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PEANUT FESTIVAL SATURDAY

GORMAN PEANUT FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006
DOWNTOWN GORMAN, TEXAS

- Live Entertainment**
- (Including Music and Cloggers)**
- Food and Drinks**
- Various Booths**
- Antique Car Show**
- 42 Tournament**
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**
- Shin Oaks BBQ Cookoff**
- Goober Gourmet Cookoff**
- Presentation of The Peanut Queen**
- Kid's Parade**
- Peanut Parade**
- Street Dance**
- also**
- Dedication of Historical Marker for Blackwell Hospital**
- Gorman Ex-Students Association**
- HOMECOMING**

For Information Regarding Festival Events - Call 254-734-4572.

Gorman Peanut Festival Set For Saturday Sept. 9th

Final plans are being made for the 2006 Gorman Peanut Festival to be held on Saturday September 9th.

President for 2006 is Kevin Scitem, Vice President is Ina Smith, Secretary is Melinda Harrington, and Treasure is Janet Sanders.

Committee Chairperson are:

- Goober Parade-Amber Scitem
- Peanut Parade- Robert Ervin
- Shin Oak Spring Bar-b-Que cook-off-Shawn Boles & Tacy Warren
- Booths-Kevin Scitem
- Ads-Janet Sanders
- Queen's Contest-Lori Dodd
- Entertainment-Ina Smith
- Car Show-Jeannie Whittier
- Drink Booth-Darrell and Pat Graham
- 42 tournament-James Tucker
- Peanut Bake Show-Melinda and Martha Harrington
- Publicity-Martha Harrington
- Advertisement-Peanut Festival Committee

If you would like to serve on one of these committees please let us know. We are looking for someone to chair the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. If you are interested in doing this please or would like more information call Kevin Scitem at 734-4572.

Don't forget the Gorman Ex-Student school reunion.

Little Goober Parade Saturday

Hey parents and Kids, September 9th is right around the corner. So don't miss the Little Goober Parade.

This years theme is Remember the 1976 Football State Champs. Everyone that is going to be in the Little Goober Parade needs to be at Inspection Service Parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and judging will start at 9:00 a.m.

The categories are:

- Pet
- Costumes
- Bikes
- Miscellaneous

Thank you,
Amber Scitem
Peanut Festival Chairperson

For more information call Amber Scitem at (254) 734-4572.

Calling All Youth

First Baptist Church Youth on Mission: Christ Followers - Grades 7-12 -- Starting Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Growing as a Christ Follower through worship, scripture, fellowship & community.

Come & Bring a Friend!!!!

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 GA's, RA's & Mission Friends 6-7:30 PM

GA's, RA's & Mission Friends is right around the corner and the sponsors are getting geared up for another great program. This year they will be introduced to "TEAMKID", the recreation-based discipleship club for kids. It makes learning about God fun and exciting for everyone! What makes it unique is the way it balances high-energy activities and games with Scripture memorization and high-impact biblical lessons.

Transportation will be provided if needed. For more information please call 734-2420

Thank You

The First Baptist Church Food Committee would like to thank City Grocery for their very generous donation to our 5th Quarter Fellowship.

We would also like to thank Bob's Grocery for their donation along with everyone in the church who brought food and drinks for the 7th - 12th grader.

Also, we would like to thank Mr. Chad Edgington for his wonderful inspiring message to the youth of our community.

Finally, we would like to thank those who came to help set up, serve the food and drinks, and clean up for our 5th Quarter Fellowship.

Thank You,
FBC Food Committee

Thank You

I just want to thank all the people who supported me in the running for Miss De Leon. I appreciate all your support.

Thank,
2006 Miss De Leon
Selina Walker

GISD School Menu

Week of September 8 thru
September 14
BREAKFAST

FRIDAY - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice and milk.

MONDAY - Oatmeal, toast, juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Cheese toast, hash brown, juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal, biscuits, Juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - Pancakes, sausage, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

FRIDAY - Chili Cheese Dogs or Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Smiles, Peaches, and milk.

MONDAY - Chicken Noodle Soup or Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Carrots, Fruit Shape Up, Crackers, Chips, and Milk.

TUESDAY - Roast Beef or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peach Crisp, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti or Chicken Wraps, Blackeyed Peas, Mexicali Corn, Carlic Bread, Apples, and Milk.

THURSDAY - Enchiladas or Frito Pie, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Orange/Pineapple Geletin, and Milk.

Class of 1981 - 25 Yr. Get-Together

It's that time - we are planning our Reunion Get-Together. I need addresses, e-mails, phone numbers. Contact Susan (Snider) Wheat at 254-647-1064 or claysue@eastland.net or 3018 FM 101, Ranger, Tx 76470

Panthers Edged By Roby; Travel To Covington On Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		Gorman	Roby
15	First Downs	11	
48/226	Carries/Yds.	19/95	
95	Yds. Passing	135	
2 of 6	Passes/Comp.	9 of 20	
0	Interceptions	1	
1-1	Fumbles/Lost	2-1	
3/37	Punts/Avg.	3/35	
6/40	Penalties	8/50	

The Gorman Panthers opened their new season on Friday night when they hosted the Roby Lions in a fought battle, but came out on the short end of a close 21-18 score. The Lions got up by a 14-0 score in the first quarter and the Panthers came up with a touchdown in the second quarter to trail 14-6 at the halftime mark. Then the Panthers outscored the Lions 12 to 7 in the final half but came up short on the scoreboard 21-18 when they missed extra point tries.

The Lions got on the scoreboard first with 6:23 left in the first when they got the ball on their own 26 and scored in 5 plays with James Malone racing in from 49 yards out for the score. Johnny Sanchez added the point after and the score was 7-0.

Then after taking over the ball on the Gorman 44, the Lions scored in just 3 plays after overcoming a holding penalty when Will Martin caught a Phillip Williams pass and raced in for the score from 50 yards out with 1:27 left. Sanchez added the point after and the Lions were up 14-0.

The Panthers came back on their fourth drive, going 84 yards in 16 plays with Matt Underwood getting the final 2 yards with 1:11 left in the half. The drive featured runs of 5-4-2-2-4 and 2 by Underwood and 9-7-5-9-6 and 4 by Reginaldo Sanchez and the try for 2 points failed and the score was 14-6 at halftime.

The two teams played on even terms until Gorman's third possession when the Panthers got the ball on their own 23 yard line and scored in 5 plays with Matt Underwood scoring from the 1 on a run with 10:48 left in the game. The drive featured a beautiful Tyson Swanner aerial to Matt Underwood, who caught the medium range pass and raced for 6 yards to the Roby 9 yard line. From there Sanchez ran for 3 yards and Underwood ran for 5 before going in for the score. Again the try for 2 points failed and the Lions led 14-12.

The Lions came back with a scoring drive on their next possession when they got the ball on their own 38 and scored in nine plays with James Malone grabbing a Williams pass for the final 15 yards with 5:30 left. The drive also featured a 23 yard pass to Will Martin. Sanchez booted the point after and the score rose to 21-12.

Then late in the fourth the Panther defense recovered a Lion fumble on their own 39 and scored in 6 plays with Underwood again getting the honors on a great Tyson Swanner pass of 26 yards scoring play to Underwood. However, again the pass try for 2 points failed and the final score was 21-18.

