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Fund Raising Dinner To Support The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

The plan is evolving for the Saturday, October 21st for Dinner at the CARBON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, to raise funds for the CARBON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For planning and organizing purposes, we are making the following assumptions: • 500 people will attend • The menu will be fried venison, venison chili, BBQ pork, BBQ beef brisket, potato salad, red beans, bread, many desserts, tea, and water. The kids menu will be hamburgers and hotdogs. • We will begin serving at 5:00 p.m., and we will continue serving until at least 8:00 p.m.

The Carbon Wildlife Management Association volunteers will cook meat. We still need a team to cook the venison chili, and volunteers to help with frying and barbequing.

The meal is free to everyone, but **everyone is asked to RSVP to Jeanna Pack at 254-639-2521 by October 14**. Everyone is welcome. Donations to the Carbon Volunteer Fire Department will be accepted, but **are not required**.

There will a table for the Carbon Wildlife Management Association (CWMA). Neal Weaver, John Rodgers, Wayne Blair, Lance Autrey, Kandis Dobbs, Lon Hays, Jared Rosckes, Wayne Wheeler, David and Anna Cook will take turns at this table. They will talk to anyone wanting to know more about CWMA.

The following people are scheduled to perform:

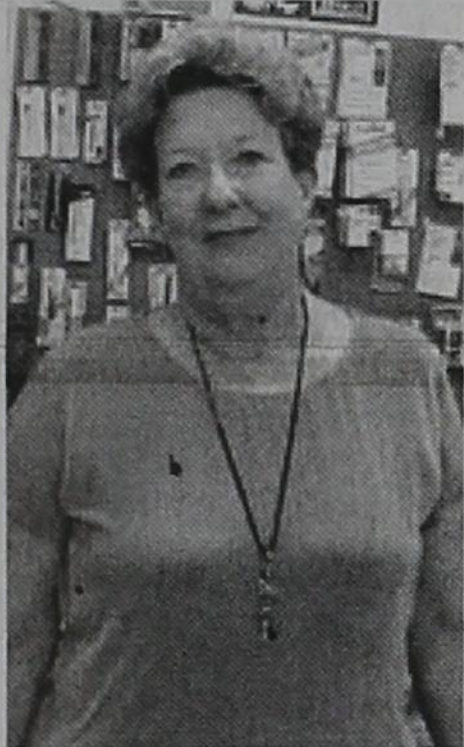
1. THE HARGROVES -- Gospel Music -- 5:00 to 5:30
2. SUNDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL SINGERS -- Folklore and Patriotic Music -- 6:00 to 6:50
3. GLORIFY: Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas -- Gospel Music -- 7:00 to 7:50 and 9:00 to 9:50
4. WIRE AND WOOD -- Blue Grass Music -- 8:15 to 8:50 and 10:00 to close.

New Administrator Named At Heritage Manor

Heritage Manor is welcome Barabara Brandon as their new administrator. Barbara transferred from Canterbury Villa of Stephenville and began her duties in Gorman on October 1st.

Barbara and her husband, Buddy, between them have 6 children. Their home is Gonzales, Tx and they both enjoy boating and fishing. They spend as much time as possible at their lake home on the Guadalupe River.

She began her adventure in the nursing home industry as a office manager in 1986 and became an administrator in 1991. She stated that through the years there have been many changes in the nursing home industry, but one thing remains constant and that is the residents. If you take the time to listen, they are full of stories and love to



tell you how it was when they were young and growing up in this part of Texas.

TEAM IMPACT Comes to Gorman

The students were treated to a tremendous presentation by Randall Harris of TEAM Impact. Randall Harris is originally from DeSoto, Texas and earned the title of the IPF Jr. World Champion in 2002 in Sothia Russia. He was the national collegiate champion in power lifting having lifted over 2000 pounds in three lifts. He used his strength to awe and inspire our students in both the high school and elementary presentations. Randall broke bats over his legs, crushed full cans of soda, bent large solid steel bars with his teeth and over his head, lifted students hanging onto bars and turned them around in the air, blew up a water bottle until it exploded and tore an Arlington phone book in half. This was impressive to both students and adults alike. His important character message was about dream makers and dream takers. As a recipient of a bachelor's degree from the University of North, Texas, Randall excelled in academics and athletics. He encouraged students to set goals and avoid making negative choices. As he carried elementary students around on his back, he encouraged them to think about how giving in to cheating, drugs, alcohol, tobacco and other choices could make goals hard to reach. Our students continue to talk about the TEAM Impact presentation and the positive character reinforcement.

HEGGEDAHL

Alton and Virginia will celebrate their 50th
Wedding Anniversary
On Sunday, October 22, 2006

Their children request a card shower only,
As they will be meeting at a later date
To celebrate with their children.

Cards can be sent to:
5321 Savanna Rd
Floodwood, MN 55736

Who would have thought that love of two
Would end up with eight children,
22 grandchildren and 73 great grandchildren.

The Hollywood Vasserette Reunion will be held on
Saturday, October 14th at 10:30 at China Cafe in
Eastland.

Halloween Costume Parade

This years Halloween Costume Parade will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at ??TIME

Downtown in the park or on the basketball court. So start putting together your favorite costume and come join the parade.

Donations of candy, treats, or money needed. Donations may be left at Smith's Service Station, Bob's Gro. Or City Gro.

Remember Time changes on Sunday before the Parade.

Thank you for your support.

Ina Smith

ICE CREAM CRANK

WHEN: Saturday OCTOBER 14, 2005 JUDGING AT 1:00 P.M.
Ice cream tasting will start right after the judging.

A tasting cup may be purchased for a \$1 donation to Gorman GROW for PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

WHERE: GORMAN COMMUNITY CENTER
WHY: DOODLEBUG TRAIN FESTIVAL

TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT:
LORI DODD 734-363

WANTED!

WANTED! WANTED! We need actors dressed in vintage clothes, any year between 1904 - 1950. Please dress up and come to meet the train on October 14, 2006. We will have gun fighters, saloon girls, good music, and very good food, model train display, out-of-town vendors, a Ferris wheel and small train for the kids to ride. Come to greet the visitors that will be in our town. This event has become very popular; we are selling tickets a year ahead at this time. At present we are about 65% sold out for next year, if you want tickets please contact Cliffa Vaughn 734-3619 or 631-3901.

