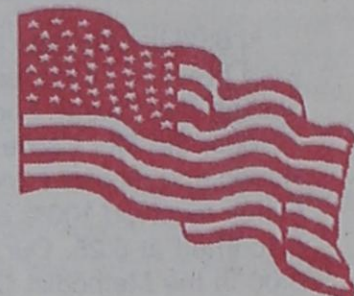


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Andrea Dodd Named New
Peanut Festival Queen

Andrea Dodd was crowned 2002-2003 Peanut Festival Queen during a pageant held Saturday, September 14th.

46th Homecoming
Slated Saturday
PROGRAM

REGISTRATION — 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 (High School)

Reminiscing and Refreshment

LUNCH — 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING — 1:30 p.m. - Auditorium

INVOCATION — Larry Stogdill

Minister: Church of Christ

WELCOME — Leslie Vann

CALL TO ORDER — Francis Simpson

READING OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Sylvia Buchanan - Secretary

Cecilia Hirst - Treasurer

ROLL CALL OF CLASSES - Billy Taylor

(Farthest Traveled - Oldest Ex - Teachers & Coaches)

ENTERTAINMENT — John Howard Family

ELECTION OF COMING HOME QUEEN

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MEMORIAL — Ernestine Shugart

OTHER BUSINESS — "Pass The Hat"

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT — Ryan Hagood

SCHOOL SONG

BENEDICTION

The 46th Annual Homecoming will be Saturday, September 28, 2002 at the Gorman High School. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon with reminiscing and refreshments. Lunch will be from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. Hamburger lunch will be available provided by the Gorman Livestock Raisers' Association. The business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Homecoming ball game will be on Friday night, September 27th at 7:30 p.m. against Evant.

Make plans to attend.

Class Reunions for Carbon
Classes of '45, '46, '47, '48

The 1945, 1946, 1947, and 1948 Classes of Carbon High School will meet for their class reunions on Friday, October 4, 2002 at ZJ's Steak House in Gorman at 5:30 p.m.

Anyone who was ever in any of these classes and all teachers are invited to attend. For more information please call Zelda Jordan at 254-639-2289.

Carbon High School Class Reunion

The Carbon High School classes of 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944 will meet at the End of the Trail Restaurant on East Main in Eastland at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2002. We will be going to Carbon Community Center on Saturday for Golden Exes.

If you were ever in any of these classes, you are welcome to come and be with us. I hope to see may of you there!

Ladell Bethany Tonn

See You at Our Book Fair!

Would you encourage your child's love of reading if you could? Of course. What's more - you can!

Scholastic Book Fairs comes to our school on Sept. 23-27 to share exciting books and learning products with our young readers. Parents and teachers will find plenty of items to interest them too. The fair is open each day from 7:45 to 3:00.

We're hosting a Family Event on Monday, September 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that will feature our Reading Round-Up Theme, we will have a couple of games, refreshments and a drawing for free books. Everyone is welcome.

The Book Fair helps us promote learning while raising money for special school projects.

Don't miss out on the Scholastic Book Fair, September 23-27.

Call 734-2617 or 734-3860 for more information.

1997 Class
Reunion Set

The Class of 1997 will have their class reunion on Saturday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blue Agave Restaurant in Stephenville.

Those attending will be responsible for paying for their own meal.

For more information or directions, contact Amanda at 254-647-3080.

Singing at
Kokomo
September 29

The fifth Sunday singing will be held at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, September 29, 2002, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Several churches will participate and everyone who likes to sing or just listen to gospel music is invited to attend. There will be refreshments in the fellowship hall following the singing.

AARP 55
Alive
Driving

Senior Center Gorman, Tx. Sept. 30-Oct. 1 from 12-4 p.m. both days. Call 254-734-2184 to register.

Panthers Blank Pirates 42-0;
Host Evant For Homecoming

GAME AT A GLANCE		Gorman	Covington
21	First Downs	9	
39/445	Rushes/Yds.	23/80	
35	Passing Yds.	29	
1/7	Passes Comp.	5/22	
7	Interceptions	4	
0	Punts/Avg.	3/30	
3/3	Fumbles/Lost	3/3	
17/120	Penalties	6/40	

The Gorman Panthers overcame 17 penalties on Friday night at Perrin-Whitt to overwhelm the Pirates 42-0 for their third straight victory. The Panthers were tagged 17 times for 120 yards.

After fumbling on their first possession the Panthers took the ball on the Pirate 27 and scored in 4 plays with Rollo Torres getting the score from 1 yard out with 7:01 left in the first. On the drive Rollo also carried twice for 10 yards and Sawyer Wright had a 15 yarder. The kick for point after failed and Gorman was up 6-0.

Then after Gorman kickoff to the Pirates, Sawyer Wright got a fumble on the Pirate 40 and raced the distance for a score with 6:35 left in the first. A pass to Sawyer from Josh Carruth added the 2 pointer and the score rose to 14-0.

Then with 4:44 left in the first half Sawyer capped a 40 yard drive with a 15 yard scamper for the score. An interception by Rollo set the Panthers up at the Perrin-Whitt 40. Sawyer ran for 14 and Rollo had a 6 yarder on the drive. Juan Martinez booted the point after and Gorman was up 21-0. The half ended with this score.

The Gorman Panther Marching Band and Peaster Band performed at the intermission and did an outstanding job.

The Panthers held the Pirates on their first possession following the intermission and started a drive at their own 41. Following a 15 yard penalty on the Panthers they moved 74 yards in just 5 plays with Rollo getting the score from 10 yards out with 8:32 left. The Panthers also had 2 more penalties of 5 and 10 on the drive. The kick for point failed and Gorman led 27-0.

The Big Red defense held the Pirates on their next possession and got the ball after holding the Pirates on the Perrin-Whitt 35. Sawyer ran for yards, then after another Panther penalty of 5 yards, Tim Guerra ran for 5 and 2 yards before Sawyer finished the drive by racing for 24 yards and the score with 5:17 left in the third. Juan booted the point after to put Gorman up 34-0.

The final Panther drive was a possession covering 52 yards in just four plays with Sawyer breaking off the left side of his line and rambling for the final 30 yards with 14 seconds left in the third. The drive

featured a 27 yard scamper by Rollo and a 7 yarder by Tim.

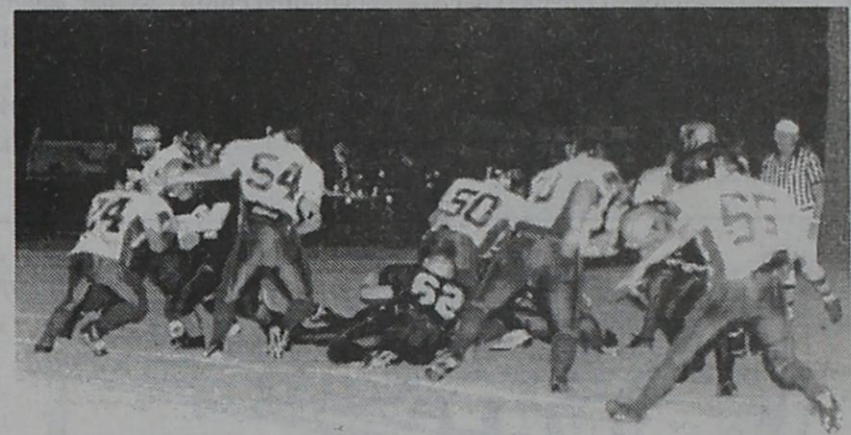
The final Panther score came when the Pirates were penned back on their own 2 and Brian Hunt tackled the Pirate quarterback Kevin von Atzigen in the end zone for a 2 point safety with 3:27 left in the game.

