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Lady Panthers Beat Evant

"Finally" said head volleyball coach Jim Wood "we finally beat them". "We have always played some really good matches against Evant and have come close a few times but just couldn't quite seem to get a win against them. This time, however, we put an entire match together, and again, played great, but this time we beat them for the first time since I have been here." "They (Evant) have a great program year in and year out and I think those matches are a good measuring stick for our program" Wood added.

The Lady Panthers beat the Lady Elks last Tuesday 25-19, 25-20, 25-19. "Offensively we didn't really have a stellar performance but we served very well and our defense, I thought, played great" Wood said. "We had 20 service aces and 9 blocks and 29 digs for the match which forced Evant into a lot of errors." Stats for the game, Sr. Shirley 7 kills, 3 blocks, 6 digs; Jr. Rachel Tucker 2 blocks, 1 ace; So. Kinsey Johnston 4 kills, 6 digs, 3 aces; So. Melissa Ramirez 6 kills, 14 digs, 4 aces, 3 blocks; So. Holly Wood 13 assists, 9 aces, 19 service points; Fr. Megan Gray 3 kills, 8 assists.



Gorman Girls Defeat Gustine

The Gorman Lady Panthers volleyball team beat the Lady Tigers of Gustine this past Saturday 25-20, 25-22, 25-20. "I felt we played really well today. Both offensively and defensively" said Wood. "We tried some new things on offense that we are just starting to learn. We served very aggressively, and we had a few more serving errors than I would like but our serving game is a definite asset" he added. "We had three girls with at least 10 kills for the first time this year so it was good to see our offense get on track before we start district next Tuesday."

Stat leaders for the match were Cortney Shirley 13 kills, 9 digs; Melissa Ramirez 12 kills, 4 blocks; Kinsey Johnston 10 kills, 3 digs; Holly Wood 21 assists, 5 aces; Megan Gray 15 assists, 2 kills; Rachel Tucker 3 blocks, 1 ace.

Photo By Becky Swanner

Ex-Student of Gorman Schools Hold Meeting and Reunions Sept. 10

The Ex Students of Gorman schools met on Saturday, September 10, in the school auditorium. Our special guests were Ross Wilson and the classes of 1950, 51, and 56. Ross was teacher, coach, principal and superintendent of our school during this period. Several of his former students and athletes were here for the first time in many years. Some of them included: Roy Rawls (scored 6 touchdowns on De Leon during the game played in 1949 won by Gorman 53-0), Nick Acrea, Cecil Robertson, J. F. Lilley, and Joe Mauney all in attendance. There were several other of the classes from 1952 thru 1959 attending. Ed Rodgers of the class of '58 was here to take pictures for the Ex's.

Minutes of the 2010 meeting were read by secretary Joy Hallmark Rogers. Minutes were approved as read.

Special awards were presented to Jerry Dupuy, J. F. Lilley and Roy Rawls.

Larry Campbell addressed the audience concerning a planned meeting to be held immediately following adjournment to plan for next year's homecoming which will be their 50th anniversary of finishing school.

Becky Swanner addressed the group concerning the sale of personalized bricks as fundraisers for school related projects. She told of the need for a new trophy case for the new building and the need to display some of the older banners in the old gym. Becky is current president of the Booster Club and is actively involved in many extra curricular activities along with her teaching duties. Becky can be contacted at home or after school for more details.

Billy Taylor read the memorial list of Ex's whom we have lost since the last meeting. A moment of silence was observed.

Ernestine Todd Shugart was presented a corsage in recognition of Coming Home Queen and Fannie Bell O'Neil was chosen Coming Home Queen for next year.

Ten boxes of Birdsong peanuts were handed out to the Ex's for various reasons such as traveled the farthest, Youngest, Oldest, etc.

We gathered \$492.75 in donations resulting from passing the hat or collecting donations. Lunch was served in the school cafeteria for \$3.00 per meal. Classes having reunions had meetings on campus or other locations.

Thanks to all who made this event a success. K. Welch

Coming Home Queen and Distinguished Alumna Honored



Shown at the meeting of the Gorman Exes on Saturday are (L-R): Jerry Dupuy, Distinguished Alumna, Class of 1956, Doris Craig Whitley, Francis Simpson and Coming Home Queen, Ernestine Todd.



Shown above at the Gorman Exes Homecoming held September 10 are members of the classes of 1950, 1951 and 1956. Class members and members of the football team are shown with their coach, Ross Wilson (seated far right). Pictured are (Seated L-R): J.F. Lilly, Recipient of the Gorman Exes Panther Spirit Award, Jerry Dupuy of the Dominican Republic, Recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Roland Jones, Roy Rawls and Coach Wilson. (Standing L-R): Cecil Robertson, Jim Craig, Joe Mauney and Nick Eaker.

Panthers Lose To Pirates Host Menard For Homecoming

GAME AT A GLANCE		GORMAN		PERRIN	
10	First Downs	6			
36/208	Carries/Yds	33/118			
24	Yds Passing	0			
2 of 5/2	Pass Cplt./Int	0 of 4/1			
3 / 3	Fumbles/Lost	1 / 1			
2 / 45	Punts/Avg	4/23			
8/60	Penalties	5/35			

The Panthers made the wet trip to Perrin on Friday night and came out on the short end of a 7-6 battle. The Panthers had 2 touchdowns called back on penalties and missed a short field goal with only 14 seconds left. Penalties really hurt the Big Red and missing the point afterward made the difference.

Gorman scored on their third possession when they got the ball on the Pirate 30 yard line and scored in just 2 plays with the aid of a Pirate penalty. Dakota Pacheco caught an 8 yard pass from Zack Carlton with time running out in the first period. The Panthers went for a 2 point play after a Pirate penalty, but failed on a run try to make the score 6-0. The drive featured a 7 yard run by B. J. Ramirez and an 8 yard pass by Pacheco.

The two teams then fought on fairly even terms until the Pirates got the ball on a Panther fumble on the Pirate 37. The scored in just 4 plays with Randy Tucker getting the final 15 yards on a run with just 4 seconds left in the third. Alongo kicked the point after to make the score 7-6.

The Big Red got a real good break on a short Pirate punt and took the ball on the P-W 23. Ramirez ran for 4 yards. Then Pacheco caught a 16 yard pass from Yovani Palacios to the P-W 2. Then the Panthers got a 10 yard penalty to put the ball on at the 12. Ramirez ran for 8 and Matt Fox got 2 yards on a run to the P-W 2. But with just 14 seconds left in the game the Panthers missed on a fieldgoal try and the Pirates killed the few seconds left for the win.

