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5th Quarter Friday Night After Ranger Game

There will be a 5th quarter fellowship Friday night following the Ranger home game at the Methodist Church for students in 7th thru 12th grades. This 5th Quarter is presented by First Fruits Christian Fellowship Church and Gorman United Methodist Church.

Join us Friday after the game for great food, fellowship and fun!

Lady Panthers Defeat Abilene Wylie and Ranger

Extend Winning Streak To 15 Games



Last Tuesday the Lady Panthers defeated 3-A Abilene Wylie in 3 straight games 25-21, 25-21, 25-16. Leading the way for the Panthers was Audrey Johnston with 8 kills, 11 digs, and 4 blocks. Sophomore setter, Kimi Seaton had 16 assists in the winning effort. This game marked the second victory over Abilene Wylie this season.

On Saturday the Panthers opened district with a victory against rival Ranger winning in 3 straight, 25-19, 25-20, 25-14. Junior outside hitter Audrey Johnston had a huge game with 14 kills, 3 digs, and 1 block. Senior outside hitter Brandy Carlton had a strong game as well with 9 kills, 2 digs, and 1 serving ace. Kimi Seaton recorded 24 assists, 1 ace, and 2 blocks in the victory.

The Lady Panthers continue district play traveling to Albany on the 25th and then returning home to face Lingleville Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10:00 a.m. Saturday's game against Lingleville, will be Varsity only!

Come out and support your Lady Panthers on their quest for a District Championship!

Sidney FFA and Lions Club To Hold Fundraiser

The Sidney FFA and Lions Club will sponsor a Fundraiser at Cook's Fish Barn at 3660 Hwy. 36 West on Monday, October 1st from 5 p.m. To 8:30 p.m. Tickets are: All You Can Eat - Adults/\$8.00 and under 10 years/\$4.00 (dessert included).

All money raised will be used to assist local youth in the Project Show and Sale.

There will be Musical Entertainment and a Cake Auction.

Glenda Black And Ray White Pledge Vows

Glenda Black of Abilene and Ray White of Hawley were united in marriage on September 22, 2007 at Clearfork Baptist Church at Hawley. The Reverend Gene White, brother of the groom, of Moses Lake, Washington officiated.

Glenda is the daughter of Zelda Jordan of the Kokomo community, Gorman, Texas. Ray is the son of Inez White of Petersburg, Texas.

The bride was escorted by her son, Joe Miles of Austin, Texas, Sheri Daniell of Abilene, daughter of the bride, was Matron of Honor. Charles White of Hawley, son of the groom, was Best Man. Ring bearers were grandsons of the bride, Ryan and Kody Daniell. Emily Daniell, granddaughter of the bride, was flower girl. Justin Miles of Austin, grandson of the bride, was the usher and candle lighter.

Following a wedding trip to the Fredericksburg area, the couple will be at home in Abilene.

ECLRA Announces Rule Changes For 2008 Stock Show

Effective for the 2007-2008 school year and the 2008 Eastland County Livestock Show to be held January 16-19, all breeding animals – with the exception of rabbits – are subject to county validation. All market animals – with the exception of rabbits and chickens – will continue to be subject to validation.

All market lambs, breeding sheep, market goats, breeding meat goats, dairy goats, angora goats, breeding beef cattle and dairy cattle must be validated Tuesday, October 23, 2007, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Eastland County Showgrounds. All market and breeding swine must be validated Tuesday, November 20, 2007, from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at the Eastland County Showgrounds. Animals not present at the assigned place and time will not be validated and will not be eligible to show.

Entries for the 2008 Eastland County Livestock Show must be turned into a supervising agriculture teacher, 4-H leader or the county extension agent by December 1, 2007. There will be a \$50 per head late entry fee for cards turned in after December 1, 2007. Entries turned in after December 1, 2007, are not exempt from county validation, and any animal not validated will be ineligible to show.

In addition, the board of directors lowered the minimum weight for market hogs to 175 pounds and eliminated the minimum weight for pens of chickens. Superintendents will continue to have the option of dividing breeds into weight classes in the market division; however, no one class may have less than three animals.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the 2007-2008 rules from their supervising ag. teacher or the county agent.

Panthers Blast Eagles 85-0; Host Ranger For First District Game

GAME AT A GLANCE

PANTHERS	EAGLES
19 First Downs	2
23/507 Carries/Yds.	30/75
27 Yds Passing	5
1 or 6/0 Pass Cplt./Int	1 of 7/1
0/0 Fumbles/Lost	5/5
0 Punts/Avg.	5/37
6/45 Penalties	12/80

The Panthers took the long drive to Sterling City (190 Miles) to take on the Eagles Friday night. After the long journey the Big Red were ready to play and really blasted the Eagles 85-0. Gorman scored 26 in First quarter; the added 32 more in the Second quarter to make the halftime score 58-0 to put damper on the Eagles Homecoming activities. Then they added 14 more in the Third and 13 in the Final period for the 85-0 total.

