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## First Baptist Church of Desdemona Welcomes New Reverend Charles and Jana Johnson

With great pleasure the First Baptist Church of Desdemona announce the appointment of Reverend Charles Foster Johnson as Senior Pastor and Youth Minister. Brother Charlie comes to us with much experience and high hopes for the church. He was born in Monroeville, Alabama, he was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc, Mississippi in 1980, he has served churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas. He led the Trinity Baptist Church of San Antonio (2001-2006) with an 6000 member congregation. From 2006 thru 2008 he served as Visiting Instruction of Preaching at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA. He was named "Baptist of the Year" in 2004 by the Baptist Center of Ethics. He was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers of Moreland College in 2008.



After following her husband for 30 years, he has brought his wife, Jana back to her roots. They have bought a farm in Desdemona and in his own words are here to stay. One of his favorite things along with doing God's work and family is his John Deere Tractor and field of cotton. He also enjoys reading, movies, cooking, backpacking and hunting. His wife Jana is the granddaughter of the late Sam and Oleta Powers, Desdemona pioneers and longtime leaders in this church. Without doubt they are smiling down from Heaven on this appointment. The Johnsons have three grown children, Chad who manages a ranch in San Angelo, Cliff who is an business man in Dallas and Chris Anne who lives in San Antonio and one very special granddaughter, Corley Elizabeth, named in honor of her maternal grandparents, Doug and Sammy Corley of Lubbock. Both sons have served tours of duty in Iraq.

We are very fortunate to have Brother Charlie and would like to invite you to join us Sundays at 10 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. To hear him bring God's message and share in His great plans for us. You may read his blog at [www.charlesfosterjohnson.com](http://www.charlesfosterjohnson.com)

## Peanut Festival Committee Issues Thanks

The Gorman Peanut Festival would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANKYOU to everyone that came out and enjoyed our festivities on Saturday, September 11, 2010. The 24th Annual Peanut Festival was a complete success due to everyone who took time to support all the different activities we had. Along with the 7th Annual BBQ cook-off, parade, entertainment and booths we have every year, we also had a 42-tournament, Goober Bake-off and a 1st Annual Fire Department Tug-of-War that the Carbon Fire Department took first place honors of and were awarded with a wall hanging of the Fireman's Prayer to display at their Fire Station. We were very pleased with the turn out and are anxious to get the 25th Annual Peanut Festival in the works. We would love to hear from anyone that may have any ideas and/or suggestions about things we can do for the years to come, call the City Office at (254)734-2317 or stop anyone that is on the board. Some suggestions we have already had were to maybe make the parade time later in the day or that evening, I have also overheard people talking about why it is still called the Peanut Festival, what do you think? Let us know.

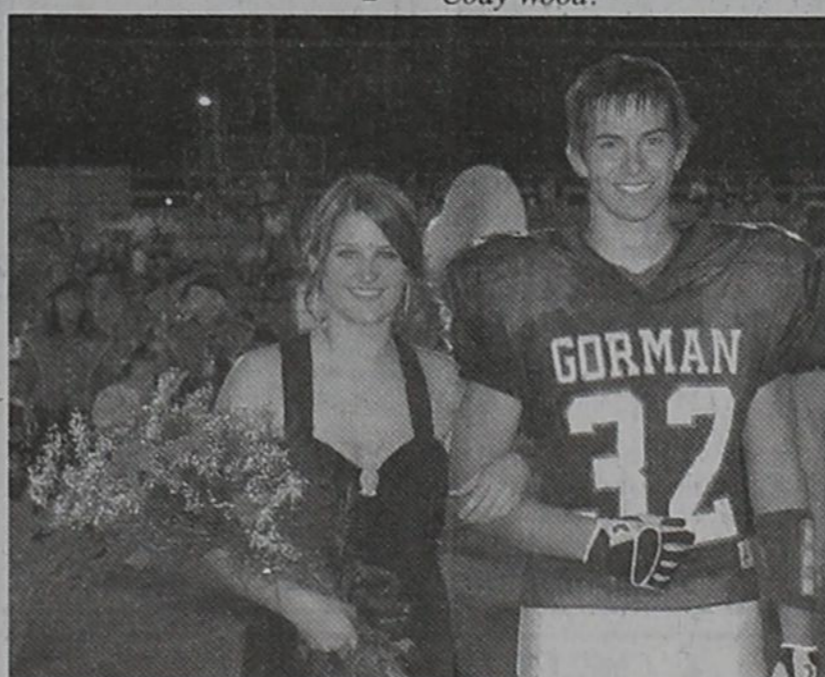
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**Abundant Life Church** will be having a **Harvest Hoedown Party** for elementary students on **Friday September 24th** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Education Building located at the corner of Roberts and Kent (with the red door!). There will be food, games, prizes, and more!!!

## Gorman School Homecoming Held Recently



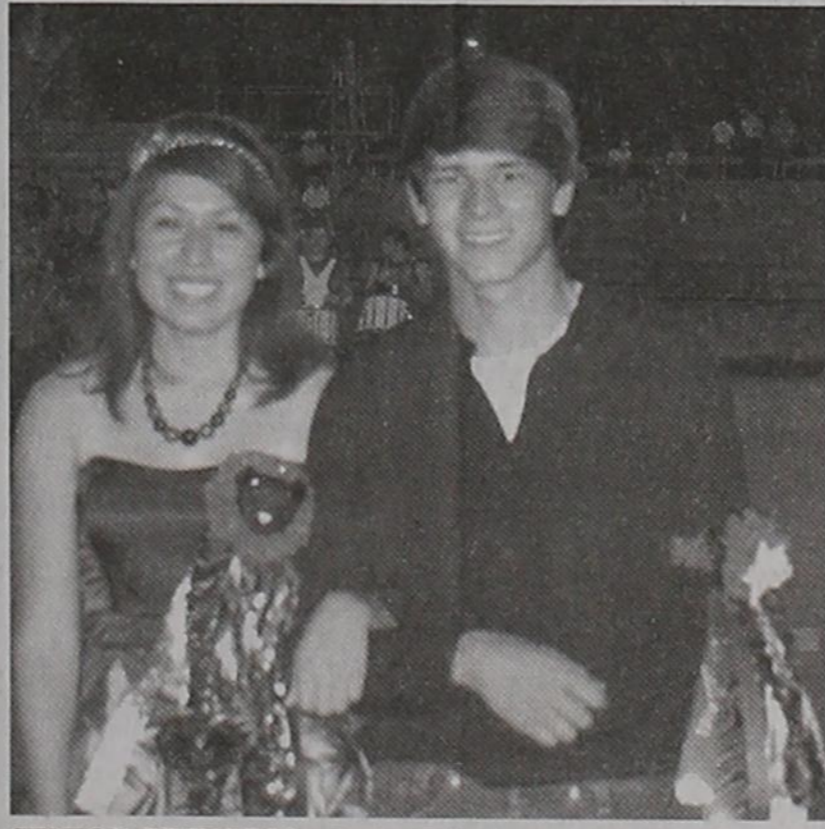
**COMING HOME QUEEN** - Coming Home Queen For 2010 was Carolyn ( Scitern ) Foster, she was escorted by her husband, Gene Foster.



**HOMECOMING QUEEN** - Homecoming Queen - Jaime Johnston was escorted by Cody Wood.



**PANTHER BAND SWEETHEART AND BEAU** - The Panther Band Sweetheart was Cortney Shirley escorted by Band Beau - Daniel Rivas.



**SENIOR PRINCESS** - Senior Princess - Louisa Silva escorted by Eli Fullagar.

## Panthers Shock Pirates 20-7; Travel To Menard on Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		GORMAN		PERRIN-WHITT	
12	First Downs	14			
36/205	Carries/Yds.	29/128			
89	Yds Passing	97			
3 of 6/0	Pass Cpt./Int	8 of 25/1			
3 / 3	Fumbles/Lost	3 / 1			
2 / 38	Punts/Avg.	4/33			
5/30	Penalties	7/80			

After losing the ball on a fumble on their first possession and a punt on their second, the Panthers scored on their third possession and adding another TD on their next possession the Big Red jumped to a 14-0 lead at halftime and held the Pirates scoreless until late in the fourth period and adding a TD in the third period the Panthers shocked the Pirates for a 20-7 victory to thrill a large homecoming crowd.

The first scoring drive for the Panthers started on their own 27 and following a huge 37 yard scamper by B.J. Ramirez; Drew Flanary added 4 and 3 yards and Ramirez had a 3 yarder, Flanary found Josh Ryon open for a pass near the Pirate 35 and Ryan raced into the end zone for the first Panther score with 9:03 left in the half. The kick try failed and the Panthers were up 6-0.

Then after the Big Red Defense held the Pirates on their next possession the Panthers took the ball on their own 34 and scored in six plays with Ramirez getting the honors from 28 yards out with 59 seconds left in the half. Ramirez also added the 2 pointer on a run to up the score to 14-0. The drive featured runs of 3, 6 and 4 by Brandon Velasquez and a 9 yard run by Matt Fox and the help of a 15 yard penalty on the Pirates.

After a fine performance by the Panther Band , The homecoming crowd enjoyed seeing the different presentation to honorees: *The Coming Home Queen was Carolyn Foster who was escorted by her husband, Gene; Football Sweetheart was Ally Little, escorted by Cameron Clark; Band Sweetheart was Cortney Shirley escorted by Daniel Rivas; Homecoming Queen was Jaime Johnston escorted by Cody Wood.*

The Perrin-Whitt Drill Team also performed.

