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Classes of 1950 and 1958 Honored At Exes Meeting

Reunion classes of 1950 and 1958 were recognized at the annual meeting of the Gorman Exes Association meeting on Saturday. Shown left are members recognized from the class of 1958. L-R: Sandra West Osborne, Patsy Rodgers Clark, Martha Sue Clark Switzer, Jerry Warren, Ruth Rodgers Spencer, John Rodgers, Ed Rodgers, Brent Lasater and Nanree Turner Lewis.



David Hullum Announces Candidacy For Co. Sheriff

My name is David Hullum and I would like to be your Sheriff.

My wife Mechelle and our children moved to Eastland County in August of 1998 when I promoted to Texas Ranger. Neither one of us had ever been to Eastland before and now that we've lived here for the last ten years, neither one of us would consider living anywhere else. Eastland County was such a great place to live that my folks, John and JoAnne Hullum moved here in 2000.

Eastland County has been and continues to be a wonderful home to my family, but it's been plagued with many of the same types of problems that have plagued the metropolitan areas. Many of those problems are directly related to illegal narcotics. Sadly, the proliferation of illegal narcotics in our community leads to other spinoff crimes such as thefts and burglaries.

As your Sheriff, I pledge to utilize every lawful means to pursue individuals who engage in criminal conduct with a special emphasis on those individuals engaged in the sale or possession of illegal narcotics.

Let me clear that I intend to target law violators and not law abiders. I will work with other law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney to make Eastland County a place where criminals will not want to be.

With that goal in mind, my candidacy brings 30 years of law enforcement experience to the job. I started my career in at the Greg County Sheriff's Department in Longview, Texas where I worked patrol and narcotics. I quickly promoted up through the ranks to become Patrol Captain where I supervised 21 patrolmen and 8 dispatchers. I spent two years in the United State Border Patrol stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas. The Border Patrol provided me with extensive training in federal law and Spanish. I began my Department of Public Safety career as a highway patrol trooper in Canton, Texas. I promoted from there in to DPS Criminal Intelligence where I conducted many investigations and performed undercover duties. In 1998, I promoted to Texas Ranger and was stationed here in Eastland County. For the last nine years, I worked as a Texas Ranger in Eastland, Stephens, Callahan and Shackelford Counties. During my tenure as a Texas Ranger, I conducted numerous felony investigations and made numerous arrests in this county and across the State. During my career as a Ranger, I served on the Cold Case Review team sponsored by DPS and Sheriff's Association of Texas. The Cold Case Review team provided criminal assessments to submitting agencies on unsolved homicides across the State. I also served on the Texas Ranger Evidence Committee and developed protocol and evidence collection procedures for the Ranger Division. I also taught in the Ranger Crime Scene school. I have been recognized as an expert in my field by many courts in this state.

I have received over 2800 training hours. Additionally, I have 720 hours of training I receive at the U. S. Border Patrol Academy and 400 hours of crime scene investigation training at the National Forensic Academy in Knoxville, TN.

I have been active in this community as a citizen, attending a local church, coaching various children's sports and serving as a school board member. I am proud to call Eastland County my home.

In weeks to come, I plan to inform you the voter, of my goals should I be elected to this office. If you believe as I do, that hard work, integrity and honesty can make a difference, please vote for me in November.

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Band Sweepstakes Winners Honored

The Gorman Panther Bands of 1975-76, 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 were honored at the annual homecoming celebration of the Gorman Exes Association on Saturday during the Peanut Festival. Also in attendance were band directors of that era, including Mr. Barry Crudginton of Brady and Mr. Andy Taylor of Brownwood. Recognized for his efforts in setting the stage for the success of the bands was former Gorman band director Russell Fuller.

Program of activities for the association included registration and visitation at the Ex Student Booth in downtown Gorman. The Exes won first place in the Civic Division of the Peanut Parade with a float carrying sweepstakes winning band members and their directors. Francis Simpson was in charge of the float which was furnished by Billy Earl Simpson, Ronnie and Barbara Love. Officers of the group conducted the business meeting at the Gorman High School Auditorium on Saturday. President John Howard opened the meeting by introducing Richard Watson, Pastor at New Hope to give the invocation. School Superintendent David Perry welcomed the exes. Reading of Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Dolores Underwood. Cecilia Hirst serves as treasurer of the group. Special recognition was given to Reunion Classes 1950 and 1958. Planning group member and former president Kenneth Welch recognized the classes of exes in attendance.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Velda Baze. Those ex students memorialized at the meeting were Sara Greer Kimble, Edward G. Bagwell, Burl Gene Wright, T.A. Brown, Mildred "Tiny" Webb Frasier, Gene Shackelford, Jr. (Teacher, Coach and Superintendent), Edna Lorena Files Roney, Freddie Joe Burns, Wilma Ruth Hallmark Cagle, Livinia Pearl Pounds Greenwood, Arlen Pirtle, Toni Beth Lawrence Underwood, Betty Sue Yarbrough Gurlin, Thomas David Goodwin (Student, Teacher, Coach), Frankie Jo Moore Shipman, Sylvia Rodgers Barker Duckworth, Johnny Doyle Linder, Linda Espinoza Hammon, Cecil Self, James Smith, Amber Faith Dukes Craddock, Eula Lee Mehaffey Mears and Frank Kirk. Many thanks go to Mrs. Icy Munn who compiles this list each year.

To enthusiastic applause, Mr. Howard told the group that ex student Kenneth Welch received a special honor this year. The Gorman Schools dedicated the 2007-2008 yearbook to Kenneth for his outstanding support.

Though unable to be in attendance, Mrs. Wanda Goodwin was recognized as the current Coming Home Queen. Sandra Osborne of Gorman, class of 1958, was elected as Coming Home Queen for the coming year. She was presented a corsage for this honor by the Vice President, Shanda Morrison.

Current officers for the coming year were reinstated by popular vote of the association. These are John Howard, Jr., President, Vice President, Shanda Morrison, Secretary, Dolores Underwood and Treasurer, Cecilia Hirst.

A recognition dinner at ZJ's Restaurant in downtown Gorman was held Saturday evening.



Sandra Osborne (left) - Coming Home Queen and Vice President - Shanda Morrison.

Panthers Humbled By Roscoe; Travel To Christoval Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE

Gorman		Roscoe
5	First Downs	21
25/134	Carries/yds.	27/262
-1	Passing Yds.	207
1 of 8/0	Complete/Int.	8 of 11/0
5/33	Punts/Avg.	0
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
3/35	Penalties	3/40

The Gorman Panthers hosted one the best teams in Class A on Friday night at Brogdon Field and were soundly defeated by the Roscoe Plowboys by a 57-0 margin. The Plowboys jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, then added 29 in the second for a 43-0 halftime lead. They added 14 more in the third period for a final score of 57-0. The Plowboy defense stopped a strong Panther offense which had amassed good numbers in their first three games.

Adam Munoz scored the first Plowboy score on a 2 yard run with 5:51 left. Garrison Williams added the point after and Roscoe was up 7-0.

Garrison Williams scored the next Roscoe TD on a long pass and run of 52 yards with 4:12 left. Williams put up the point after for a 14-0 margin.