The Panthers took the opening kickoff on their own 30 and showed the fans what was to come as they moved the distance in 6 plays with Tyson Swanner rumbling in for the final 27 yards with 9:29 left. The kick try failed and Gorman was up 6-0. The drive featured runs of 9, 2 and 6 by Tony Perez; a 4 yarder by Matt Underwood and an 11 yarder by Orlando Valenzuela.

Then the Big Red Defense got the ball back when they recovered an Eagle fumble on the 32 and Valenzuela raced into the end zone with 8:27 left to make it 12-0. The run of 2 points failed.

Then after holding the Eagles the Panthers got the ball on their own 25 and scored in just 2 plays with Underwood breaking up the middle and racing 80 yards for the score with 5:09 left in the first. Perez added the 2 pointer on a run and Gorman was up 20-0.

After holding the Eagles the Big Red got the ball on their own 48 following a 1 yard run by Zack Fox. Underwood again broke loose and rambled for 51 and the score with 2:19 left in the first. Again the kick failed and Gorman led 26-0.

With 11:55 left in the second the Panthers got the ball on a fumble recovery by Aaron Keith on the Eagle 11 and scored in 2 plays. After a 10 yarder by Perez to the 1 yard line. Perez finished the drive on a 1 yard run. Again the extra point kick failed and Gorman led 32-0.

Orlando Valenzuela then picked up another Eagle fumble and returned it 18 yards to make the score 38-0 with 10:49 left in the half. The kick failed for the extra point.

Then after holding the Eagles the Panthers got the ball on their own 46 and went the distance in 5 plays with Perez getting the honors from 19 yards out with 6:45 left in the half. On the drive Keith caught a 27 yard pass and Perez had 11 yard run. Swanner added the extra point and the score was 45-0.

The Panthers pickup up an Eagle fumble on their own 10 and Perez hit the middle of the line behind some great blocks and raced 90 yards for the score with 3:12 left in the half. Swanner booted the point after and Gorman led 52-0.

Then Chad Klein picked up another Eagle bobble and ran it in from 11 yards out with 1:55 left in the half. But again the extra point failed and the first half ended with Gorman up 58-0.

With yet another Eagle bobble, Clinton Oliver set the Big Red up on the Eagle 20. Then in just one beautiful play Zack Fox raced in for the score with 10:23 left. The kick for point was good by Sean Bates and the score was 65-0.

After holding the Eagles the Panthers got the ball on their own 42 and moved the distance in 5 plays with Valenzuela getting the final 16 on a thrilling run with 3:45 left in the third. The drive fea-

tured runs of 15 and 3 by Underwood and 16 and 10 by Perez. Bates booted the point after and the score rose to 72-0.