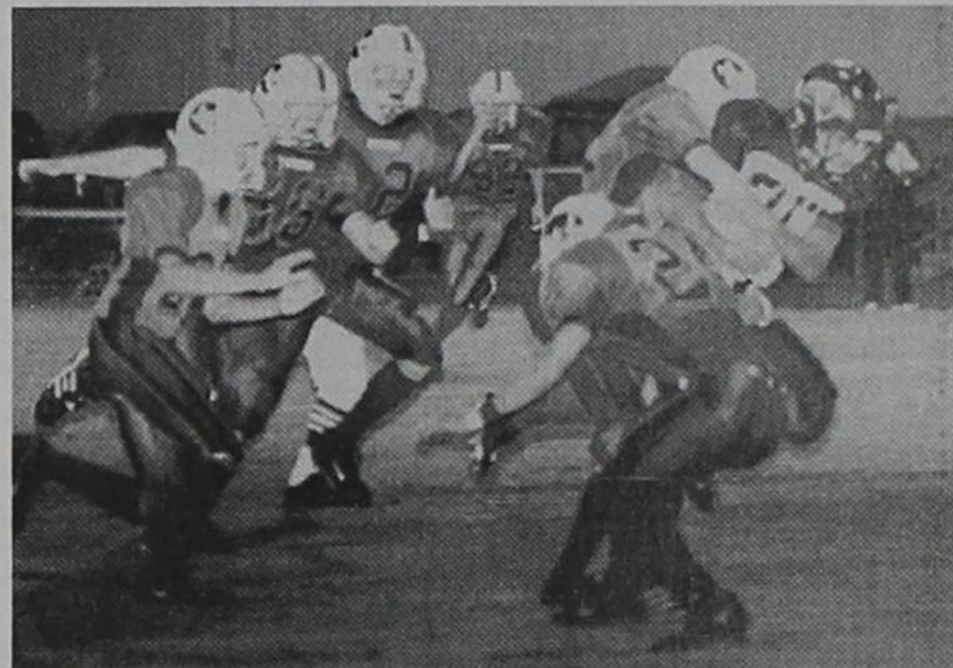
Underwood led the Panthers with 135 yards on 24 carries and 2

pass completions for 95 yards. Reginaldo Sanchez ran for 67 yards on 17 carries. Tyson Swanner had 14 yards on 5 tries and Zack Fox carried twice for 10.

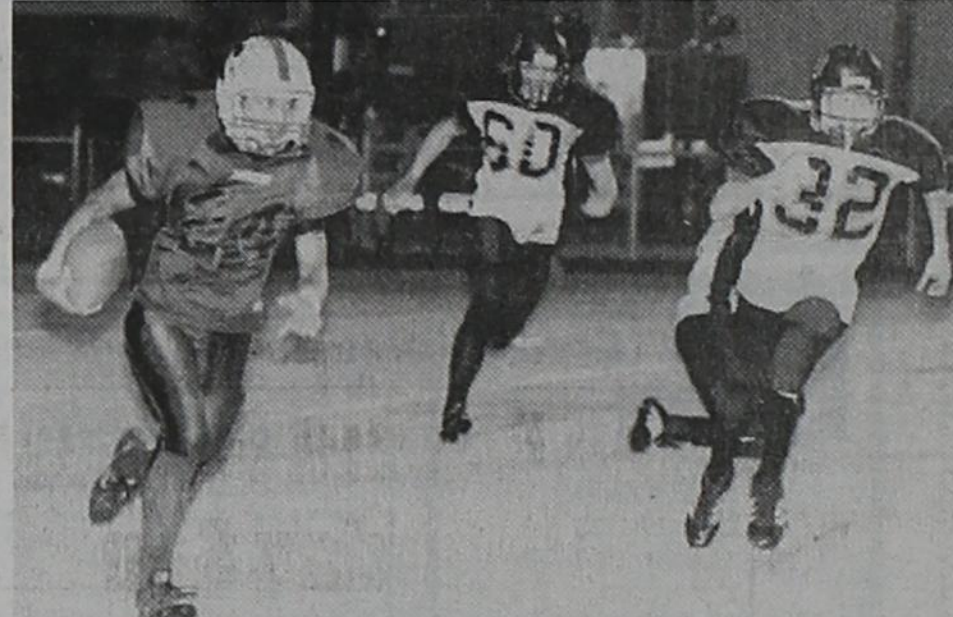
The Panthers looked good most of the way allowing 2 touchdowns

in the first period. They will need to be ready again as they travel to Covington to take on an experienced, heavy Owl team. So follow the Big Red to Covington on Friday night for a 7:30 game.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