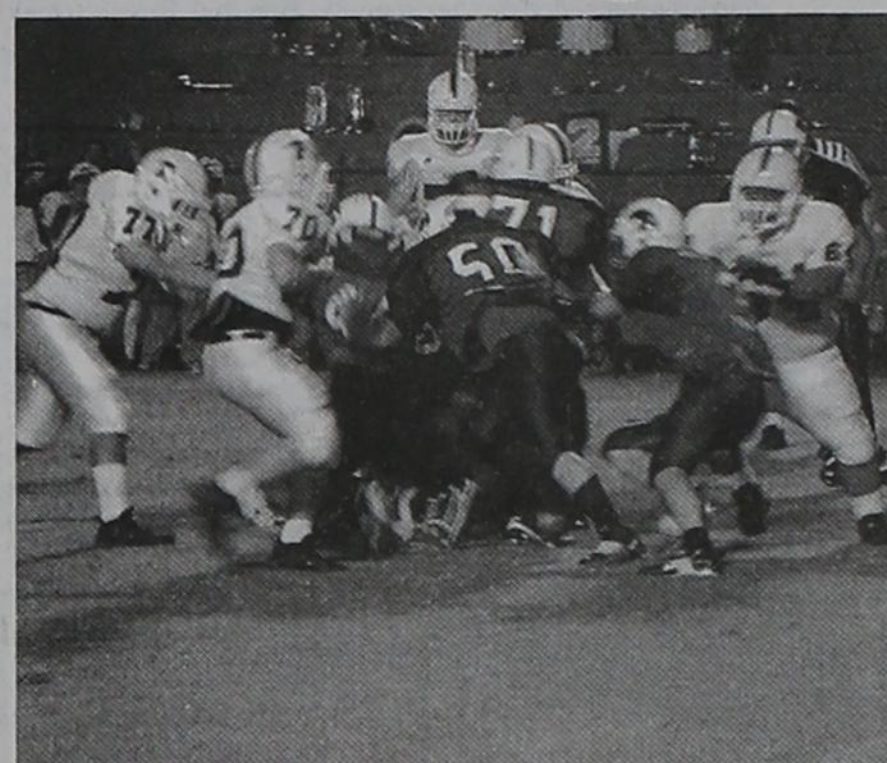
The Plowboys added another score on their third possession with 10:20 left in the half on a 1 yard run by Munoz. Williams added the point after and the score rose to 21-0.

After a Panther fumble on the next kickoff the Plowboys scored again on another long pass of 50 yards by Jared Villanueva with 9:49 left in the half. Williams kicked the point after and Roscoe led 28-0.

Roscoe scored again with 7:04 left in the half when Villanueva hit brother Jared on a 62 yard pass and run. A pass to Caden Smith added the 2 pointer and the lead jumped to 36-0.

With just 1:50 left in the half Caden Smith scored on a run of 5 yards and Williams added the point after to give Roscoe a 43-0 halftime margin.

Roscoe got the second half kickoff and scored in 4 plays with Williams scoring on an 11 yard run with 9:41 left in the third. Williams then added the point after for a 50-0 lead.



BATTLING IT ON THE LINE – Tyler Johnson, Clifton Lipson and Tyson Swanner join to stop a Roscoe runner in game action.

The usually strong Panthers offense never really threatened to score as the very stingy Plowboy defense held the Panthers scoreless.

Gorman was led by Matt Underwood with 63 yards on 13 carries. Tyson Swanner had 35 yards on 5 tries. Justin Little had 29 on 4 and Drew McCreless got 7 on 3 carries.

The Panthers travel to Christoval on Friday night to snap back from the overwhelming loss to get back in the win column. So let's all follow the Panthers to Christoval and show them our support.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!

Thank You

The family of Eunice Love would like to express our love and appreciation to each and everyone who has been so kind, thoughtful, and helpful during the time of Eunice's confinement after her stroke in the fall of 2006 and during her recent passing. Thank you to all those who cared for her so wonderfully at Homestead Nursing and Rehab.

Special thanks to Ina Smith, Activity Director, Sandy Oliver DON, Gwen Erwin and Hope Decker, and all the other LVNs, to Julie, Nellie, Janie, Irma and all the other nursing aides who cared for her so faithfully and lovingly. Thank you to the Lighthouse hospice nurses and aides, especially Jeanie, who did such an excellent job, and Bro. Joe Bernier, Chaplain, for his visits. Special thanks to Ray Daniels, Carolyn Foster and Marjorie Treadway at Higginbotham Funeral Home for helping in so many ways to make the service extra special. Thanks to Brothers David Coffey and Larry Stogsdill for the beautiful service, to the Church of Christ singers for learning two of Eunice's songs and doing such a great job singing them, to Bill Mears for video taping for the family members who were unable to attend, to Julie Clark for a beautiful hairstyle, to the ladies at the Church of Christ for such a bountiful and delicious meal, to the host of family and friends who brought food to the church and our homes, to everyone who sent so very many beautiful flowers and plants, cards and phone calls. Thank you all so very much. What a precious, caring community we live in! May God Bless You.

Ronnie and Barbara Love
Joy and Larry Campbell
Kevin and Kara Love and Family
Neil and Mary, Tammy, Scott and Amy,
Chad and Jomy Campbell and Families
Clint, Tecia, Skylar and Talee Jones

Thank You

We would like to Thank Bro. Rickard Watson for his comforting words, Donnie and Staff at Nowlin Funeral Home for their kindness and Laressie and Vickie for the beautiful music. Also, We truly appreciate all the cards, flowers, food, memorials, calls and especially your prayers. May God Bless Each of You.

The Family of Ozella Moore

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

Texas Star Gardeners To Travel

The Texas Star Gardeners will meet Thursday, September 18 at 10:00AM in the home of Elaine Pogue in Proctor. Car poolers will meet at 9:15AM from in front of the Gorman Dairy Queen to travel to the meeting. For more information, call 734-4268.

DeLeon Soccer League

The De Leon Soccer League for children ages 4 thru 6 and 6 thru 9 games will be played in De Leon. Registration forms can be picked up at the Gorman Progress or in De Leon at Freddie's Short Stop and BBQ. Must be turned in no later than September 4th at Freddie's in De Leon. Registration Fee is \$25.00 for Children and for anyone who wants to Coach the fee is \$15.00. Call Terra Mathews at 254-842-1673 or Robin McGinnis at 254-977-2546.

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Obituary

Delores Tucker

Delores Tucker, age 69 of Desdemona passed away on Sunday, September 14, 2008 at her residence. Services were Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 10 a.m. At the De Leon First Baptist Church with David Kelly assisted by Tim White. Music by Rocky and Martha Bunting. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery under direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born January 13, 1939 in Leaday, Texas (Coleman Co.) to the late Ben and Bessie Kennedy Creek. She married Robert Tucker on December 26, 1957 in Coleman.

She was a homemaker; retired teachers aide for De Leon ISD for many years; devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother; had resided in Desdemona since 1978, having previously lived in Monahans.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Tucker of Desdemona; two sons, Steven Tucker and wife Brenda of Desdemona and Scott Tucker and wife Brenda of Goodyear, AZ; one daughter, Jamie Mathis and husband Terry of De Leon; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents, Ben and Bessie Creek; one son, Randall Tucker and two sisters Juanell Creek and Bennie Faye Powell.

Memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society, Hospice of the Big Country or Desdemona Activity Center.

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Eastland County -- 150 Years and Growing

When the Ranger Historical Preservation Society met in its regular January meeting this year, there was much discussion about the events for 2008. Festivals have become so abundant, two and three every weekend, and attendance has been low the past couple years. "We need something different - Really Unique - an attraction that people will want to come into this area to visit - those people who will be spending tourist dollars." Each member had been given a packet of information that concentrated on planning a county-wide annual production of the history of Eastland County.

