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Peanut Queens Named Thursday



Peanut Queen - Lindsey Laminack - Junior Miss - Kinsey Johnston - Preteen - Kayce Dodd and Little Miss - Kelsey Guthery. Congratulations to All the 2007 Peanut Queens.

2007 Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Gorman Peanut Festival - September 8, 2007

The Goober Gourmet Cook-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries to the Senior Citizens Building in Gorman (downtown next to City Hall) on Saturday, September 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. Results will be available by 1:00 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and awards given until 2:00 p.m.

Categories to be judged include: Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, and snacks/appetizers. There will be four age groups: Pre-K through 2nd grade, 3rd through 8th grade, High School, and Adults.

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products. Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the back of the recipe card (the recipe will not be returned).

Entries will be limited to one entry per category per person. Contestants may enter more than one category.

Entries should be presented on a disposable plate and covered with clear plastic (may be clear plastic wrap or clear plastic cake dome).

Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item. Judges' decisions are final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-Off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entries left after pickup time at 2:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Melinda Harrington or Martha Harrington at (254) 734-2150. We look forward to having even more entries than last year. See you on September 8.

Family Game Night At FBC of Desdemona

First Baptist Church of Desdemona will be having Family Game Night again Sunday night beginning at 6:30 pm in the Annex building. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite card and yard games and enjoy the fellowship, food and fun.

Pastor Tim White will begin a series on Wednesday nights at 7:00 on what Baptists believe and why we believe it. The series will be taken from the scriptures, the final authority on beliefs about theology.

In October, Pastor White will begin a study of the book of Revelations on Sunday nights at 6:30. This study will include reference passages from the book of Daniel in the Old Testament, as well as other passages from scripture.

Hey Kids and Parents:

September 8, 2007 is approaching fast. So don't forget the Little Goober Kids Parade. This years theme is honoring the 1958 Girls Basketball State Champs. The kids need to be at The Inspection Service Building at 8:45 a.m. And the Parade will start at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Amber Scitern at 734-5431.

Peanut Festival Line Up Of Entertainment For Festival

The Peanut Festival Entertainment Schedule for the 2007 year will be as follows:

- 11:00 - 11:30 The Cloggers
- 11:30 - 12:30 Dr. Dan and the Band-aids
- 12:30 - 1:00 New Hope Praise Team
- 1:00 - 3:00 Dale Howard
- 3:00 - 4:00 Break
- 4:00 - 5:00 Baby Contest
- 5:00 - 6:00 John Howard and Family
- 6:00 - 6:15 Gary Mauney
- 6:15 - 7:00 Phillip, Robert & Sara Lewis
- 7:00 - 7:30 Tribute to America
- 7:30 - 8:30 Break
- 8:30 - 12:00 The Cross Country Band

Please come on down and support these above average group of entertainers! You will not be disappointed!!

Peanut Festival Booths Available Now

The Peanut Festival is right around the corner on September 8th. So any person wanting a Booth for this year. Please call Amber Scitern at 254-734-5431. Thanks.

Panthers Shutout Lions 55-0; Host Owls Friday

The Fighting Panthers took it on the road this past Friday night in Roby. They came home with a 55-0 victory. The offense accumulated just under 500 yards total offense with senior Tony Perez leading the way with 224 yards rushing on 24 carries. Perez also had four touchdowns. To of the four touchdowns were of multiple yardage, 33 and 55. Swanner in his first outing at quarterback had a good night going 3 of 5 passing for 57 yards. He had no interceptions. Swanner also dialed his own number with a 30 yard keeper after a great play fake with Matt Underwood. Underwood finished the night just under the century mark with 91 yards rushing on just 12 carries. Fox had 10 carries for 66 yards. Senior Orlando Valenzuela had four carries for 42 yards and one touchdown. Fox had a 35 yard scamper and went untouched after outrunning the Lions defense unit in the fourth quarter.

The Panther defense had a good first game giving up just four first downs. Sophomore transfer Drv McCreless had a first quarter interception to kill one drive and made several key tackles on the night. Senior linebacker Chad Klein had a good game at inside linebacker after being missing part of the week ill. The defense overall showed promise after just one scrimmage and one game.

Late in the fourth quarter the shutout looked a bit vulnerable. On a 2nd and goal from the Lions five yard line the ball was stripped and senior defensive Aaron Keith scooped the fumble up and lumbered 95 yards for the final score on the night. Swanner handled the kicking and punting on the evening and made all his PAT attempts. He also did a great job in the punting.

This Friday night the Panthers will be playing at home against Covington Owls at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully everyone will show for the first home game of the year. Their will be no sub-varsity game this week. Please pay close attention to the paper and the Gorman ISD sign about upcoming games. We appreciated the good crowd this past week in Roby. After this weeks home game the Panthers will have two more consecutive road games traveling the following week to Fredericksburg on Saturday the 15th. The game will be a rematch with Ben Bolt at 6:00 p.m. Then the next Friday the Panthers will go on the road again against Sterling City. Hope to see you at the games.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that at 8:00 a.m. September 6th, in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas, a Public Hearing will be held by the Commissioner's Court to vote on the proposed tax increase for the fiscal year 2007-2008. Any taxpayer shall have the right to be present and participate in said hearing.

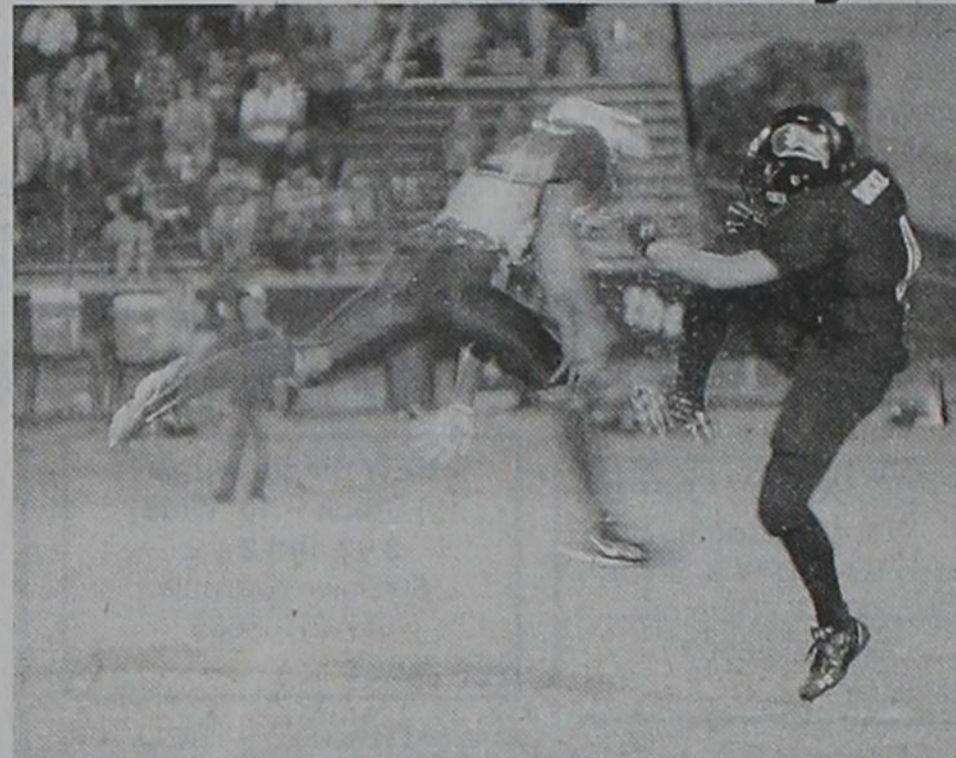
Posted by order of the Eastland County Commissioner's Court. Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

Beth Moore's Bible Study A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place

Discover the parallels of the Tabernacle's building and your life as a chosen vessel of God. While the title is familiar, the content for this in-depth video teaching series is all new and rich in detail. Taken primarily from the Book of Exodus, A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place by Beth Moore will take you on a fascinating journey into why God would choose to live in a wilderness tabernacle, made by human hands; and what that means to your life today.