Following the halftime intermission both teams played fairly even terms with each fumbling the ball, the Pirates took the ball on the Gorman 24 and scored in just 2 plays with Josiah Cansler catching a 19 yard pass to set up the Pirates at the Big Red 5, Bryce Cameron ran it in for a TD with 11:34 left in the third. After the point kick the score was 14-7.

The teams then played on even terms until the Panthers got the ball on the Pirate 30 and scored in just 3 plays with Velasquez getting the final 5 yards on a run with just 1:53 left. The score went to 20-14. The kick for point failed. The drive also featured a 25 yard pass to Cody Wood.

The Big Red Defense then held off a flurry of passes and had the win.

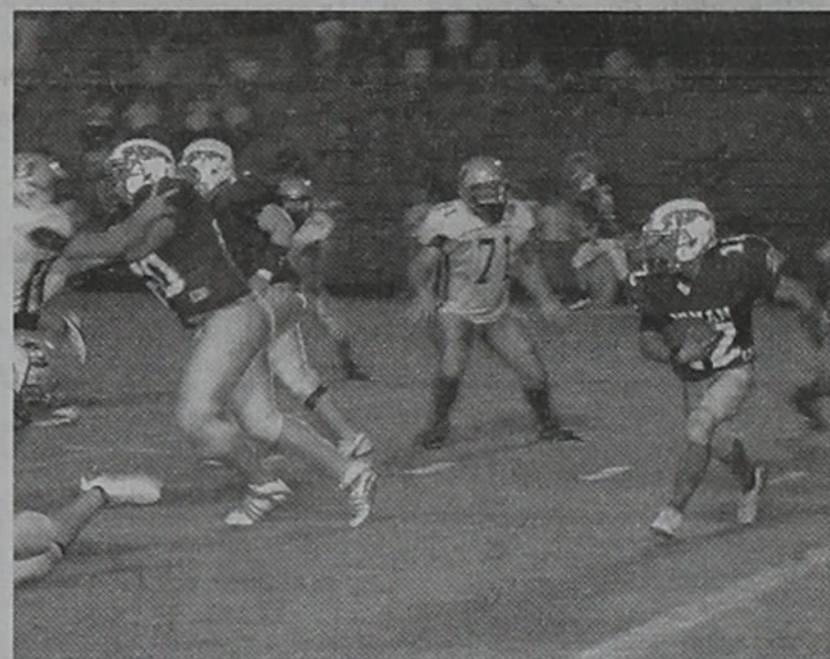
Ramirez led the Panthers with 10 carries for 139 yards. Velasquez had 39 on 10 tries. Flanary had 17 on 12 keepers. Fox got 10 on 4.

The Panthers have to travel to Menard this week to take on another tough team. It should be a good test for the Big Red and they will have to continue their fine efforts on both offense and defense for a win. So, follow the Panthers to Menard and show them your support.

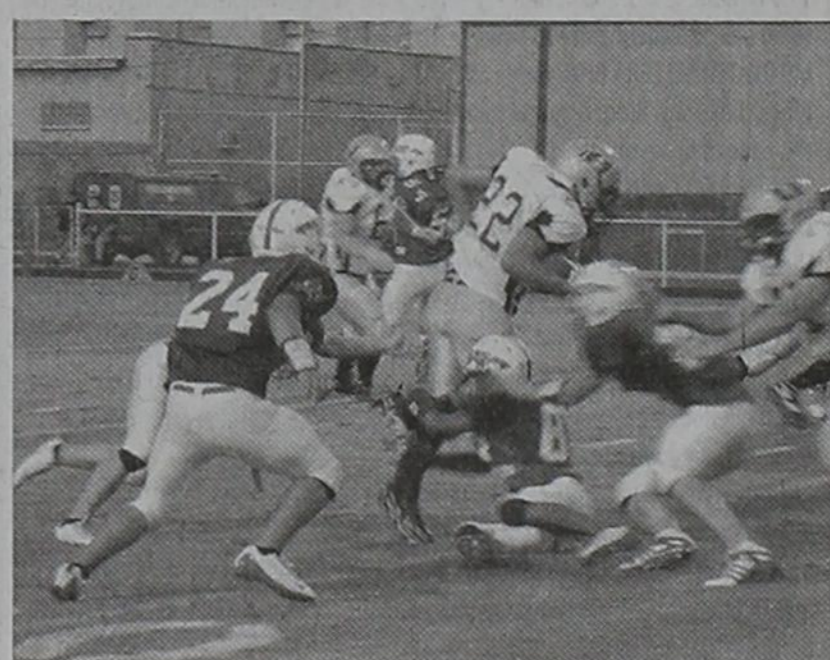
**Go Get 'Em Big Red!**



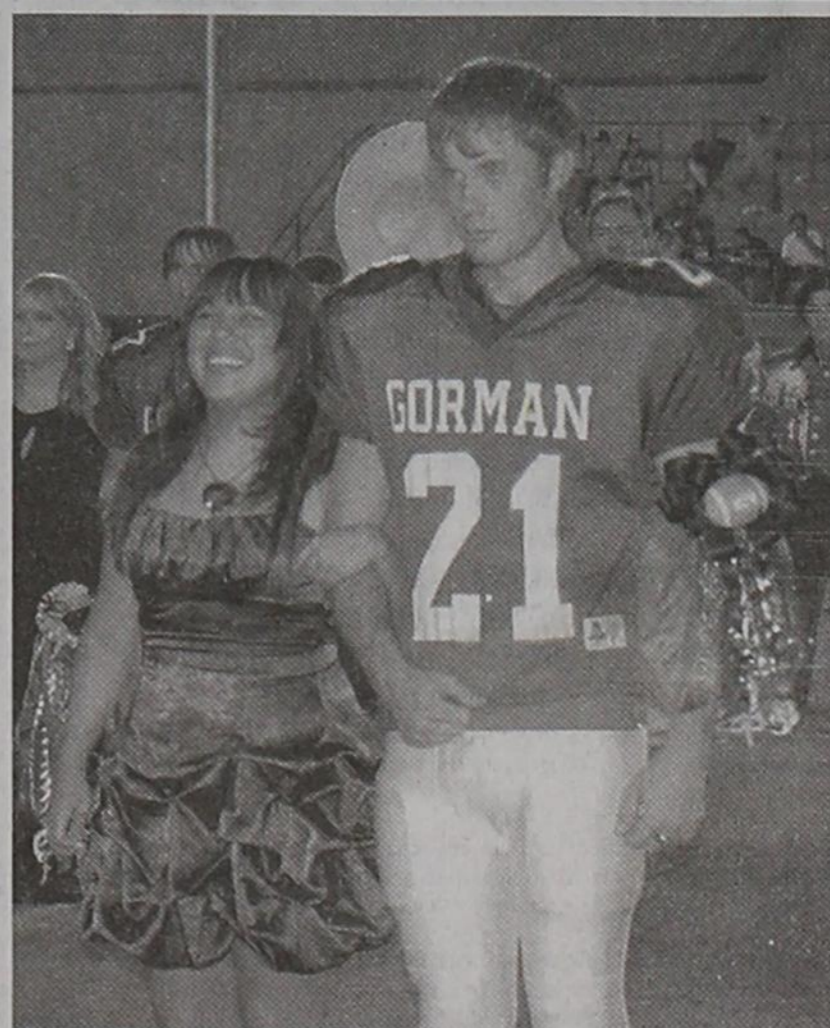
**FOOTBALL SWEETHEART** - The Panther Football Sweetheart was Ally Little escorted by Cameron Clark.



**BJ Following His Blockers** - B. J. Ramirez is shown following blocks from Matt Keith and Jon Fenley during game action.



**STOPPING PERRIN RUNNER** - Sergio Hipolito, Brandon Velasquez, and several other Panthers stop the runner in game action Friday night.



**SENIOR PRINCESS** - Senior Princess - Stephanie Risueno escorted by Brice Campbell.

More Photos of Homecoming on page 4

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**Gorman Panthers Football Schedule**

- \* October 1 - Santo - There - 7:30
- \* October 8 - Ranger - Here - 7:30
- \* October 15 - Cross Plains - There - 7:30
- \* October 22 - OPEN DATE
- \* October 29 - Baird - Here - 7:30
- \* November 5 - Meridian - There - 7:30
- \* District Games

**Classifieds**

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**GORMAN SPIRIT SHIRTS**

The new Gorman spirit shirts have arrived!! These shirts will sell for \$10.00, and you can currently buy them at Panda's Flowers and Gift Shop. The booster club will also try to put some out in other places around town. The shirts may also be bought from Becky Swanner at the high school, call 254-734-2614 for information on these shirts. Sizes are from youth extra small to adult XXX large, however sizes are limited, so get yours soon and let's all BACK THE GORMAN PANTHERS AND LADY PANTHERS.

**"On The Wilder Side"**

For centuries people believed that Aristotle was right when he said that the heavier an object, the faster it would fall to earth. Aristotle was regarded as the greatest thinker of all time, and surely he would not be wrong.

Anyone, of course, could have taken two objects, one heavy and one light, and dropped them from a great height to see whether or not the heavier object landed first. But no one did until nearly 2,000 years after Aristotle's death. In 1589

Galileo summoned learned professors to the base of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then he went to the top and pushed off a ten-pound and a one-pound weight. Both landed at the same instant. The power of belief was so strong, however, that the professors denied their eyesight. They continued to say Aristotle was right.