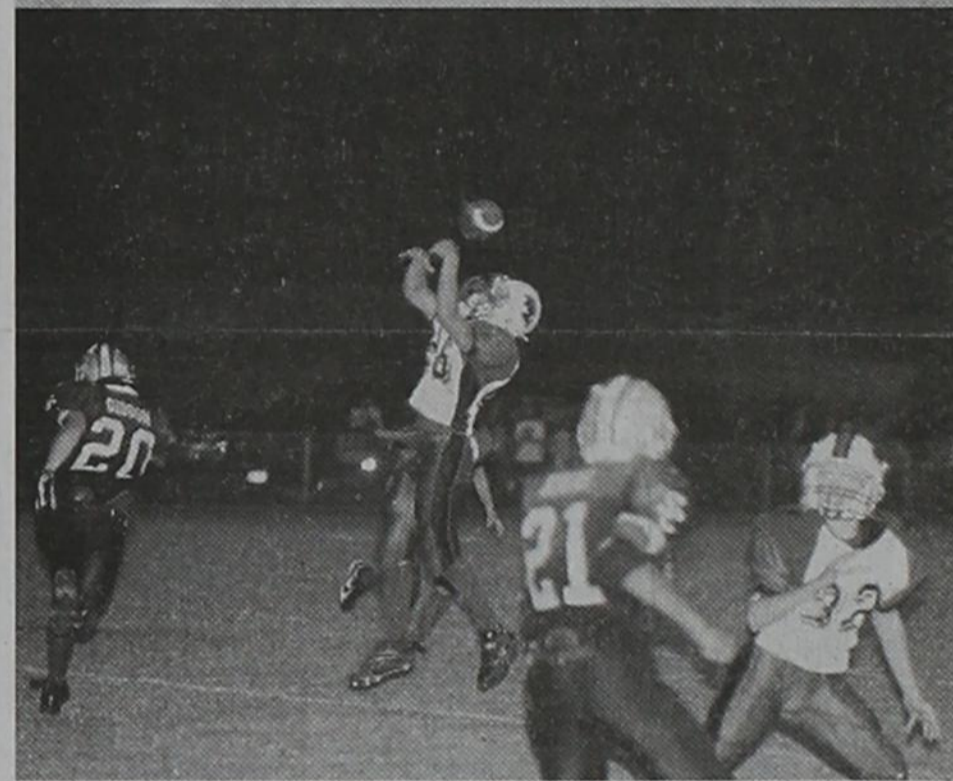
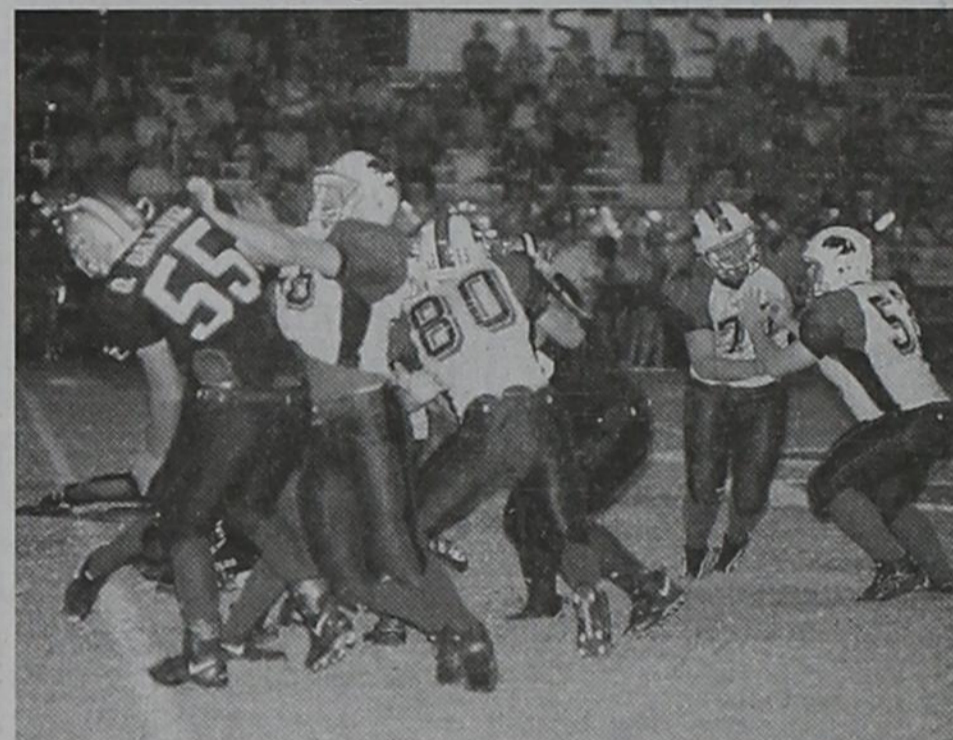
Drew McCress made it 78-0 with a beautiful 65 yard scamper with 10:39 left in the game. The kick failed and Gorman was up 78-0.

The final score came on a thrilling 60 yard carry with 5:30 left. Bates added the point after and the massacre was over at 85-0.

Perez led the Big Red with 181 yards on 10 carries. Underwood got 155 in just 6 totes. McCress had 65 on 1. Little got 60 on 1. Valenzuela ran for 27 on 2 and Swanner had 17 on 1 keeper. Keifer Wilson had 18 on 1 try. Fox got 21 on 2 tries.

The Panthers will have to again have an outstanding defensive game this Friday when they host Ranger Bulldogs at Brogdon Field at 7:30. The Bulldogs have a strong team and will really test the Big Red Defense. So let's all be on hand Friday night and back the Panthers to victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!!



**Large Item Pickup
Thursday, October 4th**

Public Meeting Set

The Gorman Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on October 2nd at 9 a.m. At the Hotel Assembly Room - to Receive Comments on the Annual and 5 Year Plan for the Gorman Housing Authority.

PUBLIC NOTICE Eastland County Amendment To The Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Date of Publication: September 26, 2007 -- The County of Eastland will be considering amendments to its Hazard Mitigation Action Plan to specifically include improvements to the emergency spillway and dam at Lake Leon in order to mitigate soem potential flooding in the Lake Leon area. The amendment being considered also includes improvements and enlargement of drainage and road facilities throughout the county to mitigate potential flooding in these areas. The public is invited to submit comments to Eastland County during the next thirty (30) days. After this time period has expired, October 29, 2007, the Eastland County Commissioners will consider formally adopting a resolution incorporating these changes to its Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. The Eastland County Judges Office can be reached at 100 West Main Suite 203, Eastland, Texas 76448. Our office number is (254) 629-1263.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.
Methodist Church

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 - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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. Mark Wilkerson, Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Gorman ISD "Walk of Honor"

The Gorman Athletic Boosters would like to remind those who would like to purchase a memory brick, that we are still taking orders. The initial installation is complete; but we are looking forward to phase 2 of the installation.

We encourage everyone to buy a paver and let those memories be a permanent part of the landscape at Brogdon Field. We believe this project will be a great source of pride for our school, and for our community. Anyone who wishes to purchase a memory brick; please contact, Bob Powell at 734-3322, Becky Swanner at 734-2480, or any member of the Gorman Athletic Boosters.