Ramirez led the Panthers with 127 yards on 14 carries. Palacios had 64 on 12 keepers. Pacheco had 8 on 2 tries and Matt Fox got 9 on 8 tries.

The Panthers will host a very strong Menard team in the homecoming game on Friday night.

Go Get "Em Big Red!!

WANTED: 1962 GHS Panther Spirit Annual. Lost mine in '82 house fire. 50th Anniversary coming up and need to locate classmates. If you have a copy you would part with I would be happy to purchase it. Please call: Larry Campbell at 254-631-8938.

GISD To Hold Special Meeting October 10th

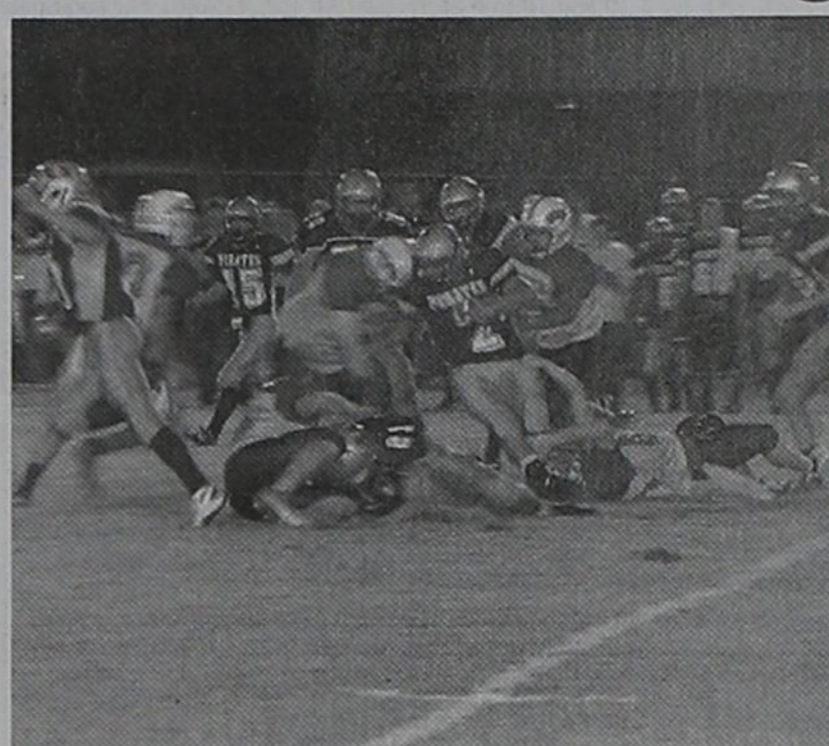
GISD will hold a special meeting at 5:30 (before October's scheduled board meeting) on Monday October 10th. At the public meeting GISD will present the School FIRST rating for the 2009-2010 school year. GISD received a Superior Rating with a score of 74. The passing standard score is 56.

Building and Standards Commission Meeting - Sept. 26th

The Building & Standards Commission will be meeting Monday, September 26th, 2011 at 5:30 for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Gorman City Commission Chambers, located at 116 S Kent. The board will be reviewing properties that are in violation of City of Gorman Ordinance 302.2.

Carbon Golden Exes Meeting

Friday Night before the Golden Exes meeting on Oct. 1 or on September 30, the First Baptist Church of Carbon's Fellowship Hall will be open that afternoon for visitation, lemonade, cookies and peanuts; and a 6:00 p.m. meal of Spaghetti, salad, and desserts for all the people visiting Carbon for the big day. Join us there. The Classes of 1949, and 1948 will act as your host. If eating an \$8.00 fee will be assessed. Please join us there. If you have a question please call June Tucker Hicks at 254-639-2444. Please invite others as the e-mail names on this list are all that I have in my contacts. There is a nostalgia about Carbon, Texas that no other town can claim.



DEFENSE MAKING A STOP - Jon Fenly and several other Panthers stop a Pirate runner in game action Friday night.



OPEN FIELD TACKLE - Dakota Pacheco is shown making a fine open field during game action Friday night. Also shown is Stetson Thompson coming over the help out.



FOLLOWING BLOCKERS - B. J. Ramirez is shown following his blockers in game action Friday. Blocking for BJ is Matt Fox, Dakota Pacheco and James Thomas.

THANK YOU Fund Started At ASB

The Junior Class would like to give thanks to everyone that supported us by buying funnel cakes at the Peanut Festival. A special thanks to Lori Dodd for the donations.

GHS Junior Class

For John Ibarra

Fund started at American State Bank for John Ibarra to help with Medical Expenses. He did not have any medical insurance to pay medical expense.

Pee Wee Football In Gorman on Saturday

The Gorman Youth Sports Council would like to invite everyone to the Brogdon Field on Saturday morning to support our Youth Football Teams. The First and Second Grade will play starting at 9 a.m. And 10:15 a.m. The Third and Fourth Grade will play at 1:00 p.m. And the Fifth and Sixth Grade will play at 4:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge for the games and there will be a Concession Stand. Please come out and show these kids your Panther Pride. Thank You, GYSC.

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 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800/Acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 579: Old home site w/large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.
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11.917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3

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Memorial Service For Constance P. Birdsong

Memorial service for Constance P. Birdsong will be on Monday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Stephenville, Texas.
 Reception following at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Hope you all are enjoying this wonderful weather! It would be just about perfect if we could get some rain. I know there has been rain around but we here in Desdemona have received very little of it. Good for those of you who have!
 There will be a 'Save Our Post Office' (my name, not official) meeting on September 29 at 5:00 PM. It will be held at the old schoolhouse in Desdemona. This will be a meeting conducted by post office officials. We need everyone who is all interested in keeping our post office open to be there with lots of questions and comments. You might think about any mail that you send or receive or if you receive medicine through the mail. We will either have to put up mailboxes or go to Gorman or DeLeon for our mail. If we don't show any interest by not coming to the meeting, they will know that we don't care enough to keep it open. Please, everyone, come to the meeting on September 29th at 5:00 PM at the old schoolhouse in Desdemona.
 We will set up for our next breakfast on Wednesday, September 28. Please come and help if you can.
 Pray for rain.