A preacher once proudly said, "I've been preaching for thirty years and haven't changed my mind on a single issue since I began preaching." Let me tell you one thing to be sure of... this is nothing to be proud of because it tells me one of two things about this person: Either he doesn't study his Bible or he's too arrogant to admit he was wrong about something. Now I firmly believe I'm right about everything I've studied. That's the truth! I say this because if I felt that I was wrong about something then I wouldn't teach or preach it.

I respect and honor those who spend time meditating on God's Word. I honor the Christian who has changed their mind several times about doctrine since becoming a Christian, because it tells me they are really searching to know God's truths. After all, God accepts you for who you are... But He doesn't expect you to stay that way. My prayer is that you would keep meditating on God's word and continue to mold into the student God would have you to be.

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

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S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

**NEW - Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000**

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

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**Letter To The Editor On Suicide**

From Henry A. Buchanan  
 When I am a small boy my brother and I were assigned the task of washing the dishes. Washing the dishes also involved drying them and putting them away. My brother handed me a plate wet and slick with soapy water. I dropped it and it broke into three pieces which I tried, with tears and sobbing, to put back together. Mama came, threw the pieces of the broken dish into the garbage and said "Just try not to break the rest of them. We need them to eat from."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates' office reports that eleven hundred men and women in the military service killed themselves in the period 2005-2009. Secretary Gates calls this a "scourge" and wants to do something about it. He proposes a program to help prevent the spread of "this scourge."

I have a word for Secretary Gates from the wisdom of Mama. You can't put these broken men back together, but you can stop doing what's breaking them. Stop sending them to do what is causing them to kill themselves. When men and women who are brought up in Christian homes, schools and church, where they are taught to respect and be kind to other people, are now assigned the job of killing other people, destroying their homes and turning their survivors into homeless and unprotected wretches, it does something to the decent men and women who are doing these things. They become so discouraged with life that they kill themselves.

The only thing our government can do to stop "this scourge" is stop the war that is producing it. We need to keep these people alive in order for us to continue living the life of a healthy American society when they return home.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
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**MORE CHILDREN ARE RIDING SAFELY IN EASTLAND COUNTY, FOLLOWING LOCAL SEAT CHECK EVENT, SAYS EASTLAND COUNTY CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM**

Gorman, Tx – Fewer Eastland County children are at risk of being killed or injured when traveling on our roadways as a result of Child Passenger Safety Week and “National Seat Check Saturday.” Parents and caregivers answered the call for action and brought their child safety seats to be checked by a certified child passenger safety technician for proper use and installation.

“Nearly 3 out of 4 child safety seats are not used properly putting young children in unnecessary risk of being killed or injured,” Wayne Dennis, EMTP said. “We’re gratified that so many parents and caregivers took advantage of this event to help ensure that their children will be riding safely on every trip, every time.”

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 3 to 14 years old (based on 2006 figures from the National Center for Health Statistics). In 2008 alone, 875 passenger vehicle occupants 14 and younger were killed in crashes.

In 2008, among children under 5 in passenger vehicles, an estimated 244 lives were saved due to the use of child restraints (child safety seats and adult safety belts). If all children under 5 had been restrained, an additional 79 lives would have been saved. From 1975 through 2008, an estimated 8,959 children’s lives were saved by child restraints.

For maximum child passenger safety, parents and caregivers should visit their local inspection stations and refer to the following 4 Steps for Kids guidelines for determining which restraint system is best suited to protect children based on age and size:

1. For the best possible protection keep infants in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep infants rear-facing until a minimum of age 1 and at least 20 pounds.
2. When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).
3. Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds), they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4’9” tall).
4. When children outgrow their booster seats, (usually at age 8 or when they are 4’9” tall) they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest).

We gave out 17 seats total during this event. While this may not sound like a lot, it is. This is 17 more children that are now riding safer than what they were before coming to our event. We want to remind people that we still have some seats left, but have a limited number of boosters seats left for the older kids. If you need a seat or know someone that does, please call us at 254-243-0230 to set up an appointment for a fitting. Also, thanks to Wesley Warren for allowing us to use his place for our event.

**Cathi Ball Joins Eastland Centre for the Arts; Centre Hosting HPU Mosaic Art Exhibit**

EASTLAND, TEXAS - The Eastland Centre for the Arts is pleased to announce Cathi Ball as their newest board member. Other members include Shelley Rinehart, Phyllis Edwards and Terry Simmons. The board currently has one opening which they expect to fill in the next few weeks.

“Cathi brings so much talent and knowledge to the board,” said Vice Chairman Shelley Rinehart, “and we are so pleased she has agreed step in for her special friend, as well as ours, Norman Logan.”

Norman and Cathi worked on many, many projects during Norm’s short time as art teacher at Eastland High School. Norm also served as a board member and Treasurer of the ECA.

Cathi has graciously allowed the showing of ‘The Mosaics’ created by her former art students of Howard Payne University where she served as Associate Professor. The pieces were hung recently in the windows at the ECA buildings. Four of the pieces are interior lighted and the remaining four have been lighted so all can be seen at night.

The ECA is also honored to be hosting the wonderful art piece Cathi created for the Outdoor Art Museum in honor of Norm Logan. The piece first was in the lobby of the Connellee Hotel, as well as present for Norm’s funeral, and is now currently inside the ECA building. The piece is also lighted so anyone passing by the ECA/Lyric can enjoy it day or night.

Just prior to Norm’s passing, the ECA board honored him by naming the front lobby-gallery planned for the facility as the Norman Logan Gallery. It is hoped to gather a large number of Norm’s art work, as well as works he created with his students, for a formal Norman Logan Exhibit as the first official gallery exhibit once the facility is completed.

**Art Herstory – The Howard Payne Student-Work Mosaics by Cathi Ball, former associate professor.**

The Mosaics – The last 7 semesters of my tenure as Associate Professor of Art at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, students were involved in creating mosaics about art history. This is an unusual approach to the last four weeks of the class.

Students would bring reports and websites they researched on the subject, and while working on the glass they shared their reports.

The windows used were from the Kurtis Arts Plaza in Sedan, Kansas and the glass from Ft. Worth and Sedan.

The students began with an old window and combined images from art to tell their own story of history in glass. The glass pieces are glued to the glass and grouted as a mosaic. They give the appearance of stained-glass.

