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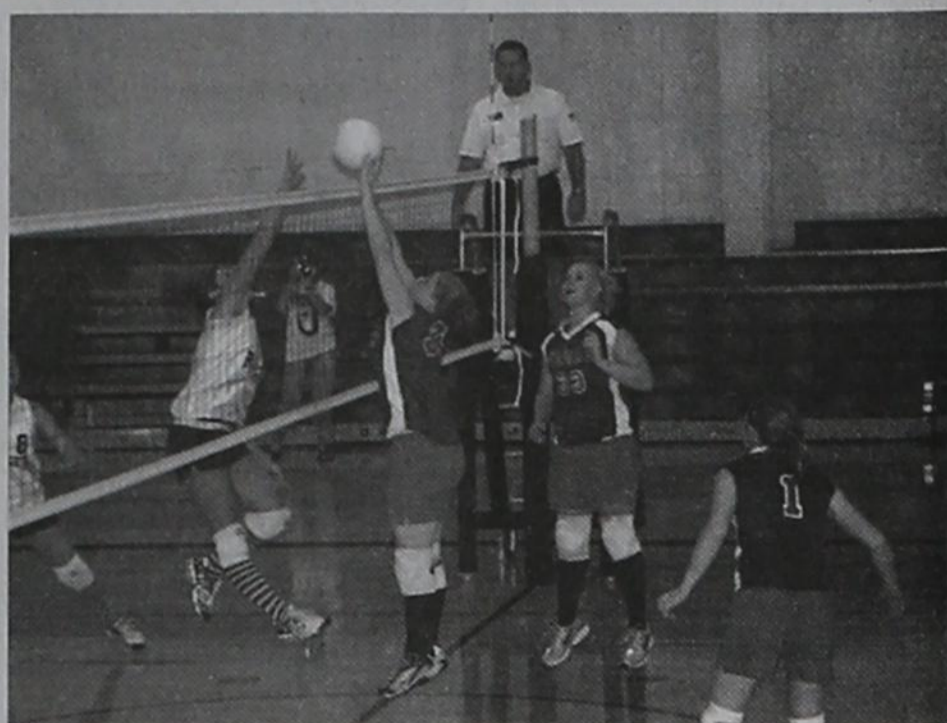
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Lady Panthers Capture Tourney Championship

The Lady Panther Volleyball Team extended their winning streak to 11 games, en-route to winning their second straight Tournament Championship last Saturday in DeLeon. The girls swept district rival Ranger in two straight games to capture the title. The girls maneuvered easily through bracket, handily defeating Gustine and Lingleville on their way to the championship.

Since winning the Albany Tournament on Aug. 18, the Lady Panthers have dominated their opponents sweeping every team they've played in 3-straight games. During their current win streak, the Panthers have scored victories over Water Valley (twice), DeLeon (twice), Veribest, Poolville, Rotan, Abilene Wylie, Gustine, Lingleville, and Ranger.

The recent success can be contributed to great teamwork and chemistry. Junior outside-hitter Audrey Johnston has been a dominating force all season long at the net, as has senior outside-hitter



Brandy Carlton, and senior middle-blockers Tecia Jones and Nicole Cogburn. Sophomore Kimi Seaton has been impressively consistent at the setter position, as have defensive specialists Megan Lewis, Lindsey Laminack, and Reba Granado.

The Lady Panthers face two tough opponents on the road this week, travelling to Evant on Tuesday, Sept. 11 and Woodson on Friday, Sept. 14. The girls return home on Tuesday, Sept. 18 to face 3-A Abilene Wylie with games starting at 5:00 p.m.

Panthers Overwhelm Owls 65-0; Play Ben Bolt At Fredricksburg

GAME AT A GLANCE		GORMAN	COVINGTON
11	First Downs	1	
18/351	Carries/Yds.	25/15	
57	Yds Passing	-3	
3 or 7/0	Pass Cplt./Int	2 of 3/0	
1 / 1	Fumbles/Lost	4 / 1	
0	Punts/Avg.	6/35	
5/50	Penalties	7/60	

The Gorman Panthers hosted the Covington Owls at Brogdon Field on Friday night and completely dominated the Owls and coming out with a 65-0 victory. The Panthers scored on their first possession, then scored again in the first period for a 14-0 lead. Then the Big Red broke open the game in the second period and added 23 more points for a 37/0 score. They added 14 more points in the last 2 quarters for the dominating score.

After holding the Owls on the opening kick the Panthers got the ball on the Owl 29 and scored in just 2 plays with Zack Fox getting the final 29 yards with 9:28 left in the period. Tyson Swanner added the point after and the Panthers were off for the races.

Following a change of possessions the Panthers took the ball on the Owl 47. From there, Tony Perez gobbled up the entire 47 yards on a beautiful open field run for the score with 2:40 left in the period. Swanner added the point after and Gorman was up 14/0.

After exchanging possessions the Panthers drove to the owl 16 before the Owls took over. On the first play, Clinton Oliver broke through the Owl line and sacked Joe Jennings in the end zone for a 2 point safety with 10:11 left in the second period to up the score to 16/0.

Then on the Owl kickoff, Zack Fox took the the kick on his own 43 and raced the 57 yards for the score with 9:53 left in the half. Swanner added the PAT and the score rose to 23/0.

After the Big Red defense held the Owls on their next possession the Panthers got the ball on the Owl 47 and in one big blast, Matt Underwood broke loose on a fantastic run of 47 yards with 6:55 left in the half. Swanner again added the point after and Gorman led 30/0.

Then with 3:14 left in the half Gorman got the ball on their own 14 and following a 2 yard run by Tony Perez, Matt Underwood hit the seam and broke off to his right and raced the 84 yards for the score with some beautiful blocks. Swanner made the point after and the halftime score stood at 37/0

The Panthers received the second half kick on their own 40 and scored in 5 plays with Perez getting the final 2 yards with 10:13 left in the third. Swanner put up the point after and Gorman led 44/0. The drive featured a 7 yard run by Fox; a 27 yard pass to Fox, runs of 7 and 3 by Perez; an 11 yard pass to Aaron Keith; and a 18 yard scamper by Underwood before Swanner got the final 8.

The next score for the Panthers came on a 45 yard drive after the Big Red recovered a Owl fumble. After a Panther 10 yard penalty they scored in just 3 plays with Perez getting the final 3 with 11:38 left in the game. The drive featured a 32 yard run by Matt Underwood and a 20 yard pass to Chad Klein. Swanner booted the point after and Gorman was up 58/0.

The final blast came on a beautiful 23 yard quarterback keeper by Keifer Wilson with 1:56 left. The point after was added by Swanner and the Panthers showed 65 points on the board.

The defense did a great job in the contest allowing only 1 first down and that was on a penalty and allowed only a total of 12 yards. They will need to continue this type of defense this Saturday, when they meet Ben Bolt at Fred-

ricksburg, as Ben Bolt has another fine team.

Matt Underwood led the Panthers with 197 yards on 7 carries. Tony Perez ran 6 times for 77 yards. Zack Fox ran for 46 on 3 tries, Keifer Wilson had 23 on one keeper, and Tyson Swanner ran one time for 8 yards and completed 3 of 7 passes for 57 yards. Klein caught one for 20, Aaron Keith got one for 11 and Fox snapped a 26 yarder.

So lets all follow the Panthers to Fredricksburg on Saturday for an early game at 6 p.m.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!!

Letter To The Editor

I stand corrected by Louise Scitem Tinkler. The class of 1953 was the first to graduate in the new Auditorium. Jerry Skaggs also said they did. I'm sorry I got this wrong in my article. The Senior Class of 1954 was the first class to go a full school year in the new high school and graduate.

I want to apologize for not mentioning that Miss Lowery, our first grade teacher, married a few years later and became Mrs. O. R. Buchanan, who most people knew her by this name.

(s) George Warren

Attention Students Interested In Exhibiting An Animal Project.

We will be having a meeting of the Gorman Livestock Raisers on Monday September 17, 2007 in the GISD Cafeteria at 7:00 pm. All interested in exhibiting an animal project at our 2008 Eastland County Show is encouraged to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to enroll new families and discuss fundraising to purchase animal projects at the county show. We looked forward to meeting you and kicking off our fundraising activities. All GLRA members are also required to attend. Hamburgers, chips, tea and dessert will be served. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mr. Boles at the school 734-2505.

Swine Validation

Friday September 14, 2007 is the deadline to order hogs tags for the 2008 major show season. Please contact Mr. Boles if you need some order the price will be \$8.00 per tag.

THANK YOU !

Wow! A lot of work, but it sure turned out great! We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Shinoak Bar B Q Cook Off the huge success it was. To our judges, we say thank you so much. We know what a terribly hard job it was to sample those ribs, brisket, chicken and beans. It is a hard job, but we had to have someone and you all sure came through!

This year we were very fortunate to have sponsors. They were Gorman Economic Development Corp, Smith's Service Station, Texas Cattle Exchange, Dublin Dr. Pepper and Troyat and Fannie Underwood. These incentives really make it worth the cookers while to travel here and see what Gorman has to offer. Also to the City of Gorman for helping get our trophies and having our park look so pretty. We sincerely appreciate these very generous donations to the cook - off.