After review in great detail of the entire eighteen pages of information, vote was made, seconded, and was unanimous to immediately begin working on this effort for the entire county. No question the annual June festival date was absolutely too soon, so the decision was to use the Society's annual October festival date to do the production. This year would be Saturday, October 18th, one day after the anniversary of the blowout of the J. H. McCleskey Discovery well - and why not have a parade on Friday afternoon to start the celebration - maybe a Circuit Rider preacher for a Sunday afternoon service on the grounds.

In May a contest was held to "Name The Production." Prizes for the contest winner were a \$50 Savings Bond given by Farmers & Merchants Bank, and four tickets to the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth, donated by that entity. "The Saga of Eastland County" submitted by Ed Allcorn was chosen. (Incidentally Ed chose to put the prizes back to be used for another contest)

Although Eastland County was created February 1, 1858, we are still in the 150th year of creation, and since we already have the October celebration every year, what better to do than have the First Annual "The Saga of Eastland County" and celebrate the County's 150th year at the same time! How about this BIG PLUS - the Society already owns property large enough to have such an event, an ideal place since it is part of the original McCleskey land.

So be it - this year will be ~ "A fast-paced, lively review in narrative, storybook format, each town's role in the County's history told by their own local folks ~ a preview of the October 2009 full production of Eastland County History Beginning with its 1858 Creation."

The public, from the tiniest to the eldest, is encouraged to dress for the late 1800s time period during the event - on Friday October 17th for the parade, as an entry or as spectator. Entries for

the parade will be accepted depicting any community of the county from its 1858 beginning through to the October 17, 1917 Blowout of the McCleskey Well that started the oil boom that is noted for winning WWI, and made Eastland County, the great part of Texas it is.

Organizers feel the youth should be invited to be a part of this positive celebration, that by participation they could become more aware of their local heritage, generate a strong interest in their community, and become a valuable asset to its future growth. All county schools have been contacted. Ranger ISD students will be involved in an Essay Contest. Other schools in the county are being asked to have their students participate. Updates will be given as more schools respond.

Some highlights planned for the event include, with emphasis, of course each community bringing its own special person or persons to narrate their unique part of Eastland County history in "Storybook Format;" Chuckwagon Lunch; Live Music by Local Talented Musicians; Square Dancing Exhibition; Beard Contest; late 1800s - early 1900s Games; Static Displays & Demonstrations; Lady's Dress Contest; Contest for Best Decorated Business in each community; Lots more in the works. Watch this newspaper for details on these plans and others as they become available.

Volunteers from each community are needed to help with all phases of "The Saga of Eastland County" - If you can answer a phone, make notes & deliver messages; use a computer; sew; swing a hammer; handle a saw; decorate; art work; have a pickup to deliver materials; or be a "gofer"; and can be a volunteer, please call and speak to a worker or leave your name & number for return call to: 254-647-5353; 254-672-5337; 254-631-5747; or 254-647-3340.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

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3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, fireplace, on 3+A lot, cov. RV parking area [LK01] \$70,000
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156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds; nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, coral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
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Listen! Beautiful faces are everywhere and we are having a fantastic time in the House of the Lord! We are so thankful for all of the people that come together to share their faith and worship God Almighty!

Mark your calendars:

September 20th: RA Boys - Ranger's Game - Please pray for their traveling graces and great time.
September 24th: 7:30am - See You At The Pole.
September 28th: Church Dedication - make plans to be there!

Donnie and Nelda Mauney have a fantastic reputation in this community of being honest, hard working, and always ready to lend a helping hand.. Many people in this community have told stories about how Donnie and Nelda helped them with their crops when they fell ill or on hard times. Likewise, Donnie and Nelda have also told stories about how others have been there to help them. Their testimony is one of truth and emotions ran high. We all have a responsibility to give to God what is His, and render service to Him. They are so thankful for the good people that make up our Church Family. They are so proud of the growth, and all of the young people. They are glad to tithe and support God's work being

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Eastland County Commissioners' Court conducted public hearings on 9/8/08 and 9/12/08 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Eastland

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 9.4 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.51980 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,793,074

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.505 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is

\$4,027,074

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current total value and new property value.)

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.505 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is

\$4,149,478

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The Eastland County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on 9/26/08 at 8:00 a.m. 100 W. Main St., Suite 203, Eastland, TX 76448
(location of meeting, including mailing address) (time of meeting)

done, and God's work to be done.

Liz Caraway's Children Sermon: Liz demonstrated how a referee in a football game throws a yellow flag when a football player makes a mistake. When the referee throws the flag he penalizes the team. Does Jesus throw a flag when we do something wrong in life? Of course not. Jesus doesn't even penalize us if we make a mistake. All we have to do is ask Jesus to forgive us and He does.

Bro. Barry's message was "Extreme Home Makeover" - Psalm 127:1a.

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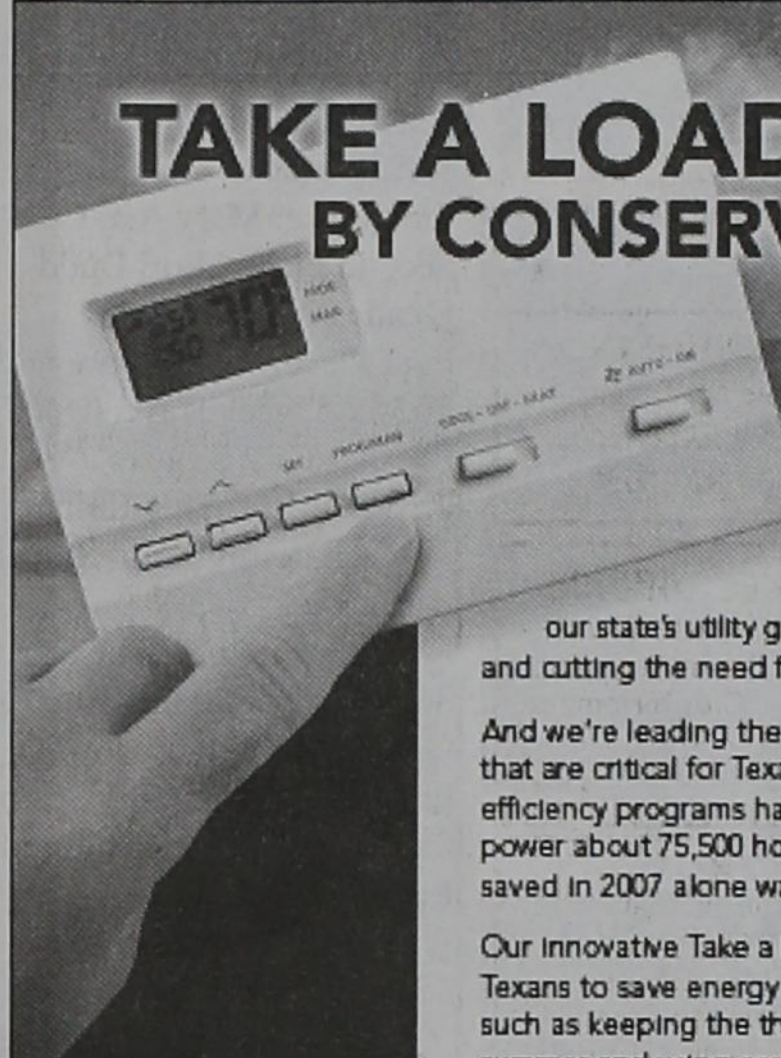
David Hullum Announces Candidacy For Co. Sheriff

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ber. I you would like to assist me in making Eastland County a place where criminals don't want to be, please contact me by writing to P. O. Box 1001, Eastland, Texas or call me at 254-629-1309. Your help and encouragement is very much appreciated. I look forward to meeting you and I am asking for your vote.