Come Meet The Train! Sat., Oct 14th

Be sure to try our wonderful homemade ice cream at the Community Center. Street vendors, Model Train exhibit at the Opera House, and Sidewalk musicians will be available for your day of fun.

Watch out for Bobcat Woodall and his gang, I hear he plans to come meet the train also. I have alerted the Federal Marshall, Longarm Williams and Texas Ranger V.W. Gaines to be here for our protection.

I want to thank all of the many people who helped with "the wall". Peyton Vaughn washed the wall. Vicki Doyle and Karen Pena were the designers. Helpers were Ty Vaughn and Martin Ramirez, the scaffold professionals and can really run a chalk line, Vernon and Molly Gaines, Nicole Vaughn, Kori Gaines, Kay Craddock, Tiffany Troutman, Casey Dodd, Brenda Oliveras, Melissa Osborne, and Stacy Sliger. A special thanks to Karen, she spent many hours doing all of the detail painting. Now that we know how good she is, well..... I am looking forward to next year, be sure to get on the list, it is filling up fast. Cliffa Vaughn 254-734-3619

We Need Your Help!

The Gorman Historical Foundation is in need of items for their museum -- historical costumes or long dresses with full skirts that can be made into costumes.... old trim, fabric, patterns, and wigs! We need old hats and belts and scarves....old photos and postcard of Gorman anything related to Gorman history is greatly appreciated!

Make sure to drop into the Timekeeper this weekend and see our first display of Gorman History! to donate items or have items picked up -- call Karen 734 4500 or Cliffa 734 3619.

Panthers Stun Pirates 42-14; Travel To Santo Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE

Gorman	Perrin
24	10
57/454	18/90
40	86
2 of 4	7 of 19
0	1
0 - 0	0 - 0
1/34	3/32
7/40	3/15

The Gorman Panthers took the opening kick and drove for a score and really never looked back as they jumped to a 21-14 lead at halftime, then added 13 in the third and 8 more in the fourth period for a strong District win by a 42-14 edge.

On the opening drive the Big Red moved 65 yards in 7 plays with Reggie Sanchez breaking loose and racing 43 yards for the score with 8:12 left in the period. The drive featured runs of 2, 6, 3 and 2 by Matt Underwood and a 4 yard keeper by Tyson Swanner. The run for point failed and Gorman was up 6-0.

But on the first Pirate possession they returned the kick to the Gorman 39 and scored in 5 plays with Keegan Seaton going in from 1 yard out for the score with 5:05 left. Seaton made most of the yardage. Bradley Addison added the point after and Perrin had the lead 7-6.

Then after exchanging possessions, they Big Red got the ball on the Perrin 43 on an interception by Matt Underwood. From there the Panthers scored in 7 plays with Sanchez again getting free and racing in from 20 yards out with 9:50 left in the half. The drive featured a 5 yard run by Sanchez, runs of 4, 2, and 7 by Underwood and a 4 yard keeper by Swanner. Swanner hit Zack Fox on a pass for the 2 pointer and Gorman was out front for good with a 14-7 lead.

The Panther defense again held the Pirates and got the ball on their own 16 and drove the distance in 7 plays to increase their lead when Sanchez ran it in from 9 yards out with 4:41 left in the half. The drive featured runs of 5, 2 and a fantastic jaunt of 60 yards by Sanchez and a 2 yarder by Fox and 5 and 2 by Underwood. David Ibarra added the point after and Gorman was up 21-7. The half ended with this score.

The Panther Marching Band and the Panther dancers entertained the crowd with their routines.

Following the halftime break the Pirates received the kickoff on their own 26 and scored in 6 plays with Seaton getting the honors from one yard out with 9:17 left in the third. Addison added the point after and the score was 21-14.

But the Panthers were not to be denied as they took the pursuing kick on their own 26 and raced the distance in only 4 plays with Tony Perez getting the score from 1 yard out with 7:34 left. The drive featured a fantastic 73 yarder to set Gorman up at the Pirate 1. Ibarra added the point after and Gorman was up 28-14.

The Panthers scored again with 1:18 left in the third after taking over the ball on their own 42 and scoring in 9 plays with Tyson Swanner passing to Orlando Valenzuela for a 39 yard touchdown. The drive featured runs of 14, 7 and 4 by Zack Fox, a 6 yarder by Swanner and 3 runs by Underwood. The kick try failed and Gorman led 34-14.

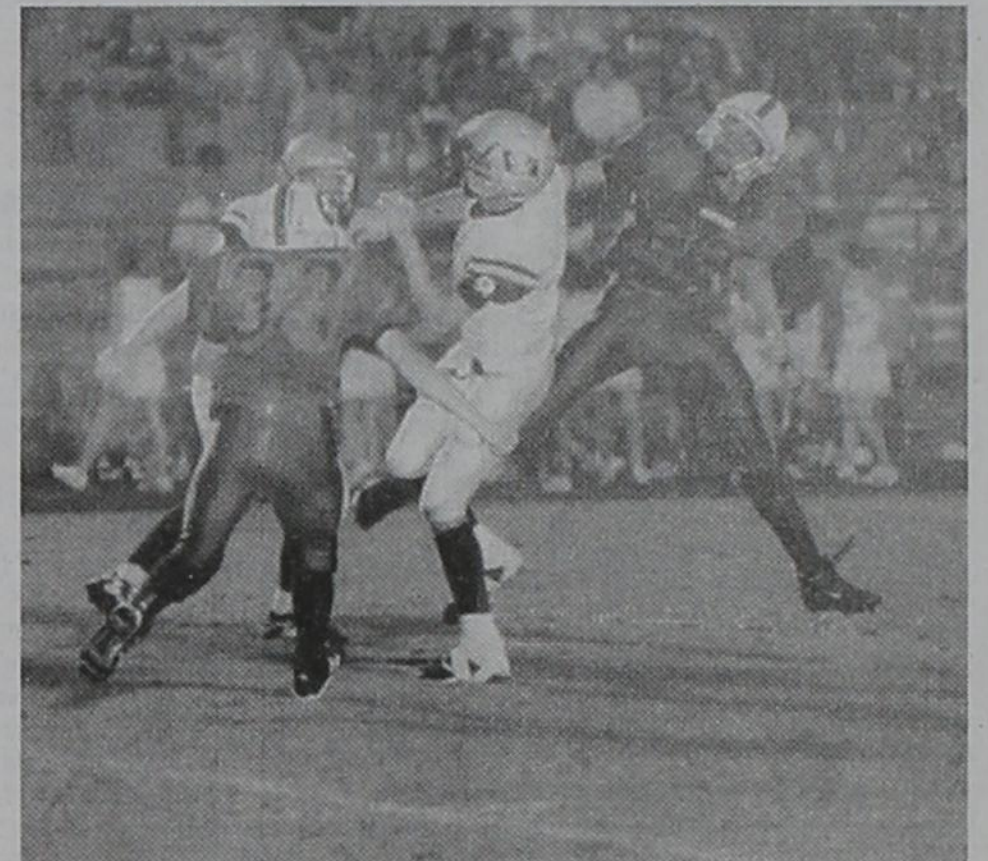
Gorman added another score with 5:22 left in the game when they took over the ball on their own 32 and went the distance in 9 plays with Swanner getting the honors from 6 yards out. The drive featured