OBITUARIES

Euna Fern McGinnis

Euna Fern McGinnis, age 92, passed away on Friday, September 21, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Sunday, September 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon Church of Christ with Geoff Litke officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Euna was born May 30, 1915 in Stonewall, TX to the late James G. Green and Eldora Reese Green. She married Thomas E. "Babe" McGinnis on December 17, 1933 in Comanche County, Texas.

She was employed for a number of years at Higginbotham's; worked for Dr. Terri Sharp, DDS for several years; worked at Mary Kimble Dress Shop for many years and also was employed at Higginbotham's for several years as well as De Leon Peanut Company. She served on De Leon Hospital Board and was a Pink Lady and a member of De Leon Hospital Auxiliary for many years. Euna Fern was a homemaker and a member of De Leon Church of Christ.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Pat Hayes of Canton; two grandchildren, Melodee McGinnis of Arlington and Brad McGinnis and wife Michelle of Euless; one great-grandson, Jackson McGinnis.

She was preceded by her husband, Thomas E. "Babe" McGinnis, one son James McGinnis in 1985; two brothers, Leo Green and Theota Green; and her parents, James and Eldora Green.

Pallbearers were Larry Don Womack, Steve Singleton, Neil Singleton, and Jerry McGinnis.

Dovie Mae Franklin

Dovie Mae Franklin, age 89 of De Leon passed away on Monday, September 24, 2007 at Golden Age Manor Nursing Home in Dublin, Tx. Services were held Thursday, September 27th at 2:00 p.m. at Lange Funeral Chapel in Ballinger, Tx with Minister Max Pratt officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

Dovie was born April 14, 1918 in Comanche, Texas to the late Ernest and Winifred Emily Hughes Hampton. She married to the late William Marlin Franklin on October 3, 1936 in Taylor Co., Texas.

She had owned a women's clothing store, Dovies Sportswear in Odessa, Tx. She had resided in De Leon for 5 years, having moved from Midland, Tx. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Midland, Tx.

She is survived 2 sons, William M. "Bill" Franklin, Jr. of Comanche and Bobby R. Franklin of Odessa; one daughter, Nancy K. Lamb of Friendswood; one brother John D. Hampton of McGregor; two sisters, Margaret Dorner of Richardson and Betty Jo Evans of Stephen-

Road To Wellness Health Fair Set For Thursday, 27th

Texas Cooperative Extension and Girling Health Care will sponsor a Free Health Fair on Thursday, September 27th from 2 - 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Gym. The Road to Wellness Health Fair will feature free health screenings, music, food, exercise tips, flu shots, door prizes and more. For more information, contact Hallee Walton, County Extension Agent at 254-629-2222 or hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu.

ville; 10 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

She was preceded by her husband, William Marlin Franklin; 7 brothers, Luther Hampton, Curtis Hampton, Enos Hampton, Joe Hampton, Billy Jack Hampton, Melvin Hampton and Elvin Hampton and one sister, Lillian Pearse.

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October 3rd - 9 to 12 noon
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 Eastland County is accepting applications for full-time COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT. For information or application, please visit the County Judge's office M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications will be accepted until position filled. Duties/experiences will include: HVAC, plumbing, electrical, boiler operation, general custodian duties, and be able to perform minor repairs in these areas. Eastland County is an equal opportunity employer.
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- 613 A, w/3-2,2,144sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sfbam, 3wells, 6tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31A costal, 86A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [WV02] \$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 [DK01] \$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
- 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, waterwell, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [JB03] \$250,000
- 5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [WK01] \$120,000
- 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, bams [LP01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [WM01] \$75,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- 236±A, 2wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380±A, 3wells, 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
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [REMO1] \$405,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, CH/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DVL01] \$297,500
- 3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop [CC03] \$137,500
- 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [WC01] \$405,000 REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000
- 3-2 frame home, 1,252sf(CAD) living area, Central heat & air, enclosed front porch, carport, fenced yard, gas fireplace [VM01] \$27,500
- 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [GB02] \$55,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
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Carbon High School Class Reunions Set For October 5

The 1943, 1945, 1946, and 1948 classes will meet at ZJ's Restaurant in Gorman for their annual class reunions on Friday, October 5, 2007. Every member of these

Classes are urged to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship of visiting with classmates and friends. Visitors are welcome. The meal will be dutch treat.

If you need further information, please contact Zelda Jordan at 254-639-2289.

Happenings At FBC

Another great day in the house of the Lord. First, for reports on some of the events:

The Women's Conference was Extraordinary! It was a thrill to see over fifty women representing nine different churches come together as Sisters in Christ to enjoy this event. Angela Clark welcomed all in attendance, and Sharlene Schahn voiced our opening prayer. First speaker, Kelly Johnson, gave us all a life with a host of scriptures to show us that as women we are Jesus' sweethearts, we are covered by His blood, and we are loved by Him as if we are one. Second speaker, Neva Brown, shared her wonderful sense of humor and reminded us that Christ enables us to do what he calls us to do. Third speaker, Michelle Davis, moved us with her testimony, and urged us not to forget where we came from. She, also, encouraged us with "The Me I See is The Me I'll Be". Charlotte Howard and her lovely daughters (Lana, Lacy and K'Ann) stirred our spirits with gorgeous music and songs. Ellen Tucker shared her testimony of how she came to know and love the Lord. Melissa Edgington pampered us with Satin Hands. Shelby Hagood provided photography. We delighted in a delicious lunch and an array of delectable desserts with a chocolate fountain. We wish we could list you all by name - many thanks to EVERYONE for making this event such a blessed experience for all!