To Brad and Jeannie for the use of the canopy. To all of the kids of the Gorman ISD Ag Science classes a huge thank you! You guys not only helped us, you helped the entire festival committee by getting our banners and flags out on display! To all of our friends who helped us in so many ways we love you and appreciate you so much. And mom, thank you so much for the sandwiches and peanut patties, Jill and I couldn't have made it without them. If we have omitted anyone who helped us in any way, we apologize from the bottom of our heart. It would be simply by accident only, for whatever you may have done, we do appreciate it.

Thanks again, and we are looking forward to next years cook off. All of the entries this year, assured us they would be returning and would pass the word on! Thanks again, Shawn and Tacy, 2007 Shinoak Bar B Q Cook Off.

Kokomo Revival Set September 23 thru 26

There will be a Revival Meeting at the Kokomo Baptist Church beginning on Sunday, September 23 through Wednesday, September 26. The Sunday evening service will be at 6:00 p.m. The services Monday thru Wednesday will be at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Shawn Brewer, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eastland will be the preacher. The music leaders will be Daryl Hirst on Sunday and Wednesday nights and Larry Wesson of Eastland on Monday and Tuesday nights. The musicians will be Cyndi Mace, Debra Daniels and Betty Hughes of Eastland.

There will be lots of special music. On Sunday it will be by the Continental 2 (Daryl Hirst and Glenda Black) and Debra Daniels. On Monday - Elvis sings Gospel (Elvis Is The House). The First Baptist Church Ensemble of Eastland will sing on Tuesday and Wednesday's Special Music will be by Crosswalk from the Eastland area.

We in the Kokomo Community and surrounding area experienced a terrible wild fire that came through the community and destroyed homes, property and the Church, but we are expecting a very different kind of fire during the revival - A Spiritual Fire that will set out souls on fire for God.

There will be Special Fellowship each night. There will be a sandwich fellowship after the Church service on Sunday night. Before Monday night services there will Hot-Dogs and Hamburgers at 6:00 p.m. Before the Tuesday night service there will be a Chili supper at 6:00 p.m. Before the Wednesday night service there will be a Brisket Supper at 6:00 p.m.

The pastor, Bro. Jim Haggard and the members of the Kokomo Baptist Church cordially invite everyone to come and hear the exciting inspirational preaching from the Word of God and enjoy the outstanding music and the Super Fellowship.

If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, this could be the time and place to accept Him and surrender your life to Him. He's waiting for you. Those who know Jesus can experience a true revival in their hearts.

Bro. Jim Haggard will preach on Sunday morning September 23. The Special Music will be by the Continental 2.

Relay for Life

Relay For Life is a great volunteer opportunity that can help raise community awareness about a disease that affects everyone.

There will be a meeting September 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Eastland County Courthouse regarding the 2008 Relay For Life for people interested in being on the planning committee. This is an opportunity to find out what positions are available and what the positions are about.

Anyone who is interested in being on the committee, new or returning, that cannot make this meeting PLEASE call Melissa Million atn 254/631-3256, otherwise please attend the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the 2008 Relay For Life of Eastland County, again, please give me a call.

Thank you in advance for a Great Relay!

Gorman ISD

"Walk of Honor"

The Gorman Athletic Boosters would like to remind those who would like to purchase a memory brick, that we are still taking orders. The initial installation is complete; but we are looking forward to phase 2 of the installation.

We encourage everyone to buy a paver and let those memories be a permanent part of the landscape at Brogdon Field. We believe this project will be a great source of pride for our school, and for our community. Anyone who wishes to purchase a memory brick; please contact, Bob Powell at 734-3322, Becky Swanner at 734-2480, or any member of the Gorman Athletic Boosters.

Athletic Booster Club Meets Wednesday

The athletic booster club will meet on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. All fans of the Gorman Panthers and Lady Panthers are urged to attend and share your ideas. The booster club is excited about this year and we want to have as many people involved as possible. Please come to the high school library and help support your Panther teams.

Winners of The Peanut Festival "42"

We would like to thank everyone who entered the 42 Tournament.

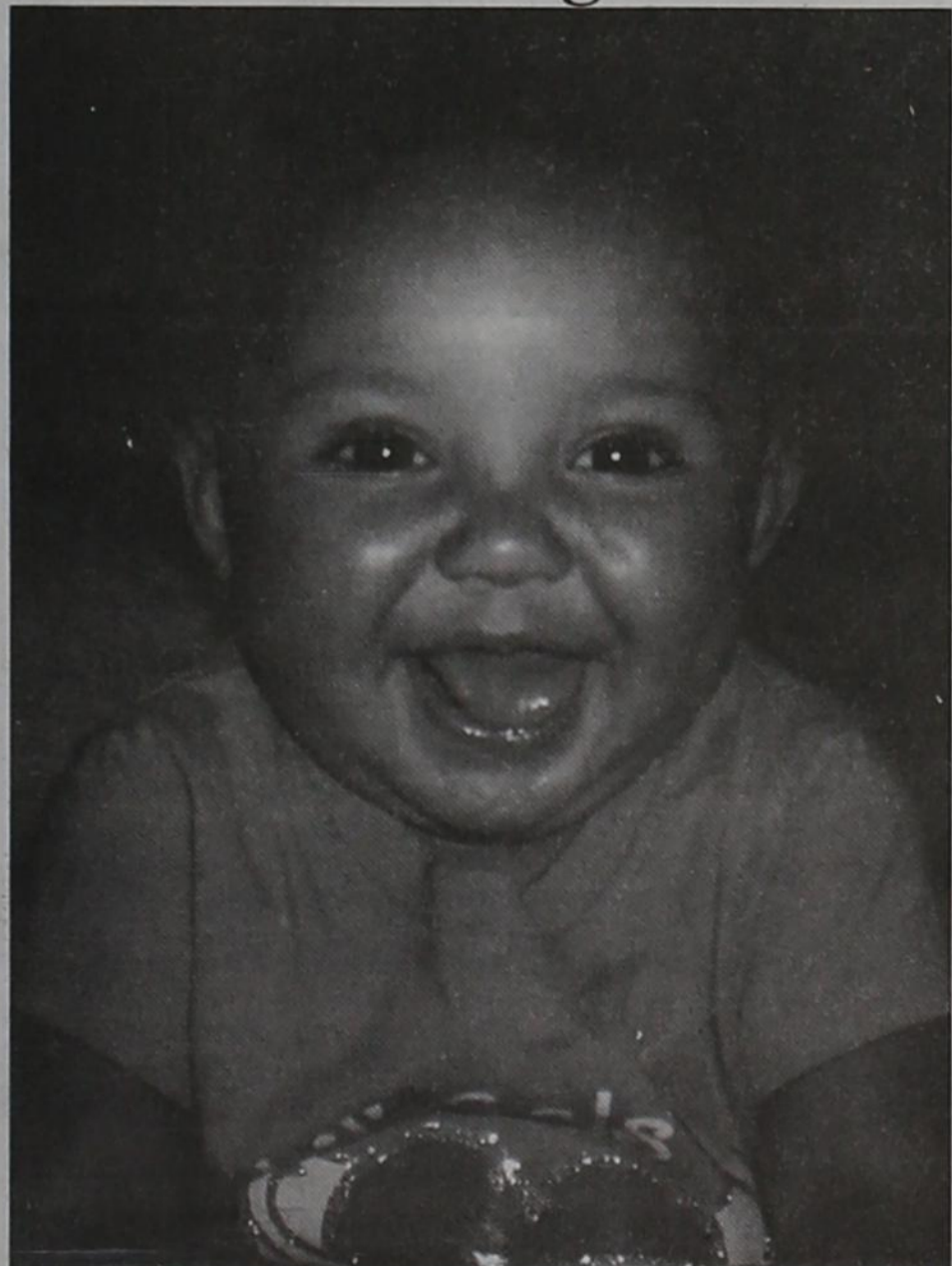
1st place went to Joyce Pence and Maxine Dugan of Granbury. 2nd Place winners were Jimmy Woodall and Deana Scitem. 3rd place winners were Max Bush and Estelle 4th place winners were Zane and Olan Harrington of Ft. Worth. 5th place winners were James and Ellen Tucker and 6th Place winners were Wilburn Overstreet and Winston Brown.

We would like to thank James Tucker for being our 42 Tournament chairperson again this year. He does a great job. Thank you James

(We would like to apologize to Joyce and Maxine for not having their 1st place plaques here. For several years we have ordered our trophies from Nita Ashford in Comanche. Her husband called us at the end of Aug, and informed us she is in the hospital in Temple and was unable to complete our order. Just as soon as they are made we will send them to you. We ask that your remember her and her family in your prayers. Thank you)

The Gorman Peanut Festival Committee.

Lonnie Goofs Again!!



I made a goof last week stating that this cute girl was a boy. I need to correct this. This is Britton Talbert daughter of Tori Talbert. Granddaughter of Coach and Linda Talbert of Gorman. Sorry of the mistake. Hope to do better next time.

Thank You

As co-presidents of the Gorman Peanut Festival, Kevin and I would like to thank everyone for all you did to help make this years Peanut Festival the best yet. From our board of directors to everyone who attended...with out you it would not have been possible. I hope to have more THANK YOU notes in next weeks paper.