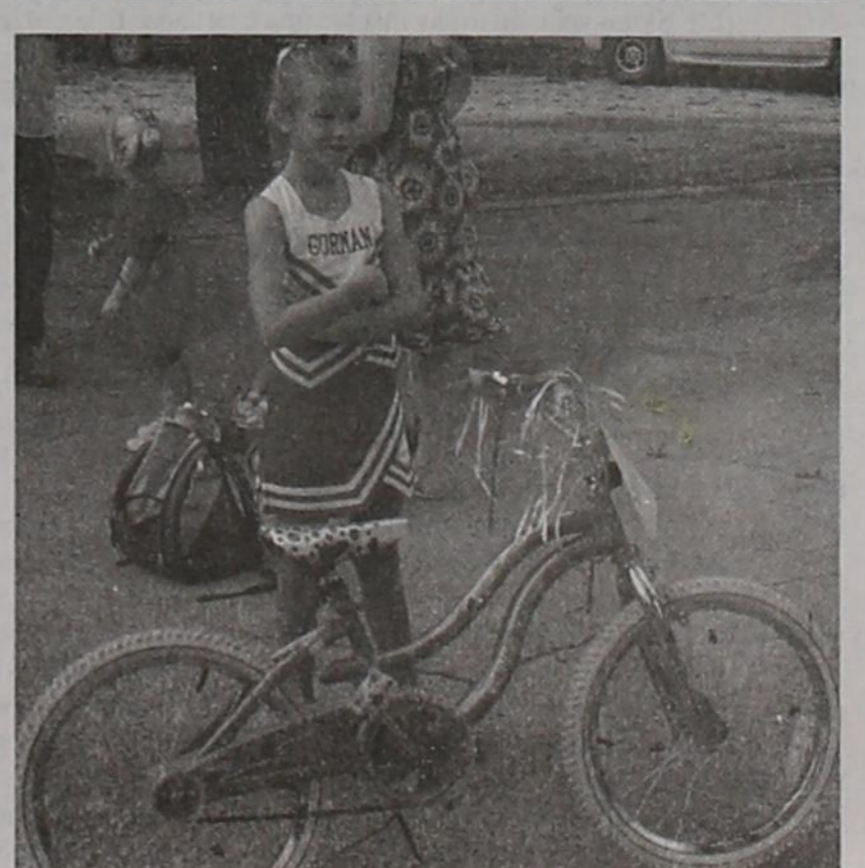
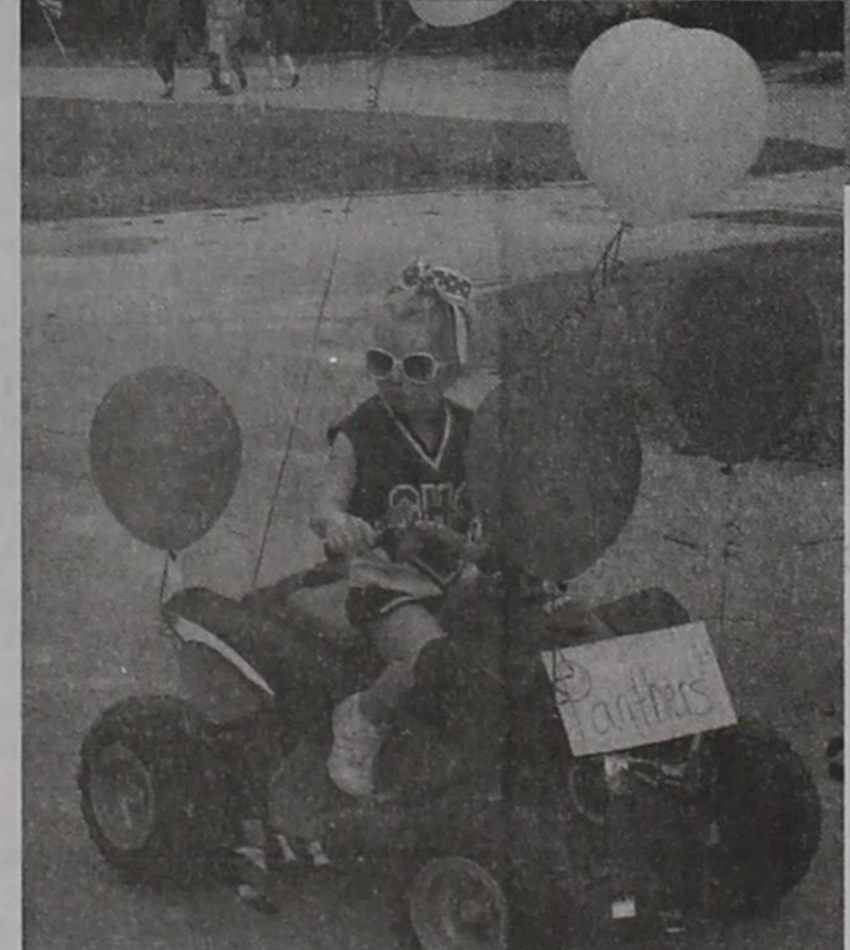
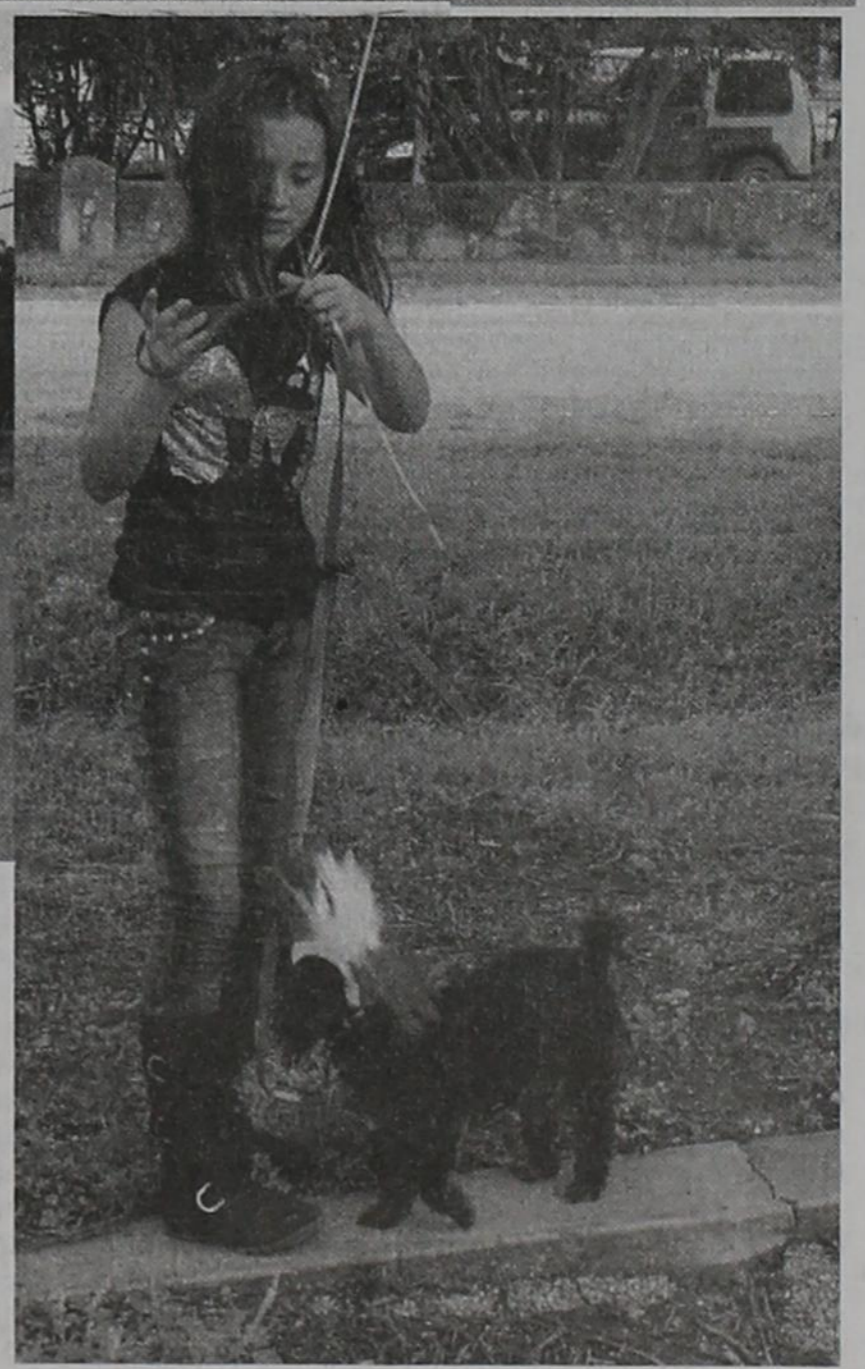
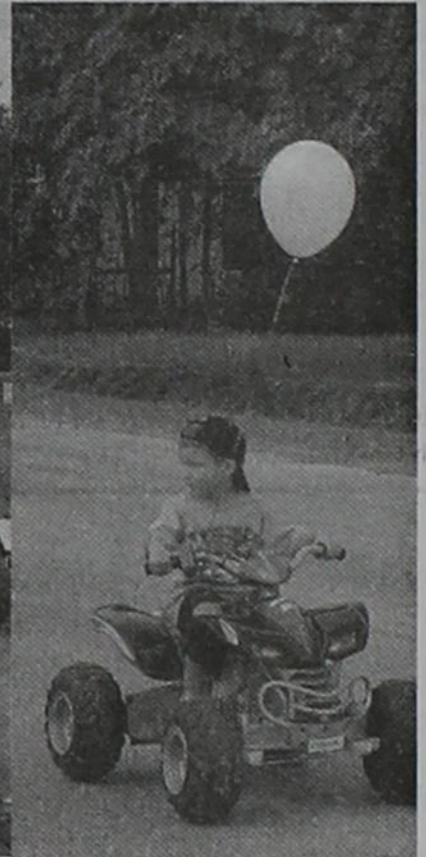
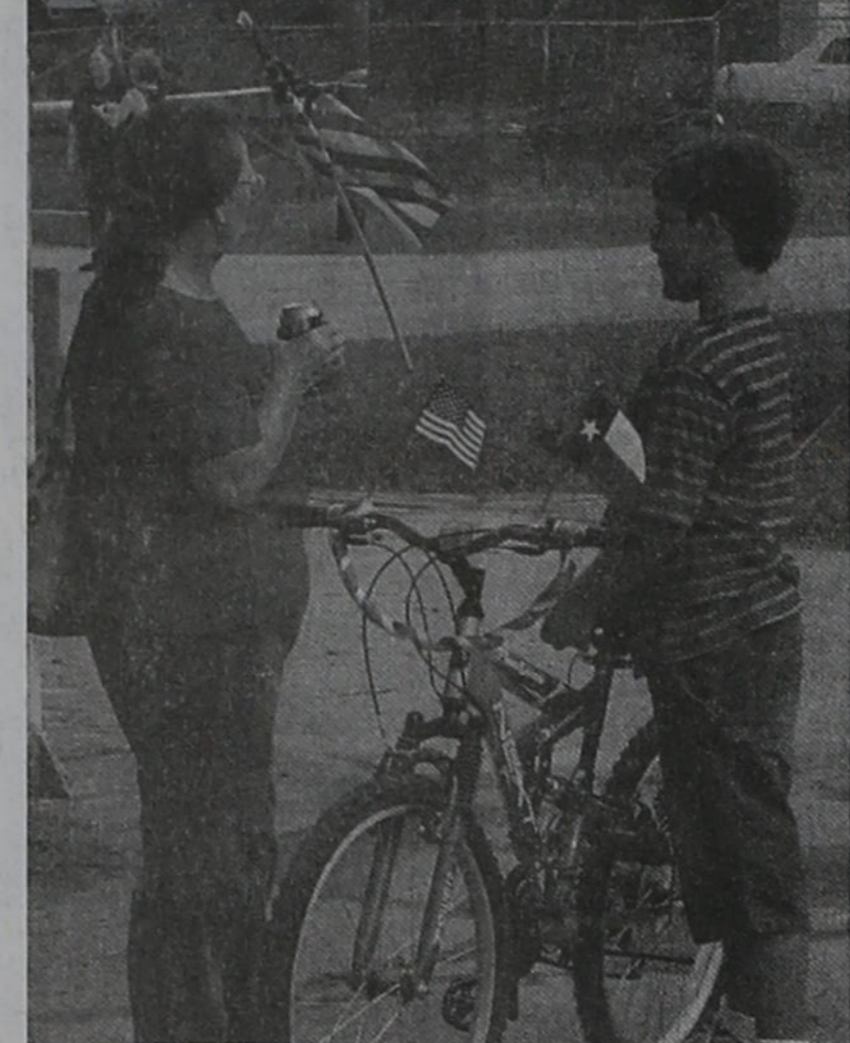
The Coke piece is a tribute to the newly remodeled art facility at Howard Payne University and the bottles are from real coke bottles shattered. Each semester the students expressed a different topic covered in class in a “hands-on” project.

