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Halloween Parade



Your Help was Appreciated, Thank You

Have it and they will come. That is what they did on Halloween night. Even though it was football game night there was enough time for everyone to come to the Costume Parade. Over 200 bags of candy were handed out to all the kids. The weather was a little warm and I saw a few shed their costume for something cooler it was a great night.

I would like to thank everyone who helped: Susan, Lori and Phillip for helping bag the candy and hand it out, our faithful police dept. for leading the parade, the spectators who watched, the ones who brought the kids, and everyone who participated in the parade. Next I would like to thank all those who donated money or candy. I really appreciate Bob's Gro. And City Gro. For putting out the cans and collecting money and I appreciate everyone who put money in the cans.

Thank you to these business and individuals for their donations: Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro. Gorman Chamber of Commerce, City Gro., Clark Building Supply, Country Cuts, Foster Floral, G & H Feeds, Hirst Nuts and Produce, Gilmore Auto, City of Gorman, Gorman Pharmacy and Video, Gorman Progress, Heritage Manor, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Jack Jackson Concrete, Mears Butane, Smith's Service Station, The Hair Shoppe, Gorman Lions Club, Z.J.'s Revis Laminack Construction, Ricon Pharmacy, Peanut Shuffle Dance Studio, Darrel and Pat Graham, Virginia Gicklhorn, Diana Snider. I apologize if I left anyone off.

Most of all I would like to thank my husband, Johnny Smith for being so understanding and supporting me in what I do. Thanks again everyone....Ina

Gorman FFA Fruit Sale

The Gorman FFA is currently selling fruit for a fundraiser. The following items may be ordered until November 14th:

Country Fruit Basket, Caramel Peanut Pack, Mixed Fruit Pack, Cheddar Cheese Wheel, Variety Fruit Pack, Washington Red Delicious Apples, Assorted Nut Basket, Sunkist Navel Oranges, D'Anjou Pears, Texas Sweet Grapefruit. (Prices range from \$8.00 to \$20.00)

Contact a member or phone 254/734-2505 for prices and ordering. Delivery will be approximately December 10th. Support your local FFA Chapter.

5th Quarter Friday

The 5th Quarter Friday will be hosted by the Gorman Church of Christ at the Fellowship Hall after the ball game Friday, November 7th. Sloppy Joe's will be served.

RABIES CLINIC

The Gorman Animal Control and Dr. Burk from DeLeon will be sponsoring a rabies clinic from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on November 8, 2003. More information will be published later on the location.

Spaghetti Supper

The Gorman Junior Class is hosting a spaghetti supper Friday, November 7th, 2003. Each plate consists of a heaping serving of spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. The money raised will be used to go towards the prom.

Prices: \$5.00 per adult
Students: \$3.00
Children under 3-free
Supper will be held in the high school cafeteria from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

This is the last home game-Gorman vs. Baird—Come support the Juniors and the Panthers!!

Desdemona Community Center Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
November 8, 2003
6:00 p.m.
Adults - \$5.00
Child - \$2.50
Everyone Welcome

Panthers Lose To Tolar; Host Baird Bears Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		
Gorman		Tolar
13	First Downs	14
47/186	Carries/Yds.	24/156
37	Yds. Passing	120
2 of 11	Passes/Comp.	7 of 11
1	Interceptions	0
3 - 3	Fumbles/Lost	1-1
3/36	Punts/Avg.	2/28
4/30	Penalties	6/40

The Gorman Panthers travelled to Tolar on Friday night to take on the District leader Rattlers and came out on the short end of a 38-7 score. The Rattlers scored 14 in the first, 10 in the second and added 14 points in the third for a 38-0 margin before the Panthers got a drive going early in the fourth to score their lone touchdown for a 38-7 score.

The Rattlers wasted little time in showing their offensive power as they returned the opening kickoff to the Gorman 33. They scored in just 5 plays with Ronny Stewart getting the final 4 yards with 9:27 left in the quarter. Adam Yeager booted the point after for a 7-0 lead.

Then after exchanging possessions, the Rattlers picked up a Panther fumble on the Gorman 24 and scored in 4 plays with Stewart getting the score from 1 yard out with 4:00 left in the period. Yeager again added the point after and the score moved to 14-0.

After holding the Panthers on their next possession the Rattlers got the ball on their own 45. After the Panthers hold on their own 31, Yeager lined up and booted a 41 yard field goal against the wind to raise the score to 17-0.

After recovering another Panther fumble on their own 36 the Rattlers scored in just 2 big plays with Tyler Williamson racing up the middle on a 38 yard run with 49 seconds left in the half. Yeager added the point after to make the halftime score 24-0.

During the intermission the bands performed their routines and received great applause from the fans.

After again holding the Panthers and forcing a punt the Rattlers got the ball on the Gorman 32 and Yeager took the hand off and raced the distance to up the score to 30-0 margin.

The Big Red again turned over the ball on a fumble at the Gorman 45 and the Rattlers moved in for their final score when Justin Swann caught a 9 yard pass for the TD with 5:11 left in the third. Yeager added the point after for a 38-0 lead.

The Panthers came right back and took the ball on their own 28 and went the distance in 9 plays with Ryan Wright hitting Sawyer Wright on a beautiful 28 yard pass deep in the end zone for the score with 11:52 left in the game. Sawyer kicked the point after and that

ended the scoring for the night with a 38-7 margin.