The morning service was great and overflowing. Bro. Barry's sermon was "Is Your God a Load or A Lift" Isa. 46:7-9 He is a God that deserves our Praise, Thanks and Dedication to Him. Three things God deserves are our Time, Thanks and Tithe. Three Questions That needs to be Asked:

1. Who do you worship?
2. Is Your Religion A Load or A Lift?

Do You Carry Your God or Does Your God Carry You?

If we go to a psychiatrist, We'll become well-adjusted sinners.

If we go to a doctor, We'll become healthy sinners.

If we achieve wealth, We'll be wealthy sinners.

If we join a church, We'll become religious sinners.

But let us go in earnest repentance and faith to the foot of Calvary's cross, and we'll be forgiven sinners, for we will find that the cross of Jesus Christ is the only bridge that can reach God. The choice is ours. It's either separation from God or redemption by God. (Dr. Billy Graham).

We welcome two new members, Kenneth and Linda Welch. Sunday afternoon was the Deacon ordination service.

First Baptist Church of Gorman and Bro. Barry couldn't have been more honored to ordain Donnie Mauney and Gary Mauney as Deacons. It is an extremely rare occasion to have a father and a son ordained on the same day. We were privileged to have so many Deacons participate in the Council and the Service. Dr. Genoa Goad, Director of Missions for the Cisco Baptist Association, eloquently and powerfully delivered the Charge. It was a truly beautiful Service!

Other dates to remember:

September 24 - WOM @ 9:30 a.m.

September 25 - Beth Moore Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

September 26 - Budget Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

September 26 - Team Kids, Mission Friends, Youth groups

September 30 - Fifth Sunday Singing Here At FBC

October 9th - Senior Adult Day and Big Country

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Happy Birthday" to our great grandson, Justin Hornback from Granke and Granny Coon Guthery. He will celebrate his 2nd Birthday on Saturday, September 29th. His parents are Lee and Sonja Hornback of Desdemona.

"Happy Anniversary" to our brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Ann Keith from Pug and Vonnie Guthery. They will celebrate "56 years" on Saturday, September 29th. Their children are Vicki Robinett and husband, De; Tami Sanders and husband, Bill; Brad Keith and wife Priscilla. They have nine grandchildren, Nikki, Keitha, Derek, David, Robyn, Brett, Brian, Jenna and Andrea.

Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney visited recently with her parents, "Humpty" and Betty Duke.

Doris Brown of Granbury spent Thursday visiting with Robert and Ima Brown at the Brown Ranch.

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday, November 10th at the Community Center School Gym. Our Community is proud to carry on this annual event - which was started at the end of World War II. At that time the Community gave a big "Welcome Home" supper for all of the returning soldiers (men and women). This is a Special Time of the year for the Desdemona Community. So mark your Calendars for this date and make plans to attend for a good home-cooked meal.

Dorothy Nell (Sturdivant) Griffice, 82, of Big Springs passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. Burial was in the Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Springs.

She was born on May 10, 1925 in Comanche County to Willis "Dick" and Kathleen Sturdivant. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Summersell of Big Springs, step-children and grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her husband, Grover Griffice; her parents; two brothers, Gerlad Sturdivant (who did overseas in World War II) and Billy Burhl Sturdivant.

The Sturdivant family lived just east of the Jakehamon Community. Dorothy Nell started to school in Jakehamon, later on transferred to Desdemona School where she graduated with the Class of 1942. He brother, Gerald graduated with the Class of 1940. Dorothy Nell attended the annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion this past August 11, 2007. She really enjoyed the visit with her former classmates and friends.

Thelma (Teague) Tarpley, 96, of Gladewater passed away on Thursday, September 13, 2007. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery.

She was born on July 5, 1911 in Dublin, Texas to Marion and Beatrice Teague.

Survivors include two daughters, three sons, grandchildren and great grands.

Preceded in death by her husband, H. L. Tarpley; her parents; two daughters; two sisters and one brother.

The Teague family are former residents of Desdemona where their children attended school. Thelma graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1928.

We extend our sincere sympathy to these families who have lost their loved ones.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed the fellowship and good food at our lunch on the 19th at 11:30. There were 27 present, hope more will come next time. Some have been out sick, maybe they can be back with us soon.

It was so good to see Frank and Beth Shirley. She is looking fine and brought us a big delicious chocolate cake. Bro. Frank said grace for us all. We do miss them when not here.

Billie Bennett and Opal Burton have both suffered the shingles. They are doing some what better now, hope they continue to improve. Billie has promised to bring some of her good combread salad when well.