Rollo led the Panthers with 201 yards on 16 carries. Sawyer had 123 on 9 tries. Tim had 41 on 9; Ryan Wright had 40 on two keepers; Josh Carruth got 35 on 7 keepers and Roberto Rodriguez ran once for 5.

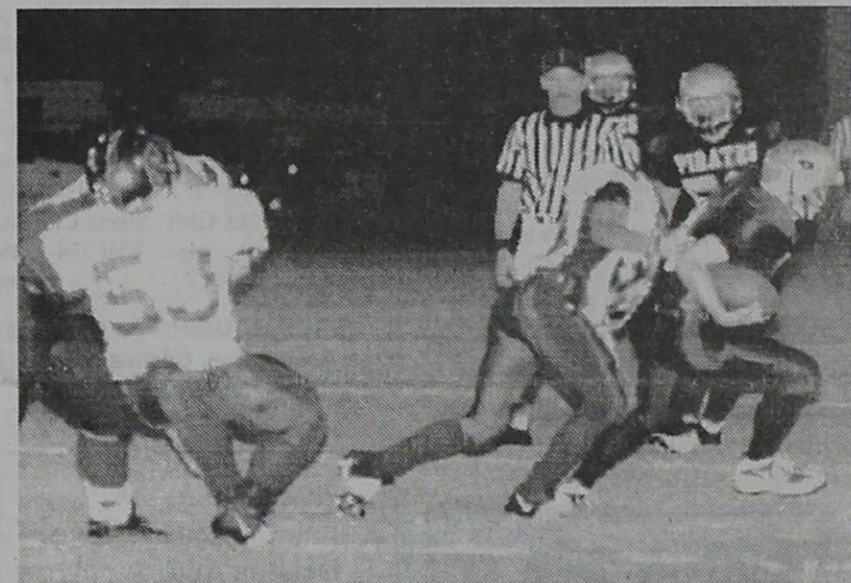
The Panthers will have to correct their penalty problems if they hope to get their fourth victory on Friday night when they host the always tough Evant Elks in the Homecoming Game at Brogdon Field.

Come on out and back the Panthers to another victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!



LINE OF DEFENSE — Rolly Torres, Chad Robertson, Juan Martinez, J.T. Whitfill and Russell Jay helped to keep the Pirates at bay during game action Friday night. The Panthers held the Pirates to only 80 yards on the ground.



IN THE GRASP — Roberto Rodriguez is shown trying to stop an Pirate runner during game action Friday. Also shown is Martinez and Hunt.

More Football Photos Inside This Issue Of The Progress

EDC To Hold Garage Sale

The Gorman EDC will be hosting a garage sale this coming weekend, Sept. 28. The sale will be at the old Fire Hall. If you have quality items to donate, please call Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or 734-3637. It will be from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday.

The EDC and City of Gorman are having a variety of fundraising events throughout the coming months to raise money to meet the 50% match of a state grant. This grant will help supply medical equipment to the clinic that Dr. Dan Brudnak is opening.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Lori Dodd or Judy Warren, EDC Vice President. The EDC has a special account set up to receive these donations at American State Bank.

Desdemona Monthly Musical

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday night, September 28th at the Community Center (school building). All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Make plans to attend for good music, good food and good fellowship.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

FOOD PANTRY
Second Thursday of Each Month

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Glenn Glasson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

DANCE — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

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

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to 1126 CR389, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - OCTOBER 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Gorman 4-H News

At 6:08 the Gorman 4-H started their meeting. 4 of 5 members were present. Tasha led the pledge and motto. We talked about hosting the County Food Show this year and it will be held on October the 5th. Carrie Shipps went to the West Texas Fair and Rodeo and received 2nd in youth raring and 1st in junior. Sarah Flores received 100% attendance for last year. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25. Our next meeting will be on October 14th at 6:00 in the Methodist Church. We would like everyone to come and join us next month.