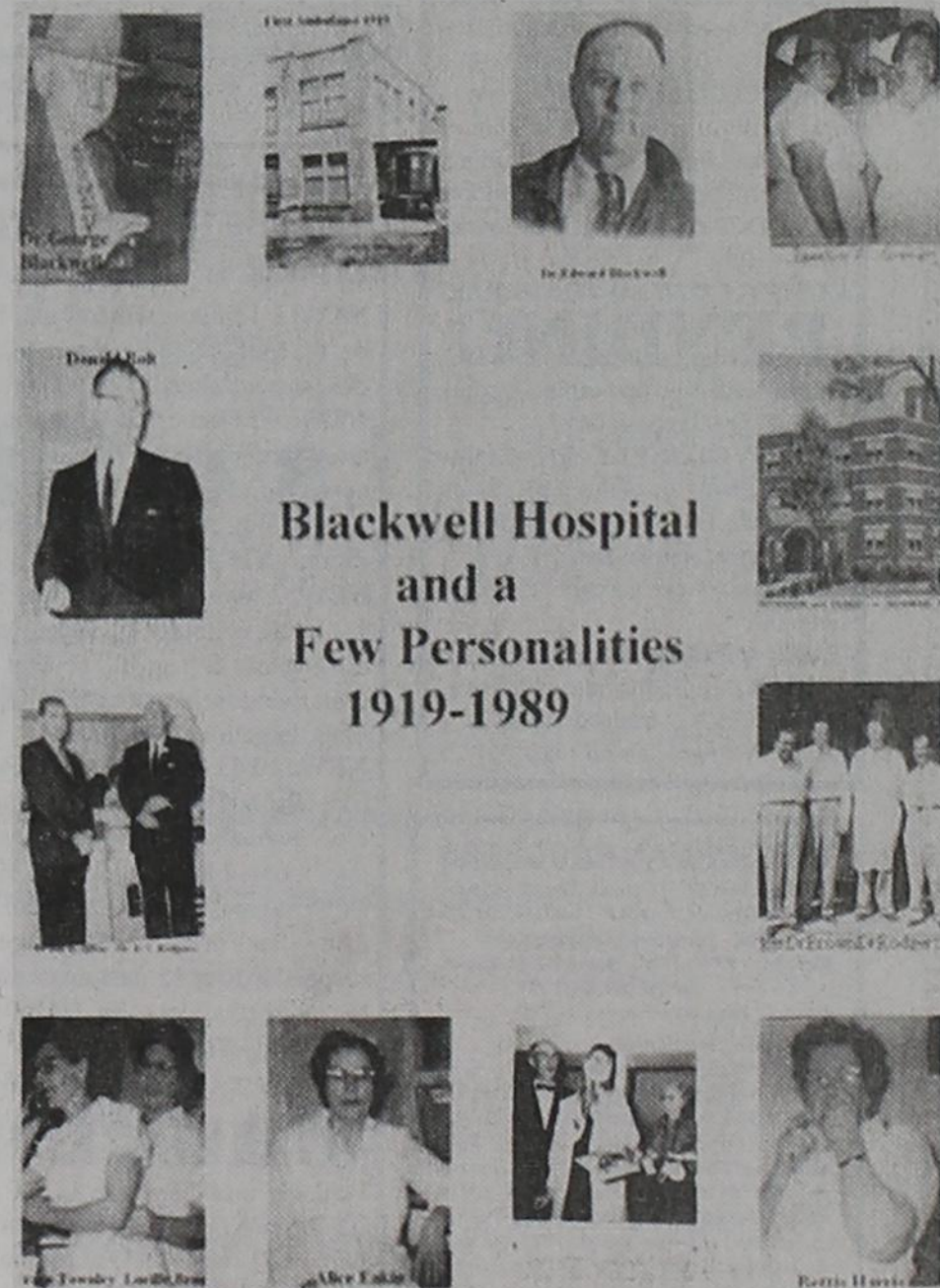


PANTHER DEFENSE - Big Red Defense shown tackling a Roby Lions in game action Friday. In the photo is Reggy Sanchez, Tyson Swanner and a host of other Panthers chasing.



HEADING FOR OPEN AREA - Reggy Sanchez is shown trying to outrun several Lions in game action Friday.

Texas Landmark To Receive Recognition - Gorman's Blackwell Hospital To Be Dedicated



Blackwell Hospital
and a
Few Personalities
1919-1989

Dr D.V. Rodgers to be Recognized In Memoriam

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 or are simply interested in a significant part of Texas history, you won't want to miss the dedication ceremony for this Texas landmark.

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 large oilfields nearby. The hospital made a tremendous impact on the county and surrounding 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. His contribution to the hospital will be recognized with a memorial marker.

Make plans now to attend the dedication ceremony for the Blackwell Hospital Historical Marker and the Dr. D.V. Rodgers Memorial marker following the 10:00 AM Peanut Festival Parade on Saturday, September 9, 2006 in Gorman, Texas. The Blackwell Hospital Historical Committee is in charge of events. The dedication will take place at the hospital site on West Roberts Street in Gorman.

ESL Classes
Start Monday Nights
7:00 p.m. Promptly!!
Methodist Church
No Childcare Provided

AARP Drive Safely Class
Sept. 28 and 29
Comanche Senior Center
1-5 P.M. both days
To register, call 254 965 2145

2nd Annual "Make The Effort" Reunion

Saturday, October 21 – 2:00 p.m.
La Mancha Lake Ranch - Lake Leon

16 Cabins, 5 RV Pads Available - 254-629-3651

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For More Information:

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RSVP

<http://groups.myspace.com/GormanTexasGroup>

Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Gorman Peanut Festival - September 9, 2006

The Goober Gourmet Cook-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries to the Senior Citizens Building in Gorman (downtown next to City Hall) on Saturday, September 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. Results will be available by 1:00 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and awards given until 2:30 p.m.

Categories to be judged include: Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, and snacks/appetizers.

There will be four age groups: Pre-K through 2nd grade, 3rd through 8th grade, High School, and Adults.

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products.

Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the back of the recipe card (the recipe will not be returned).

Entries will be limited to one entry per category per person. Contestants may enter more than one category.

Entries should be presented on a disposable plate and covered with clear plastic (may be clear plastic wrap or clear plastic cake dome).

Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item.

Judges' decisions are final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-Off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entries left after pickup time at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Melinda Harrington or Martha Harrington at (254) 734-2150.

We look forward to having even more entries than last year. See you on September 9.

October EXIT Level TAAS and TAKS Registration Information

TAAS Exit Level Test Administration:

Dates	TAAS
October 17	Writing
October 18	Mathematics
October 19	Reading

TAKS Exit Level Test Administration:

Dates	TAKS
Oct 17	ELA
Oct 18	Mathematics
Oct 19	Science
Oct 20	Social Studies

All out of school TAAS and TAKS examinees must complete a registration form. If you have any questions about which test to take or how to register, contact Mrs. Hampton at 734-2614 or call toll free, 800-552-0302. You can register by accessing the website <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms are due in Austin no later than 5:00 pm September 15.

HURRY! HURRY! RIDE THE TRAIN IN 2007

Reservations are now being taken for the train ride in 2007. For those of you in Gorman who want to ride, please reserve now. The tickets for next October 2007 are going fast. There is no deposit to reserve for next year, and if you find you cannot ride, just cancel your reservations.

PROMONTORY PARK V. F. D. ANNUAL FISH FRY

COOKS FISH BARN

Hwy. 36 North of Comanche
Monday, September 11, 2006
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH
By Donation

Cake and Pie Auction
Come and Join The Fun

Funds Needed For
Equipment For The New Truck

XC RUNS IN HUCKABAY MEET



The cross country girls ran a tough course last Wednesday at Melody Mountain near Stephenville. Amidst high temperatures, steaming humidity, burning brush piles, and the always present rattle snakes, three of Gorman's athletes proved themselves to be made of the metal it takes to be a true runner. Mary Powell and Crystal Thackerson, both veteran runners, improved their times from last year's Huckabay meet with times of 16:35 and 17:17 respectively. Mary placed 28th and Crystal placed 40th among the 89 varsity level runners.

April Keaton ran her first meet ever placing 37th in the JV division. When asked how she felt after the race, she replied "I saw some girls walking and that is not what this is about."

The cross country runners will compete next at the Barefoot Cross Country Invitational Meet located at Stephenville City Park, on Saturday, September 23rd, and at Eastland the following Monday, September 25th.

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Ladies monthly social will be held on Monday, September 11th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Hostesses will be Joy Rogers of Gorman and Gail Clayton of Desdemona. Visitors are invited to attend and to enjoy the food and fellowship with the group.

Visitors for the Labor Day weekend with Dorothy Roberts were Richard and Ulenda Cofsky of Fort Worth and Jeff Roberts of Dallas. This group attended the Williams Family Reunion on Saturday in Desdemona.

"Humpy" and Betty Duke enjoyed having their children for the Labor Day weekend. Those attending were Rodney Duke of Pantego, John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Risa Ashley and children, Brandon and Lauren of Midlothian; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie Duke of Stephenville.

Molly Godwin of Kyle (near Austin) spent the past holiday weekend visiting with her mother, Mary Ficklen at their Desdemona home.

Kaley Nicole Garcia spent the past weekend visiting in Whitney with her Dad, George and Christal Garcia and son, Gavin.

"Hello" to our Classmates and Friends; Rex and Billy Tilly in Gatesville. Rex is a member of the Class of 1951 that celebrated their 55th Class Reunion at the annual Homecoming in August. We missed you all - hope to her you all are doing fine.

Bill Riddle, daughter, Jane Musick of Stephenville and son, Leslie Riddle of Metroplex attended the Williams Family Reunion on Saturday in Desdemona. Bill attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1942.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnie.