It was also good to have Betty Frazier and Jackie Burns here for his Birthday. We all sang, it helps keep us young at heart.

We missed Annie Fay Foster being with us. Hope she can return next time. I'll make sure to give he the bell to ring for order.

Betty Regian and I went to Desdemona for Fish on Friday the 21st. It is so delicious, the best in the area I believe. And Oh, those pies! That lady really knows how to prepare and bake them.

Lonnie, I want to thank you for my column being in much large print. So much easier for us Seniors to read. Now please try not to change my words, leave out words and add some I didn't even have in the sentence. It tends to change the whole trend of thought. Thanks, and I still love you.

Hope all is well till next week. Don't forget game night on Thursday at 5 p.m. I can't always be there. But coem when I fell up to it. I'm not the game nut a lot of you are.

Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman News

Now it is fall. The grass is still so green it is hard to believe it is the last of September.

When I went around to get the news on Monday some of the residents were telling me they haven't had any visitors...if you have some spare time on your hands, please come up and visit us.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Gene and Carolyn Foster, and Kristen and Kendel Scitern.

Lisa Lewis of Stephenville visited her mom, Imogene Norris. Visiting Jelma Smith were Pam Smith of Granbury, Joshua Wyatt of Gordon, Jeff Smith of Eastland, and Jordan Scitern and Johnny Smith.

Pam Hulse of Hobbs, New Mexico visited spent several days with her mom, Lottie Morris and they visited with several people in the area.

Visiting Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, Bobby Little, Betty Little and Charles Little.

Visiting Nancy Hendricks were Zelda Jordan and Amber and Weldon Scitern.

Visiting Lavona Sharp were Ronni Ryon of Desdemona and Jerry Majors of DeLeon.


Becy Moore of DeLeon visited her mom, Mildred Addy. Have a good week...Ina

Thank You Card

Thank you for making my Ninth Birthday so special. For each card, phone call and remembrance. I do thank you. You are all so special to me and Gorman will always be home.

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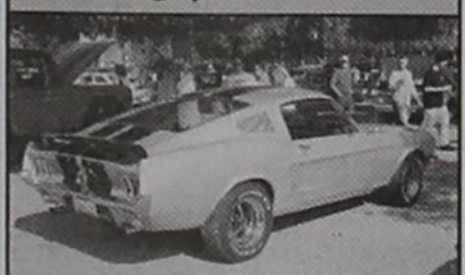
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

We are having wonderful services at the revival at the Kokomo Baptist Church this week Beautiful special music by the Continental 2 (Daryl and Glenda), Cyndie Mace, Debra Daniels and Chad Edgington (Elvis sings gospel) and more to come on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and wonderful congregational singing directed by Daryl Hirst and Larry Wesson. Cyndie Mace, Debra Daniels and Betty Hughes are the musicians. We have heard very moving, dynamic inspirational sermons from God's Holy Word from Bro. Jim Haggard on Sunday morning and Dr. Shawn Brewer on Sunday and Monday nights. There will be more of the same on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We appreciate all the visitors we've had and invite you all to come and worship with us at anytime.

Many have enjoyed the meals and fellowships each night. There will be a chili and stew supper on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. and a Brisket supper on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The worship service will start at 7:00 p.m.

Gene and Kay Snider recently vacationed in Minnesota and Michigan. They flew to Minneapolis and rented a car and enjoyed tours of the country side and points of interests in both states. They reported they had a really good time.

Oren and Norma Webb went to Moody on Friday to visit with Jacob and Alice Webb and attended the Moody Homecoming football game with Bosqueville. Moody won the game. Jacob is a coach at Moody High School. Others attending the football game were Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Waco and Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin.

Oren and Norma Webb spent the weekend in Austin with Judy and Sarah Porter, and attended the birthday party honoring Judy in the home of Tino and Scarlett Torres in Austin on Saturday. Jacob and Alice Webb, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga, and Sarah Porter also attended the party to help Judy celebrate her birthday.

Inetha Anderson of Baird, John Anderson of Fort Worth, Jesse and Lenora Speer of Ranger and Miranda Graham of Gorman visited with Sylvia Buchanan.

Zelda Jordan, Cassie Brasher, Daisy Slaton and Sylvia Buchanan attended the wedding of Zelda's daughter, Glenda Black and Ray White in Hawley on Saturday.

Sue Seaton of Gorman, Ray and Shirley Daniels of Gorman, Oren and Norma Webb and Glenda White of Abilene visited with Zelda

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Gorman Residents Attend 90th Gorman Cross Country Annual Lectureship at ACU



A delegation from the Gorman Church of Christ visited Wednesday with Frank Quaranta, Jr., Associate Director of Development for the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee. Joy Rogers, Floydene Gilbert, Christine Hammontree and Carolyn Gilbert of Gorman met the Nashville representative at the 90th Annual Lectureship at Abilene Christian University field last week. The Gorman area received disaster relief for victims of wildfires early in 2006 from this nationwide organization.