Tasha Ritter, Secretary

Obituary

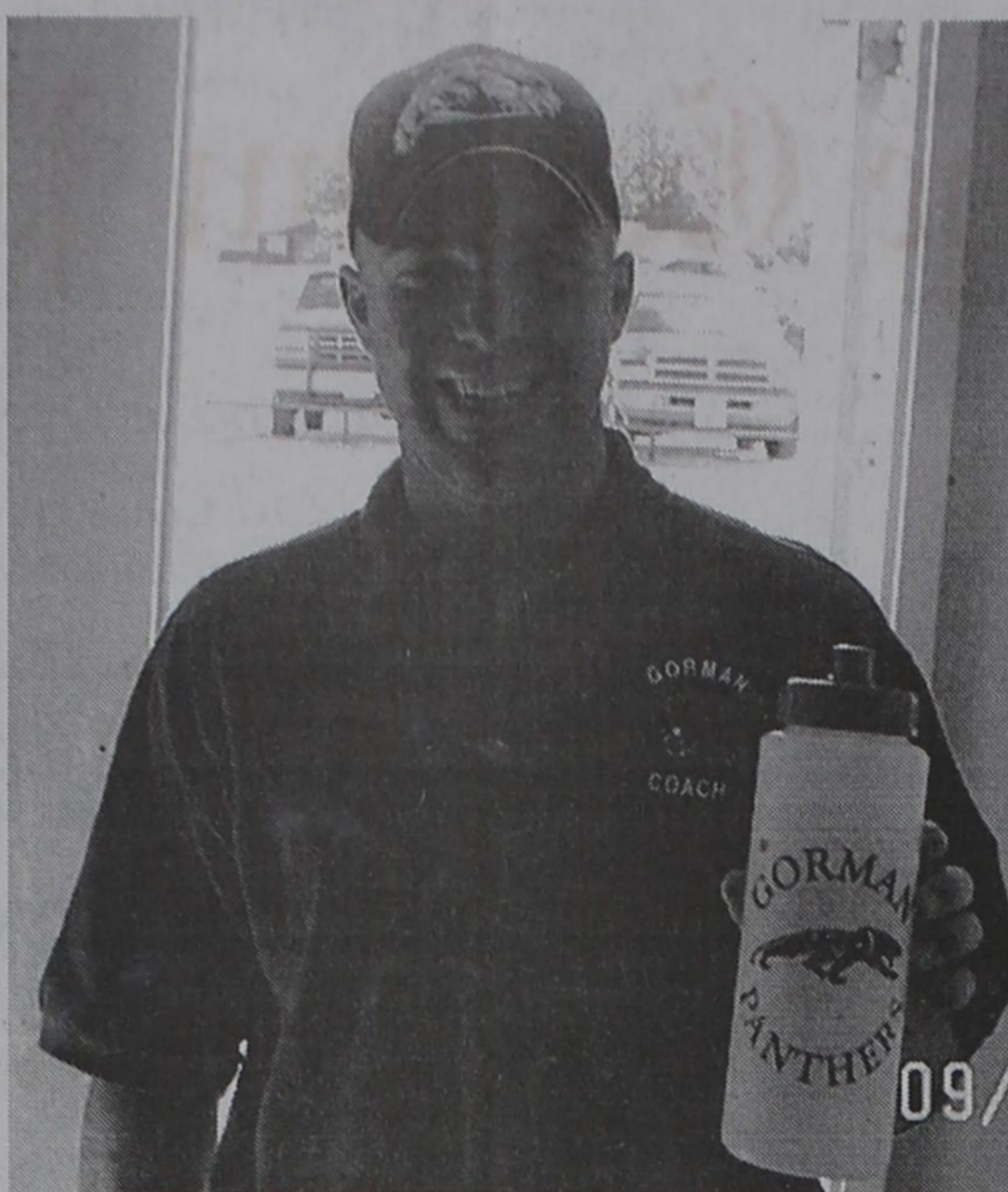
Emma Isbell

Emma Lou Browning Isbell was born April 9, 1930 in Desdemona to the late Charles Marian and Sallie Dora Guthery Browning. She grew up just south of Desdemona in the Jakehamon Community and attended school in Desdemona graduating with the Class of 47. Emma married Patrick Henry (Pat) Isbell in Stephenville on December 6, 1957. He preceded her in death on January 30, 1989. After their marriage, they immediately moved to the Dallas area where she remained until her death. She passed away September 20, 2002 due to old age.

She was a retired School Food Service worker having worked 21 years for both Irving and Grand Prairie School Districts. After her retirement she worked at Irving Healthcare system, now Baylor Medical Center, in the cafeteria for 4 years.

Her survivors include daughters and son-in-law Deborah and Scott Silver of Houston and Patricia Chandler of Irving, a twin brother Charles Bruce Browning of Pittsburgh, PA, grandchildren Philip Chander, Randy Chandler, Ashley Holt, Aubrey Holt and step-grandchildren Kristina Silver and Justin Silver.

Funeral services were Tuesday, September 24, 2002 at Sherwood Park Baptist Church with Rev. Bronson Clemens officiating. Interment was at the DeLeon Cemetery.



Panther Water Bottles

Coach White Drinks his favorite beverage out of the new Gorman Athletic Booster Club Water Bottle, and so should you. Available at local Sporting Events for \$ 3.00 (While Supplies Last). Or call Kathy Marlow 734-3017.

Notification to Private Schools and Home Schools

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the conditions, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), through which special education and related services may be provided to children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled by their parents in private schools, including religious and home schools.

Child Find—The local Education Agency (LEA) has a child find system for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children with disabilities (birth through 21) residing in the school district, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services.

If you have a child or children whom you suspect of being disabled, you may initiate a referral for a full and individual evaluation by notifying your local school district or East End Education Co-op at 254-734-2020.

Children who have not been identified through the child find process and determined to be eligible for special education and related services by an Admission, Review, & Dismissal (ARD) committee cannot be included in the determination of services described below.

Services to Parentally Placed Private School Children with Disabilities—The law does not require that services be provided to all children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled in private or home schools, or to every private or home school. However, every effort will be made to provide appropriate services with proportionate IDEA funds. If you will contact your local school district or East End Education Co-op, you will assist us in our effort to accurately count all IDEA eligible children enrolled in private and home schools. This count will help to determine how best to use the proportionate share of IDEA funds to meet the needs of children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled in private and home school settings.

If you have any questions, please contact your local school district or Tommie Lee at East End Co-op 254-734-2020.

School Menu

Week of September 30
Breakfast

- Monday--Cereal, toast, milk, juice
- Tuesday-Sausage Pancake on Stick, syrup, milk, juice
- Wednesday--Eggs, toast, milk, juice
- Thursday--Brk. Pizza, milk, juice
- Friday--Biscuits, sausage, gravy, milk, juice

Lunch

- Monday--Beef stew, corn bread, pears, peanut butter bars
- Tuesday--Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls
- Wednesday--Ground beef & macaroni with Mexican seasoning, salad
- Thursday--Fish, pinto beans, potatoe salad
- Friday--Chopped Bar-B-Que, Ranch style beans, chips, peaches

Thank You

We want to thank our family and friends who remembered us in countless ways, while Stephanie was undergoing tests at the Mayo Clinic. We have been deeply touched and blessed by your prayers, flowers, gifts, calls and cards.

May God bless you as He has us.

Krista, Stephanie, and Cole Michael



Kimmy Seaton - 1st in Age Division Peanut Bake-Off - Best of Show

Quilt Show

Town N' Country Quilt Guild of Stephenville presents its bi-annual Threads of Texas Quilt Show on October 4th and 5th, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.00. Quilts on display on the square in the Historic Erath County Courthouse in Stephenville. AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, various vendors and a collection of "Keepsake" quilts will be at this event. For more information, e-mail Peggy at rjd@texinet.net.

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NEW: 65 A. north of Desdemona: Sandy land, some coastal, some timber, pavement front, water well w/ pump, smaller tract available. \$1,150 acre.

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Constable	\$50	District Clerk:
		Loretta Key - (R)
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		(Incumbent)
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		Charles Stenholm - (D)
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- Are they real?
- How do they operate?
- What's their goal?

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Almost \$300 in prizes was awarded Tuesday, September 10, as the Cisco Writers Club (CWC) announced the winners in its 26th annual writing contest. The contest is a community service project of the Club. The prizes were awarded in a ceremony at Cisco, Texas.

An emotional moment in the festivities was the presentation of the first Dr. Joe Stamey Unrhymed Poetry Award. This special award honors CWC member, Cisco native and retired McMurry University philosophy professor Dr. Joe Stamey, who died this year. It is awarded to the winner in the Unrhymed Poetry category.

