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GHS AND ELEMENTARY GRADUATION CEREMONIES SET

Eighth Grade Promotion

Thursday, May 28, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Processional
Class

Invocation
Sergio Garcia

Salutatory
Luis Limon

Class History
Rachel Tucker

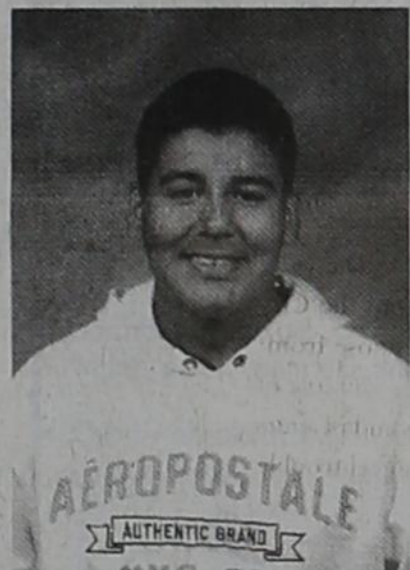
Valedictory
Austin Marlow

Presentation of Certificates

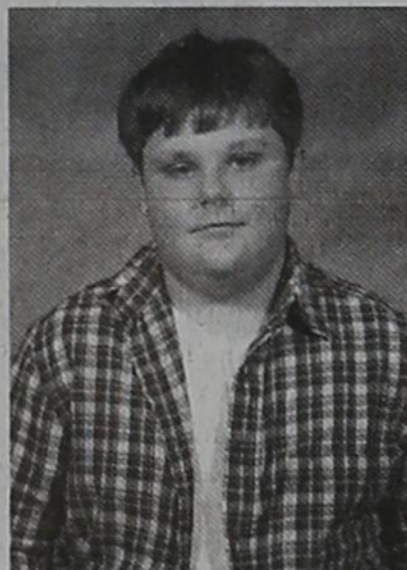
LaTricia Hampton, Counselor
Rick Panter, Principal

Benediction
Margarita Oronia

Recessional
Class



Salutatorian
Luis Limon



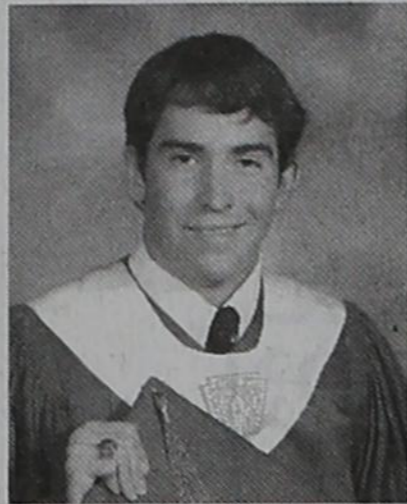
Valedictorian
Austin Marlow

EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

Ashlea Janella Burt	Vividiana Maldonado
Jayleen Leanne DeLa Torre	<i>Austin Taylor Marlow</i>
John Andrew Keith Flanary	Juan Francisco Olivares
Sergio Daniel Garcia	Margarita Oronia
Seth Charles Gibson	Angelena Elizabeth Perez
Stephanie Elizabeth Gibson	Jacob Allen Petree
Skyler Zane Henderson	Benjamin Jorge Ramirez
Anna Dalila Hipolito	Robert Earl Lee Shawver
<i>Luis Limon, III</i>	Rachel Ellen Tucker
Bradley Lee Lipson	Tyson Jade Underwood
Haily Cheyenne Whitefield	

Ushers

Kinsey Johnston	Melissa Ramirez
Tony Ramirez	Zach Carlton



Vaedictorian

Jordan Perry

Jordan Perry, son of Roland Perry and Lori Garcia. He was born on March 17, 1991 in De Leon.

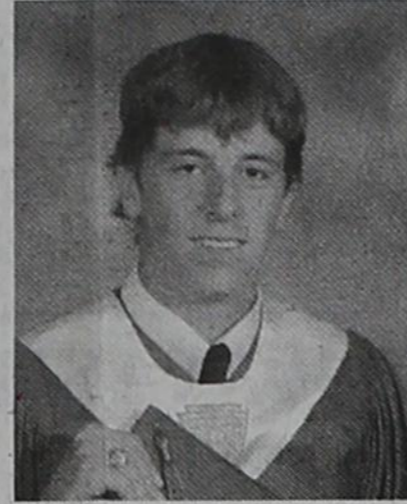
Jordan started school in Gorman in 1995. He plans to obtain basis at Tarleton State University, then transfer to UTA and obtain Bachelor's Degree and pursue career in Aerospace Engineering.

He participated in National Honor Society.

His hobbies are fishing, taking flying lessons.

Jordan's favorite foods are fish.

His favorite music is Alternative Rock.



Salutatorian

Matt Underwood

Matt Underwood, son of Bill and Angela Underwood. He was born on October 3 1990 in De Leon.

Matt started to school in Gorman in 1995. He plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University.

He was a member of 2008 State Mile Relay, Academic All-State in Football, First Team All-District unanimous Offense and Defense in Football, All State Running Back in 2007 and Built Ford Tough Player of the Week in 2007.

His hobbies are hunting, fishing, playing guitar.

Matt's favorite foods are everything.

His favorite music is everything.

GHS Commencement

Friday, May 29, 2009 - Brogdon Field

7:30 p.m.

Processional
Senior Class

Invocation
G. W. Maxfield- Retired Supt. of Schools

Salutatory
Matt Underwood

Parent Recognition
Senior Class

Valedictory
Jordan Perry

Presentation of Diplomas

Rick Panter, Principal
David Perry, Superintendent
Melinda Harrington, President of the Board

Benediction
David Perry, Superintendent

Recessional
Senior Class

Child Safety Seats

Are you in need of a child safety seat for your child? Eastland County Child Safety Program has seats that it needs to give away. These are new seats that will accommodate a child from 5 pounds up to 40 pounds.

These are convertible seats, meaning that they will go from rear facing to forward facing so that your child can use the seat longer.

We are currently out of the booster seats and will not be getting anymore of these until we reapply next year for more seats.

If you need a seat, please contact our office at 254-734-5989 for more information and to set up an appointment to pick up your seat.

These seats are FREE.

Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride

The 9th Annual Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride will be Saturday, June 13th. The ride, sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club and Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, will start from the City Park promptly at 8 a.m. With no starters any later than 9 a.m. There are four distances to choose from: 9 Mile - 26 Mile - 45 Mile or 100 K, that will have your traveling through the scenic farming country of Eastland County. These courses will have several rest stops with water, gatorade, fruit, cookies and peanuts to replenish the riders. There will also be Sag Wagons available should anyone have any mechanical trouble or need medical assistance.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by phone at 254-734-3810 or online at www.peanut-bikeride.com. Registration will also be open on the tour day at 6:30 a.m., at the Start/Finish at the City Park. Each rider receives a Tour of the Peanut Country T-shirt and a goodie bag. For more information call 254-734-3810. All proceeds from this ride benefit the Gorman Lions Club and the Gorman VFD for local projects and scholarships.