Super Notes

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

We have the best kids! I have to share a story with you this week that is not school related other than the boys mentioned do go to school. Saturday I accompanied four other men from the Gorman First Baptist Church on a trip. We took 12 boys, ages 7-10, to a Ranger game and RA rally in Arlington. The boys had a great time and except for not getting home until 2:00am for the second night in a row all the men had a great time. These boys were so well behaved I want to complement their parents on a job well done. I also want to share a special story with you. One young man, Flavio Herrera, asked me on the way to the game that if he caught a ball at the game would I put it in the trophy case at the school? Isn't that great? I said yes and guess what? He caught a ball and the first thing he did was come running to me and he gave me the ball. It will be placed in the trophy case with a card of dedication in remembrance of the great time this group of our boys had at the game. It will also help everyone remember the generosity of a child. The men responsible for taking these young men were Pastor Barry Schann, James Tucker, Robert Ervin, and Ronson Childers. The boys that went: Hunter Childers, Rylan Laminack, Jacob Ervin, Ethan May, Grant Emmons, Garret Emmons, Isaac Segura, Collin Simmons, Zac Ryon, Austin Encinias, Flavio Herrera, and Daniel Herrera.

Nosotros tenemos los mejores estudiantes. Necesito que contarles una historia a Uds. esta semana que no es relacionada con la escuela pero los niños asisten a esta escuela. El sábado acompañe a cuatro señores de la primera iglesia bautista de Gorman a un paseo. Llevamos a 12 niños, edades 7-10, a un juego de los Rangers y una junta de RA en Arlington. Estos niños se portaron muy bien y quiero felicitar a los padres. También quiero contarles una historia especial. Un muchachito Flavio Herrera, me preguntó que si atrapaba la pelota ¿la pondría en la caja de trofeo? ¿No es estupendo? Le dije que si y ¿Qué creen? Atrapó una pelota y la primera cosa que hizo fue correr hacia mi y me dio la pelota. Será puesta en la caja de trofeo con una cartilla de dedicación al recuerdo del buen tiempo que pasaron el grupo de niños en el juego. También es para recordar la generosidad de los niños. Los hombres que llevaron a los niños fueron el pastor Barry Schann, James Tucker, Robert Ervin, Jonson Childers. Los niños que fueron son: Hunter Childers, Rylan Laminack, Jacob Ervin, Ethan May, Grant Emmons, Garret Emmons, Isaac Segura, Collin Simmons, Zac Ryon, Austin Encinias, Flavio Herrera, y Daniel Herrera.

Saturday morning the girls volleyball teams had their first district games. I am proud to say that the junior varsity won two straight. They play the best two out of three. The varsity girl's play the best three out of five games. The varsity girls won three straight. These girls are awesome and so is their coach. They are playing like they've never played before and I expect they will continue to have a great season. If you miss any of their games, it will be a shame. They usually play on Tuesdays and Saturdays and you can find their schedule online at our website: www.gorman.esc14.net and at Gorman Pharmacy and American State Bank. Their next match is Saturday here at home at 10:00am against Lingleville (varsity only).

El sábado en la mañana las mujeres tuvieron su primer juego de distrito. Estoy orgulloso de decir que nuestro JV ganó dos juegos seguidos. Ellos juegan los dos mejores de tres. Las chicas de varsity juegan los tres mejores de cinco, y las chicas ganaron tres seguidos. Las chicas son maravillosas igual que su entrenadora. Están jugando como nunca han jugado antes y espero que sigan teniendo una temporada fantástica. Si se pierden algún juego será una pena. Ellos generalmente juegan en los miércoles y los sábados, y puedes encontrar su horario en la red: www.gorman.esc14.net o en la farmacia de Gorman o el American State Bank. Sus proximo juego es el sábado aquí en casa a las diez de la mañana contra Lingleville (solamente las chicas del varsity).

I don't know what to say about the varsity football team's 85-0 win over Sterling City. It wasn't pretty. Our boys did almost everything right and Sterling City just couldn't do anything. Even if you take away all the points scored by our defense, it was still a blowout. When you see our players and coaches in the stores and around town, give them a pat on the back for all the hard work and preparation they've been through and encourage

Continued Next Week

Gorman Cross Country TEAM Runs at Hico

Five runners competed for Gorman last Wednesday at the Hico Cross Country Meet. Mary Powell placed 73rd among the more than 120 varsity girls with a time of 17:47. April Keaton finished 103rd with a 19:25. Three Freshmen ran to finish out the team with Karina Hipolito placing 83rd in 18:06, Luisa Silva finished 88th with an 18:20, and Evanjelina Sanchez placed 102nd in 19:22. The two mile trail proved to be quite a feat for the runners. The path, weaving in and out of four different coastal fields, had been mowed once by a brush hog. Intentions to mow the path again at a lower height were halted by the Tuesday night rain. If you have never seen a cross country meet, these runners actually run 'cross country! Three of our team members on Wednesday had never seen a meet. For Karina, Luisa, and Evanjelina, their first experience was like jumping of the deep end. Sink or Swim? They did a fine job and are ready to hit the trail again.