ed runs of 7 and 11 by Fox, 8 and 15 by Sanchez and 2, 11 and 5 by Underwood. A pass to Valenzuela added the 2 pointer and the final score was 42-14.

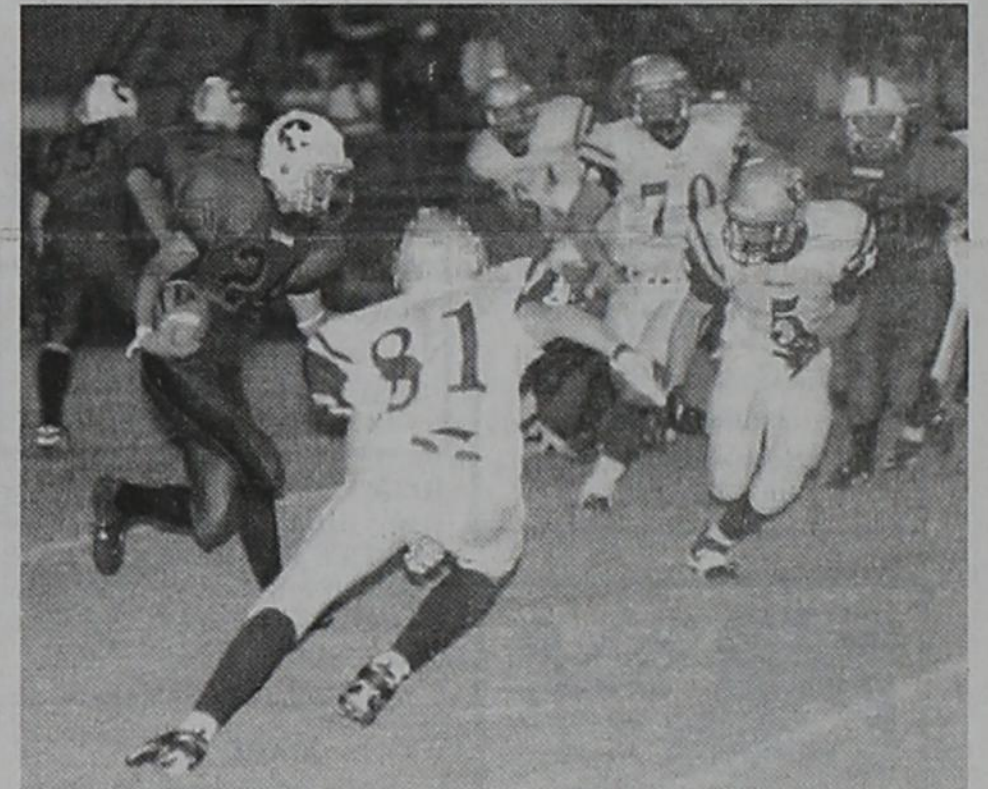
Reggie Sanchez led the Panthers with 263 yards on 15 carries. Underwood had 80 on 25; Zack Fox got 71 on 7; Tony Perez had 21 on 4 and Swanner got 19 on 6 keepers.

This win gives the Panthers a 4-2 record on the season and 2-0 in District. The Panthers will need to keep up the outstanding play when they travel to Santo to take on the Wildcats on Friday night. So follow the Panthers and back them to their fifth victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!



GETTING THE QUARTERBACK - Orlanda Valenzuela and Tony Perez are trying to get to the Perrin quarterback in game action Friday night.



GOING FOR MORE YARDS - Reggie Sanchez is shown scampering thru the line gathering up more of his 263 total yards gained in action Friday night.

Gorman Athletic Booster Club News

The booster club currently has new caps and t-shirts for sale. The t-shirts are \$10.00, and are red with a panther on the front. The caps are also red. These items are on display at home football games along with window decals and bumper stickers. Also, shirts can be purchased by contacting Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or at the school and the number is 734-2614. If you missed purchasing a t-shirt the first time, now is your chance to get into the spirit with a Gorman Panther shirt. Act quickly, as supplies are limited. The booster club is also selling chances on a Remington rifle. See any booster club member or any GHS athlete to purchase a chance on this rifle. The drawing will be held on November 10, which is the last home football game. Support your school and the Gorman Panthers by participating in one of these worthwhile projects.

Our next meeting will be on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!!

Becky Swanner
Booster Club President

Note Of Thanks

To all those involved in the Park restoration and the Painting Downtown, "Looks Great".

November 7th Election Info

Note: The following elections types are being held on the same date; 1. Local Option to Legalize for the City of Cisco; 2. Gorman ISD Bond Election; and 3. General.