Please join us at:
Women's Bible Study Class
Tuesday, September 11th at 7 p.m.
First Baptist Church in Gorman
Workbooks - \$15.00 per copy - please call Church office - 734-2420
Nursery will be provided if needed.

You are Invited to a "Baby Shower"
For: Kandace (Johnson) & Butch Day
When: Sunday, September 9, 2007
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Where: First Baptist Church, Gorman, Tx
Reception Hall



BLOCKED PUNT - Orlando Valenzuela blocked a Lion punt to help put stop to Lions game Friday.



SIDELINE TACKLE - One unidentified Panther made a strong stop of a Lion running back in game action Friday.

Recognition Dinner To Be Held In Conjunction With Gorman Exes Homecoming

Tickets will be on sale during the Gorman Exes Homecoming on Saturday, September 8 for the recognition dinner to be held at ZJ's restaurant at 7:00PM. Cost for the meal is \$9.00 and will be held in the banquet room of the restaurant. The 1958 Pantherette Regional Champion Girls Basketball Team and their coach of 1958 and classes having reunions will be recognized. These include the classes of 1947, 1957 and 1967. The Gorman Exes registration booth will be set up beginning at 8AM in front of the old Post Office and Panda's Flowers and Gifts. Tickets will also be on sale at the business meeting which will be held at the Gorman High School auditorium beginning at 2:00PM.

GORMAN EX STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
PROGRAM of ACTIVITIES - September 8, 2007
8:00-11:30AM - Registration and Visitation at Ex Student Booth at Old Post Office and Panda's Flowers and Gifts Storefront Downtown
10:00AM - Peanut Parade Exes Float - "Basketball Players Then and Now sponsored by Blake Fulenwider Dodge of Clyde, Texas and driven by Gorman Ex Student Cody Foster, Sales Manager
2:00PM - Meeting at High School Auditorium
Registration, Dinner Ticket Sales in the Foyer

- Invocation - John Howard, Minister, Abundant Life Impact Ministries
- Welcome - Mr. David Perry, Superintendent
- Call to Order - Francis Simpson, President, Gorman Exes Assn 2007
- Reading of Minutes - Sylvia Buchanan, Secretary
- Treasurer's Report - Cecilia Hirst, Treasurer
- Special Recognition - Classes of 1947, 1957, 1967
- Recognition of Classes by Decades
- Presentation of Program - Joe Ed Baze, Class of 1963
- 50th Anniversary of the 1957-1958 Pantherette Regional Champions
- Memorial Service - Sylvia Buchanan
- List of names compiled and submitted each year by Mrs. Icy Munn
- Recognition of the Current Homecoming Queen, Mrs. Sue Burrows
- Election of Coming Home Queen
- Announcements and Voluntary Pass the Hat
- Presentation of Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2008
- Election of Officers
- 7:00PM - ZJ's Restaurant

Recognition Dinner at ZJ's Restaurant in Downtown Gorman. The Girls Basketball Team and their coach will be honored and recognized. Master of Ceremonies will be President Francis Simpson and Joe Ed Baze will host the program. Classes of 1947, 1957 and 1967 will have special tables. (If there are others having special reunions, they are asked to let the President know and they will be recognized at this time). The Outgoing and Incoming Coming Home Queens will be recognized.

Letter To The Editor

Story about the Class of 1942

Hi! That was a great story last week about the first grade class of 1942 by George Warren. However, there was a statement in it that was not correct. We moved into the new high school building about five or six weeks before school was out in the spring of 1953. Therefore, the class of 1953 was the first to graduate in the new auditorium. Jerry Skaggs, LaVon Snider and JoAnn Capers White who all live in or near Gorman were in that graduating class with me in May, 1953. Sorry, George!

s/ Louise Scitern Tinkler

OBITUARIES

William Marlin "Bill" Lindsey

William Marlin "Bill" Lindsey, age 72 of De Leon passed away on Sunday, September 2, 2007 at his residence. Services were held Wednesday, September 5th at 10:30 a.m. At De Leon First United Methodist Church with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Music by Nelda Priddy. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Bill was born December 21, 1934 in Anson, Texas to the late W. T. Lindsey and Odessa Criswell Lindsey. He married Ingrid Royal on November 19, 1960 in Dallas.

Bill was a Lab Manager at De Leon Hospital for 40 years, previous lab technician at Spring Valley Hospital in Plano; had resided in De Leon since 1985; member of De Leon First United Methodist Church, member De Leon and Throckmorton Masonic Lodge.

Bill is survived by his wife, Ingrid Lindsey; two sons, Dirk Lindsey and wife, Tara of Seminole and David Lindsey and wife Kim of De Leon; daughter, Laurie Lindsey of Austin; sister Janey Murdoch of White Oak; 5 grandchildren, Shane Lindsey, Sydnee Lindsey, Hannah Lindsey, Faith Lindsey and Hope Lindsey.

He was preceded by his parents and 3 grandchildren, Rachel, Madelyn and Yates Lindsey.

Pallbearers were Shane Lindsey, Jimmy Mahan, Bobbie Weaver, Leon Murdoch, Joey Mahan, Milton Smith. Honorary Pallbearers were Mike Burk, Dale Johnson, Don Baird, Mike Hare, Johnny Lindsey, Jim Lindsey Encke, Kennard Royal and Charles McClure.

Michael P. Brudnak

Michael P. Brudnak, age 76, of Gorman, Texas passed away August 28, 2007, at Kindred Hospital in Fort Worth. The Memorial Services were held on Wednesday, September 5th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Stephenville.

Mike was born August 13, 1931 in Chicago, IL., to Michael and Julia Brudnak. Michael was a life-long Catholic, U. S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, a College Instructor, and a Commercial Real Estate investor as well as being a devoted father and husband.

He and his wife, Lillian celebrated their 50th Anniversary last year on August 25.

He was survived by his wife, Lillian and two sons, Daniel and Thomas.

Mike and Lil and their two sons have called Texas their home for the last twenty-five years.

Lillian, Dr. Dan, and his fiance, Sondra Jones, Tom and his wife Angela and their daughter Molly are very grateful of all the support give to them by their loving friends and neighbors.

Donice Scott Smith

Donice Scott Smith, age 57, of De Rio, Texas passed away Thursday, August 30, 2007 at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio, Tx. Services were held Monday, September 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at De Leon First United Methodist Church with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating and music by Dotty Hare. Interment was in Sand Hill Cemetery, Comanche Co., Tx., under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Donice was born November 18, 1949 in Gorman, Tx to the late Joseph Arle "Rip" Scott and Frances Lee Verner Scott. She married Mickey D. Smith on March 10, 1972 in Brownwood.