The Cisco Writers Club congratulates these winners:
SPECIAL AWARDS:
 1. David Aury Sweepstakes Award: (tie) Patricia Gohlke, Ranger TX, and Ruth York, Cisco TX - BEST ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCE
 2. Dr. Joe Stamey Unrhymed Poetry Award: Evanell A. Davis, Abilene TX - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "UNRHYMED POETRY"
 3. Irene Wylie Nostalgia Award: Neva Brown, San Angelo TX - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "NOSTALGIA"
 4. Lou Prange Inspirational Award: Gay Ingram, Big Sandy TX - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "INSPIRATION"
 5. Mary Latch Carey Fiction Book Award: Ruth York, Cisco TX - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "BOOKS" (FICTION)
 6. Lela Latch Lloyd Nonfiction Book Award: N. W. Barnhill, Fort Worth TX - HIGHEST RANKED NONFICTION BOOK

CATEGORIES, JUDGES, WINNERS:
Short Stories
 Billie McMullen--Abilene TX--Published prize winning author, past president Abilene Writers Guild
 1 - Evanell A. Davis, Abilene TX - "THE LOVE OBJECT"
 2 - Ruth York, Cisco TX - "DOUBLE VISION"
 3 - David C. Cline, San Angelo TX - "THE BLACK BUFFALO AND THE WHITE BUFFALO"
 HM - Jasper Cook, Austin TX - "SUMMERTIME FARMER"
 HM - Gay Ingram, Big Sandy TX - "ROOM TWELVE AT SUNSET MOTEL"
Short Shots (Anecdotes)
 Viola Payne--Cisco TX--Book author, feature writer for Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers
 1 - Carla J. Swaim, Crawfordville IN - "MOTHER LOVE"
 2 (tie) - Ruth York, Cisco TX - "TOO MANY VIDEOS"
 2 (tie) - Julia B. Worthy, Baird TX - "HIGH TECH"
 3 - Blanche Weise, Cisco TX - "IT NEVER CHANGES"
 HM - Julia B. Worthy, Baird TX - "CAUSE AND EFFECT"

Poetry, Unrhymed
 Connie Rattan--Cisco TX--Eastland ISD English and journalism teacher, publisher
 1 - Evanell A. Davis, Abilene TX - "VACANCY"
 2 - Julia B. Worthy, Baird TX - "WIND ON THE MORNING"
 3 - Evanell A. Davis, Abilene TX - "AUTUMN IS..."
 HM - Rebecca Diane Davis, Abilene TX - "CARDBOARD NEVER FAILED HIM"
Poetry, Rhymed
 Wesley J. Valek--Cisco TX--Retired CJC History professor, writer, prize-winning poet
 1 - Patricia Gohlke, Ranger TX - "THAT THEY MAY KNOW HIM"
 2 - Patricia Gohlke, Ranger TX - "LORD, MAKE ME LOOK LIKE JESUS"
 3 - Blanche Weise, Cisco TX - "MONKEY IN A TREE"
 HM - Vida Killion, Houston TX - "ASSURANCE"

Poetry, Humorous
 Dr. Jasper Cook--Austin TX--Published inspirational writer, minister, judge, auctioneer
 1 - Julia B. Worthy, Baird TX - "VENTING"
 2 - Patricia Gohlke, Ranger TX - "THE LITTLE GIRL I ONCE WAS"
 3 - Rebecca Diane Davis, Abilene TX - "TOES"
 HM - Julia B. Worthy, Baird TX - "GO TO TEXAS IN THE SPRING?"
Stories For Young Readers (12 and under)
 Evelyn Kirk--Cisco TX--Retired elem. teacher, published author, grandmother
 1 - David C. Cline, San Angelo TX - "DUSTY THE RIG MOUSE"
 2 - Tammy Jones, Eastland TX - "MAMA'S SACK"
 3 - Maggie Y. Harding, Marion TX - "HOLY MOLY! OR THE NIGHT MAMA GOT BAPTIZED"
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Columns Of General Interest
 Evelyn Valek--Cisco TX--Past stringer for Abilene Reporter-News, Cisco Press reporter, published writer and poet
 1 - Barbara Montgomery, San Angelo TX - "HARMONIC CONVERGENCE REVISITED"
 2 - Ruth York, Cisco TX - "TAKE THIS GIZMO AND RUN WITH IT"
 3 - Ruth York, Cisco TX - "MY HEART IS A LONELY GARDENER"
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Gorman Represented On Regional Council

Lori Dodd has been named Gorman's official delegate on the regional Council for Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). Karen Pena serves as alternate. The City of Gorman has been a member of TMCN since 1996.

TMCN provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to learn how to deal with municipal challenges; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 40 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brady, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sterling City,

Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters. Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field on Friday nights or over a basketball court after the first of the year. The regional organization gives these communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." In the words of Benjamin Franklin "we can all hang together are we most certainly will hang one by one".

For more information about TMCN check the web site www.texasmidwest.com.

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Gorman Lady Panther Volleyball News



LADY PANTHER - VARSITY TEAM — (Top Row Left to Right) - Kristina Everton, Melinda Leal, Andrea Files, Kendra Bailey and Ashlee Hornback; (Bottom Row Left to Right) - Kendra Swanner, Kalynn Porter, Lydia Royster and Shari Marlow.



LADY PANTHER - JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM — (Left to Right) - Berenike Thomalla, Sharla Perez, Emma Marin, Kendra Swanner, Nikki Keith and Krista Brown.

Lady & JV Lady Panthers Volleyball

On Saturday, September 21st, the Lady Panthers hosted the Evant Lady Elks for their first District 11-A volleyball match.

The Junior Varsity game began at 10:00 a.m., and the match lasted around 20 minutes. The Lady Panthers dominated the Lady Elk team by taking a commanding lead and keeping it throughout the games. The girls had good ball movement and talked really well on the court. (15-3)(15-2)The JV team consists of Krista Brown (hitter), Nikki Keith (setter), Sharla Perez (setter), Jessica Williams (hitter), Kendra Swanner (middle blocker), Berenike Thomalla (middle blocker), and Emma Marin (hitter).

This group of girls has spent a tremendous amount of time learning new positions, and their win Saturday is proof of their hardwork. Keep up the good work Lady Panthers!

The Varsity Lady Panthers game started out with Evant taking an early lead. Evant took the first game. However, the girls did not let this get them down. In game two a confident Lady Elk team took the floor expecting a repeat of game one, which is something they did not get. The Lady Panthers rallied after correcting some mistakes they had made in game one. They played solid volleyball and talked well on the floor. The other team looked like an elk caught in headlights: stunned. The Lady Panthers took game two by a score of (15-10).

They had forced a third game with the Lady Elks and were not going down without a fight. Game three found the Lady Panthers up 4-1 at one point, but a few defensive mistakes crept back into the picture. Evant took advantage and began to score with some hard serves. Game three ended (15-11), but the Lady Panthers proved that they would fight to the end.

As a coach I am very proud that they didn't give up after their first game, which was a difficult one for them. Losing isn't easy, but I think they have learned lessons from defeat. They plan to continue on in their fight for the district title, and learn from their losses.

This years Varsity team consists of Seniors Shari Marlow (DS/hitter), Kristina Everton (setter/hitter), and Sherry Carlton (hitter). Also Juniors Lydia Royster (middle blocker), Andrea Files (DS/Hitter), Kalyn Porter (middle blocker), and Melinda Leal(Hitter/DS/setter). Sophomores are Kendra Bailey (setter/hitter), Ashlee Hornback (setter/hitter). Freshman Kendra Swanner (hitter/middle blocker), who plays both Junior Varsity and Varsity. Managers are Came Dame and Tiffany Perez.