Co-Ed Softball Tournament

The Co-Ed Softball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m. at Gorman High School Field and also at Gorman Peanut Park. (Teams will meet at the High School Field) in Gorman. The cost per team is \$150.00. Please RSVP to Nick Guthery at 254-631-2706 or Darren Clark at 254-734-6099 - Teams MUST Call To Enter Tournament. ASA Bats Required. Please call to get the rules of the tournament.

Fifth Sunday Singing Set May 31

5th Sunday Singing on May 31st, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Gorman. Bring a snack to share for fellowship afterwards. The next fifth Sunday singing will be August 31st at the Gorman United Methodist Church.

Youth Ministers Garage Sale

Youth Ministers GARAGE SALE at the Bride of Christ Church on May 30th - 7:30 a.m. To 1 p.m. All the money made is to pay for the Youth to go to Clyde Lake for a camp out. All Donations Welcome.

CITY of GORMAN MOBILE HOME PERMIT

Permit # _____ Date: _____
Name of Applicant: _____
Owner of Mobile Home: _____
Owner of Lot: _____
Location of Lot: _____
Legal Description of proposed location: _____

Size of Mobile Home: _____

Permit Criteria

Permit consideration is based on the following criteria: Public safety, health, welfare, property value & surrounding properties.

Any additions. Note: No additions to the manufactured home or property can begin until a permit is rendered. Prior to relocation of the manufactured home, whether it be from outside the city limits, the following is required:

1. A Moving Permit
2. Permit to Set Home on Property

I affirm that this mobile home is not more than 20 (twenty) years of age in build or manufacture date.

owner of said mobile home

Gorman Sports Banquet Booster Club says Thank You

The Athletic Banquet this year was held in the gymnasium and although many people expressed their worry about the temperature inside the gym before the banquet, we were blessed with a cool day and therefore it was a very pleasant temperature inside for the banquet.

The booster club chose to have the banquet inside the gym in an effort to remember that building and all of the character and integrity that it represents. Many generations of Gorman Panthers have played in this gym and the booster club members wanted to honor them and the building by using it this one last time for a special event. Soon GHS will be moving to the new building and the new gym will be used for all games. Becky Swanner presented a slide show prepared by Maria Schaefer and her classes that showed the old gym building from 1954 to the present, and then some slides of the new gym as well. Before moving to the pictures of the new building the last picture shown was a picture of Tyson Swanner shooting a free throw at the last two seconds of the last varsity home game that will be played in the old gym. This picture was taken by Becky Smith and we would like to thank her for the use of this picture. The meal was catered by Cook's Fish Barn and they did a superb job as usual.

The booster club has several other people that they would like to thank for all the help with getting the banquet set up and torn back down and all the work in between. First we would like to thank the following churches for donating the use of tables and chairs: First Fruits Christian Fellowship, New Hope Baptist, and First Baptist of Gorman. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to Mr. Shawn Boles and his classes for picking up and then returning all of those table and chairs, we appreciate it so much. Thanks go to the Gorman High School Cheerleaders for decorating and making everything look so nice and to all of the students throughout the day that helped with the decorations. And a big thanks to Kim Ryon for giving us her time the whole day through, it wouldn't have come together nearly so well without her. And finally thank you to Mrs. Schaefer for the slide shows that she prepared along with her classes, and to Maria Raygoza and Cecilia Olivares for all your help during the banquet.

The banquet provides a time to honor the Gorman athletes and their accomplishments. If you made it to the banquet thank you for your support of the Gorman athletes, and if you did not maybe we will see you next year. It is always good to have the community supporting the athletic program.

Obituaries

Marjorie Joann Blakely Baker

Marjorie Joann Blakely Baker, age 75 of Desdemona passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Hendrick Medical Center. Services Were Held on Wednesday, May 27th at 2 p.m. At Leon River Cowboy Church in Olden with Bro. Paul Howie and Bro. Tim White officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born June 6, 1933 in Summerville, Massachusetts to the late Robert Blakely and Margaret Laskey Blakely. She married Bobby Baker on December 13, 1967 in Pampa, Texas.

She was a homemaker; had resided in Desdemona since 1981, having previously lived in San Antonio. She was a Baptist; member of Leon River Cowboy Church in Olden.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby Baker of Desdemona; one son, David Hurd of Cleburne; three grandchildren, Thomas Hurd and wife Kristen, Stormy Hurd and Trey Hurd and one great grandchild, Ryder Hurd.

She was preceded by one sister, Susan McClellan and one brother, Robert Blakely.

Pallbearers were Trey Holdman, Hank Rainey, Leland Rainey, Clay Burns, Paul Moore, Kennon Hornbeck, Chris Smith and Randy Burns.

Tina De "Nina" Harrison Glover

Tina De "Nina" Harrison Glover, age 73 of De Leon, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2009 in Fort Worth. Services were held Wednesday, May 27th at 10 a.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born May 13, 1936 in Highland, Tx in Erath County to the late James Arthur Harrison and Emma Armstrong Harrison. She married Bert E. Glover on January 4, 1955 in Comanche County, Texas.

She worked many years at Sears, Nina retired from Davenport X-ray in Dallas. She had lived in De Leon 8 years, having resided many years in Irving, Tx. Member of Missionary Baptist.

She is survived two sons, Brian Glover and wife LeAnn of Arlington and Jeffrey Glover and wife Gina of Keller; daughter, Lisa Cole and husband Rick of Moses Lake, WA.; 2 sisters, Nell Vineyard and Oleta Wilhelm; 6 grandchildren, Harrison, Bri Anne, and Sean Glover, Brooke Hays, Brandy and Cassie Cole and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her husband, Bert Glover in 2003; and parents, James and Emma Harrison.

Doris June "Baker" Graham

EASTLAND - Doris June [Baker] Graham, age 81 of Eastland died May 21, 2009 in an Abilene Hospital. Graveside Services will be 3 PM Sunday May 24, 2009 in Simpson Cemetery. The funeral procession will assemble at the Funeral Home at 2 PM Sunday. Visitation 6 to 8 Saturday evening at the Funeral Home. Rev. Larry Hooper and Bobby Pierce will officiate. Directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Born May 10, 1928 in Bell County Texas to Jarrett Law Baker and Mary Thelma Tatum. She married Clifford Ray Graham on December 17, 1949 in Lawton Oklahoma. She spent most of her life in Monahans Texas moving to Eastland County in 1996. She was Baptist by faith and an expert homemaker Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

She is survived by husband Clifford Ray Graham of Eastland; Daughter, Patricia Graham Tuxhorn of Fort Worth Texas; 1 Brother Robert Baker of Idalou Tx.; Granddaughters Candace "Cassie" Tuxhorn Worrell and husband Fred of Logan Township New Jersey, Katy Michelle Tuxhorn Daigneault and husband Joshua of Clyde Texas; Great Grandchildren, Sierra Kaitlyn Worrell, Joshua Nathan Gunter Daigneault and Ty Jacob Daigneault.