She was an active member of the Del Rio Art Community. She was known for the pottery, fused glass and jewelry making.

She is survived by her husband, Mickey Smith of Del Rio; one sister D'Arla Nowlin and her husband Donnie of De Leon; aunt Mary Childress and husband J.K. Of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents, "Rip" and Frances Scott.

Pallbearers were Donnie Nowlin, Nigel Nowlin, Trevor Nowlin, Randy Shepard and Bruce Crockett.

Dorcas Class Begins New Year with Luncheon

The Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ will begin a new year of study and service on September 11. The ladies group will meet in the home of Joy Rogers, 527 North Kent Street in Gorman for a salad luncheon to begin the new year. All are invited to attend. Class will begin at 10:00AM and the luncheon will follow. The group will continue to meet each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ from 10:00 to 11:00AM. Subject of study will be the Men of the Bible, a year long study of men in scripture. For more information call 734-4268. Make plans now to attend!

Fall Stained Glass Class to be Offered at Gorman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

A Stained Glass Class for ladies of Gorman and surrounding area will be held on Monday evenings from September 17 through November 5 at the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ. Instructor will be Monda Oldham of Gorman. If you are interested in this class, contact Monda at 734-4508.

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NEW - Desdemona, 3-1 frame 2 story built 1872, 2651 sf., 2 car garage, ramp, tile floor, fenced, large lot, water well, stg. bldg., paved road. App. 1 acre. \$65,000. \$57,500

Desdemona, nice 3-2 mfg. home, 1300 sq. ft., 2 car garage, tile floor, fireplace, fenced, large lot, water well, stg. bldg., numerous fruit and pecan trees. \$79,900. \$78,500

NEW - 12.96 A. Gorman, app. 4 A wood frame, well, septic, old septic tank, pecan trees, building site! \$52,500.00 - Will Divide.

NEW - 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

NEW - 49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, 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. \$2,900.00 \$2,800.00 A.

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- 613A, w/3-2, 2,144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf barn, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [W02] \$2,025,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [RR01] \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover [D01] \$751,530
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24'x50' carport/ RV shed, 20'x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500
- **SOLD**- 105 A, 7-waterwells, 3-stock tanks, septic system, corrals, woods, costal, hunting and minerals [TA01] \$310,750
- 100 A, water wells, pecan trees, cultivation, native pasture and hunting [SS02] \$215,700
- 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [B03] \$950,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$250,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000
- 45 A, approx.33 A costal, native pasture, minerals [K02] \$135,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- 8.5 A, 1,800sf, 3-2 Metal Frame home, close to Proctor Lake, work shop, pipe & net wire fences, 2-water wells, underground sprinklers, [J02] \$265,000
- 5 A, 3-2 1600sf Frame Home, above ground pool w/ deck, horse barn, additional acreage available [K01] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, good fences & cross fences, minerals available [CW01] \$950,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 costal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
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Super Notes

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

The Gorman Volleyball team has gone wild! They are incredible! Last Tuesday night they defeated Wylie 3-0 and Roby 3-0. Tori Talbert and team are fun and exciting to watch. Their schedule is on our website and there are schedules available at the bank and the pharmacy. There is nothing on TV worth missing these girls play. Be there!

The girls are not the only ones causing a stir. If you will remember, last year Roby beat us at home, barely, 22-18. Friday night the announcer at Roby was rude enough to make a comment about last year's game. It was one of those games you wish you had a second chance at, but that was last year and it is over. Well, Friday night in Roby our boys destroyed Roby. It was a total annihilation. In case you have not already heard, the score was 55-0. The Panthers dominated the entire game and looked awesome. Although we still have some room for improvement, it looks mighty good. Don't miss out on supporting this team this year. They are going to do very well and they need every one of you at every game to cheer them on. This just goes to show you what good coaching and dedicated athletes can do in only a year.

Our Cross Country girls ran in Huckabay last Thursday. Mary Powell placed 11th. April Keaton placed 40ish, out of 64 runners. They ran Varsity and JV together. This was Mary's fastest time in four years. She looked very strong. The meet was run at Melody Mountain Ranch, and is incredibly rough. They run over loose rocks; down into a gravel pit; and then out again. There is cactus everywhere, and it was nearly 100 degrees. It is probably the toughest cross country course they'll run. A great way to start the season, I guess!

We had a great first week of school. My thanks go out to the teachers and principals for being well prepared and to the students for being well behaved. I have no doubt your children had comments about the food in the cafeteria. If they said anything other than the food was great, I invited you to come have lunch with me and try the food. Mrs. Rone and her team do a great job preparing healthy good tasting meals for our kids.

To the best of my knowledge, everything went well on all of our bus routes as well. We take getting your child to school as safely as possible and I hope your child's experience on our busses is a good one. Our drivers are a very important part of our team here at school.

They are the first ones and the last ones to have contact with your child each day and they try to make it as pleasant an experience as possible.

There is one thing for certain that superintendents do not like and that is an unfunded mandate from the state. By that, I mean they pass a law requiring us to pay for something and then they don't fund us the additional money to pay for it. This one is a \$300.00 dollar fee we have to pay the state to inspect our cafeteria twice a year and we have to pay them in advance out of funds that were not in the budget because we did not receive notice of the charges until after our budget was done. I am certainly curious about our local legislators and if they voted for this bill. I've e-mailed them, but so far have not received any replies. Our National legislators were the ones that originated this unfunded mandate when they amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Program in 2004 requiring all schools that participated in the lunch or breakfast programs to have two inspections per year by a state or local agency, but failed to fund it. I have also emailed our national representatives. It would not do any harm if you contacted them also, even if you live in another district, it still affects you and is money out of your schools pocket.

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

Happenings at FBC

Gladness filled the air! Sensational to see so many gathered together to worship our Lord! We missed those that were away for the Labor Day Weekend.

How about the Gorman Athletic Coaches, the Panthers, and the Lady Panthers - You all make us SO PROUD!!!

Sept. 7th - the Fifth Quarter Fellowship is at FBC, and we look forward to seeing you all there for a terrific time!

Many upcoming Events - (1) Sept. 9th: Appreciation Day for Frances Warren and Jean Lasater at 10AM. (2) Sept. 11th: Beth Moore Bible Study at 7PM. (3) The Messengers in Concert at the Majestic in Eastland at 6:30PM. (4) Sept. 12th: Team Kids and Mission Friends Fall Session Begins at 6PM. (5) Sept. 15th: Brotherhood Breakfast at 8AM. (6) Sept. 16th: State Mission Speaker. (7) Sept. 22nd: Ladies Conference at 9:30AM. (8) Sept. 23rd: Deacon Ordination at 2:30PM. *Please mark your calendars and join us for these special Events. Please call the Church Office (734-2420) with any questions.

Sunday School Director, Ellen Tucker, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each of our talented Sunday School Teachers. It takes each of these wonderful men and women whom are committed to serving the Lord and saving souls to make our Sunday School Program a success. Gratitude and appreciation also to Ellen Tucker as she demonstrates tremendous effort while serving as our Sunday School Director.

Sunday after Sunday we all are inspired by the strength and dedication of Gary Mauney as he serves as Music Director - what a tremendous Blessing!

Tommy Clark and Bro. Barry surprised us with a special duet performance of "Learning to Lean" - Glory to God!

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Pewville" - Ecclesiastes 3:15.