See you in Desdemona!
 Carol Pell

A Letter To The Editor By Henry A. Buchanan

News Headline -- Fighter Jets Escort Airplane To Airport
 Two flights, in fact, one to New York City and another to Detroit; Why? Because passengers were spending too much time in the bathroom.
 I had about given up flying anyway when the inspectors started viewing my naked body. Now they have uncovered my secret. I have a troublesome bladder. I had to bet up four times last night. Then, to make it worse when I get there, it's a long time coming, and won't quit dripping when I think I'm done.
 So what am I to do if I'm on a long flight? Hold it? You just try. You'll find that worse than being hijacked. The pain becomes more than a man can bear without cussing -- Texas style.
 It's not that my doctor, a specialist in urology, hasn't tried. Right now I'm wearing a fifty thousand dollar device implanted in my back. I have a monitor that sets the device so that my mind is supposed to tell my bladder when it is time. It doesn't work. My bladder tells my brain to wake up and get going before something embarrassing happens.
 So my world has become so dangerous that I can't fly anymore. The government is broke and I can't have expensive fighter jets escorting my airplane to the nearest comfort station.
 (s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 - September 13, 2011

"On The Wilder Side"


If you could learn any language, what would it be? I've tried Spanish and Greek, and neither one of them stuck very well. I think it would be neat to learn German. I'm 1/4 German, and I love the language. It doesn't matter what you say, it all sounds mean! I decided to look up how to say "I love you" in German so I could tell my wife that I love her when I'm angry. If I have a black eye the next time you see me, it's because I told her "Ich liebe dich" during an argument.
 Speaking of saying "I love you", how often do you tell someone "I Love You"? I know it's a big thing in relationships to say "I love you". It's almost taboo when you are dating... Who should say it first? What if you say it too early?
 It's sad that there are some people who are never told that they are loved. And that is very unfortunate, because hearing someone say "I love you" is just as important as receiving human touch. I also think it's important to be able to tell someone that you love them. And of course, when I think about Love, I think about God, because as we read in 1 Jn 4:8, "God is love".
 It breaks my heart to think that some people never get to hear that God loves them. Some people don't know that Jesus went to the cross to show that He loves us. And some people have never read God's love letter to us.
 There is a greeter who works at Stephenville's Wal-Mart who always says "The Lord Bless you", and I think that is wonderful. I don't know him and he doesn't know me, but I get encouraged every time I see him. Wouldn't it be great if we all followed his example. Let me issue you a challenge. Would you be willing to tell someone "God loves you, and so do I"? I mean, it's true isn't it? God loves everyone, and we should too, since we are disciples who try to be like His Son.
 So there's my challenge for this week. Tell everyone you meet "God loves you, and so do I". You might be surprised at how they react.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) -
 Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

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KEEP THE LIGHT ON PUBLIC NOTICES



Shinoak BBQ Cookout Results



Team - Lucky Penny II, PeeWee and Kemper Croft; Team - CAL Cookin', David, Stormy and Tessa Chancellor; Team - TX Speed Bump, Tim Swanner; Team - The Smokin' Cactus, Ronson and Ron Childers; Team - Smokin' Horns, Mike Fraley; Team - Up In Smoke, Derrell Hollis; Team - Smokin' Undies, Justin, Lauren and Hannah Underwood; Team - BBQ-Buds, Richard Lett; Team - CBBBQ, Clint and Pam Jones and Lee and Sonja Hornback; Team - Smith, Jeff and Vance Smith; Team - Shooters BBQ, Billy and Lisa Shelton



OVERALL WINNERS - (l to r)
 RICHARD LETT - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 MIKE FRALEY - GRAND CHAMPION



MOST UNIQUE --
 DALE HOLLIS - UP IN SMOKE



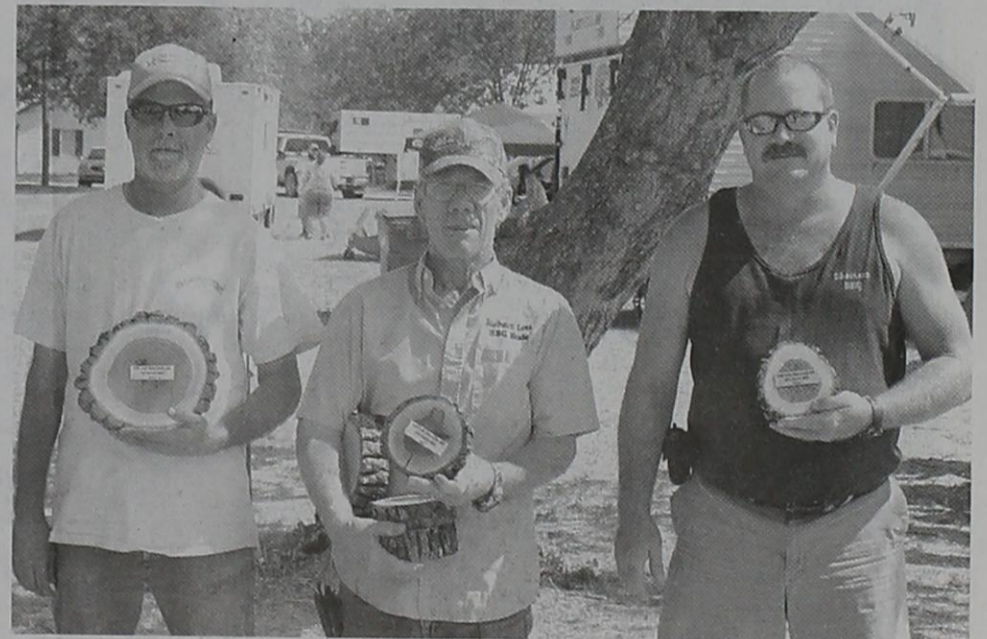
BRISKET WINNERS --
 FIRST PLACE - JUSTIN UNDERWOOD - Smokin Undy's (far right)
 SECOND PLACE - Richard Lett - BBQ Buds (center)
 THIRD PLACE - DALE (Darrell) HOLLIS - Up In Smoke (left)