Come out and support your Lady Panthers!
By Coach Sowell



Jr. High Volleyball

The 8th grade Lady Cubs kicked off their district play in fine fashion with a win over the Lingleville Lady Cardinals on Monday September 16th. With a home win the Lady Cubs will move on to play Mullin, then Gustine on October 1st. This group of girls has worked hard developing their skills and knowledge of the game. The members of the 2002 Cub team are Tiffany Perez (setter/hitter), Kaci Seaton (middle blocker), Crystal Thackerson (hitter), Mindy Keaton (hitter), Tessa Griffin (setter/hitter), Amanda Brown (hitter/middle blocker) Kristy Carlton (middle blocker), K'Ann Howard (hitter), Brittany Shirley (hitter/setter)and Rosa Herrera (hitter/middle blocker). Their Lingleville Scores are as follows: (15-12) (13-15) (15-3)

The 7th grade Lady Cubs played Lingleville's only team after the 8th grade game. The Lingleville team had mostly 8th graders and only 2 girls in 7th grade. The Lady Cubs forged on though. In game one the Lady Cubs fell (16-14). In game 2 the Lady Cardinals went on a scoring streak and won (15-4). The 7th grade girls have worked hard as well all year and have been learning fundamentals of volleyball. This year's turnout in 7th grade has been a tremendous one; 19 girls out for Volleyball. The team members are as follows: Nancy Velsquez, Mary Powell, Megan Lewis, Tecia Jones, Brandy Carlton, Brittany Barnes, Kendra Lewis, Meghan Preston, Ashley Burkeen, Ashley Gonzales, Kellie Moss, Reba Granado, Esther Cruz, Jessica Esquivel, Clarissa Glasson, Ashley Bush, Nicole Cogburn, Shanna Hair, and Carrie Thetford. Come out and support your Lady Cub Volleyball Team.
By Coach Sowell



COME ON OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS AS THEY ENTER DISTRICT PLAY.

(SCHEDULE IS ELSEWHERE IN PAPER)

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Sept. 13	GORMAN 52 - COVINGTON 21		
Sept. 20	GORMAN 42 - PERRIN-WHITT 0		
Sept. 27	**Evant Here	7:30	
	Homecoming		
Oct. 4	*Rising Star Here	7:30	
Oct. 11	*Cross Plains There	7:30	
Oct. 18	*May Here	7:30	
Oct. 25	*Ranger There	7:30	
Nov. 1	*Tolar Here	7:30	
Nov. 8	*Baird There	7:30	
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JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 26	Evant There	5/6:00
Oct. 3	Rising Star There	5/6:00
Oct. 10	Cross Plains Here	5/6:00
Oct. 17	May There	5/6:00
Oct. 24	Ranger Here	5/6:00
Oct. 31	Tolar There	5/6:00
Nov. 7	Baird Here	5/6:00

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NO.	NAME	POSITION	CLASS
2	TIM PATEL	SE/DB	FRESHMAN
7	RYAN WRIGHT	QB/DB	SOPHOMORE
12	TIM GUERRA	RB/LB	FRESHMAN
20	RYAN POWELL	RB/DB	FRESHMAN
21	SAWYER WRIGHT	RB/DB	JUNIOR
22	MICHAEL GRISSOM	SE/DB	SOPHOMORE
24	ROLLY TORRES	RB/DB	SENIOR
32	JOSH CARRUTH	QB/LB	SENIOR
33	ROBERTO RODRIQUEZ	RB/LB	JUNIOR
45	SHAYLOR ROBERTS	SE/DL	SENIOR
50	JUAN MARTINEZ	OL/LB	SOPHOMORE
51	JOE LANDA	OL/DL	SENIOR
54	CHAD ROBERTSON	OL/LB	SENIOR
61	GIL COCHRANE	OL/LB	SOPHOMORE
64	SUMMER OLVERA	OL/DL	FRESHMAN
65	RUSSELL JAY	OL/LB	SENIOR
70	J. T. WHITFILL	OL/DL	SOPHOMORE
72	ANDY ABBE	OL/DL	FRESHMAN
74	ZACHARY BRYAN	OL/DL	FRESHMAN
77	BRYAN HUNT	OL/DL	SENIOR
80	JOSE CRUZ	SE/DB	SENIOR
84	CLINT JONES	SE/LB	SOPHOMORE

Volleyball Schedule 2001 -- Gorman Lady Panthers

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 28	Perrin-Whitt/Veribest	Here	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 1	*Gustine	Here	5:00
Oct. 5	*Lingleville	Here	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 8	*Ranger	There	5:00
Oct. 12	OPEN		
Oct. 15	*Evant	There	5:00
Oct. 19	*Mullin	Here	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 22	*Gustine	There	5:00
Oct. 26	Colorado City	Here	1:00
Oct. 29	*Lingleville	There	5:00
Nov. 2	*Ranger	Here	10:00 a.m.
	*District Games		

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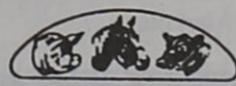
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Amber's Legacy

"My child has been taken." The most terrifying nightmare a parent can endure has just begun. This was the crushing truth facing Donna Hagerman, now Donna Norris, the mother of a nine-year old girl named Amber, who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle near her home in Arlington in 1996. Four days later, Amber was found murdered.

Amber's death had such an impact on the community that local law enforcement and area broadcasters developed what is now known as AMBER Alert (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response). An AMBER Alert is activated by law enforcement to find a child, when a child has been abducted. An alert triggers highway notification and broadcast messages throughout the area where the abduction occurred. To date, 57 cities, regions and states have established AMBER Alerts, which have been credited with the safe recovery of 31 abducted children.

The kidnappings that have captured our country's attention this summer remind us why it is more critical than ever that we take the AMBER program, which has been so successful in helping locate missing children, nationwide.

My colleague from California, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and I introduced and were able to pass a bill in the Senate in unprecedented time, to establish a national AMBER network. The legislation helps fill the gaps that exist in the current patchwork of AMBER systems. It also provides much needed resources for states and communities to build their own systems and spread vital information to surrounding jurisdictions with a single phone call.

This summer the abduction of an Abilene infant brought this issue home to many Texans. A woman abducted one-month-old Nancy Crystal Chavez from a car in a Wal-Mart parking lot. Because a surveillance camera caught the incident on tape, law enforcement in North Texas were able to alert the public of the make and model of the kidnapper's vehicle through the AMBER Alert system. The following day, the alleged kidnapper was stopped by highway patrol after receiving a tip from a citizen.

When a child is lost, the whole community grieves along with the family. An AMBER Alert helps them channel their concern into action. Recent child kidnappings in California, Utah, Virginia, Texas and other states have brought the issue home to many communities and tips from average citizens have resulted in the safe and rapid recovery of many children.

We must be able to spread the word about abducted children across county and state lines and take away the predators' hiding places. It must happen quickly, before the kidnappers have the chance to cover their tracks and get too far away. According to a 1990 U.S. Department of Justice study, roughly 4,500 children in the United States are abducted by non-family members every year. Law

Stenholm Announces Legislation Making the Amber Alert Nationwide

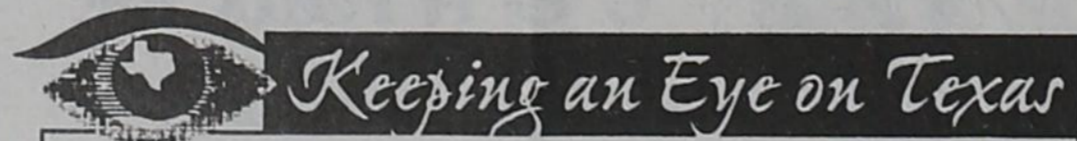
Washington, DC - Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced today that he is an original cosponsor of legislation designed to make the Amber Alert System a nationwide structure. The bill is being promoted by both Democrats and Republicans in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"I am very pleased to join with my colleagues in introducing legislation to have national level implementation of this crucial law enforcement tool," noted Stenholm. "This bipartisan measure will ultimately assist in the recovery of children taken from their families."