Bro. Barry began by sitting in a pew and said that he realized how intimidating it may be and how far away the pulpit may seem. Who are the "Pewville Dwellers"?

(1) Marble Column People 2. Umbrella Man 3. Henry Nomad 4. Sister Shopper 5. Mr. Head Counter 6. The Lovers 7. Mr. Strongman 8. Ms. Rose Garden 9. Rip Van Winkle 10. Pepsodent Patty 11. Eggshell Edna 12. Lost Lilly

13. Almost Albert) It doesn't matter which one or how many of these you may be because We All are Genuine Human Beings who are familiar with:

(1) Faith and Doubt (2) Joy and Sadness (3) Love and Hate (4) Victory and Personal Defeat.

Labor is the gift of God. We all are washed clean by the Blood of Jesus!

God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

Cleanup of Lake Debris Soon To Be Completed

The cleanup of flood-related debris at Lake Leon is almost complete according to Eagle Construction. I was in the Staff area Tuesday morning and the difference is remarkable. Eagle has done a good job of debris removal and site ranking. Commissioner Christian of Precinct Two and his crew have made many rounds at the lake and have done a good job of removing the metal goods and hazardous household waste. By the end of Friday, the cleanup should be finished.

PLEASE NOTE: Eagle Construction made one more sweep of the Lake Leon area on Saturday, September 1st. This was the last chance for flood related debris to be removed by the contractor. Now, the residents will need to plan to use their normal, individual waste removal system.

In a prior press release, I reported that FEMA will not reimburse Eastland County for expenses related to the removal of demolition or any new construction debris. As a homeowner, you need to make sure that your private contractor is going to be responsible for completely removing debris from the demolition and construction work. My advice to homeowners is to obtain a written and signed contract with your contractor that specifically addresses debris removal. As Eastland County will not be responsible for demolition and new construction debris removal.

Finally, a hug thank you to all the first responders, volunteers, faith-based work groups, local churches, state and federal agencies, and individuals who labored so hard to get the flood problems resolved. I would thank each of you individually, but I know that I would leave someone out of the list. Be assured that your efforts were noticed and appreciated by everyone affected. In conclusion, the self-motivation, spirit of cooperation, and overall strength of Eastland County residents were evident in the manner exhibited by the people affected by the disaster and the people that responded. I thank you greatly.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Rex Fields -- Eastland County Judge

The Cub Scouts of Pack 8 and Boy Scouts of Troop 38 invite you to a special meeting at The Methodist Church in Gorman.

To come and join Scouting! September 6th 2007 starting at 6:30 pm.
Is your son getting the start in life you would want him to have? If he is 7 years old now, he will be on his own in another 12 years. If he is 9, he is halfway to adulthood. Will he have had the character-building experiences he will need, when he is on his own so soon?

- We all hope that our children will be the kind of people we can be proud of, and that their lives will be happy and productive.
- The Scouting program involves young people with the kind of friends you would like then to have, working with adults of good character who will be positive role models.
- Scouting teaches respect for other people, respect for oneself, and respect for God and country - all vital to our nation's future.

The boys will learn:

- New physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- They learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

Learn to make values-based decisions that assist them throughout their adult life.

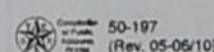
Statistics show; out of every 100 boys who join Scouting; this is what happens to them:

- Rarely will one be brought before the juvenile court systems.
- 2 will become Eagle Scouts, the highest rank, which entitles them to advancements in jobs, college, and the military.

- 17 will become future Scout volunteers.
- 12 will have their first contact with a church
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 5 will earn their church award
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life.
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of someone else

Scouts also account for:

- 64% of the Air Force Academy graduates
- 68% of West Point graduates
- 70% of Annapolis graduates
- 72% of Rhodes Scholars
- 85% of the FBI agents
- 26 of the first 29 astronauts



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by .075 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 14 & Sept. 18, 2007 at Gorman City Office @ 7:30 a.m.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Nathan Files, Don Underwood, Joe Casey
AGAINST: 0
PRESENT and not voting: 0
ABSENT: Charlie Torrez

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Expenditure Category	0	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)
Maintenance and operations	0	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 28,269,740.00	\$ 29,369,330.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 261,450.00	\$ 71,240.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 24,124,100.00	\$ 24,226,930.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 261,450.00	\$ 7,124,000.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.7879 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$.84 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.0521 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	6.6 % OR OR % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

*Appraised value** is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
New property is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Form 50-197 (Rev. 05-06/10) (Back)

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 22,644.00	\$ 22,210.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 22,644.00	\$ 22,210.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 178.41

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 186.56. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 8.15 or a decrease of \$ _____ in taxes.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):
The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):
The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day holiday to get the week started off well. It is always nice to have a day off from work to spend with family and friends.

There were several visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning due to being in the Community during the holiday weekend. They were Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Lance, Toni, Dylan, Ashton, Colton and Kenton Morrow of Weatherford and Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville.

Helen and Woodrow Browning rendered the special music "Little Is Much When God Is In It."

Bro. Jim Haggard's sermon was from James 5:10-20 regarding the "Back Slidden Christian." About Christians who once were active in their service to God but has strayed away. The Church should seek to restore that Christian to his former place of service to God and the Church. That is why we need revivals.

Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday evening was on "How The Holy Spirit Ministers To Us." We are to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the greatest power the Christian has. We are serving God when we pray. Bro. Haggard's scripture was from I Corinthians 2:9-16, James 4:5 and several other scriptures. We need to pray for revival.

Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains and Lance, Toni, Dylan, Colton, Ashton and Kenton Morrow of Weatherford spent the Labor Day Weekend here at the Morrow Farm.

Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville spent the weekend with Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Stacy did some dove hunting.

Joe Bond visited in Bangs with Shannon, Stephanie, Reagan, Sydnie and Joey Bond.

Wynelle Brown of Carbon and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Lanora Speer of Ranger visited with Sylvia Buchanan.

Ruth Rodgers attend the church Conference in Grapevine featuring Dr. Charles Stanley of Atlanta, GA.

Those visiting with Zelda Jordan were Glenda Black and Ray White of Abilene, Norma Webb, Sylvia Buchanan and Travis Nelson of Haltom City. Ray did some dove hunting.

Travis, Gladys, Alexis, Tiffany and Ethan Nelson of Haltom City, Mike, Kathy, Jake and Lauren Westbrook of Weatherford and Gladys's brother and sister-in-law, Herardo and Taulina Satow of Tucson, AZ spent the weekend at the Nelson Farm near Carbon.

Mark your Calendars. Something Special will be happening at the Kokomo Baptist Church on September 23 thru 26. You Don't Want To Miss It. There will be more on this later.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

DANCE - DANCE - DANCE

Senior Citizen Dance will be held on Saturday night, September 8th at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Music for this dance will be furnished by James Roberson, The Fiddler and The Unknown Band. The concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper before the dance begins at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 each. No Alcohol and No Smoking. Bring your dance partner for an evening of good music and enjoyment.

SOCIAL - SOCIAL

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday morning, September 10th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Hostesses for this even are Ima Brown, Mildred Million and Mary Hallmark. Visitors are invited to attend.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended a "Surprise Birthday Party" for their nephew, Michael James Keith, who celebrate his 50th birthday last Saturday night at Z.J.'s Restaurant in Gorman. Michael, his wife, Melinda and family live in Stephenville. A large group of family and friends attended and enjoyed it all.