In other news the ECA board is currently working with Barrett Webb, an Austin architect, with Eastland County connections, on the interior design and hopes to have blueprints of the full facility in the very near future.

Texas Slim has announced he may be bringing another of his world famous productions to Eastland in the near future. Watch for details as this event unfolds.

If you would like to help in Bringing the Arts to Eastland, your tax deductible donation is greatly appreciated and can be mailed to PO Box 831, Eastland, TX 76448. For more information on the Eastland Centre for the Arts and or Lyric Theatre, please call 254-631-0708.

**Kids Parade During Peanut Festival**



## Gorman Peanut Festival Queens



2010-11 Petite Miss **Rorri Boyd**/2009-10 Outgoing Petite Miss **Markee Simmons**



2009-10 Outgoing Jr. Miss **Jacquelynn Rainey**/2010-11 Jr. Miss **Kathryn Woodall**



2010-11 Peanut Queen **Brittany Ramirez**/2009-10 Outgoing Peanut Queen **Brittany Henderson**



2010-11 Little Miss **Suelyn Hunter**/2009-10 Outgoing Little Miss **Sara Woodall**



2010-11 Princess **Kaylee Grumbles**/2009-10 Outgoing Princess **Kayce Dodd**

## City Minutes

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Durward Webb, Nathan Files, and Joe Casey. Absent was Commissioner David Stanley. Others present were Chief Barbara Fenley, Glenn Scitem, Ron Skiles, Jack Carter, and Robert Reed, and Randy Beyer. Others present were residents of the Desdemona community and area; Howard and Georgia Iley, Roy Johnson, Charlotte Johnson, Virginia Griffith, Nell Moore, Peggy Singleton, Carol Pell, Marie Patty, James Norris, Jim and Karen Burleson, Bobbie McKillip, D. Moore.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:32 p.m. The meeting room then moved to the Community Center.

Due to the large number of attendees, item #12 was moved up on the agenda.

Randy Beyer was present as a representative from the Jacob and Martin Engineering firm. Randy expressed that Gorman had shown interest in extending the water line to the Desdemona residents. If the City does choose to apply for grant funding for this project, it would also include the line from the City water tower running down Highway 8 also known as N. Kent St. Eastland County would also aid in sponsoring this project. Randy explained that the City would have to match 5% of the grant funds. These funds can also be such as in kind labor and equipment. He also expressed that the amount of the grant would not include enough funds to have the project contracted out, so the City would have to put this line in. The line would extend from the City's existing line that currently ends adjacent to Peanut Park Baseball Field. It will be a 6" line. There is a small chance that other funds could be obtained for contracting the installation of this line.

The City has an urgent need for the line from the water tower down highway 8/N. Kent St. to be replaced, as this is a cast iron line. With the existing urgency of these communities, Nathan made the motion to move forward with submitting a grant application for this project, extending a 6" water line to the Desdemona community. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission meeting then moved back into the Regular meeting room to conduct action on the remaining agenda items.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 02, 2010 meeting, with a correction in paragraph 8: change edge to end, and add motion carried 4-0. Durward made a second to this motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Under Citizens In Put Ron Skiles was present. Mr. Skiles expressed his concern over numerous issues he had which concerned the City of Gorman. Mr. Skiles noted that this is a small town and that the "aint my job" pass the buck needed to stop. If it wasn't your job, whose job is it? He stated that the Commission needed to get back bone. Mr. Skiles went on to say that there was a sex offender living very close to the school. (This issue has been addressed by law personnel) He wanted to know why this was happening. And in regards to the 4Wheeler, ATV, Mule and Golf Cart issue he rides his Mule to Bob's to purchase water. He stated that he would continue to do this, and if he were given a citation he would fight it. He further stated that he had to buy water there because City water wasn't fit to drink.

Mr. Skiles also made mention of an incident he watched when a dog ran out onto Highway 8, nearly causing a traffic accident. He spoke with two other men and asked if the dog belonged to either of them, they stated no that it didn't. (This dog has been running in the area for a while) Mr. Skiles said that a sheriff's deputy was called to this scene where the dog had been shot, by Mr. Skiles. If the City is going to have an Animal Control Officer, he said we should definitely put them to work. Another concern was that when Mr. Bennett walks in the early mornings, he has dogs getting after him all of the time. If he needs to he has his concealed weapons license and he will walk with him and shoot the dogs that bother him.

Mr. Skiles stated if the City crew was going to flush lines, they really need to change the volume of how much was being flushed. Flush the lines and make a definite impression where they have fluently been flushed. He said a little oil spot doesn't indicate much of a flush of the line.

Curfew, Mr Skiles wanted to know if any citations had been given for violation of curfew. He stated that there were kids around all of the time. If we are going to have it, enforce it.

Mr. Skiles went on to say that there are drugs all over this town and all through out the county. And at the house on the hill (in Gorman) you can get girls and drugs, which ever you want. Mr. Skiles also said that there are drug labs all over our area, we need to have the canine unit brought in.

Mr. Skiles went on to say that we (the City) need to get all of the Raineyville cleaned up and moved out of the city limits. He also went on to say that the City needed to get Seaton to move his junk yard away from the funeral home. And there are piles of trash only getting larger in front of residential areas. Do something with them.

Mr. Skiles shared that he enjoyed reading the article in which Mr. Keeping put in the paper, setting Mr Buchanan straight.

Mr. Skiles next told Tacy she needed to be more responsible and get the Judges, Chief's and Glenn's reports to the paper. And to stay at work until it is time to go home.

Mr. Skiles and Jack Carter have a problem with the pipes on their neighbor's pick up. They stated that they are too loud. They are also concerned with the children running and playing too close to the highway at the corner of Kent and Carter St.

While Mr. Skiles was still speaking with the Commission there was a strong discussion of the Animal Control Ordinance between Barbara and Durward. If this is our ordinance then it should therefore be enforced. Mr. Skiles turned the discussion back to the police working more traffic and on main street and the highway. He had noticed numerous vehicles while he sat at Tayors that were neither licensed or had a valid inspection sticker.

Legal advise will be sought on the Golf Cart issue.

Mr. Skiles told the Commission he appreciated the time they listened to him.

Glenn informed the Commission that he was still making efforts to contact the company that rebuilds and repairs fire hydrants. They want to see if he can order a kit that will fix the fire hydrant on Roberts St. (behind Denver's building). Glenn told the Commission the ditch by Gorman Milling was pumped out today (Sept. 16), The limbs will have to be cut on the tree behind the office building before it can be cut down and removed.

At 7:05 p.m. Durward made the motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 3-0

At 7:33 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session with a second from Joe. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made a motion, Nathan made a second to remove as department heads Barbara Fenley and Glenn Scitem, no later than January 1, 2011. The Commission will discuss at a later date the job reassignments and/or reduction of hours of Barbara Fenley and Glenn Scitem. Motion carried 3-0.

At this time the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2010-05 Atmos Energy Request was read. Nathan made the motion to pass approve and adopt this ordinance. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Durward made the motion pass the \$1.05/\$100 value property tax rate for the City of Gorman. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to grant the Deed without Warranty to Larry and Joy Campbell. The Campbells had an attorney research the property and do the legal work. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Discounts item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Durward. Motion carried, time was 8:10 p.m.

# 7th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cookoff Results



**GRAND CHAMPION** - Royce Williams (left) and **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION** - Donnie Glatter



**MOST UNIQUE PIT** - Smoking Horns - Mike Fraley - Rising Star



**RIB WINNERS** - First Place - Royce Williams; Second Place - Donnie Glatter and Third Place - Billy Shelton.



**BRISKET WINNERS** - First Place - Donnie Glatter; Second Place - Justin Underwood and Richard Owens and Third Place - Victor Lopez (not pictured).



**BEANS WINNERS** - First Place - Darron Landon; Second Place - Tim Swanner and Third Place - Billy Vaden.



**DUTCH OVEN - DESSERT WINNERS** - First Place - Eric Royall; Second Place - Lee Tiemann and Third Place - Ethan Royall.



**CHICKEN WINNERS** - First Place - Royce Williams; Second Place - Mike Fraley and Third Place - Billy Vaden.

## MaryAnn Cox Graduates from Baylor University

After completing the in-residence Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science program, MaryAnn remained at the University of North Texas until the completion of her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Education. In 2001 and 2002 she enrolled in post-secondary courses in American History and Spanish at Keele University in England and Spanish Language and Culture at Proyecto Espanol in Spain. She earned a Master of Science degree in Statistics from Baylor University in 2007 and remained at Baylor to complete her PhD in Statistics in May 2010.