Again THANK YOU EVERYONE
Kevin Scitem and Ina Smith

4-H NEWS EASTLAND COUNTY FOOD SHOW

<http://www.bigtex.com> Time to think about the Eastland County Food Show. The Food Show will be held September 22, 2007 at the Eastland County Courthouse. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with contest beginning at 10:00 a.m. Entry deadline - Monday, September 17, 2007 - 4-Hers must have their paperwork turned into the Eastland County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

If you have any questions, please contact Halee Walton, County Extension Agent, at 629-2222 or 629-1093.

Panthers Feast On Owls - Remain Unbeaten

This past Friday night at Brogdon Field in Gorman the hometown Panthers played great defense and consistent offense to defeat the Covington Owls 65-0. The defense only gave up one first down on the night and it was on a Panther penalty. The visiting Owls had just 15 yards total offense on the night. The Panthers were led on defense by senior linebacker Chad Klein. Drew McCress and Zack Fox had some big hits as well from the secondary. The defensive live play saw a rotation all night with seniors Aaron Keith and Corey Clark leading the way. Sophomore linebacker Tyler Johnson along with Klein got the job done. The defense will have a bigger job this week against the spread offense of Ben Bolt. Ben Bolt is picked to win the 32-A District Championship this year. It will be a big challenge for them to control the Ben Bolt Offense.

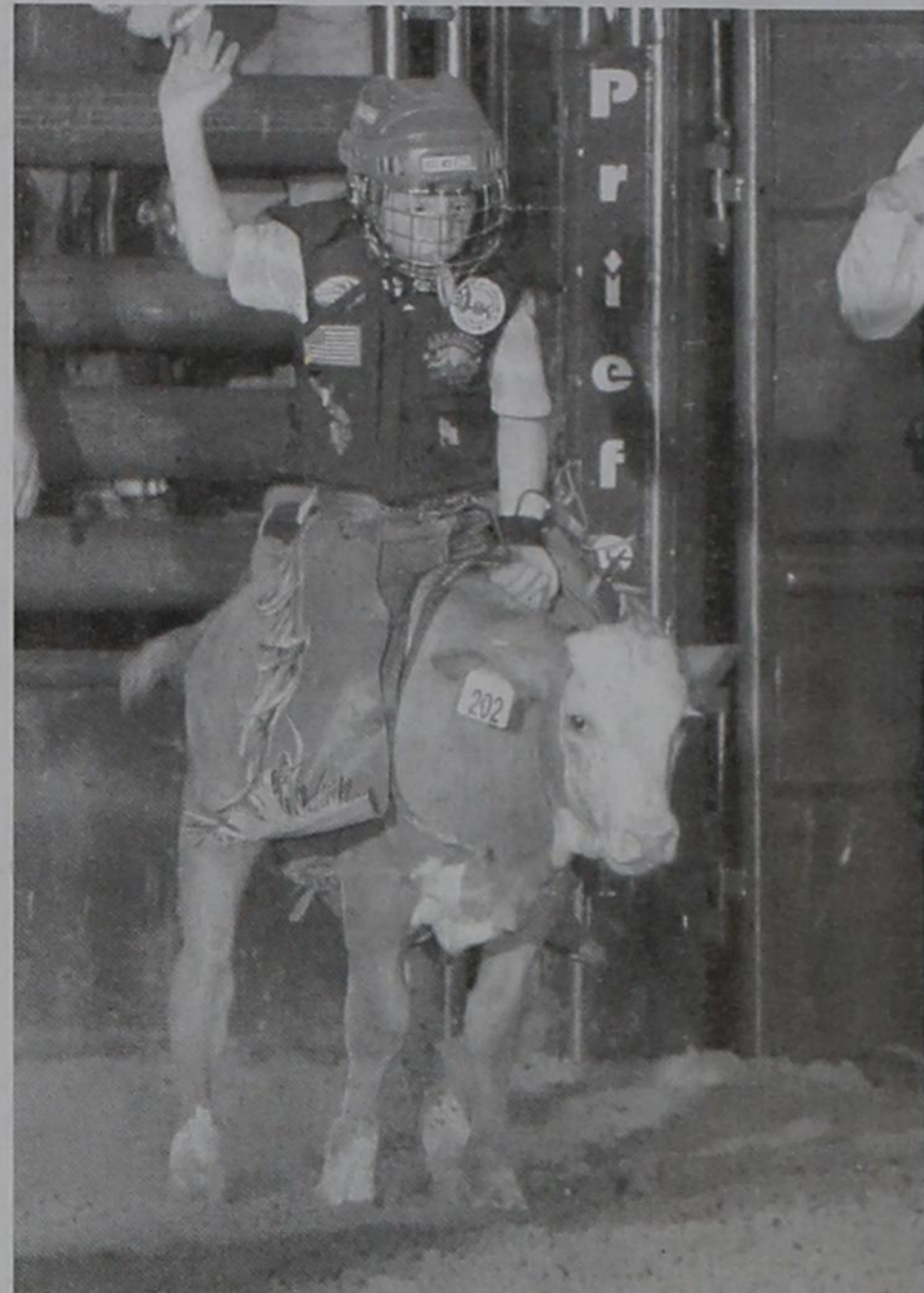
The Panthers offense finished just shy of 500 yards on the night in total offense. The Panthers had over 400 on the ground and another 67 through the air. Junior Matt Underwood led all rushers with 191 yards on just 8 carries. He had two touchdowns on runs of 87 and 45 yards. Tony Perez had his second straight week of eclipsing 100 yards as well finishing with 136 yards on 11 carries. Senior Zack Fox had three carries for 47 yards and made an incredible leaping chatch for a 35 yard gain. Fox also had 60 yard punt return for a touchdown in the third quarter. Tyson was 3 for 7 on the night passing for 66 yards. Swanner also had an 8 yard touchdown run on the night. The last touchdown on the night was a 25 yard scamper by freshman quarterback Keifer Wilson. The Panthers will be traveling this Saturday to Fredericksburg to take on Ben Bolt at Billie Stadium. Kick-off is set for 6:00 p.m. Please take about a two and half hour drive to the hill country to support your Fighting Panthers. See you at the game.

Daniel Keeping Placed First In 8 & Under Event

Daniel Keeping finished the 2006-2007 Pro-Youth Rodeo season in First Place in the Eight and Under Calf Riding event. It all down to the two day finals event held at the Lone Star Arena in Stephenville, TX.

As the finals opened Daniel was in Second Place, ten points behind the leader. Daniel was able to make a qualified ride on his first calf and the first and third place riders both bucked off. On day two, Dan made it to five seconds before this calf gave a belly roll and Dan fell off. The boy who had come to the finals in first place had a bad day and failed to make the second ride. The youngster in third place did make his ride, however, Dan had scored higher on his ride and was able to move into First Place winning both the Over All Title and the Finals Championship.

Dan has been riding calves in Pro-Youth for the last three years and has finished in the top five every year. Originally hailing from California, Dan is sponsored by Elk Castle Shooting Sports in Fort Worth. He looks forward to defending his title in his last year as a calf rider before moving up to steer riding.



Fall Stained Glass Class to be Offered at Gorman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

A Stained Glass Class for ladies of Gorman and surrounding area will be held on Monday evenings from September 17 through November 5 at the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ. Instructor will be Monda Oldham of Gorman. If you are interested in this class, contact Monda at 734-4508.

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NEW - 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.
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• 180 A, water wells, 12 ponds, cultivation, native pasture and hunting, \$1,215,700
• 256 A, w/4-2-2, 2.20 ac (CAD) brick home, attached garage, carpet, storage building, water well, 2 stock tanks, central, large cattle pens, \$1,250,000
• 215 A, on Hat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway, \$1,180,000
• 52 A, w/2.05 ac (CAD) 4-3 brick home, carpet, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, lots of wildlife, \$1,150,000 REDUCED \$1,050,000
• 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in forest, rural water available, hunting, \$1,100,000
• 51 A, high top footage, spring creek and hunting, \$1,090,000
• 45 A, approx. 31 A of forest, native pasture, minerals, \$1,085,000
• 11 A, w/1.5 ac (CAD) mobile home, well, rural water, utilities, \$1,070,000
• 5A, 3-2-1.5 ac (CAD) brick home, stone granite, pool, hot tub, additional acreage available, \$1,050,000 REDUCED \$1,295,500
• 226 A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A of cultivation, forest, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting, \$1,195 Per Acre
• 380 A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in forest, 1000 ac & 1000 ac, good fences & cross fences, minerals available, \$1,050,000
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• 3-2, w/2.5 acres, 1.51 ac (CAD) brick home, wood burning stove, carpet, rural water, water well, sleep porch, \$1,137,500
• 3-2-2, 2.05 ac (CAD) brick home with carpet, large chandelier, fireplace, metal roof, storage building, \$1,085,000 REDUCED \$90,000
• 3-2, approx. 1.50 ac (CAD) brick home, covered porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and other acreage, \$1,135,000
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Twenty ladies attended to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Hostesses were Ima Brown, Mildred Million and Mary Hallmark, all of Desdemona. The next social will be held on Monday, October 8th at the same location and same time. Visitors are always welcome.

Marge (Brown) Johnson and her daughter, Carolyn Contreras both of Amarillo visited the past weekend in Desdemona with her sister, Mary Alice (Brown) Ficklen and her brother, Robert Brown and wife, Ima. Marge graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1942.