Our hearts were saddened when our son-in-law, John Ray Fair, 56, passed away early Saturday morning after a long battle with cancer. Services were held last Monday at the Desdemona First Baptist Church.

John was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the D.A.V.; American Legion; 101st Airborne Association; C.I.B.; Alpha Avengers Association of Vietnam; MOPH; Cooties and V.F.W. Post 8231 where he served as Post Commander from 1998 to 2005. National Commander of Administration from 2006 to 2008.

He was laid to rest with Military Honors in the Desdemona Cemetery. A complete obituary was printed in last weeks paper but a portion of the obit was left out. Sincere sympathy goes out to this family. Please remember our daughters, Karen Guthery Fair in your prayers. Thank you.

Hallie Million spent the past weekend visiting with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. They attended Church at First Baptist last Sunday.

Once again -- It's "School Time" with school buses loading and unloading our children and grandchildren. Please be careful to protect these children as they are our future leaders, etc.

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

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I was glad to see many more out of our Noon time meal on the 29th of August. There were 28 present to enjoy our salad luncheon. We had many beautiful and delicious salads of all kinds. Those who brought desserts I thank, as we have been running low on them. We also had side dishes of deviled eggs, melon, veggies, etc. Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing for us all.

Betty Regian and Marie Cook had Birthdays. We forgot to sing, so must this week. Betty plays games with us on Thursday so we had a Birthday Celebration for her on the 30th. Ann Warren made the cake and I brought sugarfree ice cream to add to what we had at center.

We were all sorry to learn of Billie Bennett's shingles. They are on her forehead and eye, had never heard of them on the head and do hope she is feeling much improved and will be back with us soon.

Mrs. Bass from the Care Inc. Center in Early was here to let us know about her facility. She works with Brent Hagood there as she did her in Gorman. She was quite informative on all the services they have to offer. I personally know how nice it is, as we had an Aunt residing here years ago.

Daisy Slaton and I went to the DAC in Desdemona for breakfast on the 1st of Sept. The food was good as usual, especially the pancakes and biscuits and gravy. Barbara Bush was their helping. She is so good to help both our communities.

Jerry Underwood had a fall, so couldn't be with us. She is such a help to me, I do miss her when not here. She is some improved and do hope she can be with us this week.

We had a dozen out for the games on the 30th at 5 p.m. Always enjoy the different games of Skipbo, Spinner and all the Domino games. Hope all is well and see you all next time.

By the Way - I forgot to mention my oldest son, Keith Ward has been here visiting from Georgia. He has spent some time in Brownwood hunting dove with his brothers. We all have enjoyed his time with us and will hate to see him go. He must get back to his work as an Health Administrator at a State School in Augusta.

Also sorry to her Billie Bennett lost her sister, who lived in Midland. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Billie.

Carol Ward

Texas Retired Teachers Association Looks Forward to New Year

The Mission Statement of Texas Retired Teachers Association advocates improved benefits for all education retirees and promotes the well-being of its members. The Eastland County Retired Teachers Chapter is a group which belongs to the state organization. ECRTA meets every second Monday of the month at noon from September through May at various locations in the County. A short program is held with a meal.

The first meeting of this group will be September 10 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Cisco at noon. "A Trip Down the Colorado River" will be presented by Ron Holliday, a retired State and National Park ranger on September 10. The Honorable Jim Keffer will address the group at Ranger College, Board Room, at noon on October 8. Former Band Director Wayne White plans to present a program of Christmas music after a Christmas luncheon at the Carbon Community Center on December 10. Other outstanding programs are planned for the new year.

Dues of \$30 are payable now to the Chapter by mailing checks to the treasurer, Phyllis Graham, 1609 CR 180, Cisco, TX 76437. This group has used part of their dues to lobby very hard to gain a 13th pay check for all retired school personnel. Any retired school personnel is illegible for membership. Officers for the new year are June Hicks, president; Fred Tucker, 1st Vice President; Jill Page, 2nd Vice President; Joanne Isenhower, Secretary; Phyllis Graham, Treasurer; and Keith Watkins, Past President. If interested in joining, please contact anyone of these officers.

Eastland Court House Elevator Out of Service For Couple of Days

The Eastland County Courthouse elevator will be closed on Friday, September 7th through Monday, September 10th for Control and Hydraulic Hookup. It will be working again on Tuesday, September 11th. Thank You for your patience during this process.

Eastland County Judge
Rex Fields

Cross Country Track Team Competes At Huckabay Meet



Congratulations to Mary Powell and April Keaton on completing the Huckabay cross country meet. This is always the toughest meet of the year. Not only because it's the first meet but because it is usually the hottest, there are no shady areas in the trail, and most of the last mile is uphill. Mary placed 11th with a 16:53, her personal best for the Huckabay meet and April finished 42nd among the varsity girls.



April Keaton and Mary Powell; as they await the start of their first meet of the season.



April Keaton running tough at the Huckaby CC meet.

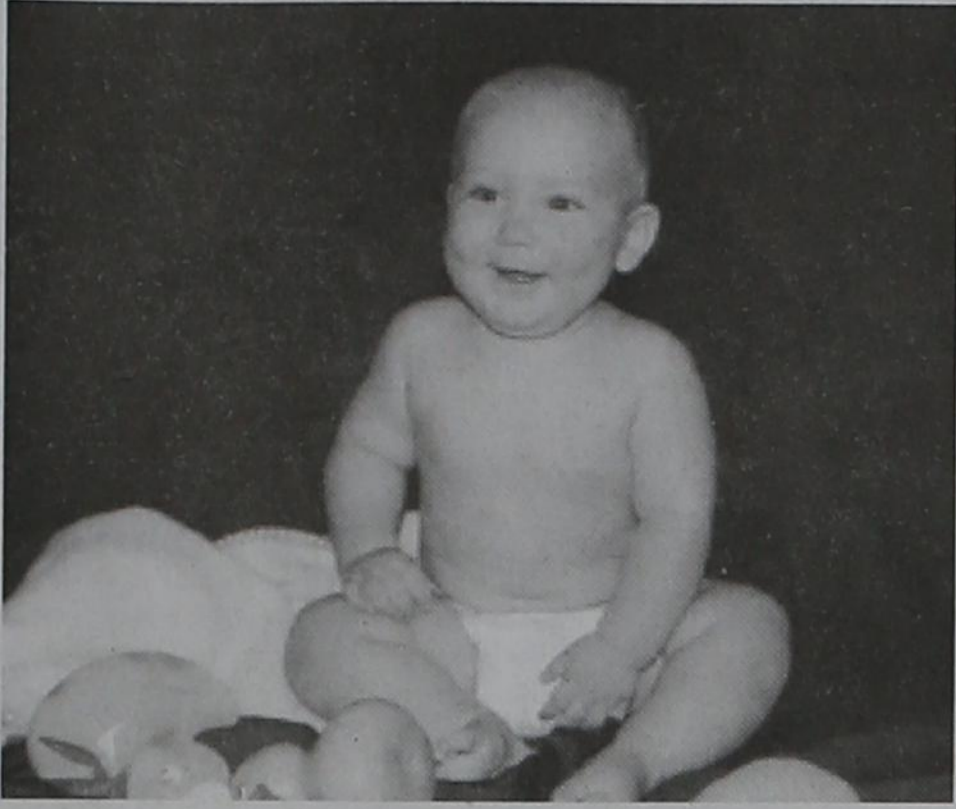


The look of intensity; as Mary Powell finishes her race at Huckaby. Mary finished in 11th place.