She was preceded in death by Sisters, Louise King and Athenia Pierce a brother J.L. Baker Jr. and sister in law Joyce Eaves.

Memorials may be made to the Simpson Cemetery Association.

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UNDER CONTRACT 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$1,995/acre
SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [BK01] \$665,200
102 A, water well, costal, corral, hunting, mins. & owner financing possible [JB02] \$285,000
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000
45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline wrisers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
21±A, Sprigged with World Feeder Coastal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500
REDUCED 20 A, home site, rural water avail, possible owner finance [WM01] \$75,000 \$60,000
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
15.7 A, Hwy.16 frontage, costal, rural water supply avail, water well [JS02] \$40,820
7-4 Brick Home, 2,31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [JN02] \$220,000
4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage, +7' x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900
4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
REDUCED 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900
2-2 Brick Home, 2car attach garage, new flooring, large lot, fenced yard [MG02] \$75,000
2-2 18'x 60' Mobile Home, 3 car garage, more buildings, water well, fenced [CR01] \$50,000
REDUCED 2-1 1/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000
2-1 Frame Home, 2,3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000
Commercial Bldg, on Hwy.36, 6,480 sf, 3 separate units & entrances, CH&A [RC01] \$82,500
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NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,200 Acre - Seller Financing
NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.
NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.
156 A, Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
179 A, south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building \$2,350.00 acre.
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Summer is upon us, school is out and there are so many things to do. CIA on Mondays is certainly one of them and a great activity for children ages 6-12. That is right CIA will continue through the summer, meeting Mondays at 6:30 pm. The excitement continues all summer long with music, games, food, fun and so much more. Oh and don't forget the CIA Bucks. However, CIA a will suspend its Monday meetings when the other local churches conduct their summer VBS program. FBC is presenting the Boomerang VBS program starting the June 8 so CIA will not have a meeting that Monday night. CIA will resume the following Monday. We hope to see you there. Come and join the fun and learn to be an Agent for Christ. Parents are welcome to come as well. For more information call Firstfruits at 254-734-3203.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Mondays - 6:00 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. Techology 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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

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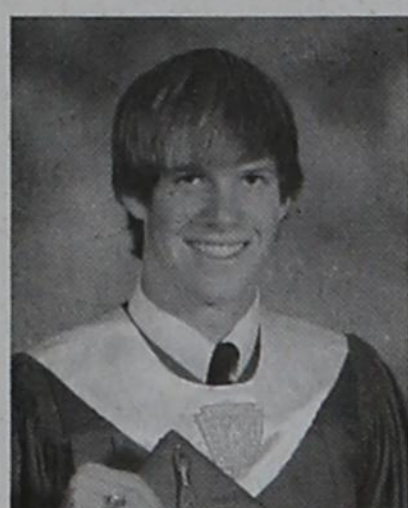
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Congratulations To Seniors 2009



Tyson Swanner

Tyson Swanner, son of Tim and Becky Swanner. He was born on January 31, 1991 in Stephenville.

Tyson started school in Gorman in Pre-K. He plans to attend Tarleton State University or McMurray with plans of becoming a Coach.

He participated in 9th grade in Basketball as District Newcomer of the Year; First Team All District in Baseball; Gorman MVP in Basketball and Baseball and Freshman Class Favorite. In 10th grade he had First Team All District, Basketball; First Team All District in Baseball; Honorable Mention Offense and Defense in Football; Competed at Area in the 4x400 Relay and at Regionals in the Triple Jump; and Gorman MVP in Basketball and Voted Most Athletic Boy. In the 11th grade he made Second Team All District Offense and Defense in Football; First Team All District in Basketball; First Team All District in Baseball; Third place at Regionals in 4x100 and 4x200 relay and 4x400 Relay State Champs; Gorman MVP in Basketball and Track and voted Most Athletic Boy and also participated in Band and UIL Academics and was a member of the National Honor Society. In his Senior year he was District Offensive Co-MVP, First Team All District Defensive Back, Punter and Kicker, TSWA All State Second Team Defense, Built Ford Tough Texas High School Player of the Week, FCA All Star Team, District Offensive Co-MVP in Basketball; Voted Most Athletic Boy; Senior Class Favorite and National Honor Society Treasurer.

His hobbies are shooting basket's with friends, hanging out with Jaime and my family.

Tyson's favorite foods are pizza and Mary's chicken fried steak also Chicken E.

His favorite music is Classic Rock and all other kinds.



Angela Silva

Angela Silva, daughter of Juana V. Silva. She was born on December 27, 1990 in Houston.

Angela started school in Burbank Middle School and transferred to Gorman in 2004. She plans to attend Cisco College then transfer.

She participated in volleyball, basketball, cross country, softball, tennis, track and dance team. I was involved in P.A.L.S.

I love dancing, hanging out with my friends and taking pictures.

Angela's favorite foods are all food, especially a #2 burrito from Breakfast Delights.

Her favorite music is R&B, hip-hop, rock, Spanish music, Reggeton, and "Cumbias".



Carrie Michelle Thetford

Carrie Michelle Thetford, daughter of Shelby Singleton and Maxy Thetford. She was born on August 27, 1990 in Eastland.

Carrie was in school at De Leon and transferred to Gorman in Kindergarten. She plans to attend TSTC to be a Dental Hygienist.

She participated in Band, FCCLA, College Courses and UIL. Her hobbies are reading, writing, cooking and listening to music.

Carrie's favorite foods are Italian and Mediterranean. Her favorite music is all types.



Emily Lewis

Emily Lewis, daughter of Shirley Lewis and the late David Lewis. She was born on December 12, 1990 in Eastland.

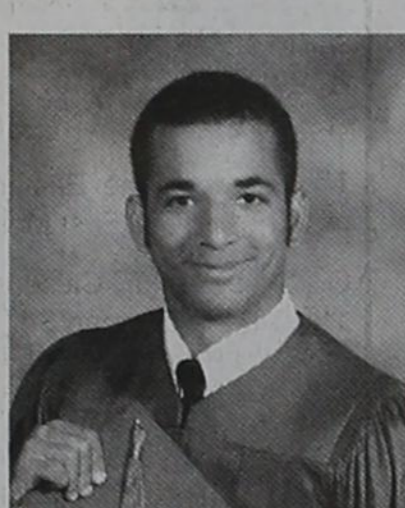
Emily started school in Gorman in 1995 - Pre-K. She plans to attend Cisco College to earn an associates degree in Elementary Education, then transfer to Tarleton State University to earn my Bachelor's Degree. I want to be a Kindergarten Teacher.