Judy Lewis of Stephenville is recovering from recent emergency surgery late Friday night to remove food stuck in her throat area. She is a former resident of Desdemona and was married to the late Harlin Lewis. Friends in Desdemona sends Get Well Wishes to Judy.

Katie Duke of Stephenville spent the past weekend visiting with her grandparents, "Humpy" and Betty Duke. They attended the Senior Citizens Dance last Saturday night at the Community Center School Gym.

"Thanks" to Renee White of Stephenville - she came to help in the Concession Stand last Saturday night at the Senior Citizens Dance. Renee is the daughter of Larry and Gay Moore of Desdemona.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona will celebrate their 135th Anniversary on Sunday, October 21st. The Church has so much history to enjoy and we want to share all of it with others. Please contact this reporter - if you have any old church photos, old newspaper clippings, old history, etc. Your help will be appreciated to make this a wonderful celebration.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the McKillip family in the loss of their loved one.

Gail Clayton enjoyed a recent "Cruise to Alaska". She stays very bush during more than her share of Church and Community work and she really needs a "Break".

Friends in Desdemona sends Get Well wishes to Floyd Moore, Jr. He is in a Fort Worth Hospital at this time recovering from surgery. Jr. graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1947 and his wife, Nell (Echols) Moore graduated with the Class of 1950.

LaRue Campbell of Andrews visited a few days recently with her sisters, Linda Lindley and Eddie, Rena Maltby and Ken all of Desdemona and Ann Brazell and Don of Stephenville.

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

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

What a wonderful weekend I had to have my family come for a weekend visit, go to Church with me on Sunday morning, September 9th and then honor me with a party to celebrate my 80th Birthday (which was September 7th) in the fellowship hall of the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon.

The fellowship hall was decorated with beautiful floral arrangements and pictures on tables through the room. A large floral arrangement of silk spring flowers with lots of bluebonnets centered the serving table. The birthday cake was beautifully decorated in the bluebonnet theme and was inscribed "Happy Birthday Zelda" and had the numbers 80 with candles on it. Family members served the cake with fruit punch, nuts and mints.

My heartfelt thanks to all my family and all the many friends and relatives who came to share the Celebration with me, and for all the beautiful cards you brought. Thanks also to those who sent cards and birthday wishes and for the telephone calls, and to the family for the gifts you gave. Your love and friendship means so much to me. A Special Thanks to Ray White for taking the many pictures for a wonderful memory album.

My prayer is that God will bless you all in a mighty way. I love you all. I thank God and praise Him for All the blessings he has bestowed upon me through these 80 years. It was a day I will always cherish.

Daryl Hirst directed the music, with Glenda Black at the piano at the Sunday morning services. Daryl and Glenda also rendered the Special Music, dedicating it to Glenda's mother, Zelda Jordan. They sang "The Sweetest Song I Know", "Mansion Over The Hilltop", "He's Still Working On Me" and "I Bowed On My Knees".

There were many visitors: They were Paul and Joyce Gray of Eastland, Michael and Melody Morgan and Christian Johnson of Strawn, Ian and Rachel Johnson of Ft. Polk, LA., Jack and Pat Carter of Gorman, Rev. Frank Shirley of Gorman, Kay Womack of Coppell, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe, Wanda Russell of Floydada, Sam and Audree Tipton of Lubbock, Glenda Black, Ray White, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Joe, Vicki and Justin Miles of Austin, Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock and Dr. Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Carbon.

Bro. Jim Haggard's message "The Sad Shape of a Boastful Business Man" was from the scriptures in James 4:13-17. Those who don't know Jesus as Savior are in bad shape. We should all live as if this day is the last day of our life. If you don't know Jesus, now is the time to accept him.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Nursing Home in Gorman for the Church services on Sunday afternoon were: Ed and Ruth Rodgers, Diana Dorris, Kari Rodgers, Thomas Seay and Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Woodrow and Helen Browning and their children, Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garret Gatlin of Graham and Gary, Rebecca, Emily and Lance Browning of Wichita Falls hosted the Lesley Family Reunion in Woodrow and Helen's homes on Sunday evening, September 9th. Others enjoying the visiting and bountiful supper were Helen's brother, Wayland and Wanda Lesley and family of Lampasas and Dwain Lesley and family of Austin and cousins Curtis and Ruby Lesley and family of Downing and Royce and Sharon Lesley and family of Downing.

Glenda Nell Browning and her daughter and granddaughter, Mary, Sydney and Lynsey McAlester of Alpine and Glenda Nell's son, Jim Bruton and his son, James of Whitewright visited with Kay and Gene Snider, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider and they all enjoyed lunch together at Kay and Gene's on Saturday. Glenda Nell was on the Girls State Champion Basketball Team that was honored at the Gorman School Homecoming on Saturday.

Several from Kokomo attended the Peanut Festival and School Homecoming Activities in Gorman on Saturday.

Betty Little and Karen Patterson vacationed in South Dakota enjoyed a visit to Mt. Rushmore and other points of interest. They then came back to Manitou Springs, CO. For the wedding of Betty's grandson, David Little and Ashley Wood on September 3rd. Charles and Carolyn Little also attended the wedding.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland visited with Betty Little on Saturday.

Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville visited with LaVon Snider and attended the Homecoming Activities at Gorman on Saturday. LaVon visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider.

Betty Little attended the 1947 Class Reunion at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night.

Kay Womack of Coppell spent the weekend with her sister, Ann Warren and attended the Homecoming Activities at Gorman.

Kaci, Randal, Aaron and Kaelee Sunga of Waco, Alice Webb and Durwood and Aletha Burgess visited with Oren and Norma Webb.

Those visiting with Jimmy and Verna Little were Nelda and Jarad Fails, Cody Fails and Courtney Butts of Arlington, Jerry and Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo, Amy and Rylee Shott of Eastland, Jim, Ashley and Breckley Little and Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon.

Those visiting with Bobby and Mary Jane Little Friday were Randy Hall, Jacob, Lauren and Haydon Hall of Cleburne and Aliesha Hall and her fiance, Dr. Hugo of Wisconsin.

Kari Rodgers of Georgetown visited during the weekend with her grandparents, Ed and Ruth Rodgers and her aunt Diana Dorris.

Joe Bond and his son Brian spent Wednesday night in Bullard with Joe's sisters, Mel Bond and Eloise Shock. They went on to New Orleans on Thursday where Brian has been living. He's moving back to Dallas. They spent Friday night in Houston with a friend Chris Fisher. They had lunch with all of Buddy and Marion Bond's children in the home of Amy Christopher in College Station on Saturday and then attended the Texas A&M and Fresno State football game in the afternoon. A&M won the game in triple overtime. Joe attended Church services at Prestonwood Church in Plano with Brian on Sunday morning and then met Buddy and Marion Bond for lunch.

Those visiting during the weekend with Zelda Jordan to help her celebrate her birthday were: Glenda Black, Ray White, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Joe, Vicki and Justin Miles of Austin, Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe, Wanda Russell of Floydada, Sam and Audree Tipton of Lubbock, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and Cassie Brasher of Carboin, and Daisy Slaton of Gorman joined them for supper on Saturday night, and Diane, Pierce and Brand and Meagan Miles of Waco and Randy McDonald of Rowlette visited on Sunday.

Glenda, Ray, Jimmy and Maggie treated Zelda to a birthday dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We Had a nice turnout of 30 people for our weekly dinner at 11:30 on the 5th of Sept. Jud Maxfield gave the blessing. I really want to thank these people who give the prayer for us all.

We had a pleasant surprise for honoring Opal Burton on being the Secretary Treasurer for the Oakland Cemetery Assn. She carried this title for sixteen years and has now retired. The Association honored her with a lovely plaque for all her years of service. Mrs. Browner Files of the Association was here to present Opal her plaque. She was very happy and surprised to receive this honor.

It was good to have Billie Joe Dennis and his wife Betty here to be with his Aunt Opal. I hope they will continue to come and be with us on Wednesday. We have missed them to visit with, especially Betty's good cooking. Also Willie and Jean Moom, Opal's niece, were here to be with her. I believe they were from Stephenville.

Also I was glad to have Jerry Underwood back. She is much improved after her fall. I do miss her when gone, she is such a help.

We were so sorry to hear of Billie Bennett's sisters passing. We are signed a card of sympathy to send to her. I do hope Billie is feeling better after her shingles outbreak.

Wynogene Smith brought the most beautiful coconut cream pie. I know the meringue had to be at least six inches high. Thanks also for always bringing rolls and good desserts.

Russell Cordell was here with his mom Anna Rush. Good to see him ever so often. Anna is our Bean woman and also makes the best egg custard. Thanks for all Anna.

I'm glad when Ruthie Porter and Geraldene Wright are here as they are such good helpers in the kitchen. Thanks ladies for keeping the kitchen spiffy and neat.