- Oct. 23-Nov. 3 - Early Voting In Person
- Note: Early voting for all three elections will occur at the County Courthouse and at the temporary branch polling place at the Gorman Independent School District Office.
- Oct. 28 - (Saturday) - Extended Voting Hours ONLY at the County Clerk's Office - 8 a.m. till 3 p.m.
- Oct. 31 - Last Day A Mail Ballot may be mailed out.
- Nov. 7th - Election Day

Notice of Early Voting At Branch Polling Places

Sections 85.067 & 85.068 Texas Election Code

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following locations:
Gorman Independent School District Office
Oct. 23rd thru November 3 - 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Order For Additional Early Voting On Saturday

Sections 85.006, 85.064 Texas Election Code

For the General Election to be held on November 7th, additional early voting will be held as follows: Eastland Co. Clerk's Office - Oct. 28th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Eastland County Polling Places

- Precinct One - County Courthouse
- Precinct Two - Olden Community Center
- Precinct Three - Ranger Community Center
- Precinct Four - Desdemona Community Center
- Precinct Five - Gorman Senior Citizens Center
- Precinct Six - Carbon Community Center
- Precinct Seven - Rising Star City Hall
- Precinct Eight - American State Bank - Community Room - Cisco
- Precinct Nine - Lone Cedar Country Club & Golf Course



L to R - James Bruton, Coach Talbert, Chuck Curtis and Alan Gibbs

Friday, at lunch, head football coach, Paul Talbert, took time out of his busy "ballgame" day to listen to the football experiences of his predecessor, Alan Gibbs and a long time "hero", Chuck Curtis.

Since the 50s, James Bruton, American State Bank Branch President, has been in awe of Chuck Curtis' records on the football field, both as a player and a coach. Over the years, Chuck and James have become friends; during a recent "football" conversation, James realized Alan Gibbs was Chuck's Assistant Coach when they won a State Championship at Jacksboro in 1962. Of course, we all know "the rest of the story" on Coach Gibbs; he took our Gorman Panthers all the way to State Football Champions in 1976.

During lunch, Chuck recounted lots of football stories, including when he played for the Abe Martin at TCU, for the New York Giants when Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry were both assistant coaches and many, many great stories and experiences he shared with young high school football players from the Jacksboro championship in 1962 to two state championships in 1963 and 1964 at Garland High School.

Friday evening, Coach Talbert and his Gorman Panthers showed a lot of class and perseverance, not unlike many of the stories shared at lunch, when they beat Perrin-Whitt Pirates 42-14; this team beat Gorman last year by a similar margin.

Without a doubt, Gorman is fortunate to have a coach with the knowledge, integrity and commitment of Coach Talbert and a team who is willing to work hard to win.

(Story provided by James Bruton)

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We had a really extra nice lunch on October 4th. The cooks out did themselves. The ladies brought many different dishes, plus plenty of salad and dessert. Barbara Bush got our attention and Zelda Jordan said grace. We had 32 in attendance.

We talked about going to Desdemona for the Thanksgiving supper! Daisy Slaton and I had attended for several years, really enjoyed all. The only thing, you ladies are much better cooks than whatever market you purchased dressing last year.

I hope we go as a group, more fun.

It was good to see Mr. Johnson return to eat with us. Also Jack Harrison. Both had been absent for quite some time.

We signed a card of Beth Shirley. We do miss seeing her. She is going through treatment at M D Anderson, also will have surgery soon. Dear Delores Tucker is also receiving new treatment at M D Anderson. Hope all is going well and she will be feeling much improved soon. Both ladies are such gracious women.

We had a fun night on the 5th of October learning new games. Several of the ladies are game wizards, fabulous players. Max Bush, the lone man amongst all us women, a good sport. Where are the rest of you men? We had 14 to play more than usual. Everyone bring a snack, not homemade.

Daisy Slaton and I are going on a 12 day trip to Washington D.C., Philadelphia and New York City. We are starting to get excited, but anxious also. We will miss our functions and homes. You all enjoy for us.

Registration Deadline Is Nov. 3 For December ACT Test

College-bound high school students can take the ACT college admission exam on December 9, 2006, the next national test date. The deadline for postmark or online registration is November 3. The late registration deadline is November 16 (an additional \$19 fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their high school counselor or they can register online on ACT's student website (www.actstudent.org).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities across the nation, including the Ivy League. The basic ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. An optional writing test is also available. Some colleges require or recommend a writing score, but many do not.

The basic exam takes three hours to complete, plus an additional 30 minutes for those who opt to take the writing test.

The basic registration fee for the ACT is \$29. An additional \$14 fee is required for students who choose to take the ACT Writing Test, bringing the total registration fee to \$43 for these students. Free sample tests are available from school counselors and on ACT's website, which also offers additional free practice tests.

The ACT has long been popular in the Midwest, but its popularity is growing rapidly on the East and West Coasts as students in those areas become aware that it takes less time to take the ACT, the writing test is optional, and virtually all schools that require admissions tests accept ACT scores.

THIS IS LITTER TOO.

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77 Texas School Districts, 41 Schools Recognized by Standard & Poor's

NEW YORK -- Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services today recognized 77 Texas school districts as academic "outperformers." In a separate analysis, Standard & Poor's announced it has identified 41 Texas schools that have significantly narrowed the achievement gap between higher- and lower-performing student groups.

Texas Outperformers Analysis To be identified as an outperformer by Standard & Poor's, school districts, over the course of two consecutive school years (2003-04 and 2004-05), had to show a significantly higher percentage of students that scored proficient or above on the state's reading and math tests when compared to other school districts with similar levels of economically disadvantaged students.

Academic achievement levels are compared with the percentage of economically disadvantaged students because educators and researchers have found that there is often a strong correlation between the two indicators.