TAKE A LOAD OFF BY CONSERVING ENERGY

By Ken Harris, Oncor



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- Encourage the installation of energy-efficient technologies
- Make energy efficiency available to all consumers in the areas we serve, regardless which retail electric provider they have chosen

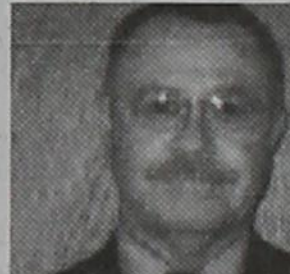
These initiatives represent the largest energy conservation program in the state. But we're just getting started. In addition to our current initiatives, over the next four years, we will be offering new programs focusing on consumer education and advanced technologies.

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KEN HARRIS is area manager for Oncor. 325-641-4428



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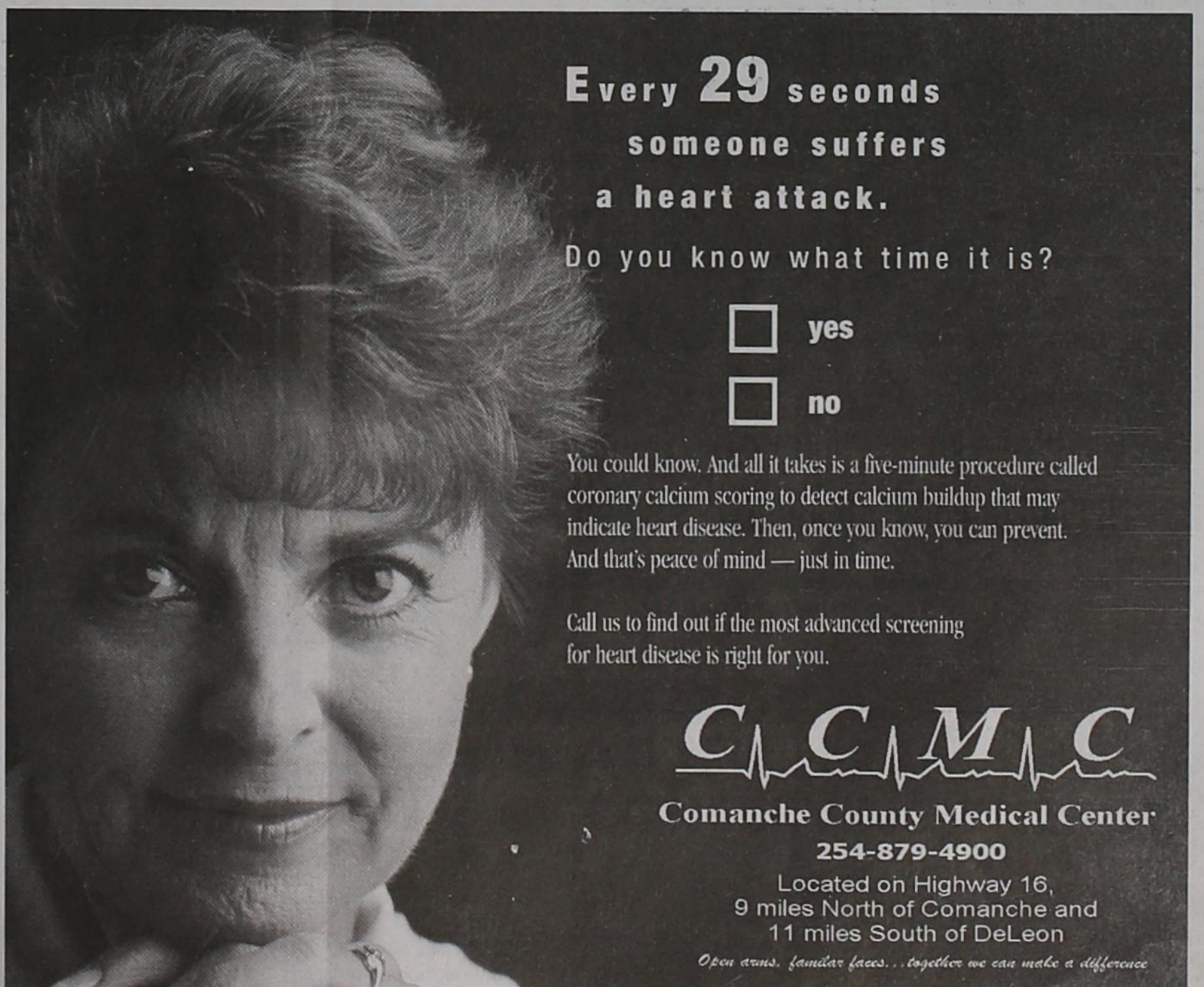
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Gorman Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Results And Thank You

On Saturday 13th, the Gorman Goober Gourmet Cook-Off was held as part of the Peanut Festival. The cook-off had 33 entries this year in five classes with four age groups each. All entries were delicious and made creative use of peanuts and / or peanut products. The cook-off chairperson, Martha Harrington, wishes to express thanks for the effort put forth by all contestants.

Martha also wishes to thank the following volunteers for donating their time to help make this a successful event: Susan Lipscomb, Shirley Good, Becky Smith, Ellen Gressett, Beth Dunwell, & Vickie Perry.

Special thanks to the following individuals and businesses who donated items for the goody bags that each contestant received and for the gifts which were presented to the Champions and the Grand Champion:

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American State Bank of Gorman
First Financial Bank of Eastland
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Results from the Goobar Gourmet Cook-Off are as follows:

Adult Candy

First Place: Erica Eison
Second Place: Jane Sims
Grades 3-8 Candy
First Place: Haley Wright



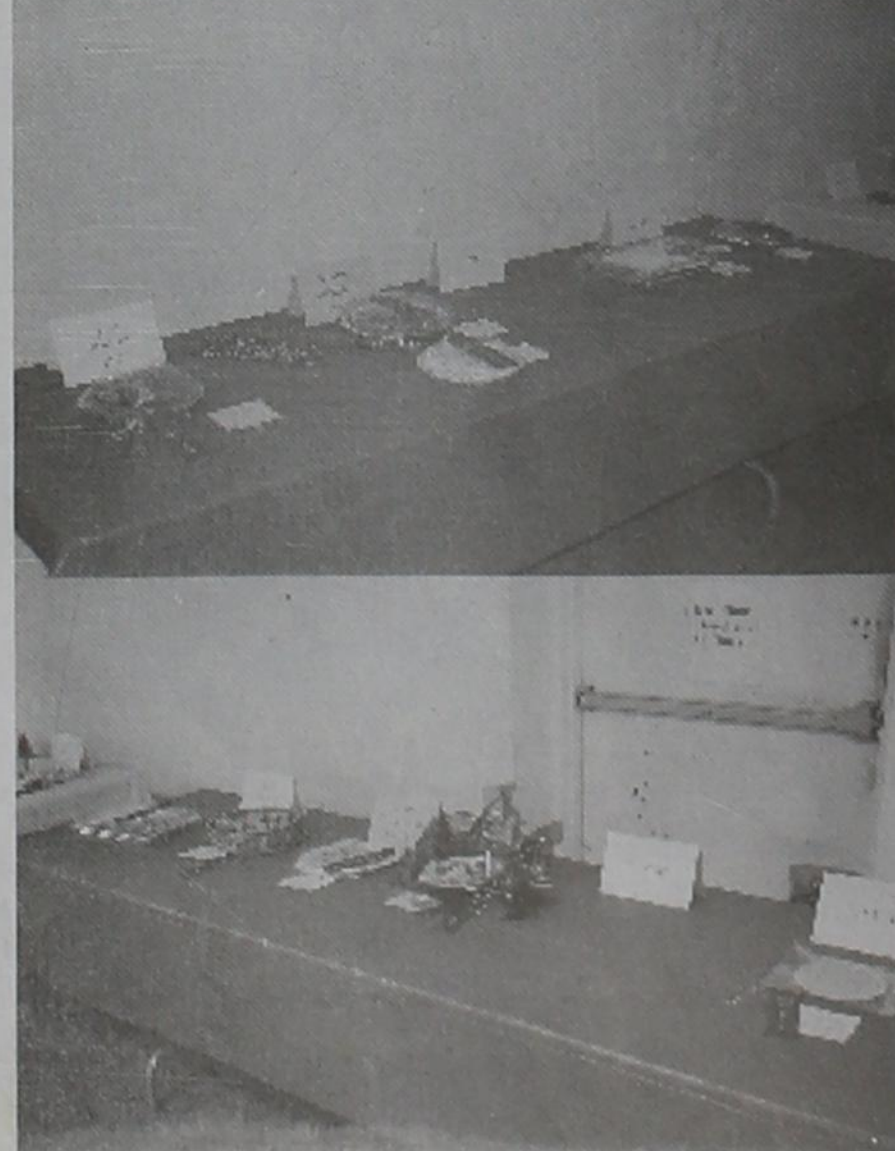
BEST OF CLASS - CAKES AND GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW