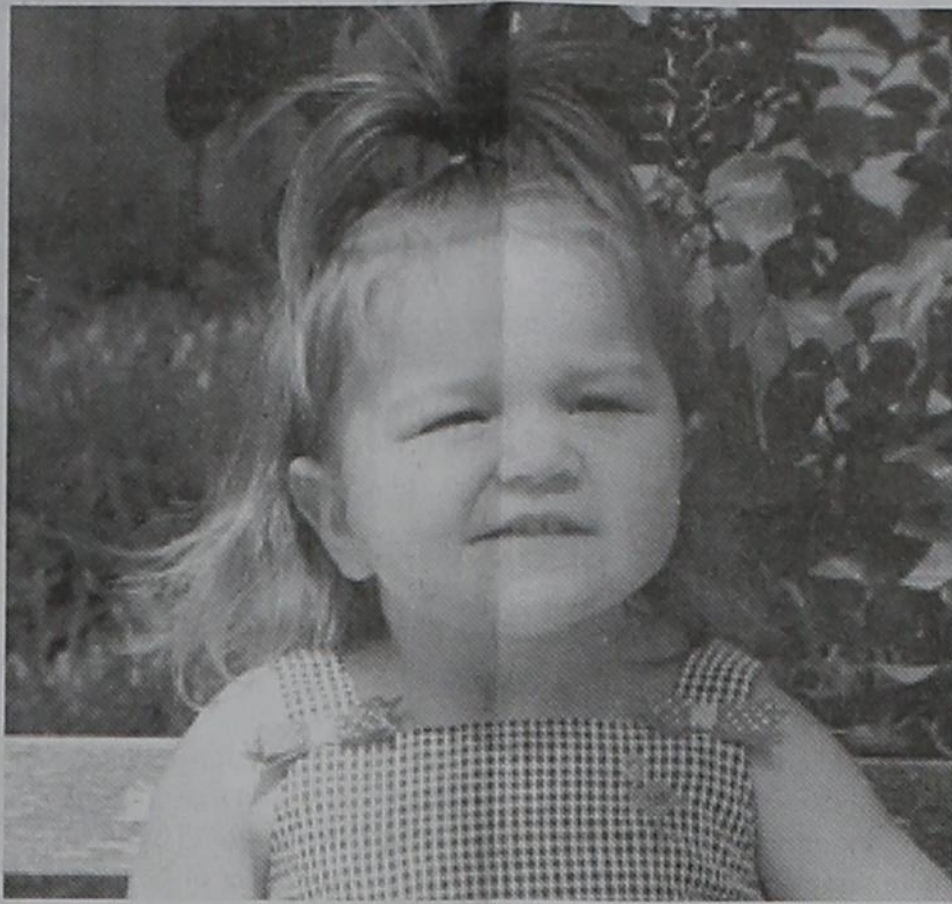


Peanut Festival and Parade Downtown Gorman on Saturday

BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTESTANTS



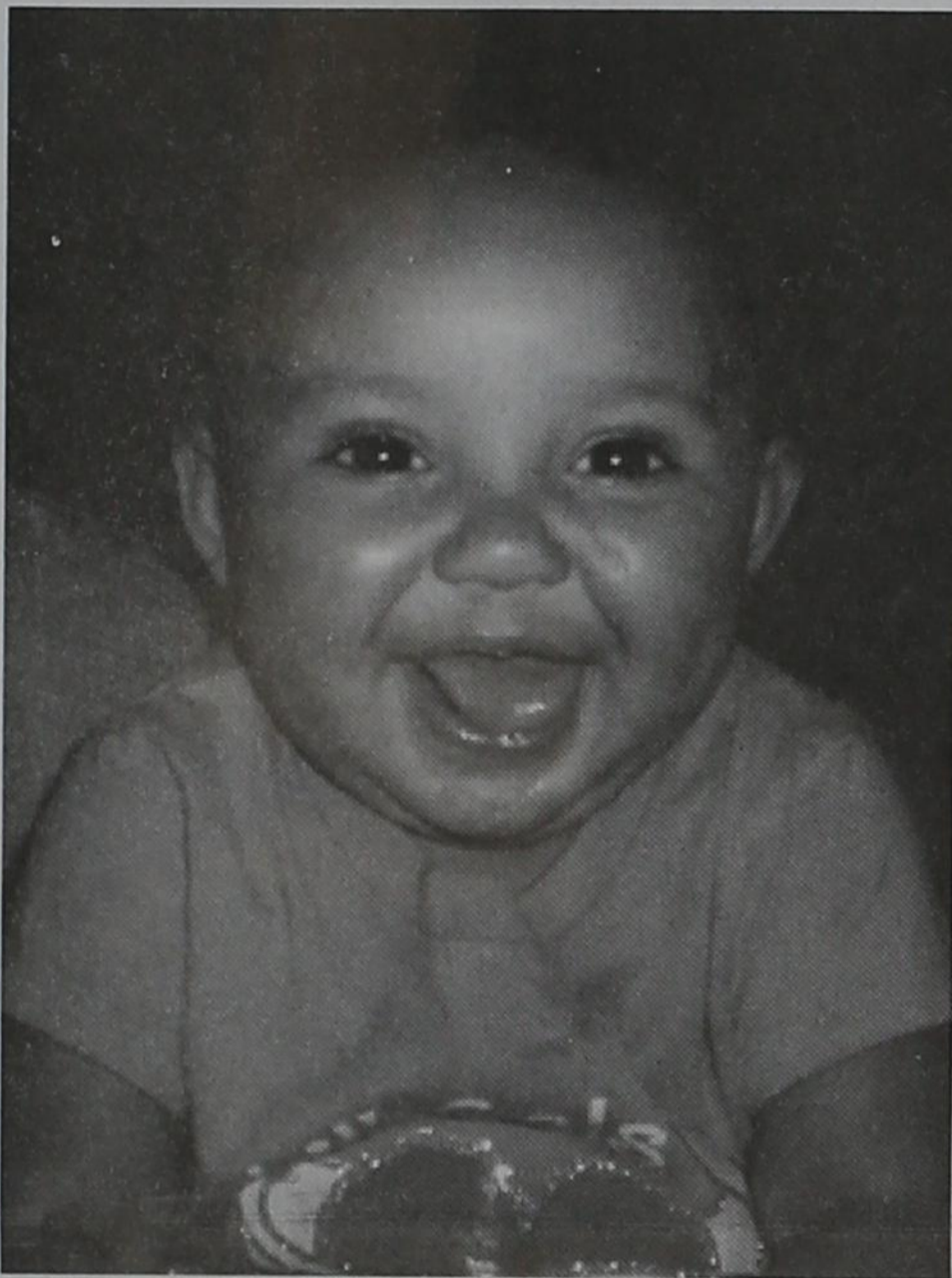
Ethan Chase Torres - son of Jill and Shane Torres.