She participated in Dance Team, Student Council, National Honor Society, PALS Program, Class Officer - Freshman, Junior and Senior years, Sophomore Homecoming Princess and Sophomore Favorite, Junior Homecoming Princess.

My hobbies are taking pictures, scrapbooking, spending time with family, and being with Caliband Ryan.

Emily's favorite foods are Mexican and Italian.

Her favorite music Country and some Alternative Rock.



Gabe Burt

Gabe Burt, son of Janice and Walt Burt. He was born on June 10, 1991 in Kansas.

Gabe entered Gorman Schools in seventh grade. He plans to continue working at Red Chain and attend College in Sweetwater.

He participated in Athletics, Football, Basketball and Track.

His hobbies are watching TV, texting, eating, party, and sleep.

Gabe's favorite foods are Hot Pockets.

His favorite music is Classical.



Marsela Gonzalez

Marsela Gonzalez, daughter of Octavio and Maria Gonzalez. She was born on June 19, 1990 in San Jose, CA.

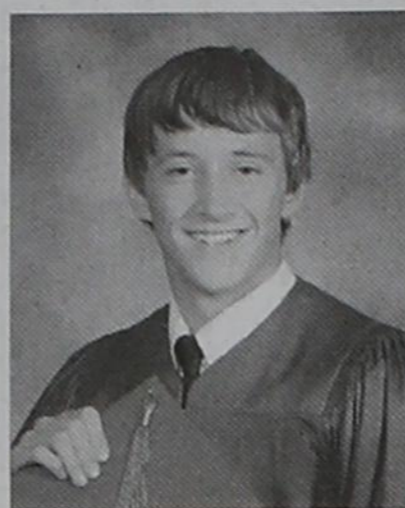
Marsela started school in Gorman in Pre-K. She plans to attend college.

She participated in FCCLA, Year Book, Band, UIL and Student Council.

Her hobbies are dancing, talking and hanging with my friends and family.

Marsela favorite foods are mom's food and chicken nuggets.

Her favorite music is Mexican Music.



Colby Spivey

Colby Spivey, son of Tracy Spivey and the late Steve Spivey. He was born on April 10, 1991 in Eastland.

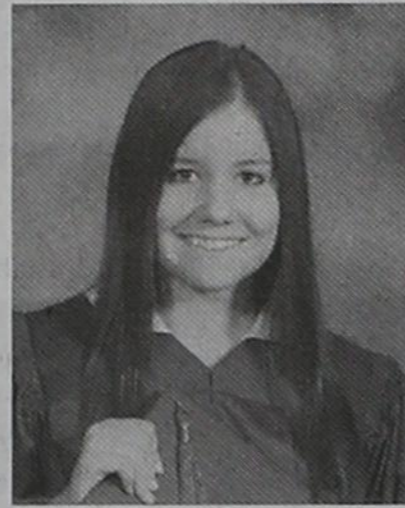
Colby started school in Gorman in 1995. He plans to attend college and graduated Tarleton's ROTC.

He participated in FFA, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, Golf, Tennis, Powerlifting and Cross Country.

His hobbies are competitive shooting, fishing, hog hunting.

Colby's favorite foods are tacos, fried chicken, and BBQ ribs.

His favorite music is Metal and Rock.



April Keaton

April Keaton, daughter of Karen and Terry Keaton. She was born on September 18, 1990 in De Leon.

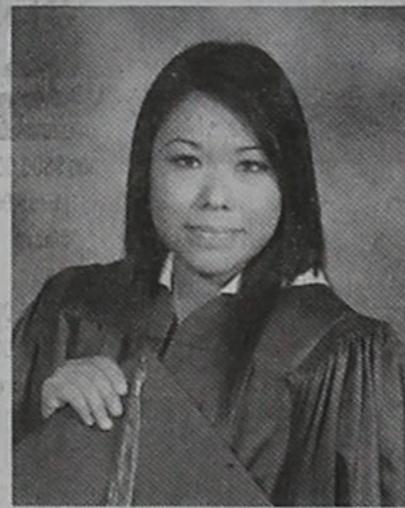
April entered Gorman Schools in 2000. She plans to expand my artistic ability.

She participated in National Honor Society and Track and Cross Country.

Her hobbies are drawing and reading.

April's favorite foods are Chinese and Mexican.

Her favorite music is Alternative.



Sonia Hipolito

Sonia Hipolito, daughter of Anastacio and Maria Hipolito. She was born on November 25, 1990 in Brownwood.

Sonia started school in Gorman 1995. She plans to attend Cisco or Ranger College.

She participated in FCCLA, UIL, Spanish Club and Year Book Staff.

Her hobbies are hanging out with friends and reading books.

Sonia's favorite foods are my mom's.

Her favorite music is Mexican Music.



Stormy Hurd

Stormy Hurd, daughter of Elisha Phillips and Eddie Murphy. She was born on November 28, 1990 in De Leon.

Stormy started school at Gorman in 1995. She plans to attend Weatherford College. She is not sure for what yet.

She participated in Color Guard.

Her hobbies are working, scrapbooking, listening to music.

Stormy's favorite foods are spaghetti, shrimp and calamari.

Her favorite music is Country, Pop, Rock, etc.



Audrey DeLyn Johnston

Audrey DeLyn Johnston, daughter of Amy and Robert Seaton, (grandparents) - Johnny and Ina Smith. She was born on February 11, 1991 in Stephenville.

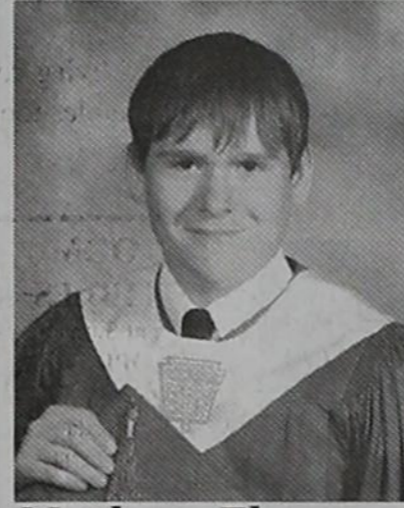
Audrey started school in Gorman in 1995. She plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in Sports Medicine.

She participated in National Honor Society for 3 years, Newcomer First Team 2 years in Softball, Offensive MVP, Academic All-State, All Big-Country First Team in Basketball, Regional Qualifier in Track - 3 years, Newcomer First Team, Offensive MVP and Regional Qualifier Team in Volleyball.