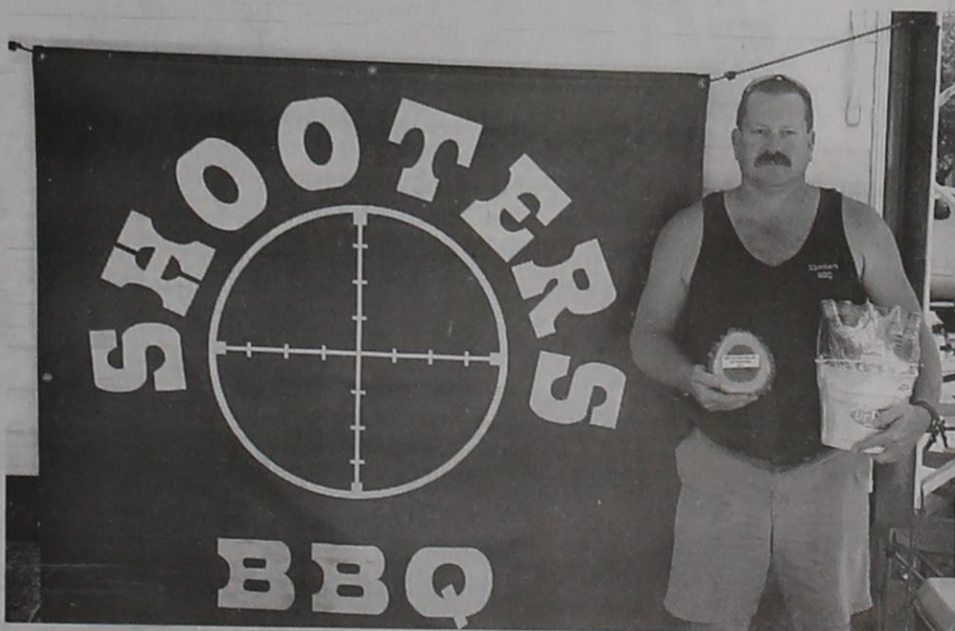
BEAN WINNERS --
 FIRST PLACE - CLINT JONES (far right)
 SECOND PLACE - DAVID CHANCELLOR (center)
 THIRD PLACE - RICHARD LETT (left)



CHICKEN WINNERS --
 FIRST PLACE - MIKE FRALEY (far right)
 SECOND PLACE - CLINT JONES (left side)
 THIRD PLACE - JEFF SMITH (center)