3rd Annual Shin Oak Springs B B Q Cook-Off Sept. 9

Official Start Time 5:00 p.m. Friday - Downtown Gorman, Texas

In Conjunction With The Gorman Peanut Festival - Chairpersons: Shawn Boles and Tacy Warren -- Lone Star Barbecue Society Sanctioned Event BEEF BRISKET - 1/2 CHICKEN - PORK SPARE RIBS

Cash Prizes, Trophies, & Plaques

1ST THROUGH 3RD PLACE PLAQUES IN ALL MEAT CATEGORIES!! PLAQUES GIVEN TO GRAND CHAMPION, BEST/MOST UNIQUE PIT, FARTHEST TRAVELED, AND BEST DECORATED AREA!

Turn in Times: Will be announced at cook's meeting on Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 for ONE or ALL meat categories

JACKPOT BEANS: \$10.00 Entry Fee - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Plaques

Jackpot Beans have an 80% payback.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. You do not have to be a member of the LONE STAR BARBECUE SOCIETY to enter this cook-off.

2. Contestants must check in at a Cook-Off headquarters. OFFICIAL START TIME IS 5 P.M. FRIDAY.

3. Contestants must furnish meat, pit, wood, sauce, etc. ONLY BEANS MAY BE COOKED ON GAS GRILL.

4. All meat and beans subject to inspection. NO PRE-COOKED OR PRE-SEASONED MEAT, NO DUG PITS.

5. Contest meats are not to be sampled by the general public or judges prior to judging.

6. ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE CONFINED TO THE COOK-OFF AREA. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the cleanliness of their area & for the conduct of the team. Misconduct or violations of rules will disqualify team.

7. ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS \$10.00 (LIMIT ONE) First come First served. 8 electrical hook ups available at this time - hope to have more**

8. RAIN OR SHINE - NO REFUNDS **2 PARKING PERMITS PER ENTRY**

Mail to: Shin Oak Springs B B Q Cook-Off, P.O. Box 321, Gorman, TX 76454.

Phones: Daytime 8-5, (254)734-2317, or 2505. Or after 5 you may call (254)647-1190, (254)734-5017, or (254)977-0935.

Fax (254)734-2270 Email: tacy.warren@hotmail.com

Desdemona Class of 1951 55th Class Reunion

Desdemona Senior Class of 1951 celebrated their 55th class Reunion on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the Annual Homecoming in the Community Center School Gym. Those classmates attending were Jeanette Owens of Artesia, Nexico, Wanda (Phillips) Isbell of Olden; June Jacobs of Desdemona, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley and husband, Pete of Sealy, Vonnie Rue (Keith) Guthery and husband, Pug of Desdemona; Jim Craig of Deer Park; James Buckley of Graham, Bates Duke of Midland, Joe Ben Koonce and wife, Ann of Lake Leon, Tommy Beaty and wife, Jimmie of Lake Leon, P.D. Ash and wife, Margaret of Stephenville, and Royce Griffith and wife, Bettye of Big Springs.

This Class of 1951 started school together on Labor Day, September 1940 in the Grade School Building that was located west of the present building. The first grade school teacher was Miss Edith Creighton and the grade school principal was Miss Delia Walls. These two teachers were very strict, there was no fooling around with either of them. Most of the students that started with this class went all thru school together. This Class had some "luck" in their favor as they were promoted from the second grade into the fourth grade (1942-1943) when the 12 grade system was started.

There were several students to join our class thru the years - but most of them moved away to other schools. Those to graduate with this Class in May 1951 were James Buckley, Royce Griffith, Bates Duke, Tommy Beaty, P.D. Ash, Joe Ben Koonce, Jeanette Owens, June Jacobs and Vonnie Keith.

Class members enjoyed their visit on Saturday. They have plans for another Class Reunion next August at the same place and same time.

Reminder: Deadline For Getting News and Ads In The Gorman Progress is Tuesday Noon

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by .0499 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 19, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. @ Gorman City Office

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: 2
AGAINST: 0
PRESENT and not voting: N/A
ABSENT: Charlie Torrez

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 28,952,960.00	\$ 29,269,740.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 27,390.00	\$ 261,450.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 23,840,840.00	\$ 24,124,100.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 27,390.00	\$ 261,450.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ 0.75 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$ 0.79 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ 0.35 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year 4.7 % Increase OR % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 22,419.00	\$ 22,644.00

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$	\$

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 22,419.00	\$ 22,644.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

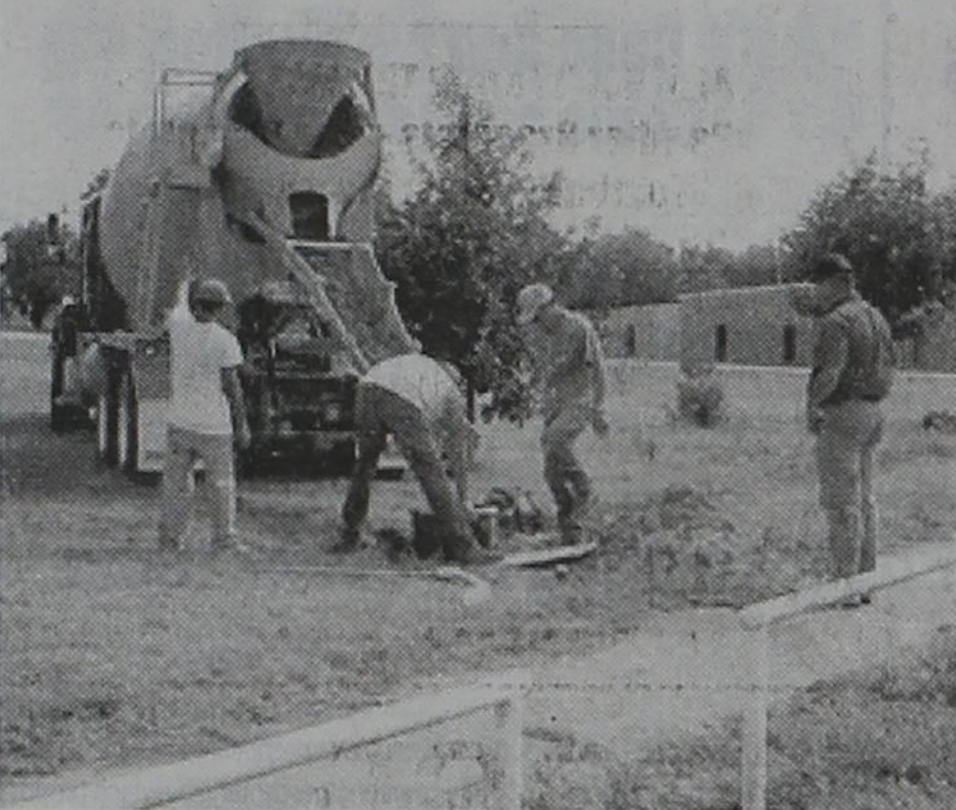
The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 168.70

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 178.41. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 9.71 or a decrease of \$ in taxes.

Intro to Ag Mechanics & Horticulture Work At Park



Mr. Boles and his Intro to Ag Mechanics and Intro to Horticulture classes worked two days in the City Park preparing for the new lights to be put in. We really appreciate all of their hard work and the fact that they care about their community! Thanks to you all and great job!