BEST OF CLASS - CANDY AND PIES GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW



BEST OF CLASS - COOKIES AND CAKES



Second Place: Madi Warren

Pre-K - Gr. 2 Candy

First Place: Aubrey Kellar
Second Place: Joey Salinas

Champion of Candy Class: Erica Eison

Adult Cakes

First Place: Lucretia Coan
Second Place: Jane Sims
Third Place: Lori Dodd
Fourth Place: Mary Ann Cox

Grades 3-8 Cakes

First Place: Shylee Smith
Pre-K - Gr. 2 Cakes
First Place: Aubrey Kellar

Champion of Cake Class: Lucretia Coan

Adult Snacks

First Place: Mary Ann Cox
Second Place: Lori Dodd
Grades 3-8 Snacks

First Place: Kendra Coan
Second Place: Kayce Dodd
Pre-K - Gr. 2 Snacks

First Place: Aubrey Kellar

Champion of Snacks Class: Mary Ann Cox

Adult Pies

First Place: Lucretia Coan
Second Place: Mary Ann Cox
Grades 3-8 Pies

First Place: Kourtney Seaton
Second Place: Shylee Smith
Pre-K - Gr. 2 Pies

First Place: Caroline Cox
Second Place: Aubrey Kellar

Champion of Pies Class: Caroline Cox

Adult Cookies

First Place: Jean Brinegar
Second Place: Erica Eison

Grades 3-8 Cookies

First Place: Kendle Coan
Second Place: Kathryn Woodall
Third Place: Kayce Dodd
Fourth Place: Brenton Coan
Fifth Place Tie: Sarah Woodall & Shylee Smith

Pre-K - Gr. 2 Cookies

First Place: Aubrey Kellar
Second Place: Caroline Cox

Champion of Cookie Class: Aubrey Kellar

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Once again, we here in Desdemona have heavy hearts. Our dear friend, Dolores Tucker passed away Sunday night after a long and valiant fight with cancer. Dolores was a special person who never spoke an unkind word about anyone. She was very gracious during her illness and never let it dull her sense of humor nor her willingness to help when she could. Dolores was a member of the Board of Directors of the DAC. We all will miss her very much. Our sympathy and prayers go to her family.

We would like to invite everyone to a dance at the DAC on September 25 from 8:00P.M. til 10:00P.M. Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids will provide the music for us. The cost will be \$4.00 per person. We will have a concession stand with hot dogs, nachos and drinks.

Please remember 'Breakfast at the DAC' on October 4th.

Hunters we have tickets on sale for the Ruger Hawkeye rifle that we will be drawing for on December 6th. The tickets sell for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Hospice of The Big Country Offers Volunteer Training

Hospice of The Big Country is looking for new volunteers in the Eastland, Cisco, Ranger, and Gorman area to join our volunteer team. A 20-hour Volunteer Training Course is being offered in the area. There is no charge for the training; however, pre-registration is required so that there will be enough training materials for everyone.

All Hospice volunteers are required to complete hospice volunteer training. The training program is a broad overview of end-of-life issues designed to educate hospice volunteers about hospice care and all the ministries involved in caring for terminally ill patients. Some of the topics that will be covered include ethics, communication skills, the disease process, stages of death and dying, care and comfort measures, grief and bereavement, and spirituality in death. The trainers for each topic are all specialists in their field.

Volunteer services range from running errands and/or providing companionship for patients, help with bereavement services, to office work. A hospice volunteer's time commitment is as flexible as the services he or she provides.

Hospice of The Big Country was established in 1992 and serves terminally ill patients in Abilene and the eleven surrounding counties, regardless of their ability to pay. In 2000, HOBC merged with West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Currently, there are approximately 80 volunteers who help HOBC meet its mission. Under the direction of the patient's physician and the hospice medical director, the hospice team works together to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care to the patient and their family. Over 3500 patients and families have been served by Hospice of The Big Country since its inception.

Please call Shrona Shannon, Volunteer Coordinator, at 325-793-5489 for more information or to reserve your place in the fall training class.

GISD SCHOOL MENU

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello/Fruit, Biscuit and Milk.
TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken or Corn Dog, Pinto Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Cornbread, Oranges, Chocolate Cake and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito or Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Crackers, Sherbet and Milk.
THURSDAY - Homemade Pizza or Ravioli, Cheese Sticks, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or Sloppy Joe, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and Milk.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 2008 Round-Up Auction



Laverne Carr holding a cake she made for the 2007 Round-Up event.

Enjoy Chuck Wagon Beans & Cornbread While Supporting The West Texas Rehabilitation Center

It's time to mark your calendar for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Round-Up for Rehab Special Event Auction. On Tuesday, September 23rd, the annual fundraiser will be hosted by the Texas Cattle Exchange auction barn. Since its inception in 1960, Round-Up for Rehab has provided more than \$10 million in donations to helping those who have turned to the Center for assistance. As a private, non-profit organization, the Rehab is dedicated to providing outpatient care annually to over 23,000 children and adults, regardless of their financial circumstances. Through the years, numerous Eastland area residents have used and continue to utilize the REHAB's services for improving the quality of their lives.

The Eastland/Olden area sale is one of nine special Round-Up for Rehab events and promises to provide a unique, fun experience. Starting at 11:30 a.m., everyone is invited to come out to the auction barn on September 23rd and enjoy a meal of beans, cornbread and cobbler prepared by the Rehab's own Chuck Wagon. The auction then kicks-off at 12:00 noon, with items of interest for all. Livestock, ag-related and general merchandise, crafts and baked goods will be offered with a round of lively, friendly bidding.

Local chairmen and REHAB friends heading up the 2008 Eastland County Round-Up program are Chris & Kristen Scitem, Joy Rogers, Francis Simpson, Bill Wright Jr., Bob Brunner, Tommy & Laverne Carr, Jim Horn, Selissa Hayes and Joe Cooper. Others with key roles in this year's program are general chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene, Jody Frey of San Angelo and Bob Helmers of Christoval. Honorary Round-Up chairman for the fourth consecutive year is legendary cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall. Shown is photo is Laverne Carr holding a cake she made for the 2007 Round-Up event. They join with other volunteers to ask the people of West Texas to help Rehab meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of all who turn to the Center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of illness or injury.