Stenholm noted that last month's abduction case of one-month-old Nancy Chavez from a parking lot in Abilene highlighted both the need and the success of the Amber Alert System. Shortly after young Nancy was abducted, police in Abilene released a description of the suspect and the vehicle used in committing the offense, as per the Amber Alert plan. Less than 24 hours later, the child was recovered in Quanah, Texas, about 130 miles north of Abilene.

"This incident marked the first statewide release of an Amber Alert," commented Stenholm. "The recovery of Nancy Chavez is the direct result of the effectiveness of this system. It is my hope that the bill can be passed and signed into law quickly, as any aid that we can give to help rescue abducted children is well worth the effort."

The Amber Alert System is a voluntary program between law enforcement agencies and local media to alert the public in the event a child has been abducted and the child's life is believed to be in danger. Currently, Texas is one of 18 states with a statewide Amber Alert plan.

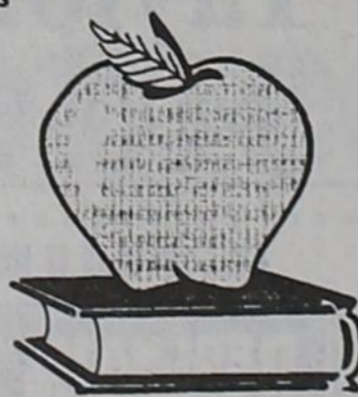


Teachers in Demand

Texas will need more than 82,000 new teachers by 2008. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects teaching as one of the fastest-growing occupations over the next decade, with demand continuing to increase.

In addition to signing bonuses of up to \$3,000, Texas teachers just received a \$3,000 pay increase - the highest across-the-board increase nationwide - raising the average teacher salary to \$38,857.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Texas Workforce Commission.



enforcement is successful in tracking down many of these children, but evidence shows a few hours time can make the difference in a safe recovery. An AMBER Alert gives these children, and their families, a fighting chance.

In memory of Amber Hagerman, and for every family ravaged by the searing tragedy of child abduction, my colleagues and I moved swiftly to pass this legislation in the Senate. Our goal is to have President Bush sign this bill into law this fall. Soon more states will join the national AMBER network and all families will benefit from the dedication and vision of Donna Hagerman Norris.



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Peanut Festival Kids Parade

We would like to thank all of the kids that participated in the Peanut Festival Kids Parade. We had around 40 entries. Winners were:

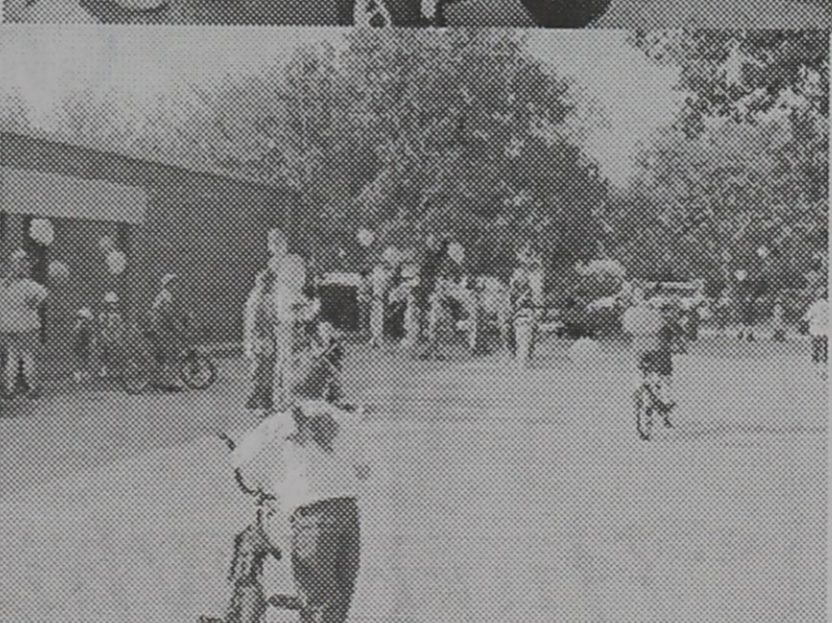
- Bicycles** 1st-Daniel Perez as a police officer
2nd-Randy Woodall - patriotic theme
3rd-Elisa Lobo and Laura Herrera as Indian girls
- Pets** 1st-Kourtney Seaton, Kaycee Dodd, & Randi Taylor as The Three Little Pigs and Butch as the Big Bad Wolf
2nd-Rachel Tucker with her kitty, Jesse
- Misc.** 1st-Jacquelynn and Samuel Rainey and Katlynn Smothermon with "Peanut Storm"
2nd-Stetson Thompson as an Airforce pilot on his 3-wheeler
3rd-Avery Tyson as a Panther Cheerleader/supporter

Others receiving participation ribbons were: Kinsey Johnston, Nathan Tucker, Dustin Gray, Skylar Jones, Straton Thompson, Shyann Rainey, Skye Lewis, Rebekah Powell, Allie Grumbles, Courtney Carlton, Kimmy Seaton, Corie Johnson, Abby Pacheco, and James Brown.

We would also like to thank our judges—Janet Sanders and Angela Underwood.

Hope to see all of you again next year.

Amy Johnston and Brenda Tucker



Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday night, September 28th at the Community Center (school building). All area musicians, singers, and visitors are invited to attend. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Make plans to attend for good music, good food and good fellowship.

Guests in the home of Helen Depwe this past week were Randy Depwe of Flower Mound; George and Kathy McCarty of Thornton, Colorado. Helen joined George and Kathy for a trip to Odessa to visit her daughter and husband, Nancy and Curtis Britt, grandson, the Billy Sandells.

Marie Patty spent several days in Stamford with her cousin, Evelyn Cobb, who is recovering from a recent accident. While there visiting they celebrated Evelyn's 93rd birthday.

Dixie Pack and Mildred Million was in Ranger last Thursday to attend a Bible Study Class and nice luncheon at the Church of Christ. They enjoyed their visit.

Stan and Rhonda Harvey and family of Ranger were supper guests last Saturday night with Dixie Pack and James.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Emma Lou (Browning) Isbell, 72, of Irving, who passed away on Friday, September 20th after a lengthy illness. Burial was on Tuesday, September 24th in the DeLeon Cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Chandler of Irving, Debra Silvery of Houston; a twin brother Bruce Browning and wife Mickey of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Preceded in death by her husband, Pat Isbell, her parents, Charlie and Sallie (Guthery) Browning. The Browning family are former resident of Desdemona (living in the Jakehamon Community). Their children attended school in Desdemona where Emma Lou graduated with the Class of 1947 and Bruce graduated with the Class of 1948. Bruce and Emma Lou are cousins to A.V. (Guthery) Seay of Gorman; Pug Guthery of Desdemona; Ella (Guthery) Reeves of Irving.