RIB WINNERS -- (l to r)
 FIRST PLACE - MIKE FRALEY
 SECOND PLACE - RICHARD LETT
 THIRD PLACE - BILLY SHELTON



FARTHEST TRAVELED -- BILLY SHELTON - SHOOTERS BBQ
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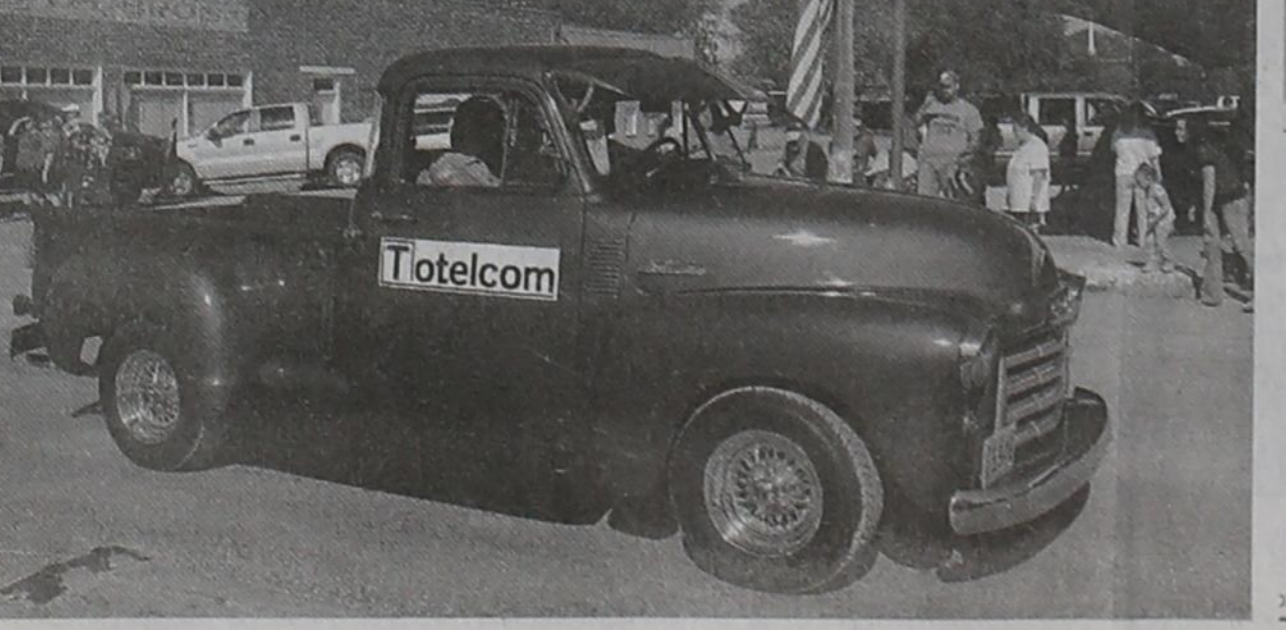