WTRC President Woody Gilliland extends a special invitation to everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Rehab of intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for animals sold later in the year. "For the hundreds of children and adults we serve regardless of financial status, I thank everyone for supporting this critical fundraising program," said Gilliland.

Corporate underwriters for this year's Round-Up for Rehab include Heartland Alliance of America, Farm and Ranch Healthcare Inc., Lone Star Beef, Group IV Member-Owned Electric Cooperatives, Family Power Sports, Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife and Wrangler. Providing additional support are TXP Inc., Muel Metals, Walco International, A-B Distributing Co. and First Ag Credit.

So mark those calendars and plan to attend for a great time and become a part of the Rehab's philosophy of "neighbor-helping neighbor." For more information about the Rehab Center or Round-Up events call WTRC-Abilene at 325-793-3507. Eastland area residents wishing to support the REHAB Center through donations or auction items can contact the Texas Cattle Exchange at 254-629-2288.

CARBON HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN EX REUNION

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 4, 2008 Carbon School grounds - east end of Anthracite Street. The CHS Class of 1958 will be honored this year as they join the Golden Exes.

Registration will begin at 9:00 AM, at the old school location and will last until the program begins at 10:30 AM. The Carbon Community Center will be open from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM. The Carbon School trophies and other memorabilia are there for your viewing. The noon meal will be served in the camp dining hall on the north end of the school. The building is air conditioned with plenty of seating.

Meal tickets are \$10.00 each and can be picked up at the registration table. If your address has changed from last year be sure and make that change when you register so you will receive notice for next year's event.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE NOON MEAL. Please send check or money order addressed to: Carbon School Reunion, PO Box 635, Carbon, TX 76435. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: September 19, 2008. Please reserve your ticket by this date so we can let the caterer know the number of meals to prepare.

Schedule for the day October 4, 2008: Open visit and walk through the Carbon Community Center (previously Carbon Methodist Church) - 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM; Registration - 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM; Open visitation - 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (bring pictures, annuals, etc.); Program - 10:30 AM; and Meal - 12 Noon, or immediately following program.

The program will be held in the building north of the school building (same as registration), where the Home Economics "Cottage" was once located. That is also the location of the noon meal. We will "pass the hat" at some time during the day in order to defray costs for next year's reunion. The price of mailing is the substantial cost of the reunion. A big THANK YOU to all who help with those expenses.

We look forward to seeing you October 4, 2008.

Sincerely,
2008 Committee, CHS Class of 1957
Carolyn Little, Chairperson

Peanut Festival Queens And Contestants



Peanut Queen - Erica Limon



Pre-Teen Peanut Queen - Kourtney Seaton



Junior Peanut Queen - Rachel Tucker



Little Miss Peanut Queen - Morgan Wright



Petite Peanut Queen - Jordan Hampton



Pre-Teen Contestants - Holly Rainey, Kourtney Seaton, and Kathryn Woodall



Peanut Queen Contestants

Left to right - Grace Treider, Destiny Ackerman, Erica Limon and Brittany Henderson



Little Miss Contestants

Left to right - Caitlyn Rainey, Morgan Wright, Ally Grumbles, Daniella Segura, Kendle Coan and Audry Segura



Junior Miss Contestants

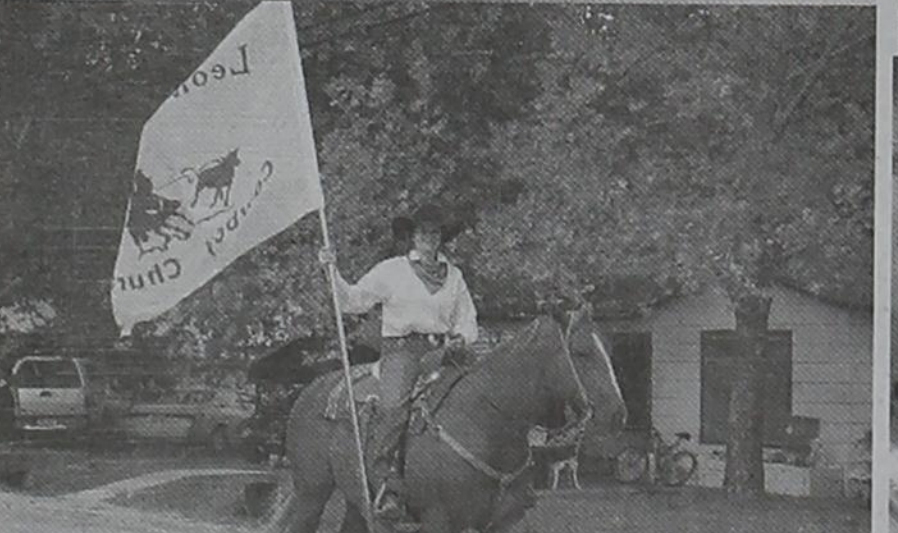
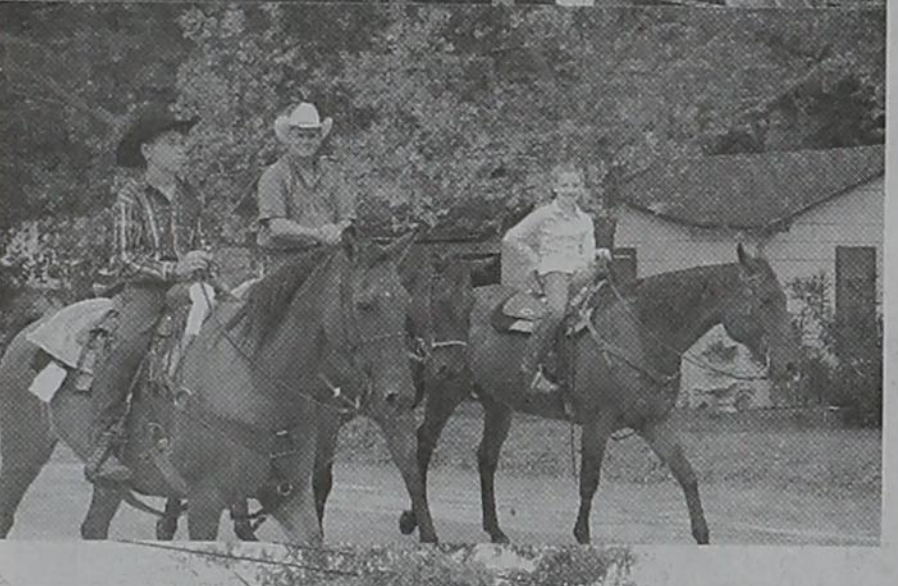
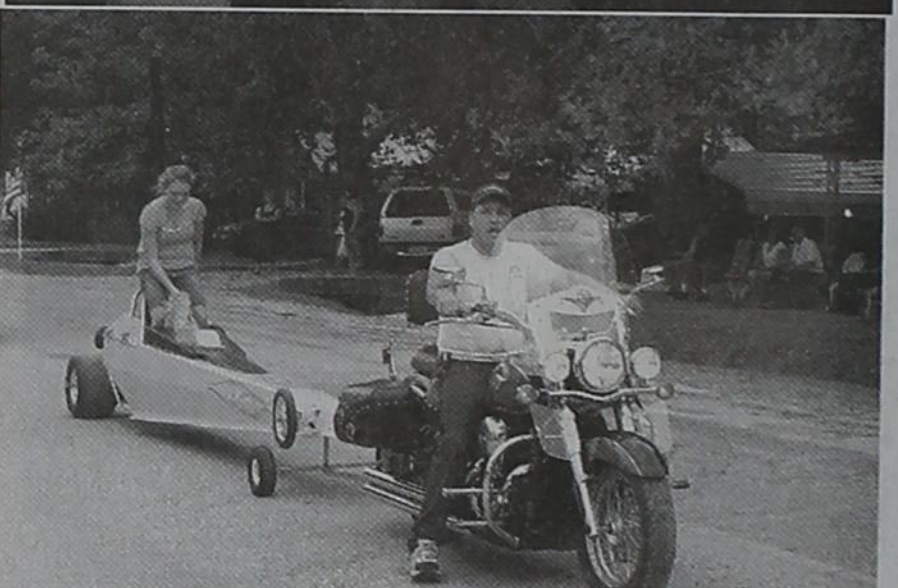
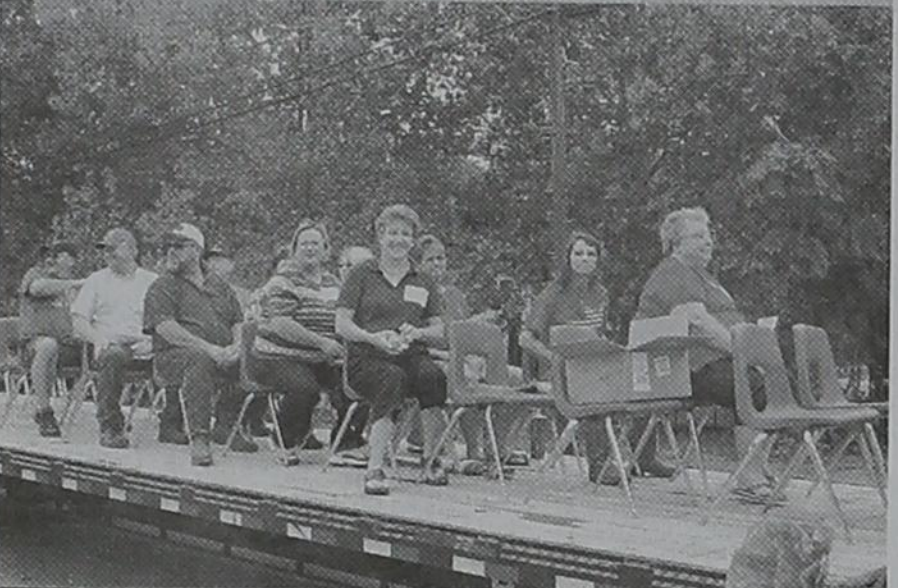
Left to right - Alaina Swanner, Rachel Tucker, Amy Hendrix, and Skye Lewis