While at Baylor, MaryAnn was the recipient of several merit-based awards. She was named Research Fellow by the Association for Institutional Research in 2008; Boyd Harschbarger Student Presenter Award at the Southern Research Council on Statistics 2009 in Jekyll Island, GA; M.D. Anderson Bayesian Biostatistics Student Award 2010 in Houston, TX; and Fostering Diversity Scholar Award in New Orleans, LA. She also received the following scholarships as a result of her volunteer work with a local community action agency, where she worked to model obesity rates in children across the state and introduce nutrition intervention plans in border counties: Texas Head Start Association Parent of the Year, Goodie Wicklund Parent Volunteer Award, and Texas Department of Public Safety Officers Association Student Scholar.

MaryAnn was invited to share her research as an invited speaker at the Council Of Texas Statisticians 2009, the National Science Foundation National Data Policy Institute 2009 in Washington, DC, the International Biometric Society Meeting 2010 in New Orleans, LA, and the Joint Statistical Meeting 2010 in Vancouver, Canada.

In 2006 she was invited to join the Drug Safety Research Group collaboration between Baylor and Eli Lilly and Company, and served as a group leader from 2009-2010. MaryAnn accepted an early offer from Eli Lilly and Company last fall, and joined the company as a Global Research Scientist in June of this year.

MaryAnn is wife to Christopher, mother to Caroline, daughter to Lori Dodd and Ed and Jalynn Cox, and granddaughter to Jack Eison and Jeanne Dorsett.

## Notice Of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Called Meeting at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2010 in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioner's Court.

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

## RAISE THE YOUTH!!

The De Leon Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is inviting Everyone from Everywhere to join them for an evening of positive praise and live entertainment as they host "Raise the Youth" at the De Leon Community Park.

The event will take place on Wednesday, October 20th starting at 7 p.m. and will feature performances by the Nick Gainey Band and 100 Watt Witness. Vertical Adrenaline Motocross Ministries will also be on hand to visit with those in attendance.

Raise the Youth is an opportunity for our young people to come together for a time of fun and fellowship. You do not have to be a member of the FCA to take part; this event is for the masses. If you have a large group that would like to attend, please RSVP so that you may be recognized during the celebration. Any individual, organization or business that would like to participate by becoming a sponsor or by simply making a donation is greatly appreciated. You will help to insure that this event is a success.

Raise the Youth is free of charge, but donations at the gate are welcome. All profits from this event will go directly to the De Leon FCA. The FCA is dedicated to building relationships that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence. Please help us build those relationships with the youth of our communities.

Please contact us at [rasietheyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:rasietheyouth@yahoo.com) or call Crystal Nabors at (254) 485-7223 for more information. You can find Raise the Youth on facebook!

## Accepting Applications

### Region 14 Education Service Center's Alternative Certification Program - Special Education, EC-6 Generalist, Math, and Science

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2011-2012 Alternative Certification Program for Special Education, Math and Science Teachers will be accepted September 1, 2010 thru November 12, 2010.

The program allows college graduates wanting to be teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirement:

*Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.*

For additional admission requirements, contact Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program OR visit our website at [www.esc14.net](http://www.esc14.net)

Financial reimbursement is available if grant requirements are met. This program is made possible by a 1.4 million dollar federal Transition to Teaching Grant.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For more information, contact: Gay Ann Walts - Special Education - 325-675-7017; Donna Ray - EC-6 Generalist - 325-675-8670; Charlotte Taggart - Science - 325-675-8684 or Sandra Carter - Math - 325-675-7006.

John Stevens - Associate Director

## NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The County of Eastland (name of taxing unit) conducted public hearings on 9/7/10 and 9/23/10 (date of first hearing) (date of second hearing) on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Eastland (name of taxing unit) from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.74 percent. (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback rate or effective tax rate calculated under this chapter)

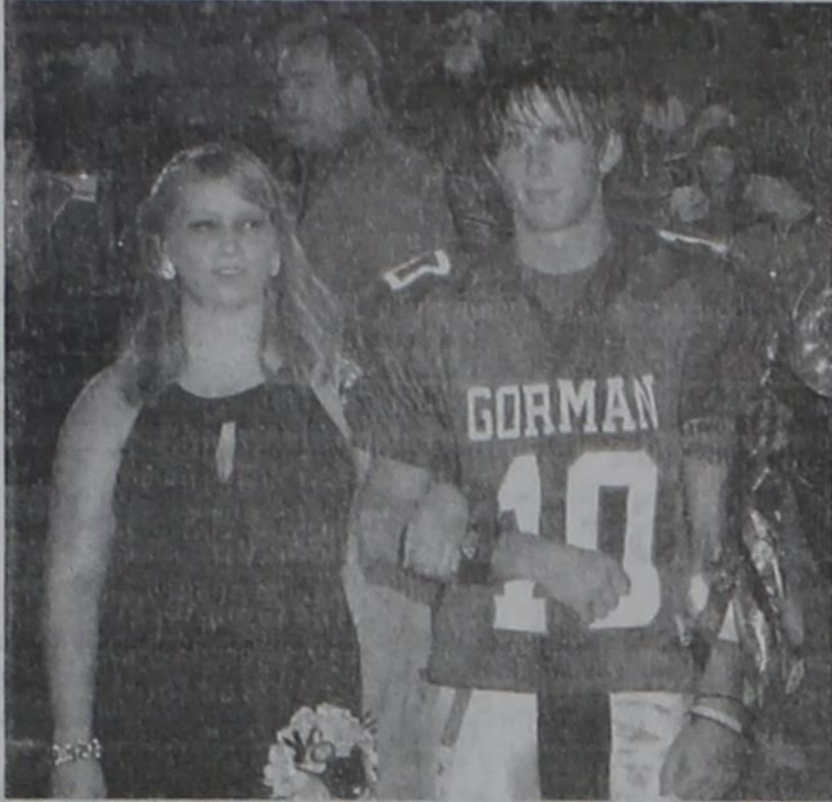
The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.55 (insert tax rate for the preceding year) for each \$100 of taxable value was 4,769,694.83 (insert total amount of taxes imposed for the preceding year)

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.59 (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 5,136,730.62 (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 0.59 (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 5,618,663.63 (insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The County of Eastland (governing body of the taxing unit) is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on 9/30/10 (date of meeting) at Eastland County Courthouse, 100 W. Main St., Suite 203, Eastland, Texas 76448 (location of meeting, including mailing address) at 8:00 a.m. (time of meeting)

## Gorman School Homecoming



**JUNIOR PRINCESS** - Junior Princess - Carlie Jackson escorted by Josh Ryon.



**SOPHOMORE PRINCESS** - Sophomore Princess - Viridiana Maldonado escorted by Luis Limon.



**FRESHMAN PRINCESS** - Freshman Princess - Escorted by Zach Carlton.

# The Great Goober Bake-Off!

The Goober Bake-Off was a tremendous success this year. A special word of "appreciation" is required for Martha Harrington. Although Martha was unable to work in the capacity which we have all come to respect (and yes, take for granted), her contribution of information and thoughtful guidance was a welcome gift for this Goober novice! Michaelyn Clark (my precious mother-in-law) worked tirelessly to prepare, plan, and simply "make happen" this much anticipated event. Jill Rainey was simply magnificent with her help and planning. Without these women, this event could not have happened. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The contributions from our local and area merchants were tremendous. Dr. Pepper graciously donated so many wonderful products for our goodie bags. The items were so varied and wonderful. Lori Dodd represented them well by not only arranging for these items to be donated, but also helping me to stuff the goodie bags. Tommy Clark of Clark Hardware generously donated an ice chest as one of our give-away prizes. He not only donated a great prize, but helped to clean up the bake-off area as well. Mr. Harold Fritz of Red Chain was a real pleasure. He graciously donated a MIGHTY LARGE bag of dog food to our plethora of prizes. Our neighbors at Golden Peanut of De Leon stunned us with a whopping three gallons of peanut oil as well. Rounding out our prize display was Julie Clark, who donated a hair-cut to some lucky winner (I say lucky because she is responsible for keeping me presentable!) A special word of thanks must also be extended to the people at First Baptist, Gorman for allowing the bake-off to be judged in their church. They opened their doors hospitably, to any and all who needed to cool off or just "use the facilities"!

There were many who earned "bragging" rights" as Gorman's finest Goober Cooks! Amanda Brown, however, is the queen. She knocked the judges socks off with a superb "Peanut Butter Mud Pie" Yum! Yum! Hayden Clark showed off his stuff with a mouth watering entry of "Papa's Peanut Butter Fudge" (the recipe's a secret, so don't even ask!) Baxter Krug won his class with a mean Peanut Butter-Finger Bar (it will make you want to hunt him down at school and give you the recipe.) Mike Gonzales amazed us with his "Upside Down Punch Bowl Cake" (it was not his first rodeo!) Lucretia Coan (as always!) wowed everyone with her two champion recipes of Peanut Butter Pudding Cake (we finished this one off in Sunday school class!) and the absolute best "Avocado Party Dip" ever (very creative use of a peanut!)

Thanks again to everyone. It was a wonderful experience and I feel privileged to have been a part. - Angela Clark

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

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## Letter to the Editor

This is a rebuttal to the Letters to the Editor that Henry A. Buchanan has been submitting to the "Gorman Progress" for a few months now.

What he has been submitting is so far out in left field, that he cannot even see home plate. I am not sure what Mr. Buchanan's profession is or his background, but his viewpoints are not the viewpoints of most Americans.