Thank to those ladies who send in weekly news. This reporter writes the Desdemona News on Sunday night and it is delivered each Monday by noon. So please help me out each week with your news. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnie.

AG TALK

By Charlie Stenholm

Congress went back into session this week, following the August break, and there is plenty to do before the scheduled adjournment in October.

Not only has Congress failed to write a budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins October 1, it has not yet completed action on a host of other issues and the next few weeks are going to be hectic.

USDA Extends Emergency Haying & Grazing

The USDA has extended emergency haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres through November 30 in order to continue relief to farmers and ranchers suffering from the effects of drought.

The extension will provide additional feed and forage to producers who have lost their hay stocks and grazing lands to weather disasters.

This emergency action will permit CRP participants to continue to hay and graze livestock from CRP acreage.

USDA will waive rental reduction fees to encourage donation of hay to farmers and ranchers in immediate need.

Disaster Aid

During a speech in South Dakota last month, President Bush said he would not support additional relief for farmers other than funds provided for in the farm bill, saying that any additional spending should be offset.

This week, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle proposed legislation to provide disaster aid for farmers and ranchers to cover losses this year and in 2001.

Senator Daschle's proposal would authorize between \$5 billion and \$6 billion in payments.

Under this proposal, farmers would be eligible if their losses exceed 35 percent of a normal crop, and ranchers would be compensated for feed expenses.

Republicans senators from states affected by the drought appear to be considering support of the majority leader's proposal.

Others seem to feel that producers should be satisfied with the new farm bill President Bush signed earlier this year.

Senator Daschle said the farm bill does not provide relief due to economic disaster, and his proposal would provide relief on a formula basis, putting money into crop loss and livestock assistance programs already in place.

The Senate is expected to vote on this proposal next week, and rumor has it there is sufficient support to pass it.

USDA Extending Deadline for Planting & Yield Data

The USDA has extended its August 31 deadline for farmers to provide updated planting and yield information.

Under the new farm bill law, eligible producers have the option to update their farm base acres and yields. Landowners who elect to update their base acres may also update their yields for counter-cyclical payments.

Oilseed producers may also establish a yield for direct and counter-cyclical payments.

In general, producers who wish to establish or update yields must have actual verifiable production evidence such as weight tickets, loan deficiency payments (LDPs), crop insurance appraisals or sales records.

There are, however, crops that are harvested in a manner that does not result in tangible records or measurable production. These include crops that were grazed, harvested as silage or hay, or fed on the farm.

In these situations, previous LDPs on record at the county office may be used to establish farm yields. When LDPs are not available, FSA may assign a yield based on the actual grain yield for three similar farms.

If producers cannot meet any of these requirements, or they have experienced abnormally low yields, then 75 percent of the county average yield will be used as specified in the new farm bill law.

FSA centers will begin accepting yield updates in mid-September and, on October 1, producers can apply for the direct and counter-cyclical payment program.

It is worth noting that the longer farmers wait to update their data, the greater the chances will be that their payments will be delayed.

All applications for updates must be received before April 1, 2003.

President Bush Signs Trade Act of 2002

President Bush has signed the Trade Act of 2002 into law, giving the president Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) for the first time since 1994.

TPA gives the president the ability to negotiate trade agreements, and is of particular importance to the nation's agricultural and manufacturing sectors.

I believe it is critical that the president have this authority and I worked very hard on his behalf when the House took up this legislation last year. One out of every three acres of agricultural products in the U.S. has to be exported, and 96 percent of our customers live outside of our borders.

With TPA, the House and Senate Agriculture Committees will have a much more active role to play in what our negotiators are doing at the trade table, and this will help our farmers and ranchers.

In signing this legislation, the president noted that U.S. exports accounted for approximately 25 percent of all U.S. economic growth in the 1990's.

The president says he intends to push for more access for U.S. farm and food, and I will work with him in every way possible to accomplish this.

Having Fun With Panther Mascot During Covington Game



Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

On Sunday morning those coming from First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Pat and Howard Hagood were guests. Residents were Myrtle Mae Davidson, Gladys Chambless, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Modess Self, Birdie Hogan, Lucille Johnson, Irene Heathington, J.D. Cunningham, R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Stella Files, Hallie Clark, Inez Rogers, Dorothy Beaty, Buster and Louise Brown, Ethel Weaver, Hope Joiner, Patti Whitehorn, Richard Kinser, Roy Lee Whitlock, Margie Lane, and Mildred Roberts.

Visiting Marie Mahaffey and Georgie Fay Skaggs were Jerry and Virginia Skaggs, Jane Larch of Irving, Charles Mahaffey of Ranger, Sheryl Taylor of Ponder, Opal Little of Odessa, Linda Ogle of Granbury, Zena Simpson, Dean Moore, Wanda Jean (Moore) Emfinger of Odessa, Mayvis Lasater, Joe and Glynda bond of Carbon.

Visiting R.L. and Lavona Sharp were Jerry Majors, Neldon and Billie Shipman of Desdemona, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the Methodist Church were Rev. Victor Pena, Joe and Kathy Williams, Jim and Kay Rice, Howard and Pat Hagood. Residents were Veno Hale, Ethel Weaver, Georgie Fay Skaggs, Roy Lee Whitlock, Lucille Joiner, Hope Joiner, R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Margie Lane, Hallie Clark, Inez Rogers, Richard Kinser, guests Jerry and Virginia Skaggs.

Visiting Hope Joiner and Gladys Chambless were Mayvis Lasater, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Lucille Joiner and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love. Visiting Bea O'Neal were Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater.

Guests visiting Vera Henderson and A.V. Seay were E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Merlene Herrington of Ft. Worth, Addie Faye Collins of Eastland, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, Howard and Georgia Iley of Desdemona, Pattie Tessian of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lynn Seay of Alpine, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Lavona Sharp, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Marie Mahaffey, A.V. Seay, Helen Griffin, Margie Lane, Mildred Bellows, Patti Whitehorn, Lavona Sherrod, Myrtle Mae Davidson, and Margie Lane.

Guests visiting Ethel weaver and Inez Rogers were Derrell Dean Moore and Wanda Jean (Moore) Emfinger of Odessa, Darylene Roberts and daughter of Gustine, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Ernestine Campbell, and Marjorie Treadway of Carbon, Lavona Sharp, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Visiting Margie Lane were Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the singing were Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Darrell Dean Moore, Wanda Emfinger, Nancy Hendricks, Ruby Lee Kinser. Residents were Roy Lee Whitlock, Margaret Helms, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Euna Porter, Mildred Roberts, Lavona Sharp, Gladys Chambless, Hope Joiner, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Hallie Clark, Richard Kinser, Ethel Weaver.

Visiting T.D. and Patti Whitehorn were Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Diana Snider, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Zena Simpson, Ennis Love.