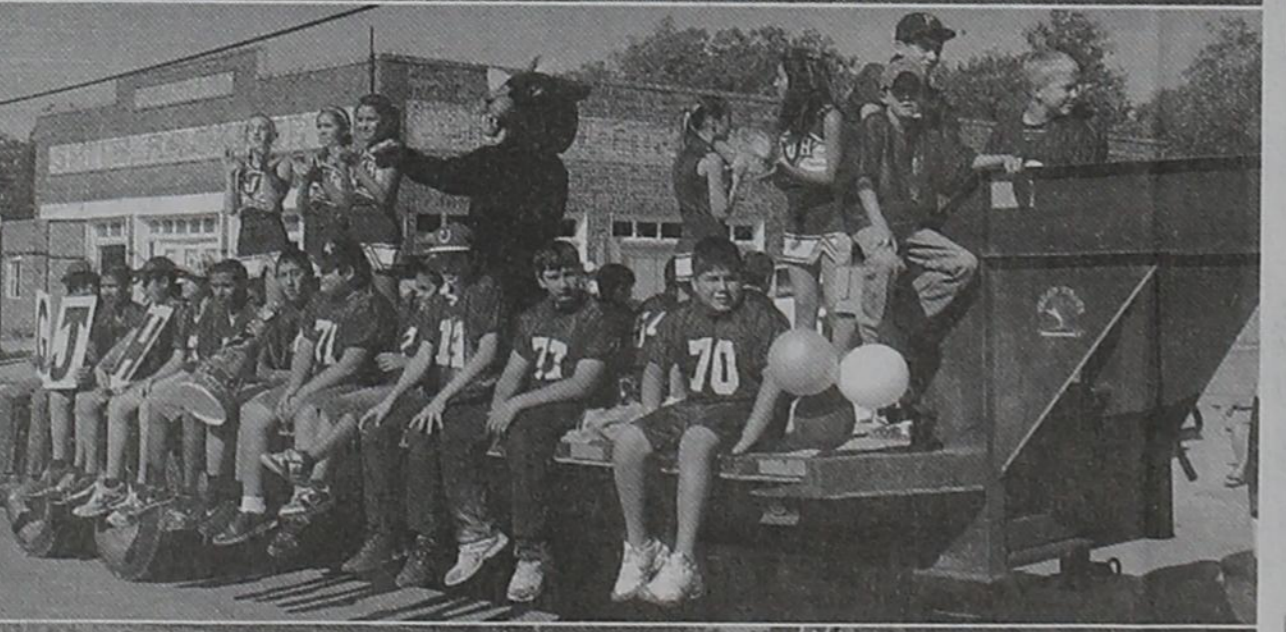
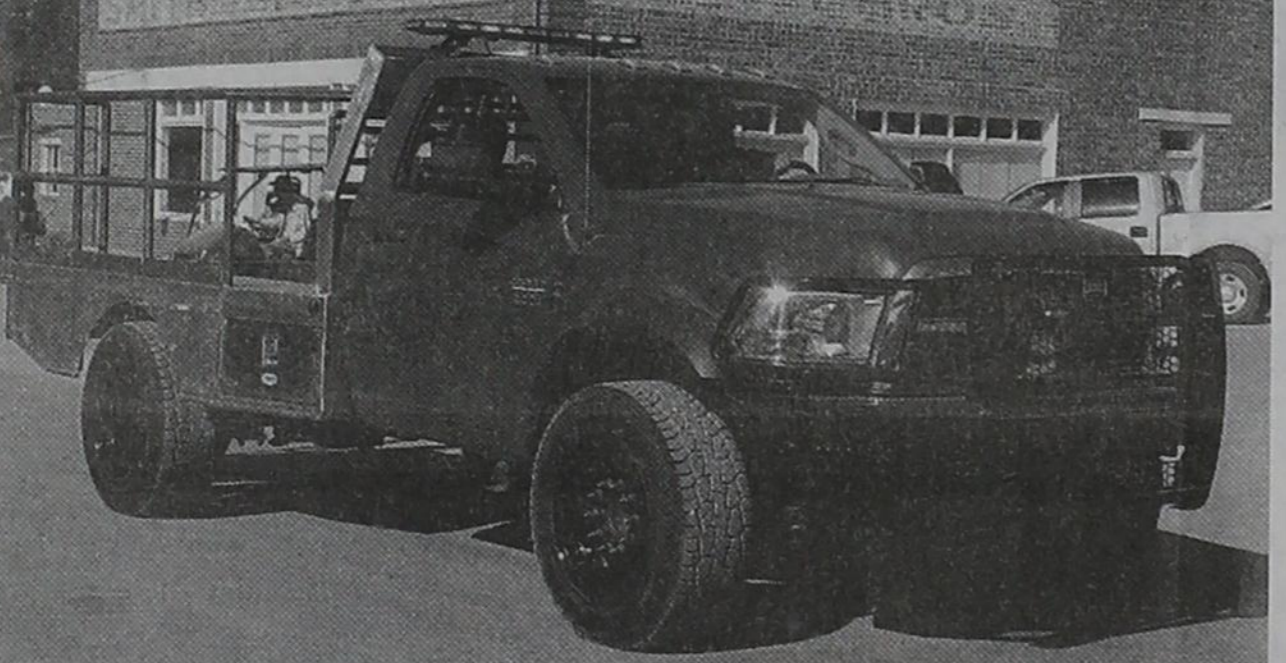
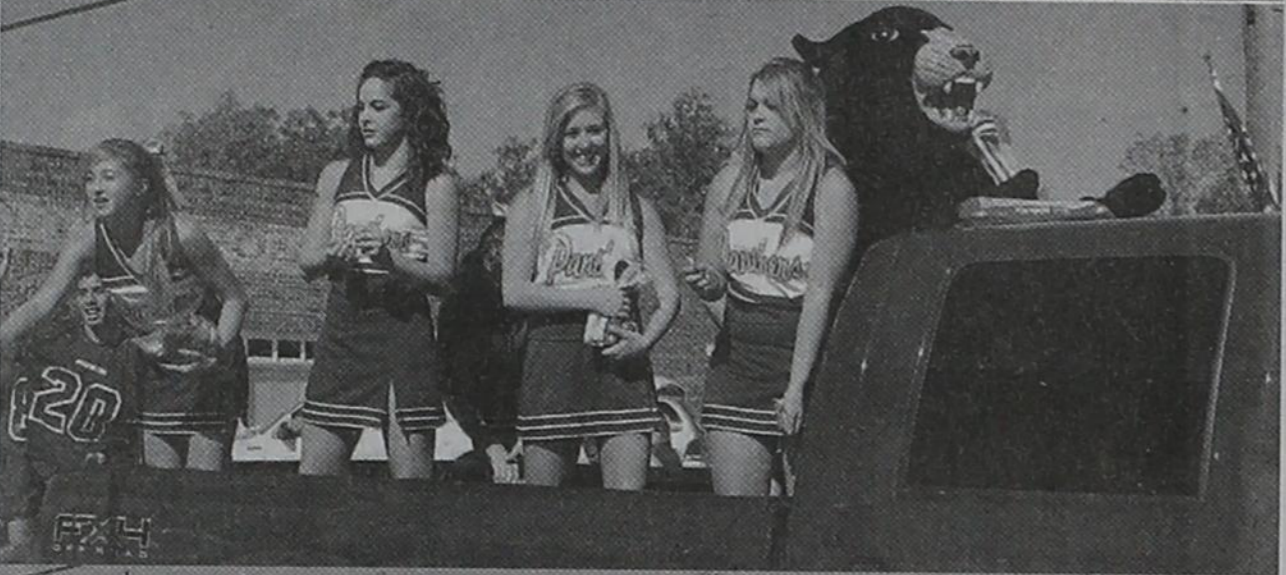
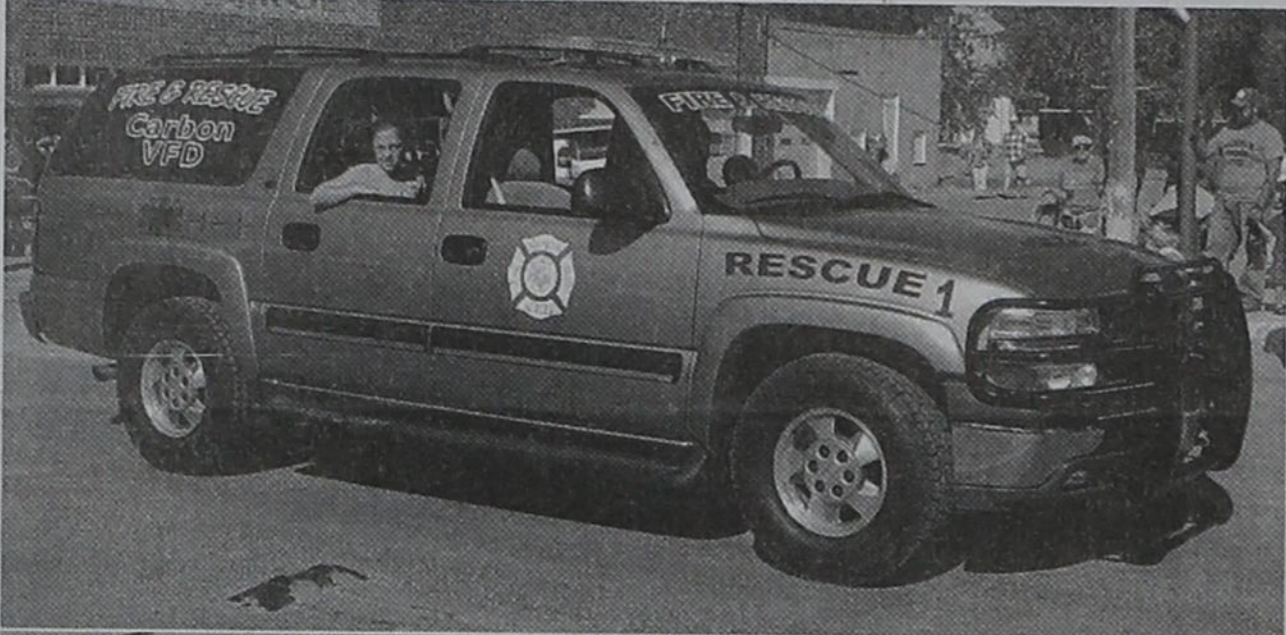
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Children's Parade