Gorman Band Boosters Selling Panther Sunglasses

Gorman Band Boosters are selling Gorman Panther sunglasses. These are "Oakley" type sunglasses that are red, blue and silver. They are \$12.00 per pair. These sunglasses are available from John Howard, Melissa Osborne, or Clark Building Supply.

Walk Across Texas Health & Fitness Program To Begin

Walk Across Texas is a FREE, eight -week physical activity program designed with one goal in mind - to increase your level of physical activity. Walk Across Texas helps you establish a foundation of group support that can motivate you to not only start exercising regularly, but to continue exercising long after you have completed the program. From border to border you or your team, can walk 830 miles across the state, seeing you progress across the state online, or on a Texas road map! All you need is a pair of comfortable shoes and seven other people for your team.

For eight weeks, you will exercise individually or with you team members. Most people start by walking as member of a team of eight for eight weeks at work or with another type of group such as their church or county. Regardless of whether you chose to start as team in a group or by yourself, you can walk whenever and wherever you want. Team members do not have to walk together. Some prefer walking outside, while others walk on a treadmill. You may even choose to bike, swim, or dance across Texas by using milage equivalents. Each week, you log your miles and submit your mileage to your team captain to enter on the statewide Walk Across Texas web site (walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu). You can track your team's progress online. The program will end with "The Last Mile Celebration" event. At this event, awards will be given for most miles walked, most weight lost, and most inspiring success stories. For added fun awards will be presented to the team with the most creative name and the person who finished the program with dirtiest shoes.

Take the local challenge - Walk Across Texas will be implemented October 6th with a kick off at the Old Rip Fest.

To find our how you can Walk Across Texas, contact Halee Walton at the Eastland County Extension Office, 254-629-2222.

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"Welcome Back To Scouting" October 2nd

Your invited to a "Welcome Back to Scouting" hot dog supper. This is for returning Scouts and any new Scouts who wish to join, age 6 through 17. We will be serving hot dogs at 7:00 pm at the City Park in Gorman, Tuesday Oct. 2nd. If you cannot attend but are interested in joining Scouting, call Lori Lewis at 254-592-5158 or Bob Bell 254-734-4611. Hope to see you there!

Gorman City Minutes

September 20, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met in a Regular meeting on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, and Joe Casey. Absent were Don Underwood and Charlie Torrez. Others present were Emmett Lasater and Ron Skiles.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

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

Ron Skiles wants to see the state put school zone speed limit signs up on Fisher, Lexington, (highway 8) and Crescent (FM679) streets. Citizens also need to be reminded that all streets, or highways that lead to the school are "school zone" streets, and the speed limit is 20 miles per hour.

Ron wants the "boom box" stereo systems to be monitored by our decibel reader. Officers can issue citations for the noise level. He also mentioned that police officers should not have any problems telling citizens to move commercial vehicles off of the residential streets. There is a state transportation code that prohibits parking commercial vehicles on residential streets. (Section 545.307)

Mr. Skiles stated that the officers have the authority to patrol and get control of our streets and what happens to them. The officers should ask the owner/drivers to move their commercial vehicle and if they do not comply, they should be given a citation. He also noted that he knows of several who are dumping their personal trash in the container at the baseball park. This dumpster is not for public use. And he said that officers might want to pay more attention to numerous cars or vehicles in town that do not have valid inspection stickers or liability insurance. Gorman really needs some clean up issues addressed.

The Commission agreed with Mr. Skiles and assures that they will stand behind all efforts to get our streets and living areas cleaned up.

Nathan made the motion to cast the ballot for JoAnn Franke to the TML IEBP Board of Trustees, Region 6. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

The Commission wants Barbara to report properties that have been noted for cleanup and report status at each meeting.

There was no action on amendments to ordinances at this time.

There being no further business for discussion, Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried, time was 6:55 p.m.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

This little piggy's eyes are filled with tears this morning. Our dear friend, Floyd 'Junior' Moore has been moved to a hospice in Ft. Worth. Junior has not been able to recover from 3 operations to relieve the bleeding in his brain. The doctors say there is no hope of recovery now - but we know the Lord has the final say and I would ask you all to pray for a miracle for Junior.

Junior is the chairman of the committee that oversees the DAC and was instrumental in starting the first Jamfest we held here. We will go on with plans to have our second Jamfest on October 20 at the DAC. Please bring your instruments and your friends and join in the fun. If you don't play an instrument come and tap your toes! The Jamfest will start at 10:00 A.M. and continue until everyone is all played out! There is no charge for admission. We will serve a spaghetti lunch. We are hoping for a large turnout so we will know whether or not to continue with these Jamfests.

Please mark you calendars for our regular 'Breakfast at the DAC' coming up on October 6th. Serving is from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. as it is the first Saturday of every month. Hope to see you here.

Our annual Christmas Store will be held the last weekend in November and the first weekend in December. And remember that the DAC can be rented for your reunions, meeting, parties, etc. Please call me for more information at 254-758-2420.

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