Petite Miss Contestants

Left to right - Hennessey Adair, Kaylee Grumbles, Jessica Rice, Damianna Jones, Aryann Cook, Makenzie Rainey, Jordan Hampton, Jasy Rice And Isabella Segura

Photos of the 2008 Peanut Festival



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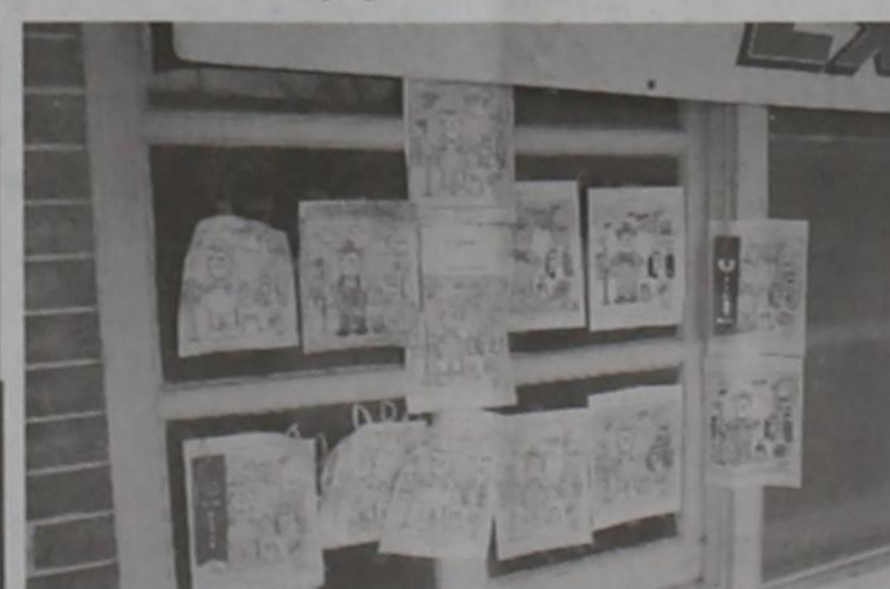
Coloring Contest Photos



Grade School Goober Coloring Contest.

	1st	2nd	3rd
3 yr old Pre-K:	Markee Simmons	Weldon Scitem	Gracie Walton
4 yr old Pre-K:	Natalie Torres	Trinity Torres	Breanna Shirley
Kindergarten:	Rose Aguirre	Steven Fenley	Collin Gowgell
Kindergarten:	Mya Campbell	Jordan Scitem	Hannah Underwood
1st Grade:	Kelsie Guthery	Genaro Madera	Larrisa Hampton
1st Grade:	Rachel Snider	Caitlyn Clark	Kaylee Grumbles
2nd Grade:	David Griffin	Chasity Fraley	Reece Scitem
2nd Grade:	Lauren Underwood	Jennifer Cruz	Emely Turner
3rd Grade:	Stratton Thompson	Allie Grumbles	Kaiden Petree
3rd Grade:	Sara Woodall	Christi Sheppard	Moses Hipolito
4th Grade:	Carrissa Cole	Marisa Prado	Kayce Dodd
4th Grade:	Becky Mata	Sam Rainey	Delia Prado
5th Grade:	Rylan Laminack	J C Prado	Rodrigo Mata
5th Grade:	Flavio Herrera	Kourtney Seaton	Arlette Giles
6th Grade:	Jacquelyn Rainey	Lauren Spivey	Lacey Wilson

Thank you to all the students for participating in the contest and the teachers for helping.



Hotfooters Of Breckenridge Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the First National Bank Tower Room.

The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns.

For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567.

Artists Of Eastland County To Present Autumn Leaves Show & Sale

Artists of Eastland County are taking on a large project for a newly formed organization (Nov. 2006) by presenting the Autumn Leaves Art Show & Sale on September 20/21, 2008. The show will be held inside of the Eastland County Museum and Historical Society at 112/114 S. Seaman, Eastland, TX.

Invited to participate are artists from towns within a 100-mile radius from Eastland, which includes our area. They ask that you pre-register, but will accept entries until they reach the space limit of 250.

Entry fees are \$15 for adults and \$10 for high school art students and college freshman and sophomore art students. There is a break in price if you enter three pieces. Only three pieces will be accepted from each artist. Cash prizes, ribbons and merchandise of over \$1,200 will be awarded at the two day event.

For more information, contact Joy Conner, President at (254) 629-3290; Maria Beck, Vice-President at (254) 629-8588 or Martha Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer at (254) 442-1208. For email information, contact ejconner1111@sbcglobal.net, mariabeck@yahoo.com, or marthae227@yahoo.com

Senior Citizens News By Carol Ward

Our weekly luncheon was held on the 10 of September at 11:30. There were 24 people in spite of the rain. How wonderful the rain has been and finally cool weather!! I didn't know for awhile if I'd make it through all that hot, muggy weather. The high humidity does make me feel bad. I could never live in the South or along the coast. We are so glad to have Lendon Shipman with us often, and to have him give the blessing for us all. Thanks to these people for the honor they do.