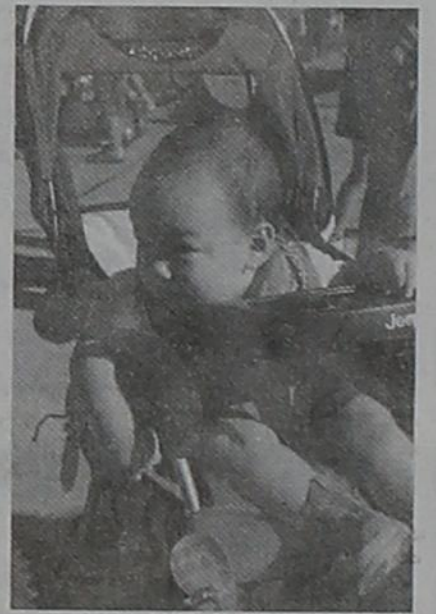


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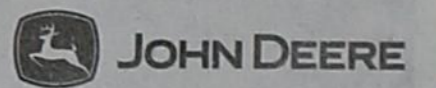
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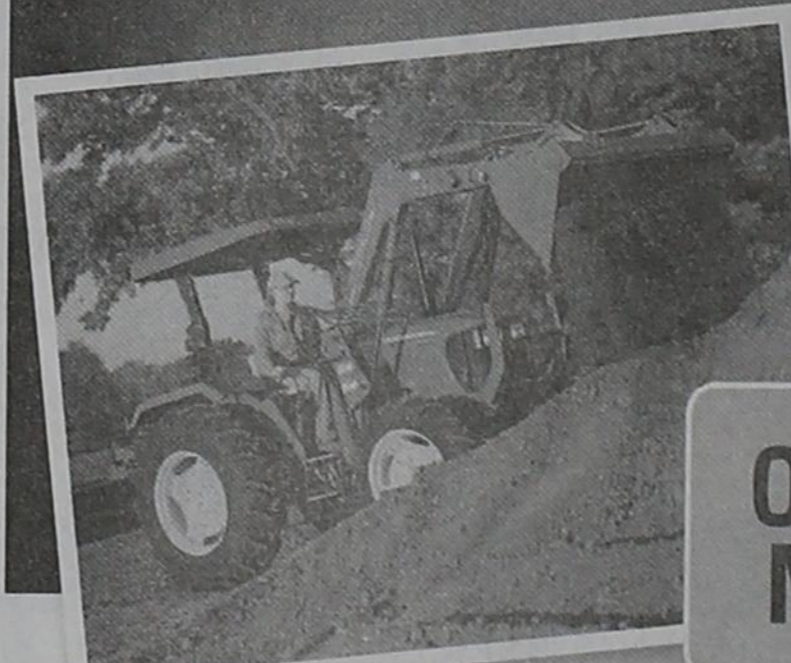
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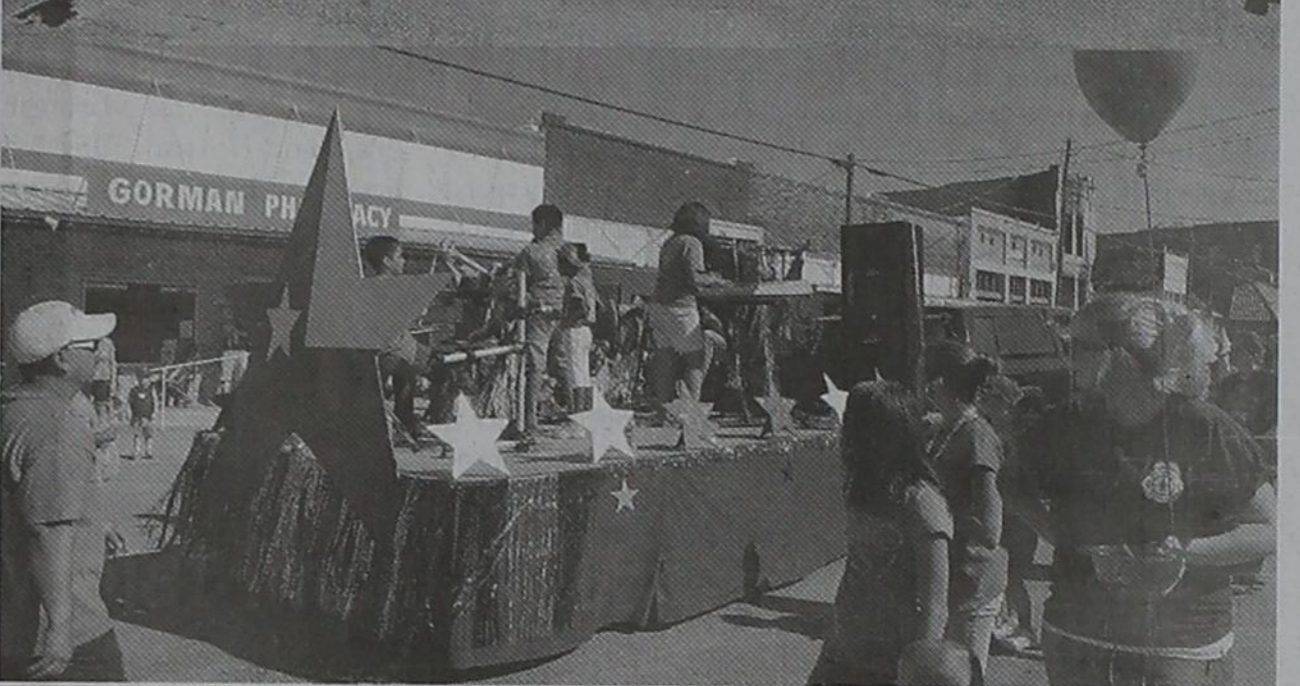
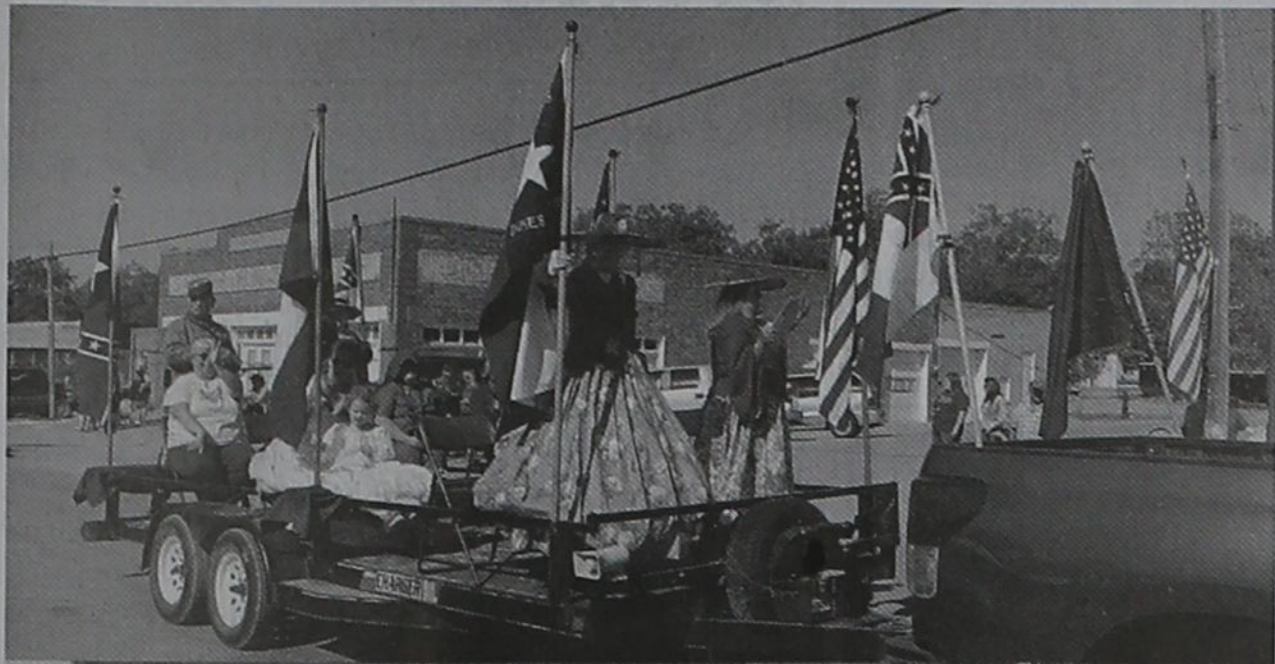
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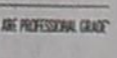
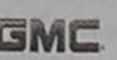
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YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED

The Gorman Peanut Festival Board needs your opinion on what to do about changing the date of the Festival. As every one knows, the original date is the 2nd weekend in September. This date now coincides with the West Texas Fair and Rodeo and in some years extremely hot temperatures. The board had voted to move the date to the 3rd weekend in October, but that date is the same as the National Cook-off (we like all our cooks that come and want to schedule as best for them too). The Comanche Pow Wow is the 4th weekend in September then in October, there is Ripfest, Octoberfest and another large cookoff the 3rd weekend in October. The first weekend of November is out of the question because that is the Opening Day of regular Deer Season. So our thoughts are, pushing it to the 2nd weekend in November (cooler weather, nothing else going on). Fill out the survey below and bring it or mail it to the City Office (Po Box 236, Gorman TX 76454) before October 10, 2011.

Change the date of the Festival _____yes _____no
 Make the new Festival date the 2nd weekend in November
 _____yes
 _____no
 Leave the date as it is now _____yes _____no
 Suggestions for the new date _____

Comptroller Susan Combs Releases Updated "FAST" Ratings for Texas Schools

(AUSTIN) — Which Texas schools and school districts successfully combine high academic achievement with cost-effective operations? Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has updated her groundbreaking 2010 Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) and assigned new rankings to 1,237 school districts and charter schools, using the most recent educational data.

In the new report, 46 school districts receive the highest rating of five stars, compared to 43 districts that achieved the top ranking in the original study. Five stars mean the district's spending is very low compared to peer districts, and students' academic performance is very high in comparison with the rest of the state.

"Today, many Texas school districts face the challenge of educating more students with less funding," Combs said. "FAST is an online tool they can use to compare their performance with similar districts. Users can compare districts using a variety of indicators such as dropout rates, transportation spending, state accountability ratings or math scores."