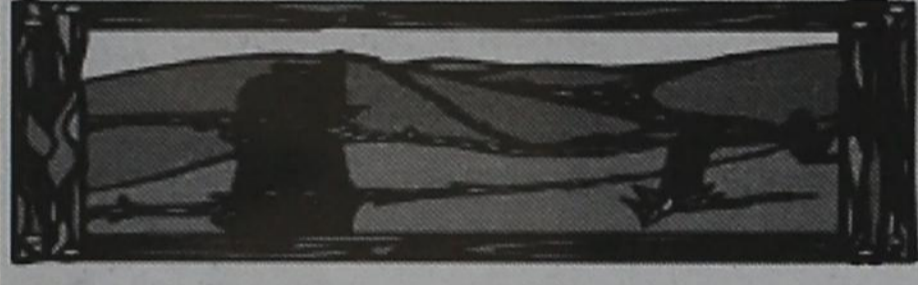
Betty Regian and I pulled a good one, forgot to put the dish I had made out on the table. It was still in kitchen when meal was over. I had labored over brocolli and cauliflower with cheese. Try not to do that again.

My son Keith left for Georgia Saturday the 8th. We all went to See Tyson Swanner, my grandson play ball Friday night. What a win!! Glad Keith could be her for dove hunting and also see Tyson play. We will all miss visiting with him. I did get to see him twice this year, usually only once and not that often.

Max and Barbara Bush left today the 11th for Colorado. They will visit friends in Muleshoe, and family in Lubbock on the way. I believe she said they will be in the Durango area in Colorado.

Don't forget game night every Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

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 conducted public hearings on a proposal
 to increase the total tax revenues of the
 _____ County of Eastland
 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding
 year by _____ 0.2217 _____ percent
 on _____ September 7, 2007 _____ and _____ September 10, 2007 _____ .

The _____ Eastland County Commissioners' Court
 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that
 will result in that tax increase at a public
 meeting to be held
 on _____ September 24, 2007 _____
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GOOBER GOURMET COOK-OFF RESULTS

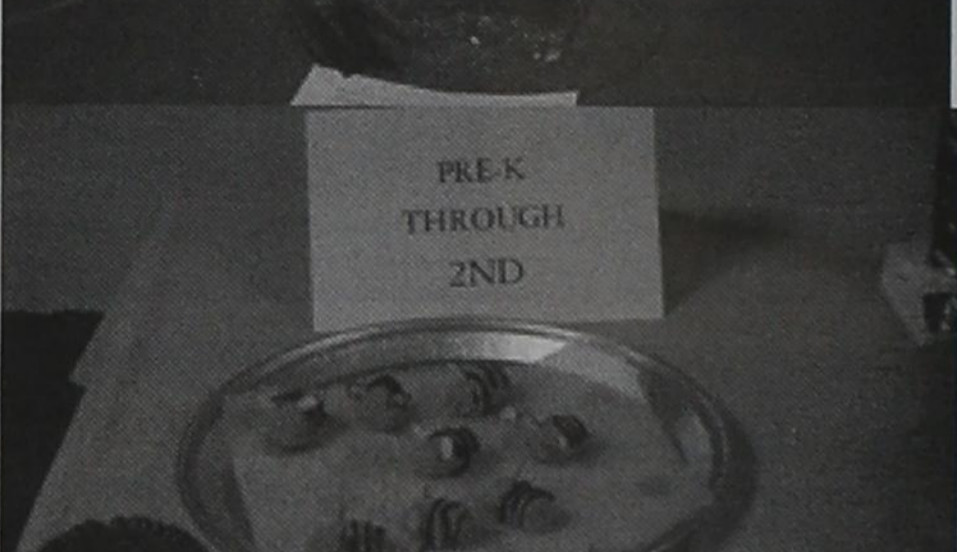
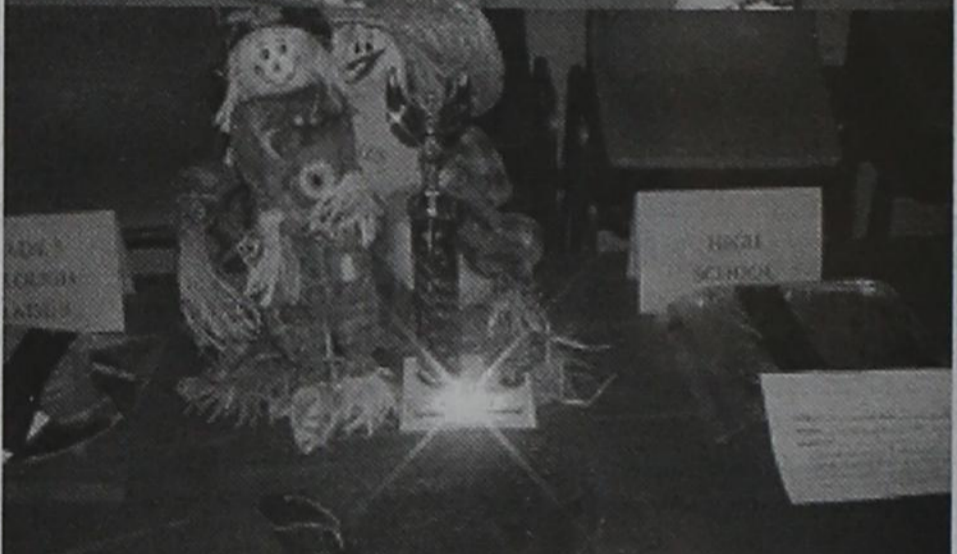
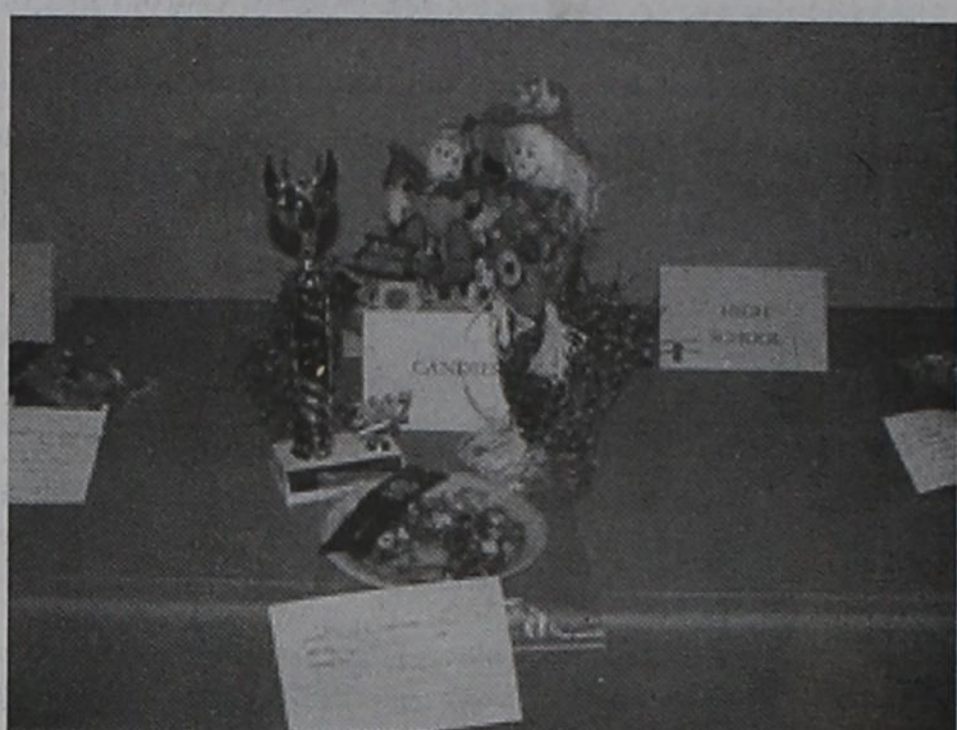
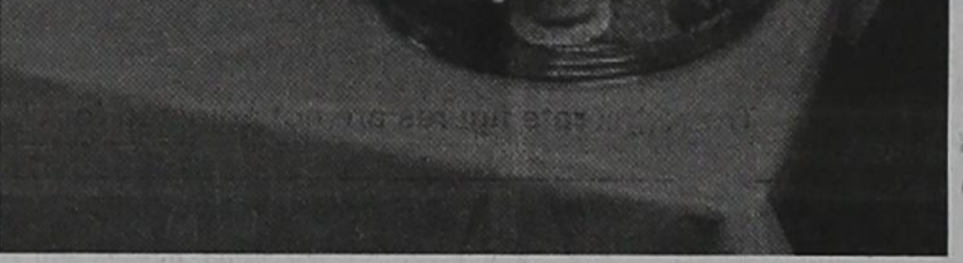
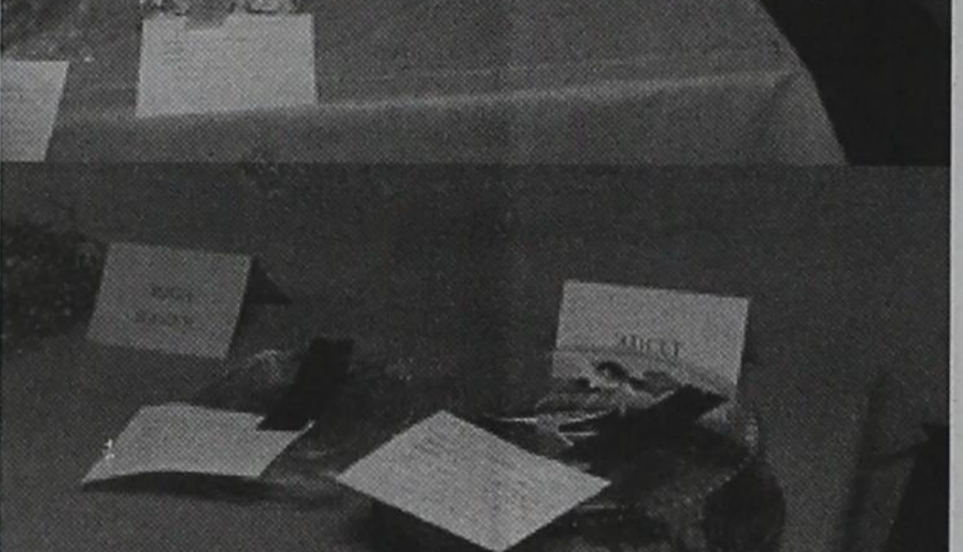
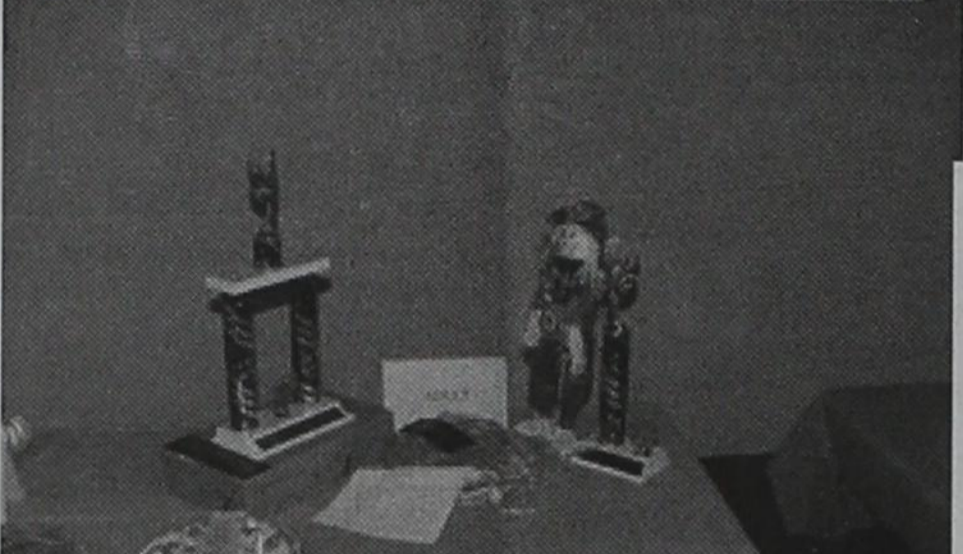
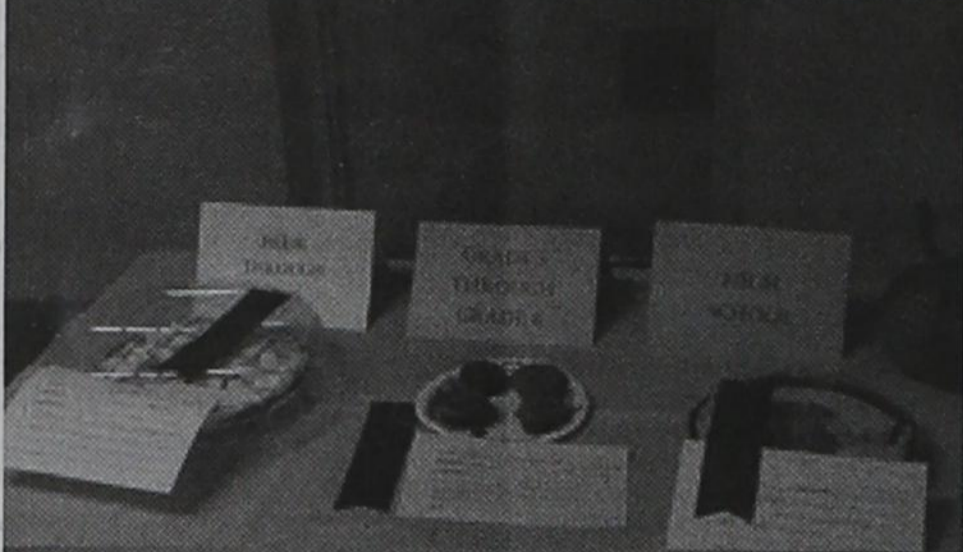
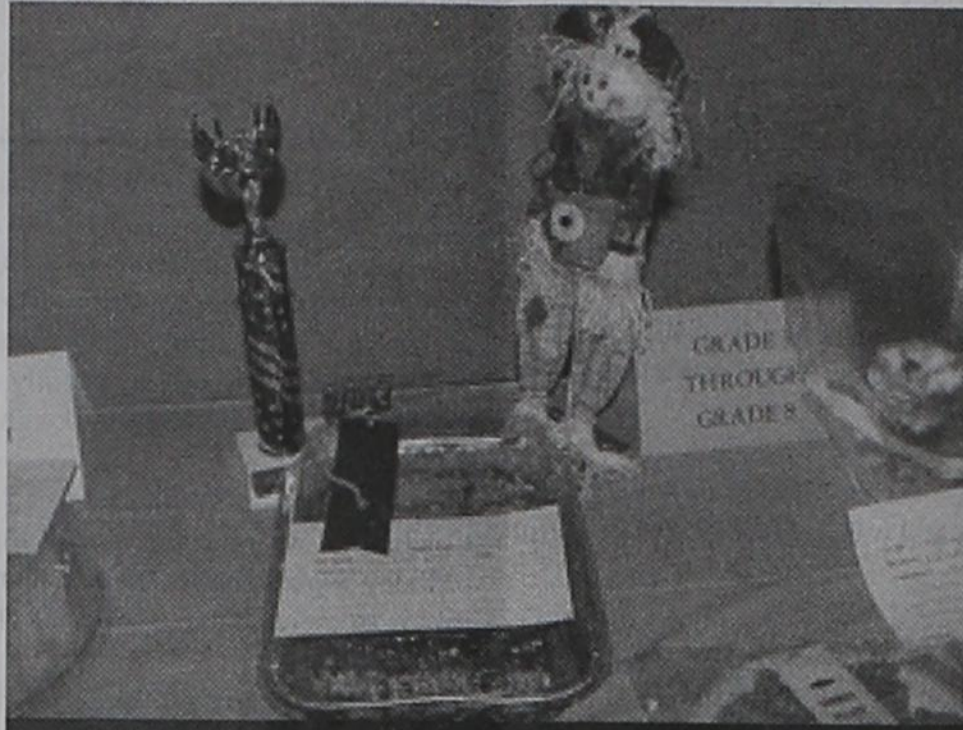
On Saturday, September 8th, the Gorman Goober Gourmet Cook-Off was held as part of the Peanut Festival. The cook-off had twenty-eight entries this year in five classes with four age groups each. All entries were delicious and made creative use of peanuts and/or peanut products. The cook-off chairperson, Melinda Harrington, wishes to express thanks for the effort put forth by all contestants.