Her hobbies are sports, outdoors, hanging with friends and family.

Audrey's favorite foods are anything off the grill.

Her favorite music is Texas Country and hip-hop and My Love.



Nathan Flanary

Nathan Flanary, son of Larry and Becky Flanary. He was born on May 9, 1990 in Eastland.

Nathan transferred from Lighthouse Christian Academy to Gorman in 2008. He plans to attend college to get a degree in Computers.

He participated in NHS, Band, Drum Major, College Classes and Calculator (UIL), Geo-Caching.

His hobbies are karate, drums, reading, and listening to music.

Beau's Mexican, Chinese and pizza.

His favorite music is anything Christian.



Perla Carolina Velasquez

Perla Carolina Velasquez, daughter of Jose Antonio and Manacelia Velasquez. She was born on January 7, 1991 in Fort Worth.

Sonia started school in Lingleville and transferred to Gorman in the fourth grade. She plans to attend Cisco College and get my associates degree in Business/ Business Management.

She participated in FCCLA, PALS, UIL, and Year Book Staff.

Her hobbies are being with my friends and family.

Sonia's favorite foods are my mom's.

Her favorite music is Rap, Spanish and Hip Hop.

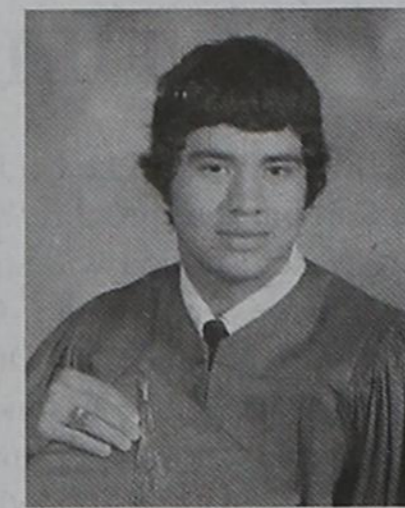


Olivia Jackson

Olivia Jackson, daughter of Deborah Jackson and the late Jack Jackson. She was born on January 6, 1991 in Brownwood.

Olivia started school in Gorman 1995. She plans to attend Cisco College and earn an Associates Degree and plans to transfer to another school and earn a degree in Fashion Merchandising.

She was President of the National Honor Society, Senior Class Favorite, Member of PALS, Yearbook Staff member, UIL Participant, Senior Class Vice President.



Martin Ramirez

Martin Ramirez, son of Luis and Cathy Ramirez. He was born on September 14, 1990 in Comanche.

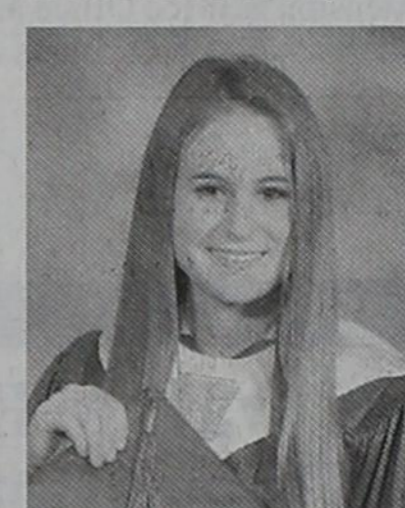
Martin started school in Gorman in 1995. He plans to attend Ranger College and get certified in Welding and pursue a career in Welding.

He participated in Basketball and ran Track.

His hobbies are playing guitar, hang with friends and draw.

Martin's favorite foods are pizza and tacos.

His favorite music is Rock and Texas Country.



Barbara NiCole Sherman

Barbara NiCole Sherman, daughter of Danny Sherman and Phebe Neal. She was born on July 25, 1991 in Abilene.

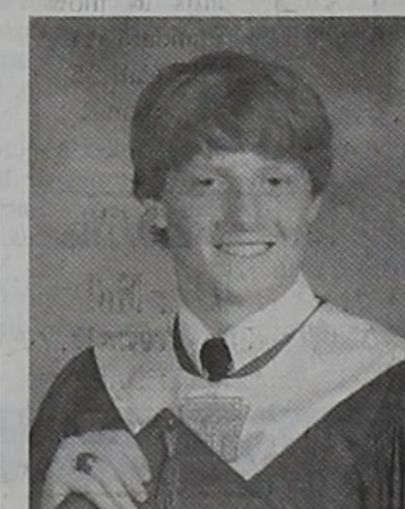
Barbara was in school at De Leon and transferred to Gorman in 2003. She plans to attend Cisco College.

She participated in Cheerleading, Yearbook and Class Officer.

Her hobbies are texting, swimming, hanging out with friends and family.

Barbara's favorite foods are chicken strips and fries.

Her favorite music is Texas Country.



Matthew Cogburn

Matthew Cogburn, son of Doc and Kay Cogburn. He was born on August 11, 1991 in Eastland.

Matthew started school in Gorman in 1995. He plans to go to the Army and become an Air Traffic Controller.

He participated in Football for 4 years, 2nd Team All District OLB, Academic All District, Basketball for 4 years, Academic All District, Baseball for 4 years, Powerlifting for 4 years, Track for 2 years, Golf for 1 year, UIL Academics for 4 years and NHS for 2 years.

His hobbies are fishing, playing sports.

Matthew's favorite foods are Mexican, American, Italian, Chinese.

His favorite music is everything.

Olivia started school in Gorman 1995. She plans to attend Cisco College and earn an Associates Degree and plans to transfer to another school and earn a degree in Fashion Merchandising.

She was President of the National Honor Society, Senior Class Favorite, Member of PALS, Yearbook Staff member, UIL Participant, Senior Class Vice President.

Her hobbies are fashion, reading, watching "The Hills", shopping, designing mspace pages and twitter.

Olivia's favorite foods are spaghetti, fajitas, Josefina's,



Lindsey Laminack

Lindsey Laminack, daughter of Randy and Lisa Laminack. She was born on April 5, 1991 in De Leon.

Lindsey was started to school in Gorman in 1995. She plans to attend Cisco College for two years for basics, then transfer to Angelo State to become a Math Major with Physical Education.

She participated in National Honor Society, Junior Year awarded 100 hours of Community Service, Senior year awarded 100 hours Community Service, awarded Academic All-District, UIL, Bank Board and Yearbook.

Her hobbies are talking on the phone, hang out with friends, and ride my horse.

Lindsey's favorite foods are "Steak", mashed potatoes, cheesecake! - Chicken fried steak, cheese burgers.

Her favorite music is all types of music, but Texas Country is my favorite.



Beau Neill

Beau Neill, son of Sonya Neill and the late James Neill. He was born on July 26, 1991 in Eastland.