Guests visiting Zadi Terry were Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater.

Guests visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were David and Denna Halcomb, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Diana Snider, Zena Simpson and Eunice Love.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke and Leo Williams of Desdemona were making music and leading singing for Stella Files, J.D. Cunningham, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Myrtle Davidson, Dorothy Beaty, Margaret Helms, Modess Self, Hallie Clark, Marie Mahaffey, and Lucille Johnson.

Visiting Jewel Snider and Roy Lee Whitlock were Jackie Lou Whitlock of DeLeon, Sue Owens and Lee Pettigrew of Desdemona,

J.B. Hamilton of Garland, bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Bonnie Croft, Ima Brown, Mayvis Lasater, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love.

Guests visiting Richard Kinser and Clifton Jarrett were Rita Hall of Kerrville, Kay Watson, Bill Johnson, Mark Watson, Anna Rush, Ruby Lee Kinser, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Wilburn Overstreet.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith and residents were mending their garments. They were A.V. Seay, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Mary Williams, Inez Rogers, Margie Lane, Muriel Prewitt.

Visiting Mildred Roberts and Gladys Dennis were Tommy Roberts, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Ima Brown, Diana Snider, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Mayvis Lasater, Rodney Roberts of Odessa, J.B. Hamilton of Garland, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Guests visiting Olin and Margaret Helms were Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and brought chapel for Inez Rogers, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Buddy Winn, Margaret Helms, Veno Hale, Modess Self, Dorothy Beaty, Margie Lane, Hallie Clark, Lavona Sharp, Euna Porter, Ollie Halcomb, Gladys Chambless, A.V. Seay, and J.D. Cunningham.

Buster and Louise Brown guests were Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Tisha and Daniel Grice, Max and Janice Grice of Stephenville, Kenneth Good, Richard Kinser, Bill Campbell, Wilburn Overstreet, Diana Snider, Ima Brown, Nancy Hendricks, Anna Rush, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love.

Visiting Lovena Kinser were Wilburn Overstreet, Richard Kinser, Ruby Lee Kinser, Ima Brown, Diana Snider.

On Wednesday afternoon residents watched a movie and then were served delicious watermelon. They were Margie Lane, Ethel Weaver, Muriel Prewitt, Hallie Clark, Lovena Sherrod, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Lavona and R.L. Sharp, Gladys Chambless, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Stella Files, J.D. Cunningham, Roy Lee Whitlock.

Guests visiting Muriel Prewitt were Amy Fraley, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Ima Brown and Diana Snider.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had exercises for Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Margie Lane, Lavona Sharp, Ethel Weaver and Hallie Clark.

Visiting Lucille Johnson were Clyde and DaSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson, and Doyle Johnson of Desdemona and Paul Johnson of Slaton.

On Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith and residents made homemade biscuits with honey served to Inez Rogers, Margie Lane, A.V. Seay, Hope Joiner, Ethel Weaver, Kay Brown and Lavona Sharp.

Visiting Birdie Hogan and Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Diana Snider, Virgil Miller of Ft. Worth, Elnora Lindley of Desdemona, Fay Tucker of Carbon, Ima Brown.

Some of Hallie Clark and Myrtle Mae Davidson guests were Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, JoAnn Fraley, Ann Warren, Diana Snider, Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell, Mayvis Lasater, Edith Grumbles, Dale and Fay Grumbles and Alice Baker of Ranger.

On Thursday morning Ina Smith had exercises for Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Lavona Sharp, Margie Lane, and Lovena Sherrod.

Guests visiting Irene Heathington and Modess Self were Dave and Laneta Freeman, Christine Self of Carbon, Ima Brown, Diana Snider, Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell, Mayvis Lasater, Zena Simpson, and Eunice Love.

Visiting Euna Porter were John and Georgie Lee Hooper of Garland, Stanley Porter, Ruby Lee Kinser, Ima Brown, Diana Snider, Mayvis Lasater.

Roy Lee Whitlock said he enjoyed an outing to DeLeon and Desdemona when Jackie Lou Whitlock of Desdemona, Sue Owens and Lee Pettigrew came and took him.

Visiting Mary Williams were Peggy Brook of Merkel, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Joe Carey of Midlothian, Geraldine Wright,

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Aren't you enjoying this beautiful fall weather? The cooler weather following the rain we received one morning this past week is great. Isn't God good to us?

The fifth Sunday singing will be held at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, September 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m. All singers and those who just like to hear gospel music are invited to come and worship with us in song. Several churches in the area will participate. There will be congregational singing and special music. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the singing in the fellowship hall.

The special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday Morning, September 22 was rendered by Woodrow and Helen

Anna Rush, Christine Self of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Irene West, Ima Brown, Inez Rogers, Diana Snider, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson.

Diana Snider, Tootie Campbell visited Margie Lane.

On Friday, Ina Smith had bingo for A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Lovena Kinser, Margie Lane, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Marie Mahaffey.

Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Visitors were Shannon, Stephanie and Raegan Bond of Copperas Cove, Mary Gottlieb of Fredericksburg and Haley Buckley of Desdemona.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson surprised those present at the church service on Sunday night with ice cream and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service. If you weren't there, you really missed a treat.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson and Zelda Jordan attended the Cisco Baptist Association Evangelism Rally at the First Baptist Church in Ranger on Monday night, September 16. The message by Robert Carter of Tyler was very challenging to all to be better witnesses for God's saving grace through His Son, Jesus Christ. They really enjoyed hearing the Messengers, of Gorman, sing.

Shannon, Stephanie and Raegan Bond of Copperas Cove spent the weekend with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond.

Gene and Kay Snider have returned from a week's vacation in Washington and Oregon. They flew from Austin to Seattle and drove

through the rain forest, through the Yakima Valley where they were harvesting apples, the Mt. St. Helen's volcano area, down the coast into Oregon and to the Columbia River Gorge seeing many interesting sights. They flew back to Austin on Saturday. They report a wonderful time.

Tony, Rusty and Joel Stogner and a friend, Matthew of De Soto, Sylvia Buchanan, Doris Bradshaw Alpha Mae Andry and Zelda Jordan were visitors with Nancy Hendricks.

Mike, Crystal and Rachel Snider and Ted Snider visited with LaVon Snider. LaVon, Danny, Dianne and Sandra Snider and Audri Segura enjoyed lunch at ZJ's in Gorman on Sunday after church.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan enjoyed lunch at Hwy 6 café in De Leon on Sunday after church. It was a treat honoring Johnnie B. who will have a birthday on September 24. "Happy Birthday", Johnnie B.

Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Shorty Treadway of Ranger and Ken and Mary Rogers of Eastland visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday night and enjoyed games of dominoes.

Haley Buckley of Desdemona visited during the weekend with her grandparents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess.

Zelda Jordan met Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell and Glenda Black of Abilene for breakfast at McDonald's in Eastland on Saturday as they were enroute to the Grapevine Mall. Later Zelda visited with Joyce and Delmon Eaves at the Eastland Hospital. Joyce has been in the hospital since last Wednesday night, but expects to be home by Tuesday this week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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