I will be retiring from the military in two years with thirty-six years in two years. My family spent two years looking all over Texas for the right piece of property to retire onto to raise cattle. Four years ago we found the right place to call home in the very near future. The reasons were first the friendliness of the citizens of Gorman, second the geography and geology, and third the town's location.

According to the first amendment in our constitution Mr. Buchanan has the right of free speech and I have defended his right for thirty-four years. He is just wrong in his thinking, America's military job is to protect Americans first, and then citizens of other countries if they are in harm's way second.

While our military will always respond to earthquakes and floods, you must remember that we are at war and, have to make sure that our enemies do not take over this country and take away our freedoms and way of life that thousands of veterans both living and dead gave their all.

The mosque problems, who is not being reasonable? Especially after the Governor of New York tried to work with the Imam with land at another location. Koran burnings? How many Holy Bibles have Muslims burned without Americans wanting to kill all Muslims all over the world? For that matter why does the media call it the Holy Koran and the Holy Bible just the Bible?

President Bush did not start this war Mr. Buchanan; do you not know Islamic history? In the early 700s, they invaded the Holy Lands, Spain, France, and even Constantinople in Turkey. How about the atrocities they have committed in the name of Allah? No Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Atheists, Agnostics, etc, would condone taking a pregnant woman, whipping her two hundred times and then shooting her in the head. Do you? Do you know our history? We have had troubles with Muslims with Presidents Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Carter, Reagan, Clinton, both Bushs, and now Obama. Now you say we can't win? Where do you think you would be if the Colonists or Americans in the 1940s thought like you? No Mr. Buchanan this is not a war that we can afford to lose. All of us including you will lose everything. Mr. Buchanan, your logic is very flawed.

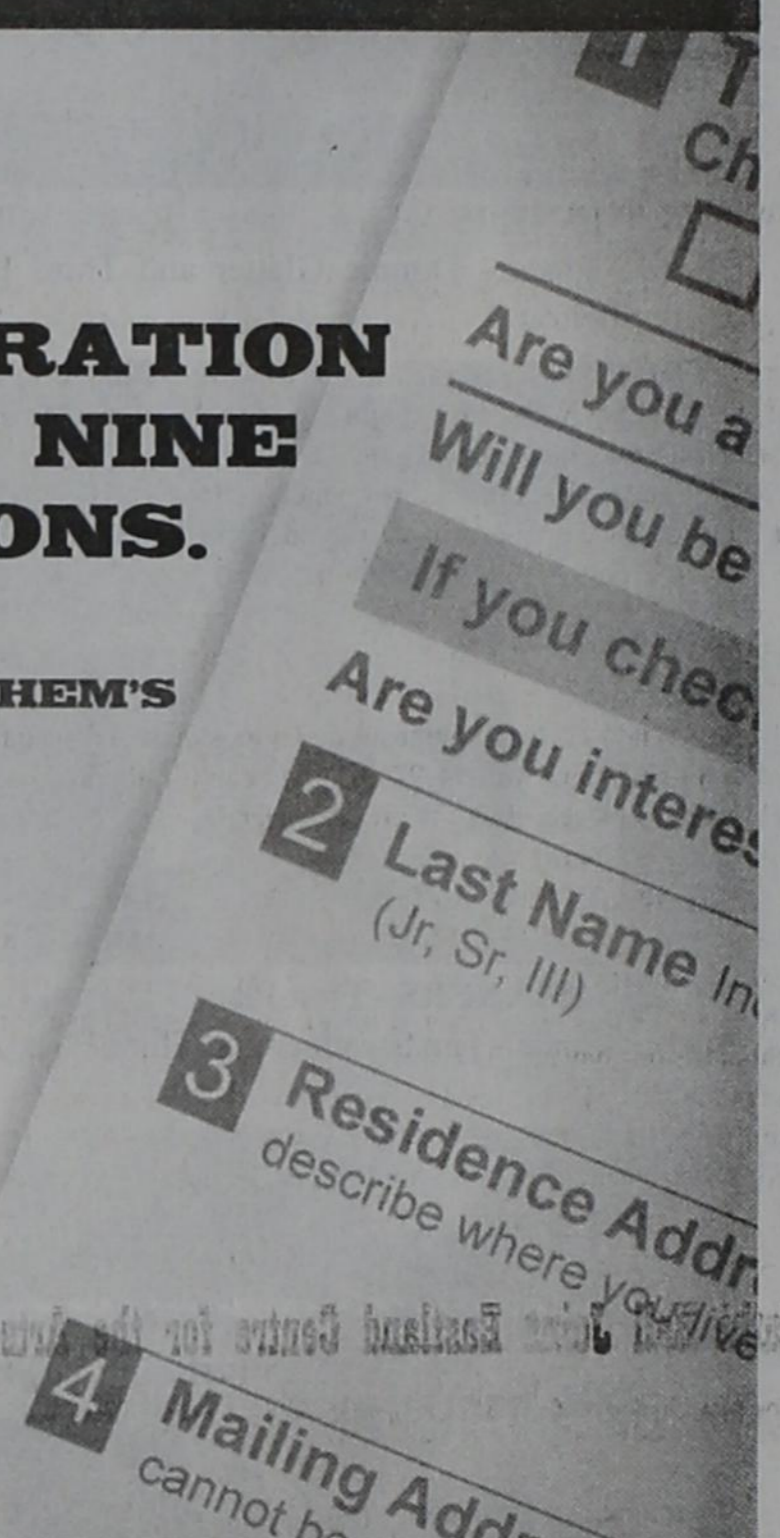
If the citizens of this community feel that I am wrong and you are right, then they should exercise their first amendment rights and write to the editor that I am wrong in my viewpoints. Either way I will still defend all Americans and our constitution. This will be my only response to Mr. Buchanan as I will refuse to debate an idiot. As John Wayne once said, "America, love her, or get the hell out!"

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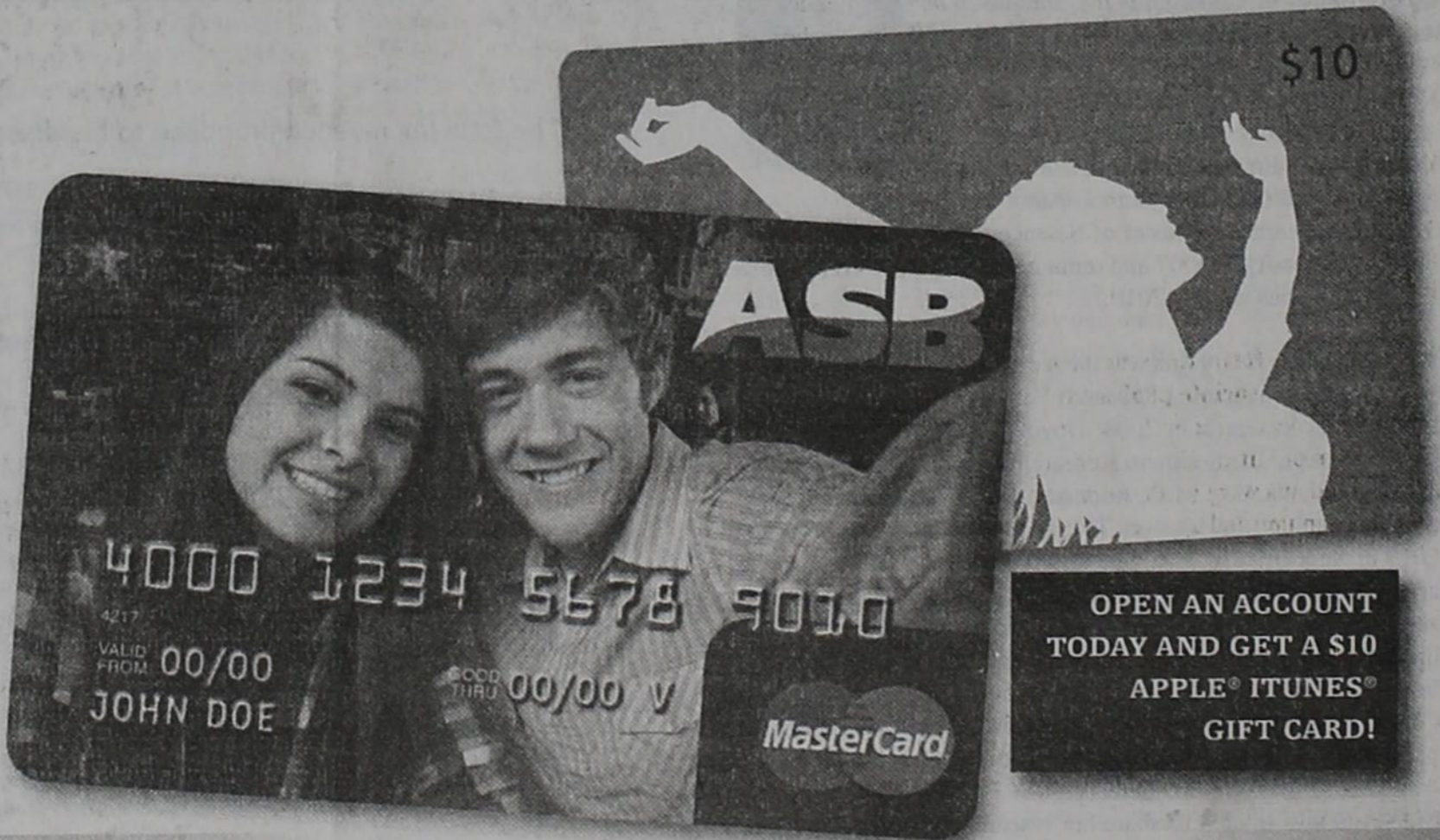
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## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Sure was nice to have a good crowd of 19 out for our meal on September 15. Hope more come back as the weather cools. How great to feel the taste of Autumn in the air. This has been a most horrific September with the heat and humidity. I don't remember a September ever this miserable. So good to have Wilburn Overstreet back with us and looking good. He was kind enough to give the blessing. Also good to see Estelle Lindley getting around well.