The meal we enjoyed was meat loaf, carrots, Cole slaw, salad, potato salad, corn and white beans. Betty Regian made her delicious rolls, also had two kinds of Jello with fruit. Our dessert was chocolate pie, brownies and lots of cookies. The desserts were a little low again, either that or too many.

Daisy Slaton guests were Larry and Helen Collins from Stephenville. Helen had went to College with Daisy's daughter Bennie Gail. She and Ruthie Porter also know one another, so all had a good talk. Maybe they will come more often. Sure was good to see Ruthie, she had been ailing.

Always nice to see the Shirleys and also James Miears. Hope he can remember to come next time. I ran into James in City Grocery and reminded him about our dinner. We have lost so many of our regular people that our ranks are thinning. Hope more people will come out each week to enjoy our fellowship.

Daisy Slaton and I did attend the DAC breakfast in Desdemona on the 6th. Always enjoyable and to visit with friends. Their biscuits and gravy really good!! Also sausage is the best I've tasted. We saw Bernice Hewson and Melba Frazier, also Lil Brudnak and Ann Jay enjoying their breakfast. I nearly forgot, Mildred Landreth was also with Bernice and Melba all having a good time.

Our football game on the 12th against Roscoe sure didn't turn out right. We lost terribly, can't even remember the score, don't want to. Our guys know how that Dallas team felt the week before. This was a highly rated team, but I thought they would do a little better. The whole team was off, nothing worked out right. Hopefully next week will be better against Christoval.

I had intended to view the Festival Parade on the 13th, but forgot all about it. I felt bad that morning and was wanting to get to Stephenville that afternoon. I really hated missing my granddaughter Alaina Swanner in the Parade. She and other cheerleaders rode with football boys on a float. She is a 7th grade cheerleader, hard to believe she is in Junior High. The years just keep going by fast.

There were on 9 out to play games on the 11th at 5 p.m. We did have a good time teaching Lil Brudnak how to play spinner. Hopefully some of this knowledge stayed in her head, and she will enjoy more next time. Come back Lil we had fun!

Hope all is well and see you next time - Carol

Super Notes

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

Another Peanut Festival has come and gone and we didn't get blown away. In fact, the weather was great as far as I'm concerned. Thankfully Hurricane Ike was not as bad this direction as was originally predicted. It was a busy week though, especially for our football teams trying to get in some quality practice time with all the wet weather fighting against them.

Unfortunately, the Panthers took a hard one on the chin last Friday against an excellent Roscoe team, but that is history now and this week we face Christoval. I was really impressed with our boys even though they lost. They never stopped playing. I really appreciate the courage and stamina it takes to keep playing your hardest even when it appears you have no chance to win. It really exemplifies their good character and I respect them all for what they do. They are not quitters! Coach Hendrix and crew have done a wonderful job bringing the boys together as a team and I am sure they will be ready for this week's game. The crowd Friday night was awesome! Thanks to all that attended and for your support! Thanks to all of the students, teachers, coaches, and volunteers involved in making every home game a success. We could not do it with just the football coaches and the team; it takes a lot of dedicated people. See you at the game! Christoval is just south of San Angelo on highway 277.

Our other football teams looked good too, although the JV lost, they put up a good fight in Roscoe and their performance was greatly improved over the week before and the junior high won their game. Great job boys!

Our Lady Panthers came in third at the Eastland Tournament last week? It is a shame we won't have the opportunity to play Eastland again this year. Even though they are a much bigger school, we have come so close to beating them it is ridiculous. I think if we had one more opportunity we could do it! I expect our girls will fare well in district and have another exciting season. Your support is greatly appreciated! Our girls lost their district opener Tuesday against Albany, but came back to win three straight from DeLeon Friday afternoon before the football game. They are looking good!

Our enrollment is up to 386 this week. We are very fortunate to be increasing our enrollment. It is a great time to be at Gorman ISD! This is a great school for your child! If you are new to the area and trying to decide where to live, I recommend Gorman. We have a great school and a great community!

Last Friday was the end of the first three weeks and three week notices will be sent out to parents of those students that are failing or close to failing. Ask your child how they are doing. Ask them if you should expect a notice. If you do receive a notice, please take the time to meet with your child's teacher to see what you can do to help them improve and experience the success they will need to improve their grades. If your child is in any extracurricular activity, they will not be permitted to participate if they fail for the six weeks until after the fourth week of the following six weeks if they are passing at that time. This includes: sports, marching band, flags, dance, cheer leading, and Ag and academic competitions. No Pass, No Play, it's the law! Help keep your child eligible.

I hate to report that we have hit a delay in construction. Tippen Steel, located in Boyd, Texas about 35 miles northwest of Fort Worth appears to be the problem contractor. They have informed us they will tentatively begin erection the week of September 22nd. I will certainly let you know if they are true to their word or not. Some folks are real good coming up with excuses! Pretty much everything that can be done prior to the steel going up has been done. If you know anyone at Tippen and have any influence, give them a call and get them to hurry up!

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

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday, November 8th at the Community Center ("ole" school building). This annual event was started at the end of World War II when our Community gave a "Welcome Home" supper for all of the returning soldiers (men and women). It continued as an annual event for many years. When our Desdemona School closed in May 1969 to consolidate with De Leon School, then there was a few years this supper as canceled but later started back when the Desdemona Community got a lease on the "ole" school building and turned it into a Community Center. So you can see this annual Thanksgiving Supper has been scheduled on the second Saturday of November of each year and will continue on this date for as long as possible. Come and join us for a good home-cooked meal in a pleasant atmosphere where you can enjoy visiting with your friends and neighbors - also to welcome all the "Newcomers" to our Community. More details later on.

Graveside Service was held on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at the Desdemona Cemetery for Helen (Abel) Brown, 79 of A-lington. Survivors include two sons, Roger Walker and Billy Miller; one daughter, Sharon Lauck; a brother, Robert Abel and wife, Evelyn; grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Lora (Davis) Abel; two sisters, Estelle Abel and Ruth Baker. The Abel Family are former residents of Desdemona, where their four children attended school. Helen was in the Class of 1946.

Graveside Service was held on Saturday, September 9, 2008 at the Desdemona Cemetery for Ruth (Sharp) Lewis, 756, of Desdemona. Survivors include her husband, Manford Lewis; four sons, Melvin Lewis, Allan Lewis, Rocky Lewis and Bit Lewis; a sister Patsy (Sharp) Eaton and husband, Ray; grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Mary (Fair) Sharp; a son, David Lewis; two brothers, R. L. Sharp and Bud Sharp. The Sharp Family are former residents of Desdemona. Ruth and Patsy attended school in Desdemona. Our sincere sympathy to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

Virgil Holdman, Sr. of Desdemona recently suffered a stroke. His wife, Jo reports that Virgil is in Dallas Rehab Center and doing much better at this time.

There is a lot of sickness in our Community at this time. Some are recovering from recent surgery, several has coals, allergies and bronchitis, others are taking Chemo. Remember these with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "Hello" can mean so much to a shut-in.

Autumn begins on Monday, September 22nd. It is always a welcome relief to have cooler wather, lots of ball games to attend and soon be time for our busy "Holiday Season".

Our thought for today: *Keep love in your heart: "A Life Of Love and Being Loved Brings Warmth and Richness To Life That Nothing Else Can Bring".*

Have a great day, Vonnie

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