The 77 outperforming districts include *Alpine ISD; Anson ISD; Anthony ISD; Ballinger ISD; Balmorhea ISD; Bosqueville ISD; Chillicothe ISD; Chireno ISD; Claude ISD; DeKalb ISD; Denver City ISD; Eagle Pass ISD; Farwell ISD; Forestburg ISD; Glasscock County ISD; Gorman ISD; Grady ISD; Gruver ISD; Hale Center ISD; Hamlin ISD; Haskell CISD; Hedley ISD; Hidalgo ISD; Hillsboro ISD; Hudson ISD; Itasca ISD; Keene ISD; Knippa ISD; Leveretts Chapel ISD; Linden-Kildare Consolidated ISD; Lometa ISD; Los Fresnos Consolidated ISD; Lufkin ISD; Martins Mill ISD; Mason ISD; Maud ISD; McLean ISD; Meadow ISD; Menard ISD; Moulton ISD; Mumfords ISD; New Boston ISD; New Home ISD; Nueces Canyon Consolidated ISD; O'Donnell ISD; Orange Grove ISD; Palacios ISD; Plains ISD; Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD; Point Isabel ISD; Prairiland ISD; Rankin ISD; Robert Lee ISD; Roby Consolidated ISD; Roscoe ISD; Rule ISD; Saltillo ISD; Sam Rayburn ISD; San Isidro ISD; San Perlita ISD; Schulenburg ISD; Silvertown ISD; Spring Branch ISD; Springlake-Earth ISD; Spur ISD; Stratford ISD; Sudan ISD; Sundown ISD; Valley Mills ISD; Valley View ISD; Vega ISD; Webb Consolidated ISD; Wellington ISD; Wellman-Union Consolidated ISD; Weslaco ISD; Whiteright ISD; and Windthorst ISD.*

Standard & Poor's developed the analysis used to identify outperforming school districts as a way to highlight outstanding academic performance, and to help educators in school districts with similar characteristics identify appropriate benchmarks to guide their own improvements. "Congratulations to these outstanding school districts," said Thomas Sheridan, vice president of Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services. "The data reveal that improvements are occurring in these Texas classrooms. We hope that the effective strategies these districts are employing can be replicated or adapted elsewhere."

Achieving proficiency in reading and math for all students by 2014 is one of the goals of the federal No Child Left Behind law. Linking school districts in need of improvement with outperforming school districts that have similar student demographics so that effective practices can be shared, replicated or adapted is one method that can help educators reach that target.

Standard & Poor's conducted its analysis using state-reported data and used the state department of education's definition of economically disadvantaged students. Analysts determined academic performance by using the aggregate percentages of students scoring proficient or better on the state's reading and math tests.

Texas Achievement Gap Analysis

Standard & Poor's has identified 41 schools that have significantly narrowed achievement gaps between the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years. The schools are located in 38 school districts throughout the state, with many districts having multiple schools that merit recognition. In fact, three school districts--Katy ISD, Mansfield ISD, and Tomball ISD--each have two schools that have significantly narrowed at least one achievement gap between student groups. This report represents Standard & Poor's first analysis of achievement gaps in Texas.

To be recognized by Standard & Poor's for narrowing achievement gaps, schools had to meet all of the following criteria:

- * test at least 30 students in each student group being analyzed;
- * reduce at least one achievement gap between student groups in reading and math proficiency (RaMP™) rates by more than five percentage points from one year to the next; and simultaneously raise the RaMP rates for each student group being compared; and
- * reduce at least one achievement gap between student groups in a grade-level reading test by more than five percentage points from one year to the next; and simultaneously raise that grade-level reading proficiency rate for each student group being compared. Schools must demonstrate similar progress in math, though not necessarily at the same grade level. For example, an elementary school might reduce the achievement gap between black students and white students in third grade reading by at least five percentage points while raising reading proficiency rates for both black students and white students, while doing the same in fifth grade math.

"It is difficult to narrow achievement gaps," explained Tom Sheridan, vice president of Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services. "However, this analysis shows that there are a number of schools that have made outstanding progress. Their success should be commended, and their practices should be more closely examined to illuminate the strategies that can be implemented by educators in other parts of Texas who are working hard to raise the performance of all students."

There were 21 Texas schools that narrowed the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students and non-disadvantaged students. These schools include O'Bryant Intermediate, Bellville ISD; Grace E Hardeman Elementary School, Birdville ISD; Boerne High School, Boerne ISD; Bonham Elementary School, Bryan ISD; Columbus Elementary School, Columbus ISD; Ginnings Elementary School, Denton ISD; Oak Crest Intermediate, East Central ISD; Elgin Elementary School, Elgin ISD; Greenwood Intermediate, Greenwood ISD; Robert King Elementary School, Katy ISD; Willow Springs Elementary School, Killeen ISD; Mary Orr Intermediate, Mansfield ISD; Bailey Intermediate, North Lamar ISD; Brauchle Elementary School, Northside ISD; Washington 6th Grade Center, Palestine ISD; Groves Elementary School, Port Neches-Groves ISD; Sabine Elementary School, Sabine ISD; Selman Intermediate, Sealy ISD; Northpointe Intermediate School and Tomball Intermediate, Tomball ISD; and Matias De Llano Elementary, United ISD.

There were six Texas schools that narrowed the Hispanic-white achievement gap. These schools include Tarver Intermediate, Belton ISD; Diane Winborn Elementary School, Katy ISD; Levelland Middle School, Levelland ISD; D.H. Brent Intermediate, Little Elm ISD; Jim Barnes Middle School, Seguin ISD; and Sweetwater Middle School, Sweetwater ISD.

To see how many percentage points and in which grades each school has narrowed these gaps, reporters should consult the analytical report on Texas' achievement gaps, located on the Texas homepage at www.schoolmatters.com.

The analyses used to identify the outperforming districts can also be found on the Texas homepage of www.schoolmatters.com.

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Contact: Susan Shafer -- Standard & Poor's - (212) 438-2193

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday, October 9 at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. The tables and entire room was decorated with bright colored fall leaves, miniature pumpkins, large acorns, etc. Hostesses were Dorothy Greenhaw and Elnora Lindley both of Desdemona. Lots of good food was served to everyone. Seventeen ladies attended this morning event. Next ladies social will be a Thanksgiving morning event on Monday, November 13 at the same place. Helen Grimshaw will be the hostess. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

Our friend, Bro. Jerry Speer, 79 of Ranger passed away. He served as interim Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Desdemona several years ago. He was much loved by all who knew him. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife, Dorothy and their family.

