

# Homecoming 2005



## Celebration features parade, pep rally and bonfire

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Convertibles filled with this year's hopefuls for king and queen and the kings and queens of past years followed.

Black and Gold boosters celebrated this year's theme "Plains, Gains and Riders of the Range" with streamers and banners.

Kids from every fall sports team were brought into the parade on flat-bed trailers pulled by semi-trucks.

The parade featured black and gold cars and trucks, including a black Model A Ford replica driven by Dick Short, school board member, carrying his wife, Sara, a teacher, and Superintendent Marvin Selby.

The parade took a turn at 13th Street and continued on to the Cowboy Stadium for a pep rally.

The rally started with a tribute to the class of 1955. Alumni from that class had their own float in the parade, and those present were introduced at the rally. They were honored again at the game Friday night.

High school cheerleaders took the field to perform

a dance number and they were followed by the senior football players.

The senior guys did a skit where they had a dance-off between modern-day break dancers and afro-wigged, leisure-suited 1970s dancers traveling in a broken-down blue van.

Parents of high school seniors performed a skit where a "research team" tried out different ways to win a football game against the Oakley Plainsmen.

To make up for skipping the traditional skit last year, the parents also performed gestures to a rhyme that mimicked the football coaches and players.

The crowd-pleasing Jumpin' Juniors changed into their costumes and were out on the field next with a dance routine.

Cheerleaders lead cheers for graduates from the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, 2000s and those graduating in 2006, '07, '08 and '09.

The band played and onlookers moved to a pit filled with boxes for the bonfire.

The football game against the Plainsmen started at 6 p.m. at the stadium. Game photos and story are on Page 12.



Clockwise from top left, Taylor McLemore lets out a cheer at the Goodland High School Homecoming pep rally Thursday night. A young Cowboy fan joined the crowd. The Jumpin' Juniors performed at half-time during the football game Friday night. High school football players Tyler Hillmer (from left), Taylor Frazier, Jarrod Goodman, Josiah Goodley and John Mosbarger rode on a flatbed truck in the homecoming parade on Thursday.

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