The 2009 Texas Legislature mandated the Comptroller to create a method to fairly compare the state's diverse school districts. When comparing district and campus spending, the FAST methodology groups districts and campuses into sets of "fiscal peers" that operate in similar cost environments, including factors such as regional wages, district size and student characteristics.

In addition to ratings for all Texas public school districts, campuses and charter schools, the FAST website at <http://www.FASTEXAS.org> offers examples of "Smart Practices" employed by school districts to achieve greater efficiency and enhance student performance. Smart Practices can be emulated by other districts, and they are also intended to spark new solutions to the cost of delivering a quality education.

"The FAST methodology produces unbiased comparisons that are realistic and useful to educators, parents and taxpayers who want to see how their public schools stack up," Combs said.

Based on the FAST formula, school districts and campuses receive ratings from one to five stars, with half-star increments. A district that achieves the highest rating of five stars ranks among the top 20 percent of all Texas school districts in academic progress, while keeping spending among the lowest 20 percent of fiscally comparable districts.

FAST ratings are updated annually using the most recent data from the Texas Education Agency.

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

We would like to thank the members of the Lake Leon Church for the beautiful quilts they brought to each resident. They are so pretty, the residents are so proud of them, Those coming to deliver the quilts were Estrileta and Raymond Painter, Carolyn Wortman, Maxine Huddleston, Sylvia Moreland, Johnnie and Bill Suggs, Clara Mathews and Pat Rhoton. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Leta Hogan was honored with a birthday party at her home. Those attending were: Pat and Patsy Collins, Nancy and Otis Skinner, Gary, Ida, Missy, and Bill Norris of Eastland, Bill and Becky Collins of Ft. Worth, Bea and Harold Schkade, Chris and Shelia Hogan, Elaine and Bobby Eaves, Bubba and Lori Hogan of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Eaves and new baby of Abilene, Eddie and Susan and Carol Wayne.

Jana Grice visited Ima Brown, Bo Caraway visited Rozelle Caraway, Lina Cogburn of Ranger and Dale Johnson visited Faye Johnson. Dale has been in the hospital and we have missed him. Dale we hope you continue to get better. Maxine and Marilyn Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy. Francis Couch visited Wes Couch.

Carolyn Gilbert, John and Teresa Gilbert visited Floydene Gilbert. Faye Faulk of Cisco, Johnny Smith, Nelda Mauney, Kenneth Welch and Margery Churchville of Ft. Worth visited Edgar Reynolds.

Wasn't the rain nice. Now for some more.
Have a good week.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, September 24th at the Community Center. Concession Stand opens at 5:30 PM. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy the good food with all the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musical groups and singers are invited to attend. This is a "Smoke Free" environment and the admission is "FREE".

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Bro. Charlie Johnson brought the special music with Karen Fair at the piano. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service.

Get Well Wishes to Elnora Lindley as she is recovering from recent hip surgery.

"Happy Birthday" to our granddaughter, Holly in Desdemona from Granny Coon and Granke.

There will be a meeting at the Community Center (former school building) on Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. This is a "Special" meeting for our town to help save our Postoffice. Make plans to attend as we need all the help we can get. "THANKS".

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "HI" means so much to a shut-in.

Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie

FSA Reminds Producers of Disaster Assistance Deadlines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson reminded producers today about upcoming deadlines for disaster assistance. Nelson emphasized that losses must be the result of a weather event occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

"This year brought a host of extreme weather challenges for America's farmers, ranchers and producers," said Nelson. "USDA is committed to use the resources at our disposal to reduce the impact of these conditions and help producers get back on their feet. And this year, especially, it's important for producers to be aware of program deadlines and to have their records in order so that they get the assistance they need."

The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes coverage of disaster losses through these five programs:

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE);
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP);
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP);
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); and the
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

SURE applications for 2010 crop losses will be accepted later this fall. SURE applications for 2011 crop losses will be accepted in the fall of 2012, when the 2011 farm revenue data required by statute becomes available.

FSA is required to determine that the claimed loss was because of a disaster occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011. FSA must determine if a qualifying loss meets the established disaster relief criteria for at least one crop.

At the time the SURE application for payment is filed, the producer will be required to identify and certify a crop of economic significance that suffered a qualifying loss of 10 percent or more. At least one such crop with 10-percent losses on or before Sept. 30, 2011, is required by SURE.

"We encourage all producers to read the applicable disaster program fact sheets and visit their local FSA county office. The staff can provide additional information such as the deadline for filing a program application or the initial requirement for filing a notice of loss," Nelson said.

* Losses must be due to a weather even that occurs on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

Fact sheets for these programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets. Additional information regarding the programs is at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would 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 \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

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

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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HEALTH

Obstructive Sleep Apnea Will Ruin Your Night

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(NU) - Do you have trouble sleeping through the night? Do you wake up feeling unrested and consistently drowsy?

Constant daytime drowsiness is one of the leading symptoms of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), the most common type of sleep apnea according to the American Sleep Apnea Association. Sleep apnea is a condition occurring when a person's breathing pauses or decreases during the night due to blocked airways. Extreme snoring and sudden gasps are other common symptoms.

Although sleep apnea isn't particularly devastating or dangerous, it has adverse effects on one's life and responsibilities. Someone suffering from OSA will often feel impatient, irritable, forgetful and listless. If untreated, the condition leads to hard-to-treat headaches, severe depression and poor performance at work or school.

The long-term consequences of untreated sleep apnea are significant as well. The sleeping condition may cause or worsen heart disease, heart arrhythmias, heart failure, high blood pressure and strokes.

Furthermore, research shows a connection between shift work and sleep apnea. Shift work is the opposite of a nine-to-five schedule, often consisting of late-night or early-morning hours. Since shift work interrupts an already-damaged sleep cycle, it only com-



Persistent daytime sleepiness is one of the main indicators of obstructive sleep apnea.

pounds existing apnea side effects.

The number of apneic episodes per night can increase significantly, and sleep-deprivation symptoms will only worsen.

It's estimated that up to one-third of shift workers experience side effects severe enough to diagnose them with shift work disorder. Due to their interrupted sleep schedule, shift work disorder causes sufferers to struggle to stay awake, and to fall asleep.

Imbalanced biological clocks prevent workers from falling asleep when they actually have time, and they also disrupt digestive systems. These added complications make shift work and sleep apnea the Molotov cocktail of sleep deprivation.

For more information on obstructive sleep apnea or shift work disorder, visit www.sleep-apnea.org.

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