Bo Roberts poured the concrete for the base of the light poles. Bimbo managed to plan the park project and the Blackwell Hospital historical marker for the same day.

4-H NEWS

Dale Dunlap, CEA-Ag
Eastland County
August 31, 2006

PASTURE TO PACKER PROGRAM

The 2006-2007 4-H/FFA Pasture To Packer Program will kick off in October. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 27th to sign up. The feeding period will be concluded in mid-March with Hoof Judging. The program is a very enlightening one in that youth have the sole responsibility of securing financing, selecting their steer and management of the project. For more information over the project, you may secure a pamphlet of the rules and guidelines at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office on 1st Floor of the Courthouse or by calling Dale Dunlap, County Extension Agent at 254/629-1093.

COUNTY & MAJOR MARKET HOG VALIDATION

All 4-Hers who plan on showing a market hog at any major show or the county show must have them validated. Cost will be \$8.00 per head for major show hogs. You do not need to order tags for county show hogs, order for major shows ONLY!

If you want to validate state hogs you must order your tags through the County Extension Agent's office before September 15th. You will need to pay for tags when you order them.

We think the date to validate will be around the week of November 20th, but this is not for certain. I will know for sure after September 15th. Tentatively mark the week of

November 20th and check your next newsletter or watch the newspaper. September 15th is the last day you can order major show Validation Tags!! Do Not Forget!!!!

EASTLAND COUNTY FOOD SHOW

The Eastland County Food Show will be hosted by the Olden 4-H Club on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at Siebert Elementary School Cafeteria. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the contest begins at 9:30 a.m.

Entry Deadline: 4-Hers must submit Project Record Form to the Eastland County Extension Office by Monday, September 11th with age division and what category your are entering. There will be no exceptions to this deadline!!!

Clover Kids, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be required to turn in a Project Record Form along with a copy of your recipe. Also there will be a poster contest for all ages. This is a county and district contest only ... no advancement to state. The theme is "Grains", and awards will be given for each age category at District. There will be one award for best overall poster at County. There will be a "Best Garnished Dish Award" for each age category at the County Show. This a county-only award.

Your Food Show packet can be picked up at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office in Eastland in the Courthouse or from your Club Manager. If you have any questions, or need further clarification, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Office at 629-2222 or 629-1093. Dale Dunlap or Linda Stroebel can help you.

Class of 1965 Doodlebug To Hold Reunion Train Coming

The Class of 1965 will be holding a 41st Reunion on September 9th in conjunction with Homecoming events and The Peanut Festival. For further information contact Joy Campbell at 734-2121 or Doyle Welch at 734-2121 or Doyle Welch at dwelch@texaspeanuts.com.

Make Plans To Attend The Annual Peanut Festival and Parade

DOODLEBUG TRAIN coming to town on October 14th. Please make plans to come and join in the festivities. Boarding time will be 10:30 in Dublin, on to DeLeon for lunch arriving in Gorman at 1:30. I am sorry to say that all tickets have already been sold.

We had so many who were unable to get a ticket last year, they reserved for this year. I am now taking reservations for the ride in 2007. Let's make everyone feel welcome in our town to encourage them to visit us again.



Panther Cheerleaders With Mascot During Gorman Panthers and Roby Lions game Friday

Workforce System to Host Seminars For Area Business Leaders

Abilene, Texas-- In an effort to promote awareness of services for business customers and economic development professionals, the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board and the Workforce Center will host a series of "Workforce Toolbox" seminars in the region. Meetings are scheduled in five locations in the region and are being co-hosted by chambers of commerce and economic development partners in the host communities. The schedule includes the following:

Abilene Sep. 12, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Workforce Center Taylor Bldg., 400 Oak St.
Ballinger Sep. 19, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Chamber Offices, 700 Railroad Ave.
Eastland Sep. 21, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Chamber Offices, 102 S. Seaman
Colorado City Sep. 26, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Housing Authority, 439 Oak Street
Haskell Sep. 28, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Hospital Education Bldg., 1 Avenue N

The meeting format will consist of short informational vignettes presented by Workforce Center Business Services staff on a variety of valuable services targeted to business customers, including employment services, training assistance, and informational resources. Individuals interested in attending any of the "Workforce Toolbox" seminars should contact Diane Signer at the Workforce Center at (325) 795-4231 or by e-mail at diane.signer@workforcesystem.org.

The Workforce Center is contracted by the West Central Texas Workforce Board to provide services to businesses and to job-seekers in a 19-county region, including job listings, training assistance, facility usage for interviewing and training, and information and referral.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

FALL FRUIT TREE SPRAYING TO CONTROL DISEASES AND INSECTS

Fall is often the time when fruit tree care is forgotten or neglected, but it is a critical time for controlling many peach and plum tree diseases to help insure a good crop next year.

With the arrival of fall, there is often a tendency to forget our peach and plum trees that served us so well last summer. Applying a copper fungicide now can stop or reduce threat of the diseases that attack peach and plum trees in Texas. These are peach leaf curl, bacterial leaf spot and bacterial canker. Puckered and distorted peach tree leaves that were either bright red or light green in diseased areas last spring were likely due to peach leaf curl fungus. The only time to control this disease is in the fall with a copper-containing fungicide, such as Kocide 101 or Ortho Garden Disease Control.

Timing of the fall spray is critical for effective control and avoiding tree damage. Copper is a metal and may cause severe defoliation unless applied correctly. Spraying is advised when 70% of the leaves fall off the tree. Spraying too early will cause leaf shed and cause the spray to be ineffective.

Bacterial leaf spot and bacterial canker can be partially controlled by fall spraying with a copper fungicide. Bacterial leaf spot affects both fruit and foliage. The infection causes fruit to crack and leaves to develop angular spots which drop off. Bacterial canker will kill trees slowly. Infected trees will have gum or wax forming on the main trunk and main limbs.

The fall spray is typically applied around November 1st. Application time will vary with the season, so check your fruit trees closely. Fall fruit tree spraying is important to the health and production of fruit trees. There is no other time when peach leaf curl can be controlled. Around September 1st is also the time to control peach tree borers. Peach tree borers are the insects that cause branch die back and are responsible for the majority of tree deaths over time in peach, apricot and cherry trees. Borer control has been difficult since Dursban was taken off the market. However, if a homeowner still has this chemical in their possession, it can still be used. Current products on the market containing Permethrin or Endosulfan are the products of choice. Sprays should be applied by wetting the trunk of the tree from the ground up to the first branches. A home remedy that works pretty well is mothball crystals. You must use the type of mothballs that contain Paradichlorobenzene in them. Dig a shallow trench around the trunk and add crystals at the labeled rate. Cover the trench with dirt, mounded up around the trunk.

This will act as a fungant for greater peach tree borer. Leave a couple of inches between the trench and the tree. The mound of dirt should be raked away from the trunk before spring budding.

Fungicides should not be applied until January or February.

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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SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

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I, _____ AGREE TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FROM LIABILITY, THE Gorman Peanut Festival Association, all officers, and members from any and all damages or injuries, losses, judgments or claims, sustained from any cause connected to my/our participation in this parade.