Beau started school in Roscoe and transferred to Gorman in 2000 to 2004 and 2006 to 2009. He wants to be able to travel the world as a photographer and manage by own Studio.

He participated in completed online Physics Class in two weeks with A's, Geo cycling and Photography.

His hobbies are music, movies, hanging with friends.

Beau's favorite foods are Italian.

His favorite music is Rock, Metal, some Country.



Valerie Longoria

Valerie Longoria, daughter of Graciela and Frank Longoria. She was born on November 15, 1990 in Eastland.

Valerie started school in Gorman 1995. She plans to attend Cisco College for two years then transfer to the University of Texas in Austin.

She received Honorable Mention in Basketball, her freshman year, sophomore and senior years; First Team All-District and All-Big Country Honorable Mention and Awarded Academic All District, Junior and Senior years; played softball her freshman and sophomore years, and Tennis, freshman thru Junior year; awarded 100 hours Community Service.

Her hobbies are hanging out with family and friends, texting and playing sports.

Valerie's favorite foods are Mexican, pizza, spaghetti, lasagna, hamburgers and etc.

Her favorite music is Texas Country, Rock, Hip-Hop, rap, anything besides the real old stuff.

Breakfast Delights #2 Burritos.

Her favorite music is Texas Country, Classic Rock, Pop, Country and Rock.

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

BEEF CATTLE FIELD DAY

The 2009 Beef Cattle Field Day will be held on May 29, 2009 at the Carbon Community Center in Carbon. The program this year will be based on bull selection and weed control. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10:00 a.m. Jamie Smith with Fort Dodge Animal Health will give a presentation on cattle trichomoniasis. Dr. Vanessa Corriherr will discuss weed control for improved and native pastures. There will be a free hamburger lunch and an awards presentation for Pasture to Packer participants. Two (2) CEU's will be given for those with pesticide licenses.

For more information, contact County Extension Agent, Heath Begeman at Texas AgriLife Extension Office, 254/629-2222.

G.E.D. GRADUATION DATE

Texas AgriLife Extension Service Eastland County in conjunction with Cisco Junior College, will be having a graduation ceremony for all students who have passed their G.E.D. from May 2008 through April 2009. The graduation will be Monday, June 1st from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Siebert Elementary School Cafeteria. At this cap and gown ceremony, students will receive a Certificate of Completion from our State Representative, Jim Keffer. A short commencement address will follow. Family members and friends of the G.E.D. graduates are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you know of any individual who has received their G.E.D. within the dates listed and would like to participate in the ceremony, please have them contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office at 254/629-2222.

FOOD

Tasty New Ways to Enjoy Natural Peanut Butter

NewsUSA

(NU) - Americans eat more peanut butter than any other population in the world, followed by the Canadians, Germans and English. More than 90 percent of U.S. households have peanut butter in the pantry.

With this insatiable appetite for peanut butter, consumers are always looking for new ways to enjoy this American staple. To provide some new options for peanut butter lovers, Smucker's® Natural Peanut Butter is offering unique tips and recipes.

Natural peanut butter is a versatile ingredient that can be incorporated into just about any meal, from breakfast to a healthier snack. Here are some suggestions:

- Combine natural peanut butter, wheat germ and honey for a crunchy breakfast spread.
- Mix natural peanut butter with soy sauce or BBQ sauce for a marinade.
- Combine natural peanut butter with part skim ricotta cheese, refrigerate and spread on graham crackers.
- Warm a small amount of natural peanut butter in the microwave, in a microwave-safe bowl, until soft, and then swirl into yogurt.
- Stir natural peanut butter into hot oatmeal and sprinkle with raisins or other dried fruits.
- Drizzle warmed natural



peanut butter into hot cocoa.

- Spread natural peanut butter on a rice cake and top with sliced apples or mini-chocolate chips.

Natural peanut butter has no added sugar and no hydrogenated fat, so the oil often separates naturally in the jar. To fully enjoy the peanut butter, stir this oil back in. To do this, you can use a natural peanut butter mixer that attaches right to the jar. You can also use a wooden or metal spoon. Stir slowly so as not to make a mess.

Another option is to turn the jar on upside down a day or two before use so that the oil will redistribute back through and soften the peanut butter. You'll still have to stir it up, but it will be much easier.

Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter comes in different varieties: creamy, crunchy, no salt, reduced fat or with a touch of honey.

For more information, visit www.smuckers.com.

EDUCATION

High School Seniors: Online Tools Help Find Schools

NewsUSA

(NU) - Thousands of high-quality colleges and universities exist across the country, so finding the right college can prove daunting. Some high school students hire consultants to match them with schools, but there's no need to hire a professional if teenagers do their homework.

Sallie Mae, the nation's leading saving-and-paying-for-college company, offers these tips to students and families as they begin the college selection process:

- Develop a Target List. Applying to the right schools involves finding the ones that work best for you. This involves identifying your criteria and determining what is most important to you when it comes to curriculum, location, size, campus life, athletics, housing, cost and more. Visit www.CollegeAnswer.com/schoolsearch and narrow your search by finding the schools that meet your interests.
- Decide Where to Apply. Once you have a list of potential schools you are interested in, it is time to decide where you want to apply. Manage your search by filing information by school and by keeping a calendar of all deadlines. Visit www.SallieMae.com/organizesearch for more information.
- Explore How to Pay. A new tool, available at www.SallieMae.com/Plan, lets students and families build a customized plan to pay for college. Students and families can estimate and compare to-



Students should figure out what's most important to them - location, small class sizes, athletics - before they start looking at colleges.

tal education costs at over 5,500 colleges and graduate schools and develop paying-for-college plans for each of the schools on their short list.

Sallie Mae encourages families to use its 1-2-3 approach to paying for college: First, use free money. Fill out the FAFSA to access need-based grants, and research and apply for scholarships. Consider supplementing with current income, college savings, and an interest-free monthly tuition payment plan.

Second, explore federal loans. Available to both students and parents, they can offer low, fixed interest rates and flexible repayment options. Third, fill any gap with private education loans. They are convenient and designed to help students meet the total cost of college.

"Decoration Day" At Victor Cemetery

Some of my childhood memories take me back many years ago when all of our family attended the annual "Decoration Day" (Graveyard Working) at the Victor Cemetery located in Erath County, at this time the meeting was on Memorial Day each year in May. Now the date has been changed to the last Saturday in May.

Those were Special Times to me more like family reunions, where we visited with many of our relatives whom we seldom got to see, enjoyed plenty of good food and went about what is called "graveyard working".