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

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Bro. Neal Weaver of Carbon preached at both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, October 8. His morning message was "The Parable of the Lost Coin" from Luke 15:8-10. There was rejoicing when the lost coin was found. We Christians should rejoice when a lost sinner is found and accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Sylvia Buchanan and Daryl Hirst. The visitors were Amanda Johnson and children, Ben, Bailey and Brylee of Gorman. The special music "Won't It Be Wonderful There" was sung by the choir: Sylvia Buchanan, Karen Patterson, Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Helen Browning, Crystal Snider, Thomas Seay, Joe Bond, Daryl Hirst, Oren Webb and Woodrow Browning.

Bro. Weaver's message on Sunday evening was from 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 and Matthew 16:18 on the Church is one body in Spirit, though we are many and all are called to serve.

James Hunter of Gorman will preach at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, October 15th. Marcos and Sandra Ellaya, who do church planting in South Africa, will speak at the evening service. Visitors are welcome.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the Sunday afternoon church service were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Kay Snider and Zelda Jordan. Jeanna Pack of Carbon and Lisa Lewis of Stephenville were visitors.

Our community was saddened to learn of the death of Bro. Jerry Speer of Ranger. Bro. Speer had preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church several times. We extend sincere sympathy to his family. Several from the community attended Bro. Speer's funeral in Ranger.

Jeanna Pack and Lisa Lewis were visiting their mother, Imogene Norris at Heritage Manor. Cleo Duncan and Winnette Maynard of Eastland and Juanita Zahn of Lovington, NM visited with Imogene on Monday.

Woodrow and Helen Browning and Kay Snider visited with their aunt, Lottie Morris at Heritage Manor.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited with his sister, Ima Boles at Heritage Manor.

Sylvia Buchanan visited in Ranger on Sunday with Mrs. Jerry Speer, Lanora and Jesse Speer and other family members.

Sylvia Buchanan also visited with Kathy and Doak Johnson at Lake Leon. On Thursday, Sylvia visited in Stephenville with Sherry and Randy Wyly and their new baby son, Mason Duane Wyly.

Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond of Copperas Cove are visiting this week with their grandparents, Joe and Glynda Bond.

Tommy and Laverne Carr of Lake Whitney spent the weekend with her mother, Troy Scitern.

Zelda Jordan attended the 1945 Carbon High School class reunion at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night, and the Carbon Golden Exes Reunion at Carbon on Saturday. It was really nice to see classmates and members of other classes.

Jimmy Nelson visited with his aunt, Zelda Jordan, and mowed her lawn on Friday. Troy Scitern and Oren and Norma Webb visited with Zelda Jordan on Monday.

Let's hope the weatherman is right and the rain and cooler weather he has promised gets to our area.

Note Of Thanks

Thanks so much to all our friends and family for your cards, flowers, food and prayers as we mourn the loss of our dad.

Your visits to him during his illness are also greatly appreciated.

Your support during this difficult time has proven why Daddy loved this community so much.

Sincerely,
Troy, La Verne Johnny
& the entire John Scitern Family

Thank You

Thank You so much for all the sweet cards, flowers, and visits while I was in the Brownwood Hospital and since I have been in the Nursing Home. Thanks to Bro. Barry for his visit and prayers. It is good to be back in Gorman, even in the nursing home. God bless you all.

Joan Butler

4-H NEWS

Dale Dunlap, CEA-Ag - Eastland County
2006 EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H AWARDS BANQUET

The 2006 4-H Awards Banquet will held on Saturday, October 21st at First Baptist Church, 405 South Seaman, Eastland, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Eastland 4-H Club will furnish the meat, cups, plates, tea, water, etc. 4-H families in other clubs are asked to provide the following:

- Carbon and Gorman 4-H Clubs Vegetables
- Olden and Ranger 4-H Clubs Salads
- Red Gap and Rising Star 4-H Clubs Desserts

Each 4-H Club is to DONATE 5 items for the Silent Auction which will be manned by the Adult Leaders Association. Should you have any questions or problems with getting the 5 items, please call the Extension Office.

Please call the Extension Office and RSVP for the Banquet so we can get a rough estimate of people attending so meat can be ordered. The Extension Office number is 254/629-1093 or 629-2222.

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry
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The Panthers are on a roll. Friday nights 42-14 win over Perrin-Whitt gives the Panthers a 2-0 record in district play and three big victories in a row. This year the Panthers are determined to be winners and they are doing it one game at a time. This week's game against Santo will be another challenge by a formidable opponent. Will the Panthers be ready? I bet they will be. This year our young men have gotten serious about winning and they have coaches that understand how to help them do it. I am proud of the entire group. If you don't go to Santo Friday night you are going to miss one heck of a football game, so get out of that recliner and go see the Panthers win another one. Go Panthers!

Gorman ISD is one of the 76 Texas districts that have been recognized by Standard & Poor as being academic "outperformers". There is another article in the paper explaining what an achievement this is so I won't go into any details other than to say that we are honored for the recognition and congratulations to the students, the teachers, and the parents for their hard work!

More good news.....The elementary campus qualified to apply for the Governor's Educator Excellence Award Grant. Mrs. Reeves worked very hard preparing the paperwork and meeting with her faculty to work out the details. I want to commend Mrs. Reeves and her faculty and staff for being a recognized campus and qualifying for the grant. They should receive \$40,000.00 if everything is in order no later than the end of the school year. Your children are fortunate to have such great teachers and leaders!

Now for a little bad news, actually sad news as far as I'm concerned, we've had a guitar stolen from the band hall. The serial # of the guitar that was stolen is F506020102. The brand is Alvarez and the model is a RD8. If you know of someone that has suddenly turned up with a new guitar, I would appreciate it if you would report it to the local police or the school or e-mail me. The guitar program is an important part of our music program and has been a part of the reason for an increase in student interest in music. Please help us find the guitar. Thanks!

We held our regularly scheduled board meeting Monday, October 9, 2006 in the high school auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began in regular fashion with a prayer given by trustee, Daryl Hirst and the Pledge of Allegiance. All trustees, Bobby Rich, Jeff Seaton, Melinda Harrington, Daryl Hirst, Beth Underwood, Larry Thompson, and Mark Simmons were present as well as Superintendent Perry, Principal Panter, Counselor Hampton, and Athletic Director Talbert. Lori Dodd was also present as a guest. Principal Reeves was absent. There were no questions regarding the consent agenda that the board had already reviewed in their packets and it was passed with no discussion other than Mr. Simmons requesting a different format be used in future packets listing checks register.