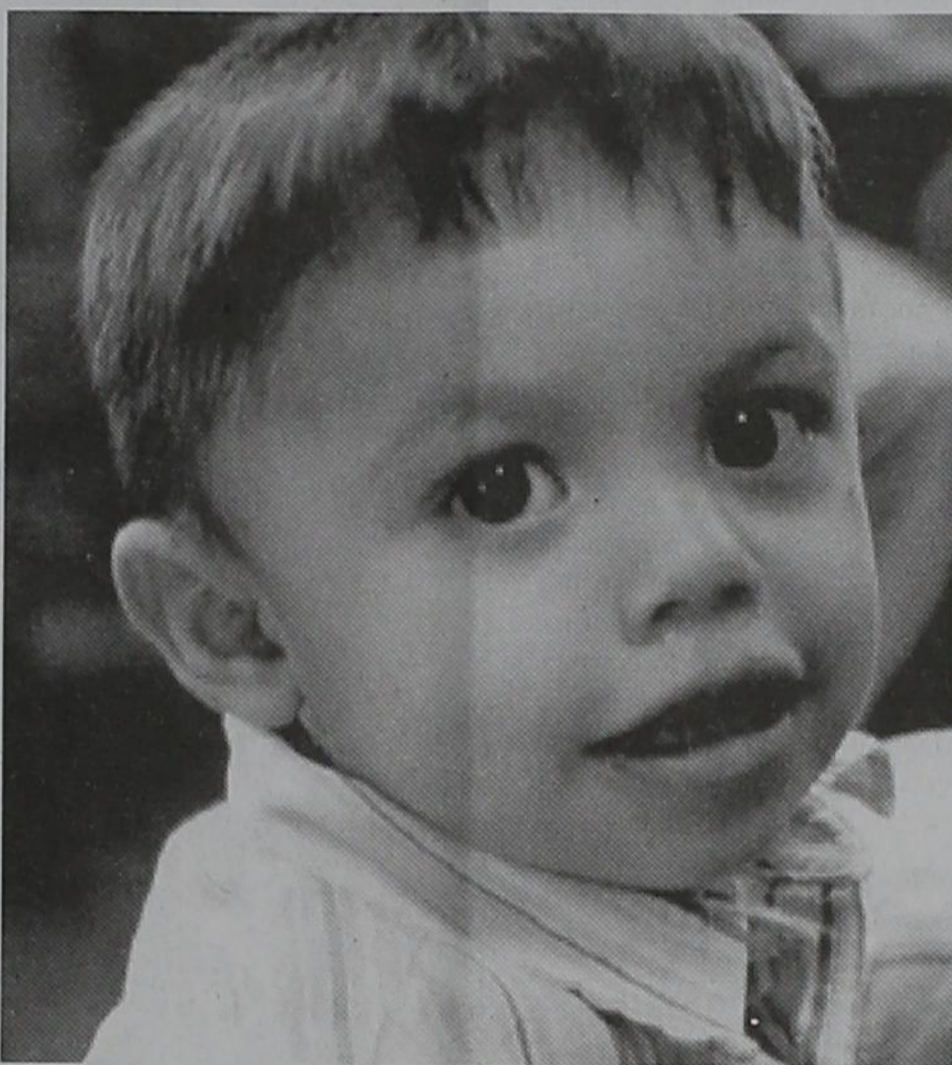
Brooke Makenzie Gillen - daughter of Lee and Lara Gillen



Briley Ann Sherman - daughter of Tasha Sherman



Britton Talbert - son of Linda Talbert.



Christian Valesquez - son of Christina Garcia



Markee Cheyenne Simmons daughter of Mark and Jeanette Simmons.



Hadli Bree Hampton daughter of Adam and Sylvia Hampton.



Clarisa D'Ann Cox daughter of John Cox and Melissa Roberts



Kaylen Grace McDonald daughter of Steven and Mylissa McDonald



Vannisa Davis daughter of Amanda Davis



Kalder Halbrook son of Brandon and Chasity Halbrook



Joey Salinas - son of Joe Salinas and Lucretia Coan

Prison Sentences Placed On Several Offenses

JURY CONVICTS MAN OF MARIHUANA POSSESSION

Last week, on August 23, 2007, a petit jury in the County Court of Eastland found JORGE JUNIOR RUIZ guilty of possessing marihuana in an amount less than two ounces. Ruiz, 26, of Dallas, had been apprehended by D.P.S. Troopers working Interstate 20.

This case began as a routine stop of a speeding car in which Ruiz was the driver. District Attorney Russ Both occupants of the car have now been convicted of a drug offense. Assistant District Attorney Sarah Adams prosecuted the case and complemented the jurors for their time and efforts in reaching the verdict.

Presiding Judge Rex Fields sentenced Ruiz to 18 months Community Supervision with a term in jail as a condition of probation and a \$2,000.00 fine.

JURY CONVICTS MAN OF DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Last week, on August 22, 2007, a petit jury in the County Court of Eastland found Peter Lee McNulty of Dallas, guilty of Driving While Intoxicated. McNulty was initially stopped for driving 90 mph in a 70 mph zone on Interstate 20 and later stopped for no front license plate by DPS Troopers. During the stop, the Trooper detected an odor of alcohol coming from McNulty's person and administered field sobriety tests. Russ Thomason, Criminal District Attorney prosecuted the case with John Saringer defending McNulty. Presiding Judge Rex Fields assessed punishment, sentencing McNulty to one hundred eighty days confinement in the Eastland County Jail, suspended with community supervision for a period of eighteen months with five days confinement in the Eastland County Jail as a special term and condition of probation, court costs and a fine of \$1,000.00.

FORMER RANGER MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

Jesus Roberto Gonzales, 28, formerly of Ranger, was sentenced to 20 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for Indecency With A Child involving his 3 year old daughter by the Honorable Judge Steven R. Herod of the 91st District Court.

The offense occurred in July of 2003 in the city of Ranger. Gonzales entered a plea of not guilty to engaging in sexual contact with the intent to arouse or gratify his sexual desire by touching the child's genitals. Witnesses presented testimony in the case on August 15, 2007. Judge Herod made a finding of guilt and formal sentencing occurred on August 21, 2007. The investigation was conducted by Texas Ranger David Hullum. Robert McCleskey represented Gonzales during the trial with Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

FORMER CISCO MAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS FOR INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

John Edwin Keck, 28, formerly of Cisco, was sentenced to 6 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for Indecency With a Child involving his 6 year old daughter by the Honorable Judge Steven R. Herod of the 91st District Court.

The offense occurred on January 1 of 2006 in the city of Cisco. Keck entered a plea of guilty to touching the child's body with his genitals with the intent to arouse and gratify his sexual desires and requested the Court to set punishment after hearing testimony in the case on August 27, 2007. The investigation was conducted by the Cisco Police Department with the assistance of Texas Ranger David Hullum. Landon Thompson represented Keck during the trial with Assistant Criminal District Attorney Brenda Gray prosecuting.

DWI Defendant SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SIX YEARS

Ronald Dean Stevens, 42, formerly of Ft. Worth, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (10) ten year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated.

Stevens had been previously convicted three other times for DWI, in Tarrant County, Texas and faced up to 20 years in prison because the District Attorneys Office had enhanced the punishment range from 2 to 20 from 2 to 10 with a prior felony conviction.

The Honorable Steven R. Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court of Eastland County heard testimony in the case and found Stevens guilty on August 15, 2007. Stevens was sentenced on August 21, 2007 after further testimony was presented during the punishment phase. Landon Thompson of Cisco represented Stevens at trial with Assistant Criminal District Attorney Brenda Gray prosecuting.