Our Mama had planned her menu of the food she was taking for the noon meal on this special day. So the first thing I smelled early on that morning was Mama cooking fried chicken, enough to fill a big platter. Also she had prepared a huge bowl of banana pudding which was fit for a "King". Other food was fresh tator's, green beans and cornbread. The food was packed in layers of newspaper or brown paper bags, then carefully placed neatly in cardboard



Major J. Keith, Ethel M. Keith, Vonnie Rue, Mack James and Bernard Mhal

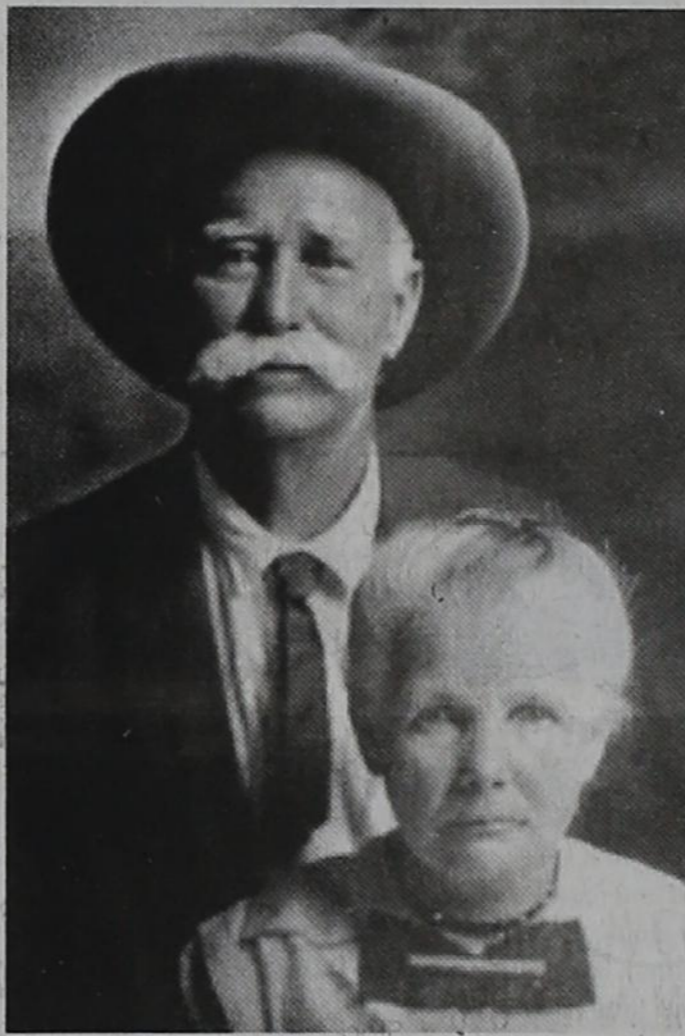
boxes. Mama knew how to keep food hot or cold long before the invention of ice chests and aluminum foil.

Our Dad put a hoe and a rake in our car to be used for cleaning the Cemetery lots of our family members who had passed on.

After all of our family had bathed and put on our good clothes, then we loaded up very quickly into our family car - A green two seated 1929 Model A Ford.

It still amazes me how all of our family fit in the car plus each one holding a box of food and being very careful not to spill any of it. We had to get there early so the men could hoe and rake weeds before the sun got too hot. It was about 7 1/2 miles through a sandy country road to the Victor Cemetery from our home in Desdemona and there was no time for fooling around in that "over-packed" car.

Excitement mounted as we neared the Cemetery. We did not get to visit with our Cousins and relatives all



Berry Moore Keith
Sarah Jane (Blair) Keith
About 1915

First couple married in
Eastland County - July 1863
Grandparents of Vonnie Rue Guthery

that often. We all helped to unload our car so us kids could start to run and play together.

The men got out their tools and tended to the grass and weeds around all of the family graves. I can still remember thinking how tall the white stone monuments looked at the head of the graves of my paternal grandparents, Berry Moore "Coon" Keith and wife, Sarah Jane (Blair) Keith. To a little girl this grave marker seemed so big.

Meanwhile all the women were very busy setting out all of the food on the long tables that was made from long boards nailed between the large oak trees located on the west side of the Cemetery. Also wooden church pews from a near-by Church were placed facing each other to provide more table space.



Charles Culpepper Blair
Meekie Reeves Blair

Founder and Builder of
"Fort Blair" - Present townsite
Of Desdemona
Great grandparents of
Vonnice Keith Guthery

A large wooden keg of cool well water was placed on one end of the wooden table near an oak tree and on this tree hung a long handle tin dipper from a nail for everyone to share when they needed a drink of water. Can you imagine sharing one drinking dipper with everyone during this day and time?

I remember all the kids would walk around these long tables just looking at all of the good food and wishing everyone would hurry it up. "We could hardly wait". But there was still "Grace" to be said and then a moment of silent prayer, but after the "Amen" came a big sigh of relief from all of the kids. Then finally - It was time to eat.

After everyone had finished dinner as it was called then, all of the people gathered in closer to hear some of the men talk about this decoration day, reminding everyone of why we were there to remember our family members who have passed on and to remember our men and women soldiers who lost their lives during war time trying to protect our Country.

There is something "special" about this peaceful little country cemetery where so many of my relatives were buried through the years. This must be a somber time for the older folks remembering and paying respect to their loved ones who had passed on before them.

For us kids it was just another time to be happy and to play with our cousins, etc. We would run through the hot sand and see who could be first to reach the nearest shade tree to cool our bare feet.

When it was time to pack up and leave, everyone was tired, but happy. The trip back home seemed to take much longer and while our excitement was played out, we still would look forward for this annual event for next year.

I still attend this annual Victor Cemetery Working and each time I attend I do remember all of the "Precious Memories" of these such times when all of our family attended and we were all together. I can still feel and sense their presence once again. This makes each year more "precious" to me as I grow older.

I have several family members buried in the Victor Cemetery. They are great grandfather, Gabriel Keith; great grandparents, Charles Culpepper Blair and wife, Meekie (Reeves) Blair; grandparents, Bery Moore "Coon" Keith and wife, Sarah Jane (Blair) Keith; two brothers, Weldon Byrd and Mack Keith; two sisters, Mattie (Keith) Newton and Leura (Keith) Partain; uncles, aunts, nephews, niece, cousins and many other relatives.

This article was written in "Loving Memory" of my parents, Major J. Keith and Ethel (Partain) Keith who are buried in the Victor Cemetery. By Vonnie Rue ("Coon" Keith) Guthery - Desdemona News Reporter.

Heroic! The Heroes and Heroines of our United States Military surpass the ordinary display of courage and nobility. Wars have impacted each and every one of us, please remember these ladies and gentlemen and pray for God's protection over them.

Mark your calendars:

May 27th - 6:30pm - "Belles and Bows" special presentation of elegant chamber music.

May 31st - 6:00pm - Fifth Sunday Singing. Please join us at FBC Gorman.