Superintendent Perry reviewed the fund balances and the tax office report with the board and then Coach Talbert reported on the success of the football team and expressed his good feelings about their future prospects, but emphasized that they had to take it one game at a time, that every week would be a challenge. Then Counselor Hampton reported on her contacts for the last month and went over a schedule of upcoming events in which she and our students will be involved. Superintendent Perry then made a presentation for Mrs. Reeves regarding the Governor's Educator Excellence Award Grant. Mr. Panter then fielded some questions regarding his report that had been included in the trustee's packets regarding walking the stage at graduation and the beginning of the ZAP Program. Ms. Harrington then reported on she and Mr. Perry's attendance at the TASA/TASB Annual Conference in Houston. She stated the speakers were incredible and the performance of the students was great. The most impressive speaker was retired Coach Gene Stallings. She also discussed the main issues that were discussed at the delegate assembly. Mr. Perry then gave his report. Discussed was: the ordering of an electronic sign, the need for a new football scoreboard that supports 25 second clocks for next year, the need to update the sign on the side of Maxfield Elementary building, possible upcoming bus purchases, property that the school might want to purchase, an open records request from Kenneth Heathington regarding certification of our teachers and specifically the status of our band director. There was one other open records request from David Freeman for a list of delinquent taxpayers for the past five years, a list of the top 25 tax payers with the amount of tax they pay, the number of students that attend GISD that live outside the district, and a copy of the complete tax roll. He then discussed the scheduled public meetings to be held on October 25th at the Community Center at noon and the other on October 30th at 6pm at the high school auditorium. He requested that some board members be present at both meetings but not more than three. He also informed them that representatives from Cadco, DSA, and First Southwest Company would be present at the meetings to answer any questions the public had about the proposed building project that would be funded by the bond election. The board then discussed technology problems the school has been experiencing and a plan to provide Mr. Sloan with some needed technical training. The school has a growing dependence on technology and because of the speed at which technology is changing, training will have to become an ongoing thing for our technology coordinator. The board adjourned at 9:25pm having concluded the business of the district.

Here are a few dates you might want to remember:

- 10/12 JH FB Here 6:00PM
- 10/13 HS FB @ Santo 7:30PM
- 10/14 VB @ Albany 10:00AM
- 10/17 VB Here 4:30PM
- 10/18 PSAT CC @ Iredell 10:00AM
- 17-20 TAKS Exit Retest

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.

Cisco Big Dam Car Show Set Saturday, October 14

Cisco's Big Dam Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, at the Hilton Community Center, 309 Conrad Hilton Avenue in Cisco. This will be the 9th annual car show, and is sponsored by the Cisco Junior College Auto Tech Club, the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Cisco. Admission to the car show is free to spectators. The public is invited to view the cars from 8:00 to 12:00 noon.

Contestants can begin registering Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Judging will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There will be three large trophies per class, a "people's choice" award and "best of show" award. Latson said that during this year's show some lucky spectator will win a one hundred dollar bill just for voting for the people's choice award. Contestants and others affiliated with the car show are not eligible to win the \$100 prize. The trophies and \$100 prize will be awarded at the trophy presentation at noon.

"This year we will leave from the Hilton Community Center at 12:30 p.m. and go South on Conrad Hilton Blvd., right on 8th Street and make a "u" turn at the Y and then travel East on 8th Street and right on Front Street past the nursing home, left on the frontage road and back to Conrad Hilton Blvd., and drive to the Hilton Community Center. We plan to be escorted and return slow along the route, so that people can park and watch the old cars go by," Latson added.

The annual car show is the main fundraiser for the Cisco Junior College Auto Tech Club. The entry fee will be \$10, and car show T-shirts will be for sale.

Gorman City Commission Minutes

OCTOBER 5, 2006

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Don Underwood, Joe Casey, and Nathan Files. Absent was Charlie Torrez. Others present were Officers Barbara Fenley and Joe Canterbury, and EDC Director Lori Dodd.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:34 p.m.

Don made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Don. Motion carried 3-0.

No citizens were present for Citizens In Put.

The Mayor read a memo from past Chief Caffey in reference to appointing Barbara Fenley to sergeant. This was effective September 15, 2006.

Note: Barbara was appointed Acting Chief September 21, 2006.

Cameron Gulley phoned to say he could not make the meeting due to illness. He will be dropping off the audit reports and will come to a November meeting.

Lori Dodd reported the final figure of spending on the park project. She explained the specks of other grants and the required matches.