Melinda, also wishes to thank all of the judges and volunteers 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: American State Bank of Gorman, 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 participants in the Antique Car Show. Special thanks go to Kim Harrington (Pampered Chef Representative) and to Martha Harrington for the gifts which were presented to the Champions and the Grand Champions along with the trophies.

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

Adult Candy
 1st Place: Frances Simpson
High School Candy
 1st Place: Kimberly Burks
 2nd Place: Kimberly Seaton
1st thru 8th Grade Candy
 1st Place: Katherine Bean
 2nd Place: Kendle Coan
HAMPION CANDY
 Kimberly Burks
Adult Cakes
1st thru 8th Cakes
 1st Place: Kourtney Seaton
 2nd Place: Shylee Smith
Pre-k thru 2nd Cakes
 1st Place: Aubrey Kellar
HAMPION CAKE
 Aubrey Kellar
Adult Pies
 1st Place: Wynogene Smith
 2nd Place: Lucretia Coan
 3rd Place: Freda Johnson
High School Pies
 1st Place: Grace Watson
1st thru 8th Pies
 1st Place: Kaycee Dodd
Pre-k thru 2nd Pies
 1st Place: Aubrey Kellar
HAMPION PIE
 Wynogene Smith
Adult Snacks
 1st Place: Liz Caraway
 2nd Place: Veronica Seaton
1st thru 8th Snacks
 1st Place: Kendle Coan
 2nd Place: Shylee Smith
 3rd Place: Michael Burks
Pre-k thru 2nd Snacks
 1st Place: Aubrey Kellar
HAMPION SNACK
 Kendle Coan
Adult Cookies
 1st Place: Lori Dodd
 2nd Place: Lucretia Coan
 3rd Place: Liz Caraway
 4th Place: Colleen Lamb
High School Cookies
 1st Place: Kimberly Seaton
1st thru 8th Cookies
 1st Place: Kourtney Seaton
 2nd Place: Brenton Coan
Pre-K thru 2nd Grade
 1st Place: Aubrey Kellar
HAMPION COOKIES
 Lori Dodd
GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW
 Wynogene Smith
MOST CREATIVE DECORATION
 Aubrey Kellar



PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the appraisal value or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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Eastland--The Eastland Lakeside Golf Course Ladies Association will be hosting their 7th Annual 18 Hole 2 Lady Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 29, 2007. Tee off time is 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$60.00 per person which includes breakfast, lunch, cart, refreshments and mulligans. Generous cash prizes will be awarded in each flight and there will be door prizes galore as well as raffles for a golf bag and putter! Come join us on our beautiful 18 hole golf course! Call the clubhouse at 254-629-2892 to sign up, receive directions or for more information. Course is located at 209 CR 157, Eastland 76448.