Good to visit and enjoy Lil Brudnak and Ima Brown. Hadn't seem them since our return. Ima brought us some ice cream, always welcome. All of us were glad to see Geraldene Wright and get our hugs. She always brightens our day. Also brought a great peach and berry upside down cake. So good with the ice cream.

We still miss seeing Martha Rainey and Ruthie Porter. They are both improved, so maybe can come back soon. Martha had a time of it with her hip surgery. A few complications set her back some. Ima saw Ruthie at Dr. Dan's so she is moving about better.

Our meal was good with baked beans and wieners, German sausage, cabbage, veggie medley of carrots, broccoli and cauliflower, green peas and lasagna brought by Billie Bennett. Quite a mixture but so good. Also had our usual cornbread and french bread. Dessert was Jello with fruit and 3 cakes. For once we had an abundance of goodies for all. I do want to Thank the Food Bank for giving us the Veggies. Thanks Howard Hagood and helpers for all you do.

My Grandson Tyson Swanner is now playing Varsity for Howard Payne. He is now a receiver and doing a great job. Guess they had plenty of Quarterbacks to spare. He seems to like this position, even though he was a great Quarterback for Gorman. I haven't seen a game yet. Too hot for me or too far. When it becomes football weather I'll go. Its hard for me to get around in those Stadiums. Maybe I'll make it to Brownwood this Saturday. Should be cooler according to weatherman.

Daisy Slaton and I did attend the parade in Gorman on 9-11. I always enjoy seeing the old cars. The little Mash convertible brought back memories. When I was a teenage and two friends were in a parade in California. We rode in a just like that one in Western Outfits. Oh so long ago. I also enjoyed the women and men dressed in Civil War Clothes. A good parade, just wish it could be longer. When I first moved here nearly twenty years ago, the parade was much larger. I heard the Abilene parade interferes as dates so close. I guess the West Texas Fair is the culprit.

Hope all is well and hope to see more out next week. Carol.

## 2010 PEANUT FESTIVAL Coloring Contest Results

Pre-K – 1st Brooke Gillen, 2nd Briley Sherman, 3rd Mya Aguirre

K – 1st Crystal Gonzales, 2nd Markee Simmons, 3rd Kayle Nichols

1A – 1st Aryann Cook, 2nd Autumn Evans, 3rd Christianna Pacheco

1B - 1st Issac Herrera, 2nd Karlie Landers, 3rd Jasey Rice

2A – 1st Ramiro, 2nd Jessica Rice, 3rd Hallie Hagan

2B - 1st Stacy, 2nd Bryson, 3rd Hayden Hampton

3A – 1st Kaylee Grumbles, 2nd Sidney Locke, 3rd Caitlyn

3B - 1st Michelle Hernandez, 2nd Rachel Snider, 3rd Alexis Estrada

4A – 1st Lauren Underwood, 2nd Taylor Shepherd, 3rd Briana Landa

4B - 1st Nada Madera, 2nd Jennifer Montelongo Cruz, 3rd Lane

5A – 1st Allie, 2nd Colton Wheeler, 3rd Kade Sparger

5B - 1st Rafae Ortiz, 2nd Isaac Segura, 3rd Nada Herrera

## Peanut Festival Car Show Results



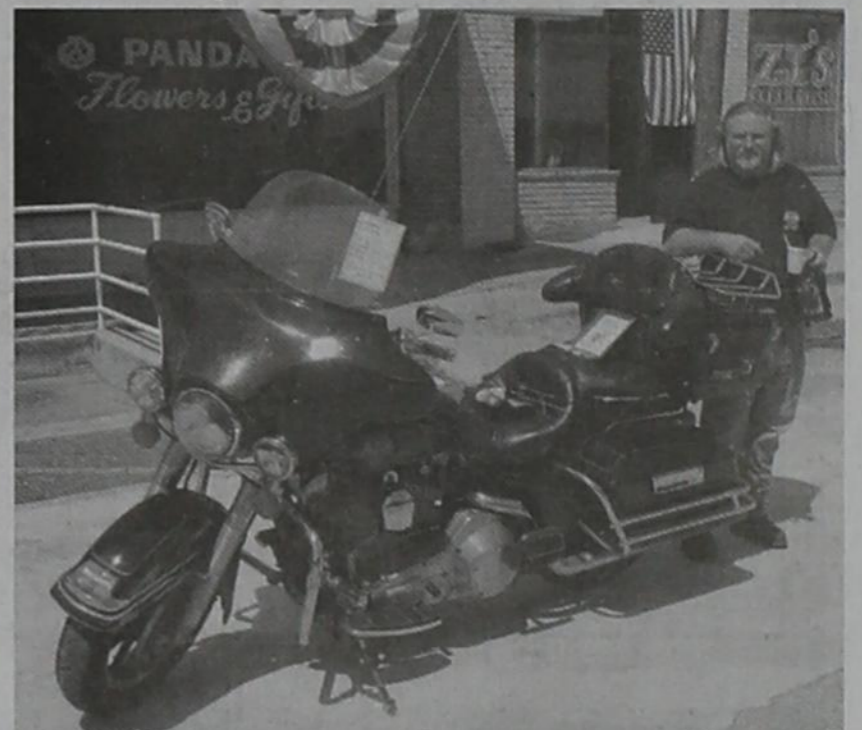
First Place - 1900-1931 Car-Pickup - Felts Terrill - 1925 Model T - De Leon, Texas



First Place - 1900-1949 Street Rod - Norman Lawson - 1932 Ford Victoria - Stephenville, Texas



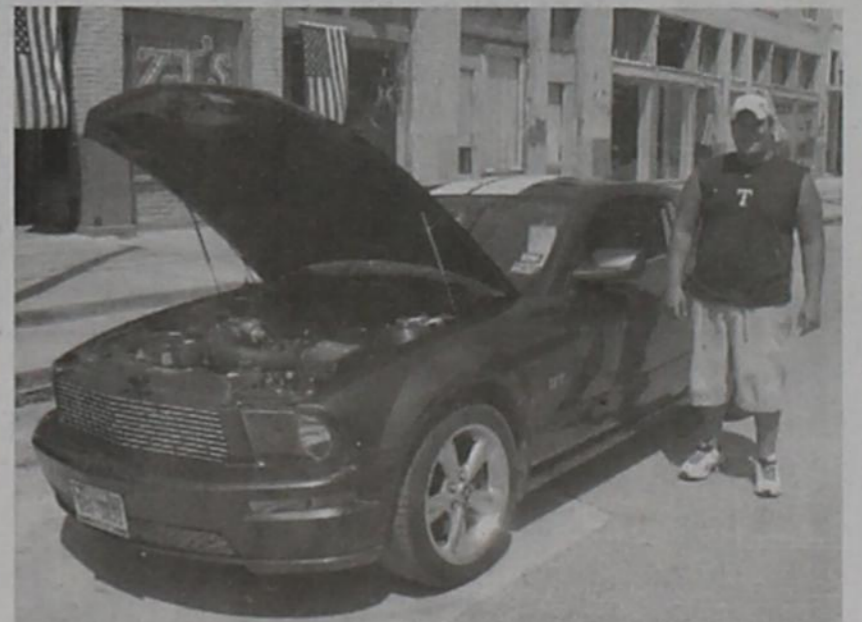
First Place - 1950-1970 Car-Pickup - Sal Hernandez - 1970 Mustang Mach 1 - Eastland, Texas



First Place - Motorcycle - Loyd Lucas - Watauga, Texas



First Place - 1971 - Current - Street Rod - Doug Caffey - 1974 Corvette - Blanket, Texas



Second Place - 1971 - Current - Street Rod - Ricky De Leon - 2007 Mustang GT - Eastland, Texas

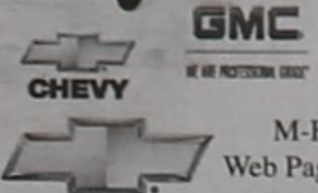
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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Country and Western Musical will be held on Saturday, September 25th at the Community Center (former School Building). Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with all the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had very good attendance on Sunday. Jana Johnson led the Song Service with Karen Fair at the organ and Gary Shirley at the piano. Pastor Charlie Johnson brought a wonderful message for the morning service. Visitors are welcome to attend each Sunday at 10 a.m. for Bible Study and 11:00 a.m. for the Worship Service.

Russell Duke of Houston and daughter, Elise Duke of Early visited during the week with Humpy and Betty Duke.

Autumn begins on Wednesday, September 22nd. Everyone is ready to welcome Cooler weather after a long hot summer. So relax and enjoy this wonderful time of the year.

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth visited on Sunday with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown.

Take time your from your busy daily schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "HI" means so much to a shut-in. Thanks and have a great day - Vonnie Rue.

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