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date _____

Carbon VFD and Desemona VFD Receive RC&D Grants



Lori Dodd, Director of Rural Texas Access and Ronnie Pack, Fire Chief of the Carbon Volunteer Fire Dept are shown here with a check from the Leon-Bosque RC&D Council in the amount of \$1200. Rural Texas Access provided grant-writing assistance for Carbon VFD. Also receiving a grant (below) was Dwight Dold of the Desdemona VFD shown with the new addition to their fire truck.



RANCH RODEO

Date: 9/9/2006

Time: 6:00 pm

The Ranch rodeo is to benefit the Gorman Baseball Association. There will be 5 events. Entry Fee is \$400.00 per 6 man team. Deadline for entry is Sept. 1, 2006. Concession will be available. Bring your lawn chairs. Gate entry- \$5.00- 13 and older, 12 & under are free, \$3.00- 65 & older. The Peanut Festival begins at 10:00 am that morning. There will be a street dance in town that evening.

Gorman Baseball Commission

P.O. Box 722
Gorman TX 76454

Barbara Fenley 254-734-5377 day or night
Vickie Majors 254-734-3276 any time

The arena is on Hwy 8

about 3 miles out.

There will be signs showing the way

Come join in the fun. We hope to see you there.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Bro. James Hunter of Gorman preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, September 3. Other visitors were his wife and daughter, Chris and Suelyn Hunter, and his sister, Susan Hunter of Austin, Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, Stacy, LaDawn, and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville and Ima Boles of Gorman. Donna and Gary Gatlin of Graham were visitors on Sunday night. The choir rendered the special music.

Bro. Jenoa Goad of Breckenridge will preach at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, September 10.

Shannon Bond of Copperas Cove visited with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond on Friday afternoon and then attended some classes at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 9 to 12. Shannon and Joe enjoyed dove hunting on Saturday afternoon before Shannon returned home.

Judy and Sarah Porter of Austin, Scarlett Torres of Austin, Amanda Porter of Elgin, Laura and Ronnie Shelton of Sapulpa, OK, James. Jentzen and Chelsea Webb of Granbury, and Stacy Webb and Renee Fox and Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Comanche visited with their parents and grandparents, Oren and Norma Webb during the weekend. Other visitors with Oren and Norma were Gene and Kay Snider and Durwood and Aletha Burgess.

Visitors with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Gene and Kay Snider, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Betty Little, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Bill and Helen Collum of Desdemona and Dan Collum of Arlington.

Beth Underwood of Gorman and Lenora Speer of Ranger visited with Sylvia Buchanan.

Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin all of Graham visited with Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Gene and Kay Snider, Ted Snider and Justin Snider visited with LaVon Snider. LaVon visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider on Sunday.

James Collins of Haltom City and Vincon Collins of Tyler visited with cousins, Carolyn and Charles Little and did some dove hunting.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Members of the Little Family gathered at the Little Cabin at Lake Leon on Sunday to honor those celebrating September birthdays. Those honored were Ima Boles, Alexis Snapp, Ashley Little and Breckley Little. Others enjoying the celebration were Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Charles and Carolyn Little, Scotty, Caye, Zane and Zack Mauney and friend, Alisha of Santo, Charla Burgess, Alan, Justin, Ally and Emma Little, James and Jill Little, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Stacy and La Dawn Snapp of Lewisville, James Collins of Haltom City and Vincon Collins of Tyler.

Zelda Jordan and Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock visited in Abilene with Glenda Black during the Holiday weekend, and Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell joined them for a visit on Sunday afternoon. During the afternoon, Zelda was surprised with a beautiful birthday cake and gifts. The cake, baked by Cindy and decorated by Glenda, was inscribed with "Happy Birthday Grandma". The candles were placed on the cake by Emily. "Happy Birthday" was sung by all. The cake was served with ice cream. It was a wonderful party. This was an early celebration. Zelda's birthday is on Thursday, Sept. 7th.

Zelda returned home on Monday morning and it rained all the way from Abilene to Kokomo, and it continued to rain almost all day. The gauge showed about 2 inches. God has answered our prayers in a wonder-

Electrifying Events Is Coming To First Baptist Church - Eastland

Team Impact, some of the strongest men on the planet, will be making several public appearances in the (your city) area 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

ful way. It had rained all night in Abilene. Cindy said that it rained all the way to Lubbock too. The rain has been just a gentle light rain.

Glenda Black and Zelda Jordan had telephone visits with Joe, Viki and Justin Miles of Austin to wish Justin a "Happy 14th Birthday" on Saturday, September 2.

They were having a great time in Jacksonville, FL.

Alan, Shelly, Justin, Ally and Emma Little spent the first night in their new home on Sunday night. The home is on their place near where the other home burned on January 1. Our best wishes to them in their new home.

Ima Brown of Gorman and Joyce Gilbert of Katy visited with Zelda Jordan on Monday afternoon and brought some wonderful items to be placed in the Kokomo Room at the Eastland County Historical Museum. Among the items was a beautiful quilt with all the students names on it that was presented to their teacher, Miss Berniece Timmons at the Kokomo School during the 1932-33 school year. Many thanks to them. If others have pictures, newspaper articles or other things pertaining to the history of the Kokomo Community, we would be very happy to have them in the museum.

The Kokomo Community now has a web site. It is www.kokomocommunity.org. Jimmy Nelson has set this up for the community and more information will be added later.

EDC TALK

The drought is broken it seems, however, not before local ranchers have sustained severe hits trying to maintain livestock through the long, dry summer. I wanted to bring up some interesting information regarding the current tax options available to producers that have been forced to sell livestock as a result of drought.

Since the American Jobs Creation Act was signed into law on October 22, 2004 producers living in counties that have received a disaster designation can defer (and altogether avoid) capital gains on the sales of breeding, draft, or dairy

animals for a period of up to four years as long as those animals are replaced within that time frame.

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 to learn more about the efforts of Team Impact.

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Christian Poetry Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special poetry contest sponsored by Christian Poets Guild, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all totaling \$5,000.00

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1638 Dogwood Ln - Ackworth, GA 30102-1820. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is September 30th.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. "A typical poem," says Contest Director Cecilia Nash, "might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires the reader."

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. If you wish a winner's list please enclose a stamped return envelope.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007: PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, notice of a regular meeting with the adoption of a tax rate was duly posted on the agenda,

WHEREAS, a regular meeting was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such meeting and all interested persons were given opportunities to be heard on said tax rate; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary, at this time, that said ordinance be passed levying taxes on all property, both real and personal, within the City of Gorman, Texas, in accordance with such budget and all requirements of Article 7244c RCS of the State of Texas have been complied with:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That there is hereby levied, and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Gorman, Texas, for the year 2006 upon all property within the corporate limits of the city of Gorman, Texas, subject to taxation for the year 2006, a tax at the rate of .78790 /100 dollars on each One Hundred and no/100 (100.00) valuation of property to be assessed and collected for the purposes hereinafter stipulated, to-wit,