DWI Defendant Sentenced To Prison For Twenty Five Years After Entering A Plea Of Guilty

Randal Lee Ferguson, 47, formerly of Abilene, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve an (25) twenty-five year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated. Douglas was apprehended on June 17, 2006 by a DPS Trooper after a routine traffic stop on Interstate 20 near the City of Ranger. The Trooper began to follow Ferguson's car after hearing truckers discussing on their CB radios that Ferguson was drinking beer and driving. After stopping Ferguson's vehicle, the Trooper noted an open container of alcohol in the vehicle and began an investigation which resulted in the DWI arrest.

Prior to this stop, Ferguson had been arrested on 4 other occasions for DWI but convicted only twice.

His prior DWI arrests were in Denton and Taylor County. The punishment range for a felony DWI normally is confinement for a period of 2-10 years but in this case the District Attorneys Office used prior convictions to enhance the charge in order to increase the amount of time Douglas was to serve.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court sentenced Douglas to 25 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division. This case marks the fifth time during the year 2007 that a defendant was sentenced to a term of 25 years for the felony offense of driving while intoxicated after entering a plea of guilty in Eastland County.

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PARADE DATE: SEPTEMBER 08, 2007

We welcome your entry into the 2007 Gorman Peanut Festival Parade.

Categories include bands, floats, decorated vehicles, sweethearts, horses, horse and wagon, bicycles, your own unique entry, classic car, antique cars, hot rods, etc.

Type of parade entry: _____

How many participates on or in entry: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

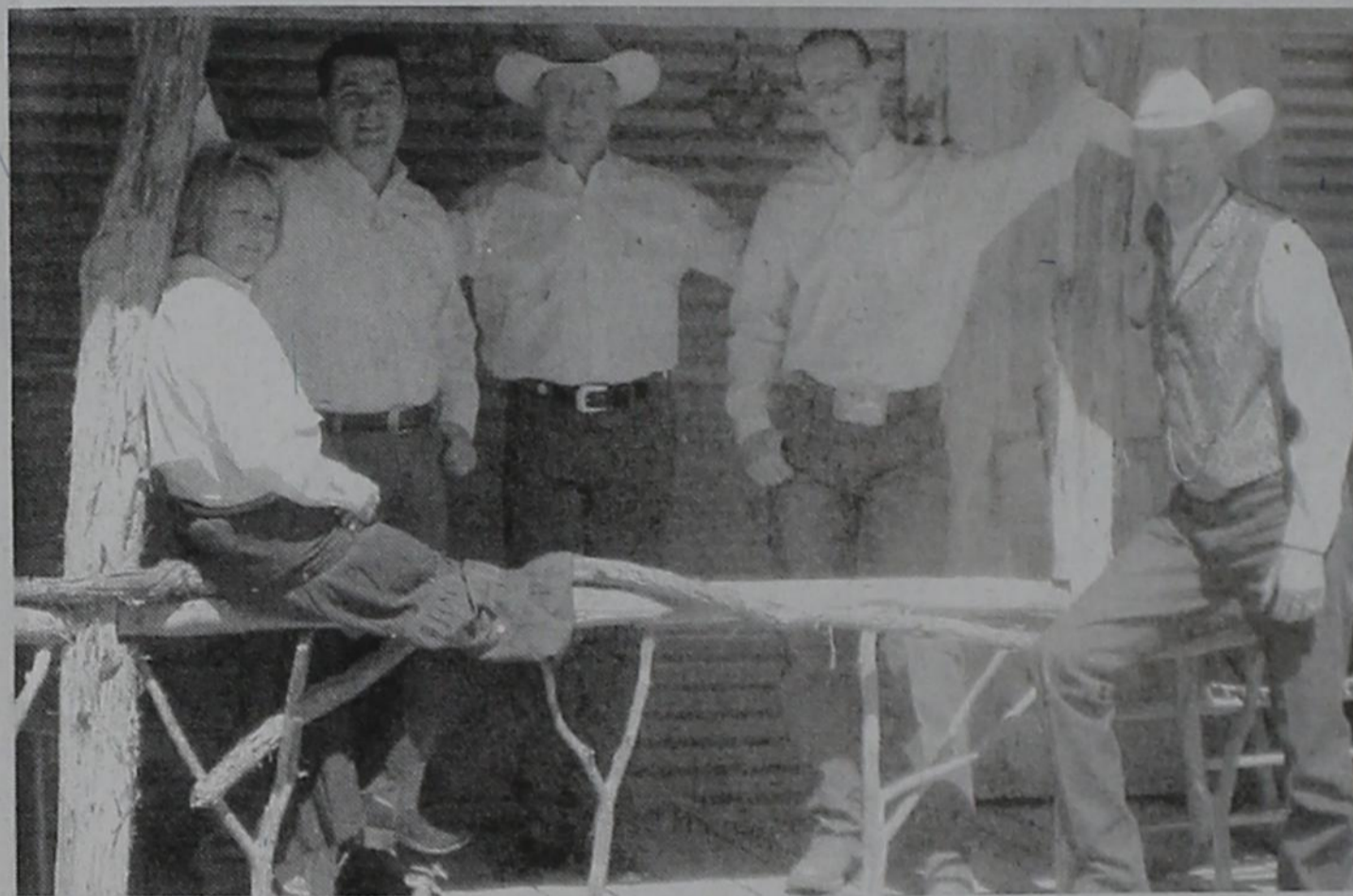
The parade starts at 10:00am. Line up will be at the school, if you would like to be judged, be there & lined up at 9:00am.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or need more information. The numbers are listed above. Thank you.

I, _____, agree to release and discharge from liability, the Gorman Peanut Festival Association, all officers, and members from any and all damages or injuries, losses, judgments or claims, sustained from any cause connected to my/our participation in this parade.

Signature _____ Date _____

The Cross Country Band



Winner of the
2007 92.1 FM Battle of the Bands
will be
performing September 8th
for the
Gorman Peanut Festival
Street Dance - Downtown Gorman

Please Come and Join Us
Entertainment Will Begin
About Dark (8:30 p.m.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, notice of a regular meeting with the adoption of a tax rate was duly posted on the agenda,

WHEREAS, a regular meeting was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such meeting and all interested persons were given opportunities to be heard on said tax rate; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary, at this time, that said ordinance be passed levying taxes on all property, both real and personal, within the City of Gorman, Texas, in accordance with such budget and all requirements of Article 7244c RCS of the State of Texas have been complied with:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That there is hereby levied, and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Gorman, Texas, for the year 2007 upon all property within the corporate limits of the city of Gorman, Texas, subject to taxation for the year 2007, a tax at the rate of .84/100 dollars on each One Hundred and no/100 (100.00) valuation of property to be assessed and collected for the purposes hereinafter stipulated, to-wit,

Section 2: All taxpayers shall be allowed discounts for the payment of 2007 ad valorem taxes due to the City of Gorman, Texas, said discounts to be allowed under the following conditions:

- Three percent (3%) discount on ad valorem taxes due to the City of Gorman, if same are paid within the month of October,
- Two percent (2%) discount if such taxes are paid in the month of November,
- One percent (1%) discount if such taxes are paid in the month of December,

Section 3: The general laws of the Texas, and all provisions of Article 7336, and of Title 122 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, penalties, interest, cost, and the collection of delinquent taxes, insofar as such provisions may be applicable in connection with the collection of all taxes assessed and levied by the City of Gorman, Texas, for the year 2007 are hereby referred to and adopted.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, This the _____ day of _____, A.D. 2007.

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