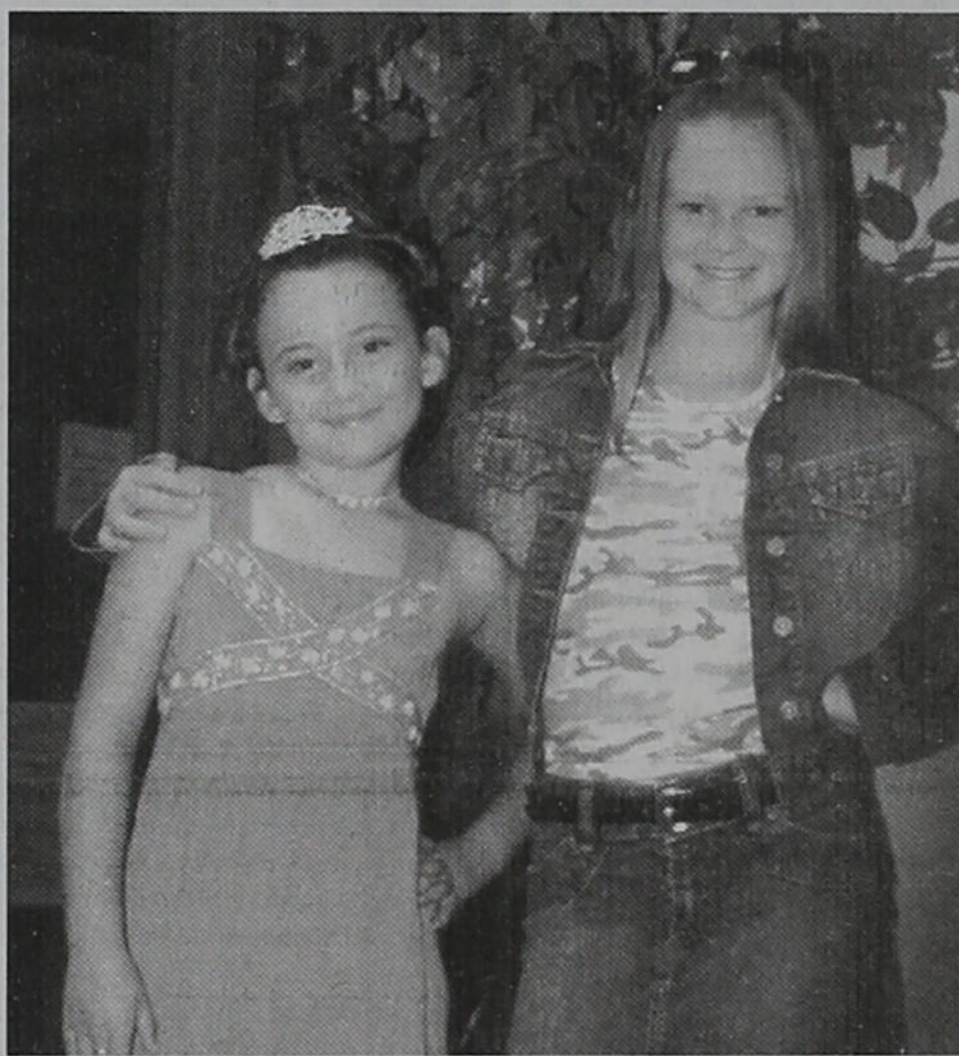
There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Don. Motion carried 3-0, time was 6:40 p.m.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

The first Saturday breakfast at the DAC was an 'inking' success! Thank you to all who came. Please remember the first Saturday of each month for 'breakfast at the DAC' from 7:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M.

Desdemona Volunteer Fire Dept. is having an open house and hot dog supper this coming Saturday, Oct. 14. We invite everyone to attend for hot dogs and hamburgers. Serving will start at 5:00 P.M. The department is very proud of its new and much-needed brush truck and foam equipment for fighting fires. They will be on display for everyone to have a look at. The cost is by donation. Please support our fire fighters.

Listen for more 'oinks' from Hogtown - we are excited about the huge community garage sale coming up in early November. We already have a ton of good stuff, but if anyone has anything they would like to donate, please contact Floyd Moore as soon as possible at 758-2610. Those of you who have come to our garage sales in the past know that we have good stuff! This little piggy will have more information at a later date.



Kourtney Seaton and Bailey Underwood participated in the Miss Majestic Pageant held on September 30th in Eastland, Texas. Kourtney and Bailey competed in the 7-10 year old division.

Kourtney won First Runnerup Jr. Miss Majestic. She also won Most Photogenic and Most Beautiful Hair.

Baily won Prettiest Smile and Best Attire.

The girls did a great job representing Gorman.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

WILDLIFE AND RANGE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

A Wildlife and Range Management Seminar will be held at the Cisco Junior College Ag Department on Friday, October 27, 2006. The seminar is hosted by the Natural resource Conservation service and Texas Cooperative Extension. Three (3) CEU's will be offered to private, non-commercial and commercial pesticide applicators. The day's activities will focus on deer management as hunting continues to grow recreationally and also provides historic agricultural producers with an alternate source of income. The seminar will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration. Topics and speakers will include:

Ricky Linex - NRCS Biologist will discuss Deer Habitat Management 101; Dr. Charles Hart - Texas Cooperative Extension Range Specialist will provide up-to-date Brush Control Methods to Manage Wildlife Habitat. Supplementing Your Deer Habitat will be covered by Kent Mills - HiPro Feeds. Cattle and Deer: The Right Combination is being discussed by Kent Ferguson - NRCS State Range Specialist. Jerry Rives - NRCS Soil Scientist will cover the Importance of Soils and Conservation Planning and Jeff Goodwin - NRCS Range Specialist will speak on conservation planning and how to utilize NRCS assistance. Lunch will be sponsored by

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School Leaders Convene In Houston

Melinda Harrington and David Perry of Gorman ISD joined more than 8,000 public school trustees, superintendents, and other education leaders October 6-8 at the 46th Annual TASB/TASA convention in the George R Brown Convention Center, Houston. The joint gathering for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) focused on extensive training opportunities; distinguished speakers; and the latest information on public education issues, trends and innovative programs.

Friday's first general session featured Gene Stallings, former head coach of the University of Alabama, Saint Louis Cardinals, and Texas A&M. Off the field, Stallings has given countless hours to community charities and helped raise money for organizations working with children with cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, and other disabilities. In his presentation, Achieving Excellence through Motivation and Commitment, he shared his philosophy on making a difference in the lives of those around you.

Finding Your Purpose with the topic of Bertice Berry, keynote speaker at the Saturday's second general session. After leaving Kent State University, where she taught sociology and statistics, Berry became an award-winning entertainer, lecturer, and comedienne and was the host and co-executive producer of her own nationally syndicated talk show. Her background as an educator has enabled her to help others define their mission and goals and overcome obstacles as they work to achieve their greatest aspirations.

Sunday's third general session featured gubernatorial candidates who were invited to address the current condition of Texas' public education system and to present their proposals for improving the quality of our schools.

Other convention highlights included announcement of the Outstanding School Board at Saturday's second general session and Superintendent of the Year at Sunday's third general session. Award winners for exemplary architectural design also were recognized.

The TASB/TASA convention is the largest training event of its kind in Texas for school trustees and superintendents.

Miss Harrington was appointed by the Gorman ISD Board of Trustees to represent the district at the convention. While attending, she attended continuing education workshops and the delegate assembly where she listened to several debates on school issues. Each school district in the state has one vote. Miss Harrington was proud to represent Gorman ISD at the assembly.



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