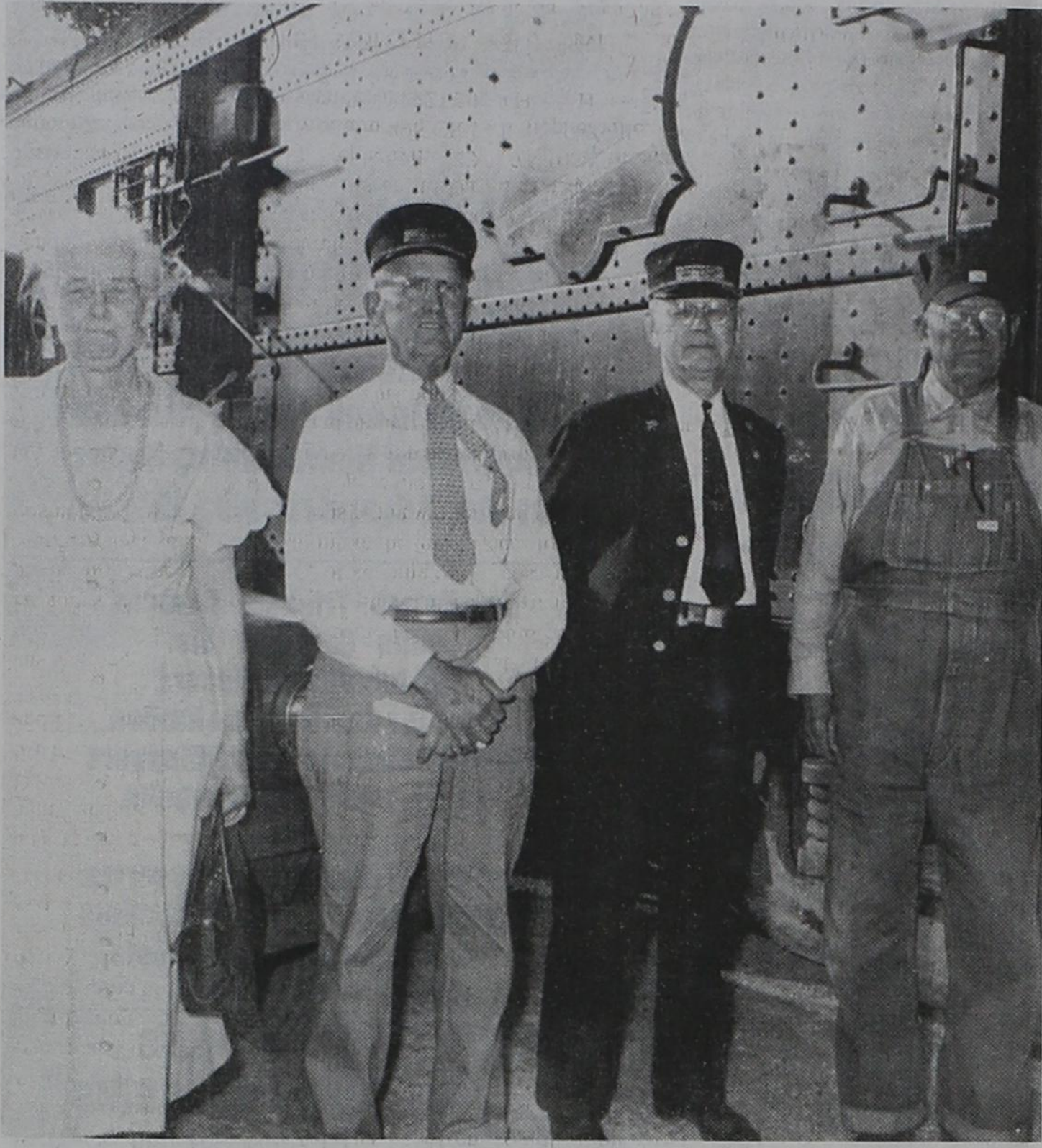
Section 2: All taxpayers shall be allowed discounts for the payment of 2005 ad valorem taxes due to the City of Gorman, Texas, said discounts to be allowed under the following conditions:

- Three percent (3%) discount on ad valorem taxes due to the City of Gorman, if same are paid within the month of October,
- Two percent (2%) discount if such taxes are paid in the month of November,
- One percent (1%) discount if such tax are paid in the month of December,

Section 3: The general laws of the Texas, and all provisions of Article 7336, and of Titla 122 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, penalties, interest, cost, and the collection of delinquent taxes, insofar as such provisions may be applicable in connection with the collection of all taxes assessed and levied by the City of Gorman, Texas, for the year 2006 are hereby referred to and adopted.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Original Doodle Bug Train Engineer and Conductor and Others???



This picture was taken the last time the Doodle-bug train stopped in Gorman. The stationmaster, Mr. Ben Pendarvis and his wife are standing with the conductor and engineer. If you know the names of the conductor and engineer please let us know. This picture will be placed in the GORMAN ROOM of the Eastland County Museum at Eastland. Anyone having pictures, articles, just anything you would like to have displayed in the museum please contact Cliffa Vaughn, Justin Snider or Karen Pena. We will be glad to add them to our Gorman display. We are very thankful to Estelle Craddock for preserving many wonderful memories of our history.

Local Man Receives Heart Transplant

David McCann, a lifelong Stephenville resident received his long awaited heart transplant at St. Paul University Hospital in Dallas on July 27th.

It has been a uphill battle for the McCann family since his first heart attack 2001 which left David unable to work. He had been an employee of Rayloc for nearly 30 years. His second heart attack in November 2004 resulted in severe damage to the left side of his heart which led to emergency surgery in December of that year. His condition deteriorated rapidly and so did his quality of life. The simple activities of daily living left him exhausted and struggling to catch his breath. He was in and out of the hospital for months. In April 2005, David returned to St. Paul where he underwent a relatively new life saving procedure known as Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD), which is basically a electronic or battery operated heart pump. His family had to be educated and certified on the use of the machine in order for him to return home. After his return home, he had to be monitored 24 hours a day. His strength and stamina improved over the coming months, but still he exhausted easily.

With all the physical and financial hardship David has gone through over the past 5 years, he still keeps his chin up, his spirits high and is quick with a smile. When asked how he does it, he simply stated "I love my life. I want to be here for my family. I want to watch my grandchildren grow up. I want to be there for their birthdays, their Christmas', their weddings. When I look into their little faces, I will myself to live, and if it is in God's plan, I will."

It is apparent that family has always played a important role in David's life. He grew up in a 2 bedroom house with 9 brothers and sisters. In 1971 David joined the army. For 2 years he was stationed in Thailand where he worked as a supplies and deport coordinator. In 1973 he returned home and went to work for Rayloc. After his father passed away, he moved his mother into his home and was continuously involved in her care until she passed away of liver cancer in 1987. He married his wife Jeannette in 1983 and adopted her 3 year old son, Ricky. Jeannette and David had another child, Candra Sue McCann in 1984, but she died 4 days later from complications from her birth. Jeannette was injured in a car accident a few years later which left her unable to work or even drive. Ricky is now a grown man, married with two young children of his own, McCayla 7 and Jarred who is 3.