Unapproved Minutes of 9/6/2007 SEPTEMBER 06, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Don Underwood, and absent was Charlie Torrez. Twelve citizens were present. (Name listing attached.) Glenn Stockard of ECC., Barbara Fenley, Glenn Scitem, and Emmett Lasater were present.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m. The delay in calling the meeting to order could not be avoided. Don and Joe could not get there by 5:30 due to circumstances beyond their control.

Numerous citizens were present to discuss issues with the Commission. Several citizens were concerned about the water quality. Concerns were noted about the "rusty" color of the water. Others were more concerned with the amount of chlorine in the water. Complaints were also addressed again about laundry being discolored or damaged while washing. The Commission is very concerned about all of the above mentioned grievances, and will try diligently to figure out a solution. The Mayor, Commission, and Glenn agreed that we would continue to keep fire hydrants blown, and make every effort to keep the water flushed out. The Mayor, and Glenn will stay in contact with Gary Lacy @ Upper Leon. Upper Leon is where the City's treated water is purchased from. These problems are not just in Gorman. The battle is also in neighboring communities. The City will continue to try to find a solution for these problems.

The Mayor and Commission apologized for the situation and will make every effort to correct the problem as soon as possible. Diane Snider stated that she has had poor quality for quite some time, and she felt it was definitely time to correct the problem.

Ron Skiles was present to request that the City do something about the appearances of numerous properties. He stated that were vacant mobile homes on Carter Street that just needed to be bulldozed and the lots cleaned up. He also mentioned houses along North Kent Street that were vacant and nothing but unpleasant eye sores to neighbors and anyone coming into town. Ron also requested that the compost truck which is being parked on Hamilton Street across from the Hendrick home which just sold to a new comer to the area, be asked not to park there. Truck parking is available in the City, and there is also an ordinance forbidding parking eighteen wheelers on residential streets. He also made a request for owners of non - running vehicles, that accumulate and gather trash and rodents to get rid of them. Who wants to look at old abandoned vehicles piling up?

Ron wants an animal control officer to be hired. There are way too many dogs just running loose. He stated that if you wanted a pet, you should keep it on your property at all times. It is a huge nuisance when dogs and cats tear up and get into trash, visit other's yards to use the restroom, kill other penned or kept pets or animals. Pet owners should be fined and held responsible for their roaming pets. Ron would also like the speed limit to be 55 on State Highway 8 until just past the Peanut Baseball Park.

And a truck is being parked on the lot @ Taylor's that blocks view.

Kenneth Welch added that the roaming dogs are a real problem. He jogs, and walks on city streets and dogs have "threatened" him. He has not been bitten, but had concerns with more vicious dogs. He too would like to see an Animal Control officer in the City. Kenneth also stated that a lot of improvements need to be made on cleaning up Gorman. These abandoned and properties that are not maintained make our town look very uninviting. He would like to see citizens and residents take a little more pride in Gorman and make some positive changes in its appearance. Kenneth also stated that he and maybe a few more might be interested in helping elderly citizens in need of assistance in cleaning and properly maintaining their residents. Kenneth just made the statement that it would be nice for all of us to take pride on our community and make some improvements.

Johnny Ingram was concerned with the treatment of water from the water plant.

Rita Landa also expressed her concern with the water.

Tacy read the minutes of the last meetings. Nathan made the motion to accept the minutes. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion to pay the bills. Don made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

There were fourteen citizens present.

Joe made the motion to accept the resignation of David Stanley. Don made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to accept the resignation of Billy Carson. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0. Both David and Billy went to jobs with slightly better benefits.

Don made the motion to purchase Billy Carson's computer for the Police Dept. Joe made a Second. Motion carried 3-0.

Reports were submitted by department heads. Emmett had Nathan report two issues to the Commission.

Joe made the motion to accept the 2006-07 Audit Report submitted by Cameron Gulley CPA. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion to contribute \$500 to the Eastland County Crisis Center, Crime Victims Assistance, and Children's Advocacy Program. Don made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Tacy held the second reading of Ordinance #2007-04 Adopting Tax Rate. Nathan made the motion to pass and approve for adoption said ordinance. Don made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Tacy is to place an ad in the Thrifty Nickel advertising for working with city crew and as an animal control officer.

There being no further business for discussion Don made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 3-0, time was 7:45 p.m.

Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman News

Would like to thank everyone who helped out while I was in Crested Butte, Colorado. The scenery so pretty, the weather so nice and cool. But it sure was good to get back on level ground. Thanks again everyone.

We really appreciate the Cloggers From Granbury coming prior to the parade on Sat. to dance for us. Then the Peanut Festival Parade came by and several groups stopped to perform for us. Thank you.

Visiting with Ima Boles were Blake, Dana, and Lily Boles of Granbury, Abby Jo and Shane Griffin of Fort Worth, and Bobby and Mary Jane Little. Visiting with Lavona Sharp were Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Ronni Ryon of Desdemona, Mike Shipman and Frankie and Lyndon Shipman. Visiting with Jelma Smith were JoAnn Gore of Venus, Kryste, Jake, Jarryn and Amarriah of Cleburn, Kacey, Brittnay, Micah and Maddox Honea of Ft. Worth, Jeff Smith of Eastland. David and Connie Smith of Joshua came and joined Jelma and Ina and Johnny Smith at Z.J.'s for lunch and a visit. LaVerne Carr of Whitney came and took her mom, Troy Scitem downtown to the Peanut Festival Parade on Saturday, then to Eastland on Sunday shopping. Kristen and Kendell Scitem visited with Troy.

Freddie Rodgers, Steve and Linda Estes of Sanger visited with Don Estes.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were Rozelle Caraway and James Norris of Eastland, Jeanna Pack of Carbon and Lacy and Gracie Majors and Billy Earl Simpson.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Nell Browning, Mary, Lyndsey and Sydney McCallister of Alpine, James and Jim Bruton of DeLeon, Kay Snider and Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Becky Moore of DeLeon visited with her mother, Mildred Addy. Have a good week. Ina

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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 .075 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 Sept. 18, 2007 at Gorman City Office @ 7:30 a.m.

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

FOR:
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

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	<u>0</u> % (increase)	or	<u>0</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>0</u> % (increase)	or	<u>0</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>0</u> % (increase)	or	<u>0</u> % (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	\$ 28,269,740.00	\$ 29,369,330.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 261,450.00	\$ 71,240.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 24,124,100.00	\$ 24,226,930.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 261,450.00	\$ 7,124,000.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$.7879 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$.84 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$.0521 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year 6.6 % Increase OR % Decrease

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

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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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	\$ 22,644.00	\$ 22,210.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 22,644.00	\$ 22,210.00

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 \$ 178.41.

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 \$ 186.56. 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 \$ 8.15 or a decrease of \$ in taxes.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ in the previous 12 months beginning , , for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The spent \$ from to on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is .

Happenings From FBC

Another big day for those that love the Lord. During Sunday School time, we had an Appreciation Day for Nursery Teachers, Frances Warren who has been there since 1960 and Jean Lasater, who has been there since 1972. They were presented with flowers and plaques, and cards from many, either who were in the nursery, or had kids and grandchildren in the nursery during those years. Everyone will appreciate the new paint job in the nursery, new baby beds, new rocking chairs, new tables and chairs, and new decor. If you have not been by to see it, please drop by and see how great it looks. And Frances and Jean will be there for more years to come.

A report was given on the 5th quarter here at the church, after the football game on Friday night. Congratulations to the football team and the girls winning the tournament on Saturday. Go teams!!

If you haven't already, you need to get calendar to mark all the coming events. Sept. 10, WOM ladies will meet at 9:30. They plan to take all the items that have been brought for Teacher Appreciation Day. On Sept. 11, there is a new study beginning at 7 p.m. Beth Moore's study, "A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place". We have had 25 already signed up. Also on Tuesday, the Messengers will be singing in Eastland at the Annual Fund Raiser at the Majestic Theatre at 7 p.m. September 13th, 10 a.m. Is Food Pantry. Sept. 15th - Brotherhood Breakfast - 8 a.m.; Big reminder - Sept. 12 - Wednesday at 6 p.m. New Year for Team Kids, Mission Friends and Youth. Next Sunday morning the State Mission Speaker will be Jan Morissette and following the Sunday morning service we will have a pot luck dinner. Donations for the Mary Hill Davis State Mission Fund. These are people who came and helped with Disaster Relief and clean up. They get their funding from this State Mission Fund.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Tell Me the Old, Old Story". He told us of meeting a couple at the Dairy Queen that had just moved here. He began to think, why did they move to Gorman? What is the story of every person that lives here? He had us write on a card two most defining times in our lives and they were taken up. He told us his story, about playing football and getting his arm broken, wanting to kill himself, and then about surrendering to preach. About preaching all over the U.S. and Europe and foreign countries. And about how he came to be here in Gorman. Then he read several of the cards. What were 2 defining things that happened in your life? Then he reminded us of the defining times of Jesus, who he was and who he still is. What is your reflection in this area? Do you know Jesus? Does Jesus live in Gorman?

