. So it is all the more important to have a knowledge of the quality of hay being fed.

A forage test is the best way to determine the quality of hay and what supplements, if any, will be needed to meet nutritional requirements of livestock consuming the hay. Producers can mail forage samples to the Texas Cooperative Extension Forage Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M and get results within a week.

Forage tests include protein, fiber and mineral analysis, with charges based on the number of specific tests requested.

A few dollars invested in forage tests can mean savings in several ways. First, it can be the savings in amounts of supplements fed each day and the cost of those supplements. But the greatest savings could be in livestock weights. For example, livestock consuming low quality hay could lose weight and value during the winter months. Excessive weight loss can also decrease conception rates and effect overall herd health.

Information sheets and guidelines for collecting forage samples and interpreting analyses are available at the Eastland Texas Cooperative Extension Office on the 1st Floor of the Courthouse. So take a few minutes now to collect a hay sample and get it tested. It could make a big difference in your livestock feeding program this winter. If you have questions or need further clarification, call Dale Dunlap, County Extension Agent-Ag, at 254-629-1093 or 629-2222.

## 5-HOUR CEU COURSE

The annual 5-Hour CEU Course will be offered to those private, commercial and non-commercial applicators needing CEU's on September 20th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College Ag Department in Cisco. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Topics to be covered are Pesticide Laws & Regulations - Jan Hatler, Texas Department of Agriculture; Chemical Control for Mesquite and Prickly Pear - Dr. Allan McGinty, Texas Cooperative Experiment, San Angelo; Drift Minimization - Dr. Billy Warrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, San Angelo; Weed Management in Farm Ponds - Dr. Michel Masser, Texas Cooperative Extension, College Station; National Animal Identification System (Premise ID) - Kenny Ector, Texas Animal Health Commission, Animal ID Program Coordinator.

Lunch will be furnished by Cisco Junior College. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact Texas Cooperative Extension in Eastland County at 254-629-1093 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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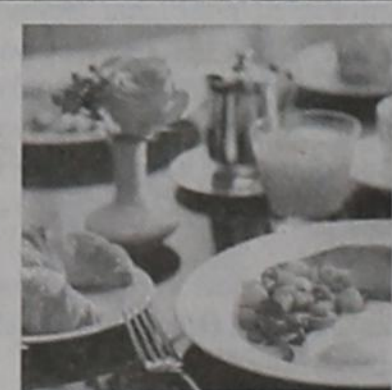
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