Since the heart transplant, David's health has improved tremendously. He said "He truly felt blessed to get a second chance at life." He also said "His mind is clearer than it has been in years, and he feels younger than he has in years." He is excited that the doctors told him he could probably return to work in a year. For him, being able to once again provide for his family by the labor of his own hands and the sweat of his brow as he used to is a blessing in itself. David is way too proud to ask for a helping hand, as he has lived his life by what he could afford on his own. The expenses are mounting and David and his wife have to stay at St. Paul for at least 3 months. That puts the McCann's coming home around the holidays. David has spent the last several holidays in the hospital struggling for his life. If ever anyone deserved some help, it would be this family. Holidays are hard enough even without the load of medical bills, medications, the responsibility of keeping of the cost of the home in Stephenville and the cost of living in the guest house located near the hospital in Dallas. This article is being written and sent to the local papers in hope that the Lord will give me the right words to encourage the editors to print this article. If it reaches print, I pray that this reaches people with the talent and organizational skills to put together fund raisers, garage sales, bake sales, auctions whatever they can think of to raise money for this family's great need. Anyone associated with a church, civic group or organization that could afford a monetary gift or fund raiser would be greatly appreciated. Maybe even teachers could make time for their students to make letters or cards to send to David while he recuperates and the holidays approach. Even if you can't afford to send a card or donate, please remember David in your prayers. Donations can be sent to David McCann c/o First Financial Bank PO BOX 998 Stephenville, TX. 76401. Cards and letters can be sent to David McCann 896 CR 283 Stephenville, TX. 76401 or St. Paul Hospital Guest Room 227 5909 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX. 75235.

This article was written by Elania Lingle, one of David's many nieces, who loves him dearly. I can't wait for the day when he returns home and gives me that big old bear hug like he always does, and I lay my head against his chest and hear the sound of a strong healthy heart beating in his chest once more. My thoughts and prayers also go out to the family who had to lose their loved one in order for our loved one to live. My thoughts wonder in amazement of how splendid is God's plan, as I think of that donor's mother and how she carried her child in her womb, as she anticipated the life she was about to bring into this world, not knowing that ultimately she would be giving life to so many.

216 Texas Counties Qualify For Livestock Assistance Because of Drought

AUSTIN – Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today announced that livestock producers in 216 drought-stressed Texas counties may be eligible for \$14.5 million in assistance under the recently announced federal Livestock Assistance Grant Program. The livestock block grant is part of a broad-based national drought disaster assistance program for American farmers and ranchers announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week.

USDA will distribute \$50 million in state block grants to 20 states to help livestock producers recover losses suffered because of the ongoing drought. Assistance may cover such items as the cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding, the cost of relocating livestock to new pastures and the cost of emergency water supplies.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working with statewide agriculture and livestock groups to establish the criteria for distributing the funds in Texas.

"The funds released by USDA will provide a much-needed infusion of dollars to Texas producers devastated by the ongoing drought," Combs said. "With the entire state facing unprecedented economic setbacks because of this year's drought, I appreciate all that Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has done to help our hardworking producers recover some of their losses during these desperate times."

"We will be working closely with our livestock groups, the Governor's Office and USDA to set up the criteria, announce a sign-up period and distribute the funds from the block grant to our producers as quickly as possible," Combs said.

Only livestock producers in the eligible counties who suffered a loss of forage production because of the 2006 drought may receive assistance. Payments are limited to \$10,000 and cannot exceed the amount of lost forage production and related losses.

Livestock producers in the following Texas counties may be eligible for assistance: Anderson, Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Dallam, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, De Witt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Foard, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gillespie, Glasscock, Goliad, Gonzales, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, La Salle, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Llano, Lubbock, McCulloch, McMullen, McMullen, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Morris, Motley, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Stone-wall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terrell, Throckmorton, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Wood, Young, Zapata and Zavala.

For timely information on the Livestock Assistance Grant Program for Texas, please visit TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under "New at TDA."

2006 Football Schedule

September 8th	Covington	Covington	7:30
September 15th	Ben Bolt	Taylor	7:30
September 22nd	**Sterling City	Gorman	7:30
September 29th	*Ranger	Ranger	7:30
October 6th	*Perrin	Gorman	7:30
October 13th	*Santo	Santo	7:30
October 20th	open		
October 27th	*Cross Plains	Gorman	7:30
November 3rd	*DeLeon	DeLeon	7:30
November 10th	*Tolar	Gorman	-7:30
**Homecoming 2006			
*District 12A Games			

Gorman Goes Hollywood

Brandon Powel Chooses Locations In and Around His Hometown to Film His Debut Movie

Who would have thought that Gorman would be a backdrop to a movie intended for distribution? I would guess the answer is 'nobody.' Still, next summer Brandon Powell is shooting his first feature length movie, "Trial By Self," in and around Gorman. "The area is absolutely perfect for the story," Brandon said with a shrug as he talks of his first feature, "...besides, it is an extremely personal story and this is where I grew up. It simply makes sense for me to shoot this movie here. Shooting it anywhere else would be a compromise I am not prepared to make."

Brandon is currently a senior at Howard Payne University in Brownwood and goes by the name Devon (pronounced Devin) but this is simply a nickname, "I think the name confuses a lot of people in Gorman when they hear it," Brandon says laughing. He will not be graduating in May however because of scheduling conflicts. This doesn't bother him though, "The great thing about making movies is that you don't need a degree to do it, you just need a vision. I am taking this extra time to shoot the movie I have planned for what seems an eternity."

The movie is very low budget but a low budget movie is still expensive, "I am a lot closer to having the money to shoot it but I am short \$2,000 dollars. I will be earning this money between now and then. The crazy thing is that after I shoot {the movie} I will need to earn more money to edit it, make film prints and then travel the festival circuit in order for it to get picked up!" He seems upbeat about it though, as if he knows things will work out, "Anything worth doing is difficult and is worth working for. It is easy to get agitated about it but I am doing it. Most people don't get to make their dreams come true. I am very lucky. I have family that supports my crazy endeavors and what else can I really ask for?"

Gorman residents who want to help Brandon with this project in any way can do so. "It will take a village to shoot this movie," he says dryly. "I have raised a lot of interest around HPU and I will probably hold auditions for actors either right before or right after Christmas break. There are roles for anyone from people in their 30s or 40s, to High School and college aged kids. If anyone in town, especially men and women in their 30s and 40s would like to act in a movie they are urged to audition. People have shown a lot of interest in acting as crew members too. It is a good experience for College students I think." As far as the \$2,000 dollars goes he doesn't seem worried at all, "I am applying for jobs on campus at Howard Payne and I might have a fundraiser. It isn't such an outrageous amount really. The post production will be the expensive part. I already have some of my equipment bought. The camera alone was the price of a car! I didn't think I would be this far."

Anyone who wants to donate any amount of money to Brandon in order for him to raise the \$2,000 is welcome to. "Of course I would accept donations! Who wouldn't? When you think about it, even donations in the amount of a dollar would add up. I wouldn't count on donations to get me the money but I would accept them and I would also include those who gave money to the film in the credits."

If anyone would like to help Brandon in anyway, you can all him at 254-734-6316 or you can email him at newdionysuspictures@hotmail.com.

by: Edna Powell



Class of 1946 To Hold Class Reunion

The Class of 1946 are having their Sixtieth Class Get-together in conjunction with Homecoming on September 9th. After the parade we will meet at Quida (Brown) Hummel's home for visiting until the 2 p.m. Meeting and again after it till the 7:00 p.m. dinner. Anyone wanting to come for a visit are surely welcome. Take FM2526 west out of Carbon for approximately 3/4 mile. Take a right on CR 189 to first house on left.

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