Trent Withers led the Panthers with 74 yards on 19 carries. Robert Rodriguez had 63 on 10 tries. Sawyer Wright got 17 on 7 tries and Ryan Wright had 32 on 11 keepers.

This win gave the Rattlers the District Title with one game remaining and Gorman has a 3-2 mark and could get a berth in the playoffs on Friday night with a win over the Ranger Bulldogs if the final games turn out. But the Panthers must win Friday night if they have a chance for the playoffs. The Bears always play the Big Red tough and the Panthers will have to hold on to the ball if they have a chance for a win. So let's all turn out and back the Panthers here on Friday night.

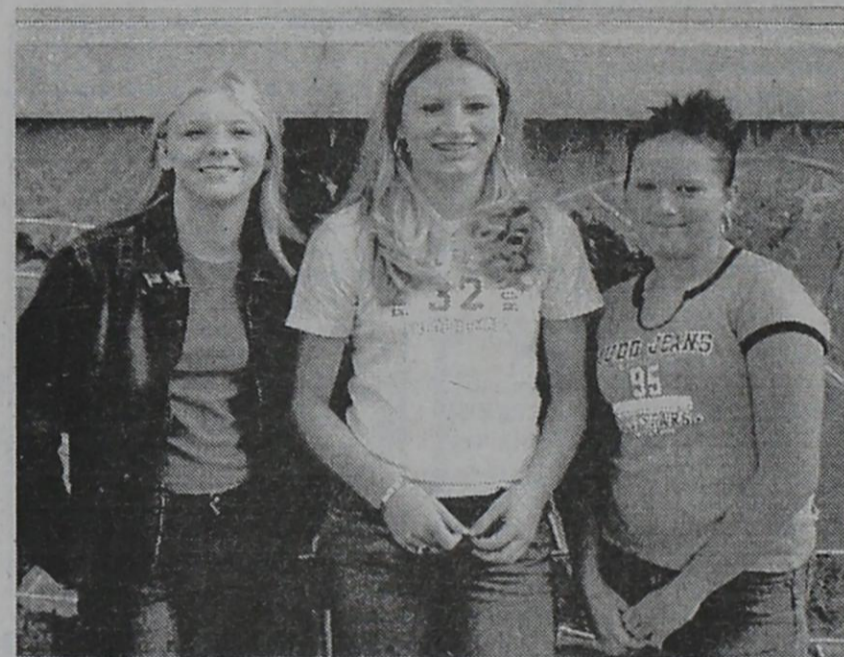
Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!!!!



Veterans Day Celebration

On Tuesday, November 11, 2003, the 8th Grade Class will present the Veterans Day Celebration; a program honoring the veterans who have given their lives, or fought in past wars. The Class would like to invite everyone to attend. The program will be held in the Gorman High School Auditorium beginning at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following the program, a reception for all veterans and guests will be held in the High School Library. Please join us in honoring the Americans who have fought for our freedom.

2003 Cross Country Team



Crystal Thackerson (r), Ashlee Hornback (c), and Tiffany Perez (l)

The 2003 district Cross Country Meet was held October 27th at Turkey Run Country Club in Pioneer. This year's Cross Country participants are Ashlee Hornback a junior, Tiffany Perez and Crystal Thackerson, both freshmen.

These girls began the 2nd week of school with early morning workouts, many before the sun was up. Many mornings conditioning and running 3 miles in order to run a competitive 2 miles at the meet. All three girls also play volleyball, so they had early mornings and late evenings.

I appreciate their dedication to run. Ashlee and Tiffany participated in the Huckaby Cross Country Meet and all three athletes competed at the Hico meet held earlier this season. At the district meet the girls bettered their times and represented Gorman well. Crystal Thackerson came in 43rd, Perez 55th, and Hornback 58th.

A special thanks goes out to those who came to support the girls. Next years numbers look to improve further in Cross Country; with many up and coming high schoolers showing interest in the sport. By Coach Sowell



The children of Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Brad, James and Gary and their families and the New Hope Church family, would like to invite you to join us in celebrating Lane and Ernestine's 50th wedding anniversary. On November 9th at New Hope Baptist Church there will be dinner on the grounds following the morning service with activities following. The gift of your presence and fellowship is all that is requested.



JEEPERS, CREEPERS... WE COLLECTED LOTS OF PEEPERS!

The Gorman Lions Club participated in the national Sight Night sponsored by LensCrafters and Lions Clubs, International. Shown here is Lion Lori Dodd with the 48 pairs of glasses and sunglasses collected during the drive. THANK YOU GORMAN, for helping give sight to those less fortunate.

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who donated eye glasses and sunglasses to the Lions Club Sight Night drive this past weekend. We collected nearly 50 pairs of glasses that will be re-distributed to the needy through Lions Club, International. Gorman Lions Club
Lori Dodd, Sight Night Chairman

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER FOR ROCKY REISNER COOKS FISH BARN
13 Miles North of Comanche on Hwy. 36
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2003
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

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The Gorman Economic Development Corporation assisted Revise and Becky Laminack in the purchase of this sign for their business. We'd encourage everyone to stop by and visit with them and see what new services they are offering.