Glorious Achievements!!! Nursery Sunday School



On Sunday, September 8, 2007, First Baptist Church Gorman was honored to recognize Mrs. Frances Warren and Mrs. Jean Lasater for their unwavering commitment to serve the Lord as Nursery Sunday School Teachers; Mrs. Frances Warren since 1960 and Mrs. Jean Lasater since 1972.

As sure as night is dark and day is light you will find these two ladies in our Nursery every Sunday morning teaching our little ones about Jesus. There is no sweeter experience than to be a Pastor who had a one-year-old child come into his home and see a figurine in a curio cabinet and exclaim, "Jesus!" It is because these two special ladies, Mrs. Frances Warren and Mrs. Jean Lasater, take their responsibility to teach these young toddlers about Jesus extremely seriously.

James 3:1 says, "Don't be in any rush to become a teacher, my friends. Teaching is highly responsible work. Teachers are held to the strictest standards." (The Message)

Mrs. Frances Warren and Mrs. Jean Lasater are truly extraordinary teachers. For 47 years and for 34 years these ladies have taught little boys and girls that Jesus is their Savior; and they both continue to serve to save these little souls for Jesus.

Halee Walton - County
Extension Agent-FCS
Eastland County

CAN DO WITH CANNED FOODS

According to research, the amount of time spent preparing meals at home continues to decline. Convenience is in high demand and, as a result, the number of meals we are eating out continues to rise. At the same time, however, people are becoming more interested in nutrition and the foods they eat. Is it possible to have convenience and nutrition in the kitchen? Yes, with a little planning, a variety of meals, snacks, and desserts can be prepared with canned foods that most of us already have at home.

The Canned Food Alliance consortium (<http://www.mealtime.org/recipes/>) has developed hundreds of recipes, including Quick Goulash (see below) that can be made from canned foods. But how nutritious are meals prepared with canned ingredients? Researchers at the University of Illinois examined the nutritional composition of selected canned fruits, vegetables, legumes, poultry and fish. Their results demonstrated that those foods were nutritionally equal and sometimes superior to the nutritional value found in the fresh and frozen varieties.

Nutrition is just one reason to give canned foods a second look. Other reasons include variety and quality. According to the Canned Food Alliance, there are more than 1500 different foods available in canned form. The high quality of canned foods, including legumes, fruits and vegetables, makes them a perfect substitute when fresh produce is not available or is too expensive.

Convenience is also another reason to use canned foods. For many canned foods, all you have to do is open, heat and eat. It really does not get much easier than that. Food safety rules still apply when using canned foods. When shopping, buy canned foods that are not dented especially if the dent is on the seam. If a canned food is leaking or if the ends are bulged, do not use it. Instead, return the unopened can to the place of purchase. After opening, refrigerate uneaten portions of canned foods immediately in a covered container. Remember, being thrifty should never come before food safety. Information provided by Marty Graves - CEA-FCS in Williamson County. For more information on preparing meals with canned food, please contact Eastland County Extension Agent Halee Walton at 254/629-2222 or hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu

<mailto:hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu>
<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/how/freeze.html>

West Texas Rehab Center's 2007 Round-Up Auction



Chuckwagon master, Archie Jobe and volunteer K.O. Killian busy preparing campfire beans for the 2006 Eastland Round-Up for Rehab auction crowd.

Enjoy Chuckwagon Beans & Cornbread While Supporting The West Texas Rehabilitation Center - September 18th, the Texas Cattle Exchange auction barn, under new ownership will host the 2007 Round-Up for Rehab special sale benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Local ranchers, ag-related and community businesses, along with Rehab friends come together once again to support the Center's mission to improve the quality of life for those served regardless of financial circumstances. Providing services since 1953, the Rehab continues to serve over 20,000 children and adults each year with outpatient rehabilitative care.

Since its inception in 1960, the Round-Up for Rehab program has provided more than \$10 million in helping those who have turned to the Center for assistance. The Eastland sale is one of nine special Round-Up for Rehab auctions and promises to provide a unique, fun experience. Everyone is invited to come out to the auction barn on Tuesday, September 18th, at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy a meal of beans, cornbread and cobbler prepared by the Rehab's own Chuckwagon. The auction then kicks-off at 11:00 am, with items of interest for all. Livestock, ag-related and general merchandise, crafts and baked goods will be offered with a round of lively, friendly bidding.

Heading up the 2007 Eastland County Round-Up program are Chris Sci ern, Bill Horn, Jim Horn, Wesley Warren, Joy Rogers and Bill Wright, Jr. Others with key roles in this year's program are general chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene, Jody Frey of San Angelo and Bob Helmers of Christoval. They join with other volunteers to ask the people of West Texas to help Rehab meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of all who turn to the Center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of illness or injury.

Corporate friends of Rehab that have once again stepped forward as major Round-Up sponsors are Area Farm Credit Associations, Patterson-UTI Energy, Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife, Group IV-Member Owned Electric Cooperatives, Town & Country Food Stores and Wrangler. Heartland Alliance of America/Farm & Ranch Healthcare continues as the Rehab's Chuck Wagon sponsor. Additional sponsor support includes: Airticity, Lone Star Beef, Mueller Metals, Walco International, First AG Credit and A-B Distributing. "The commitment of our local chairmen and ranchers and the continuing support of our corporate sponsors helps make sure the services of the Rehab are available to all who need them regardless of their ability to pay," said WTRC President, Woody Gilliland.

Ways ranchers and supporters can help include:

- Donating livestock to the auction sale
- Donating merchandise or other auction items
- Attend the sales and join in the bidding
- Make a cash gift to Rehab
- Notify Rehab or a local chairman now of an intent to have the auction house cut a check to Rehab

for animals sold later in the year

So mark your calendars and plan to attend for a great time and become a part of the Rehab's philosophy of "neighbor-helping neighbor." For more information about the Rehab Center or Round-Up sale dates call WTRC-Abilene at 325-793-3507. Brownwood area residents wishing to donate animals, merchandise, baked goods or needing information on the local sale, contact the Texas Cattle Exchange at 254-629-2288.

Super Notes

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

I told you last week that the Volleyball Team had gone wild and I wasn't kidding! They went undefeated at the De Leon tournament and won the championship. Way to go Lady Panthers! These girls are exciting to watch. Pick up a schedule at American State Bank or Gorman Pharmacy and don't miss the action!

65-0. Do I need to say more? The Gorman Panther Football team totally crushed the Covington Owls. Maybe plucked would be a better term. This looks like a Six-man score doesn't it? I am really looking forward to the game against Ben Bolt this Saturday in Fredericksburg at 6:00pm. Unfortunately for me, it is also trade days in Fredericksburg so it may be an expensive trip. We'll see. I know it is a good two to two and a half hour drive, but these boys and coaches have been working so hard, I hope we will have a large crowd. If you are not there, you will miss seeing our boys win their third straight game. They are on a roll and Ben Bolt is about to be the next one to get rolled over. Don't miss it.

I thought I was going to melt Saturday. I think we sold more hamburgers at the Peanut Festival this year than the last two put together. If not, it was certainly the most productive year of the three years I've worked. There was a great crowd there and the music was great!

Our bonds were sold at the end of last month and our money deposited. We will draw interest on our funds until we have to begin making payments to the various entities involved. As of today, soil samples have been taken and the survey ordered. This information has to be returned to the architect before he can design the foundation. We are going to move forward as fast as we can, but the process is a slow one. I will keep you updated through this article as best as I can.

I hope everyone that attended the reunion this Saturday or the game Friday night had an opportunity to see the memory bricks that have been laid just west of the entrance inside the football field. They look great. If you are interested in purchasing a brick for yourself or someone else, like your favorite coach, a teacher, your favorite principal or superintendent, your child, etc., Bob Powell is the person to contact. He will get you fixed up. He always has a table set up at home varsity games selling Panther memorabilia and bricks. You can also look for the order form in this paper.

At this month's regular scheduled board meeting, the agenda was relatively light. The meeting was held at 5:pm this month to all board members to receive required update to legislation training in the distance learning lab from 6pm to 8pm. The board meeting convened at 5pm. Present was President Harrington, Vice President Seaton, Secretary Simmons, Beth Underwood, Daryl Hirst, and Larry Thompson. Bob Powell arrived at 5:12pm. The consent agenda was passed unanimously which consists of the payment of the bills, approving minutes, and paying payroll. The board then received all regular reports, the highlights of which are: Fund balance for GISD of \$986,213.84 in local maintenance fund, \$410,435.91 in Lone Star Investment Pool, and \$5,001,472.30 in TexSTAR Investment Pool; tax collections for 2006 reported at 95.2%; Our enrollment is still holding over 380; Our dual credit courses are up, and over all everything is going well at GISD. The board unanimously approved the first reading of TASB Policy Update 81, maximum teacher entitlement under the Texas Educator Excellence Program, and the adjunct personnel agreement with Eastland County Extension Office. There was no action taken on adjustments to the superintendent's goals for 2007-2008. No action was discussed or taken on personnel and the meeting was adjourned by President Harrington at 5:58pm.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

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