June 8th thru June 12th - Vacation Bible School - please make plans for your kids to attend.

Recognition of Veterans in celebration of Memorial Day - thank you for your service!

Recognition of Graduating High School and College Seniors - we are proud of you!

Children's Sermon: Liz creatively demonstrated how to eat a sunflower seed. The seed on the inside of the shell is what is so good and worth all that work. Bibles look different from the outside with different colors and different translations. It is what is on the inside of the Bible that matters. The pages of the Bible are God's word with instructions for your life.

Bro. Barry's message: "Church Games" - Ecclesiastes 5:1.

Watch your step as you enter the House of God. Enjoy life and, as the song goes, ask the Lord to prepare you to be a sanctuary.

WATCH YOURSELF NOW:

I. Watch Your Step. - Land mines may explode with your next step. The devil has planted land mines to maim you as a Christian.

1) God isn't playing games with us. - We cannot keep our loved ones in a bubble. God knows your thoughts.

2) Where is the House of God? - A building is the structure and the people in it are what make it a Church.

3) You are His Sanctuary. - Your body is a temple, and a whole place of God.

II. Watch What You Say. - God knows your past, your present, and your future. You are a testimony for God, or you are not.

1) Worship with no heart in it. - Insincere worship is a fallacy. God cares about you and promises to meet your needs.

2) A Bad word comes from a bad heart. - You cannot take hurtful words back. God hears your every word. Do not let words destroy you.

III. Watch what you told God you would do. - Keep your vows.

1) Nothing more wicked than a hypocritical Christian. - Behavior is mean, nasty, and brutal. If you are honest with your self, when your heart is not right you know it

2) Speak less, listen more. - The Bible says many words is the fool.

IV. Watch your promises to God. - Are you keeping the promises you have already made?

1) Jail House Religion. - In our toughest times we make pleas to God with promises of repayment. God does not forget.

2) Christian you are not your own. You belong to God! - Watch your every step.

Be true to your salvation. Profess your faith in God. God will never leave you nor forsake you. Trust the Lord with your life because it means your eternity!

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Pig Tales From Hogtown

All of us at the DAC would like to thank everyone who came to our garage sale. As you know, this was a fund-raiser to help pay for our beautiful building. We had people come from near and far. We always have such fun meeting new folks. Welcome to those we met who have recently moved to our area and to those in the process of moving here from other places. Thanks, again, to all who came and all who regularly support our efforts to keep this wonderful building going.

Please keep the family of Joan Baker in your prayers. Joan had been doing better after going through some very serious health problems. Then she passed away suddenly last Saturday morning.

We are so pleased with the rain we have had recently even though it was a much smaller amount than we need - we are thankful for any we can get!

Please keep in mind that our usual first Saturday 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held on June 6th from 7:00-10:00 A.M.

Watch Pig Tales for information on a fish fry and an ice cream social coming up this summer.

See you in Desdemona!

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We all gathered for lunch on the 20th of May with 34 in attendance. I wish we could have this many or more every week. There are a lot of Seniors in Gorman, but hey don't come out to enjoy the eats and fellowship. Estelle Lindley gave our blessing on her Birthday celebration. Thanks to her of offering.

We enjoyed the Birthdays for May with song, chocolate fudge cake and ice cream. There were three to honor, Estelle Lindley, Raymond Hattox and Ima Brown. We made a decision to celebrate the birthdays on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. That should simply our planning for all.

Our meal was delicious with many dishes of pot luck. Ellen Parker prepared our meat this Wednesday with good baked chicken. We also had a great chicken spaghetti by Goldie Warren. Beef stew with biscuits, corn casserole by Ima Brown, carrots, green beans, Mac and cheese and salad. We enjoyed Butter Beans with ham, and pinto beans. Always cornbread and rolls by Betty Regian. Desserts consisted of birthday cake, several pies by Emma Jane Larch and Estelle Lindley. So Good!! Jello with fruit, cherry fluff and ice cream.

We enjoyed having Bro. Barry Schahn here to dine with us. He also reminded of the great music they will have at FBC on the 27 of May at 6:30 p.m. I do hope there will be a great turnout to hear this wonderful music. I've had the privilege of listening to Sondra Brudnak with others. Very uplifting for our souls and give us some culture in this small town. We are happy to have her in our area. They are a great quartet called "Belles and Bows".

We were happy to have Anne Laminack back from her travels to Kentucky. It rained a lot so her and Henry didn't get to do all they planned. Also good to have Sandra Cagle our Tax Assessor with us. She visits with Wilburn Overstreet, her uncle. Good to see Goldie and Ray Warren, had missed them. She signed up to prepare a meat dish next month, Thanks to these Ladies. Surprised to see Lil Brudnak, always fun to be with her. Keep coming to visit and eat with us. Last meeting Betty Regian's, little five year old relative Jasmine was here to visit. She was so cute, and a good help to me in cleaning tables, etc.

I received a short but sweet visit from my oldest son, Keith. His daughter, Lisa and boy friend, Kenny were with him. They drove straight through from Augusta, GA. in 18 hours. They only had 3 days here over the Memorial Weekend. Sure did enjoy them and crammed in as much as we could. We did go out to the Rock Church Cemetery in Blanket, to decorate graves of my husband and family. Wasn't the rain a blessing from God? We are so green and beautiful and cool for May. It was warmer in April.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

Super Notes

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

Another school year is at a close and the students are anxious for their summer break as are all the teachers. It has been another good year. We've been blessed with good students and good teachers, but as always with school business, things are always changing. It has been a legislative year and we have had a major building project under way to add a little spice to our lives. Thankfully, the legislative session will soon be over and we will have to wait until the smoke clears to see if our schools will benefit or be harmed by new legislation. Regretfully, nobody usually knows exactly how schools are affected until after the fact because even after a bill is passed into law it is subject to the interpretation of the bureaucracy.

Our new high school and gymnasium is on schedule and we will begin to see more finish work done each day. The gym flooring may begin to be installed by the end of this week. Cabinetry has already started to arrive. Lighting is being installed. It is exciting and we are still receiving donations for the extras in our gym. The scoreboard has already been installed and it is spectacular. Randy Haney from Glen Rose has been chosen to do our artwork and what he has proposed is going to be awesome.

We are sad to lose Rick Panter this year. He has been a great principal for us for four years and he will be missed. The graduates this year were freshmen when he began his time with us and I know they appreciate the leadership and love he gave them while he was here. I personally have appreciated our professional relationship and the friendship we will always share. He is a class act and has always kept the wellbeing of our children at the core of the often difficult decisions he's had to make. I will take this opportunity to say goodbye and may God bless you with another great job closer to your family.

But, as the door closes on Mr. Panter's stay with us, another one opens with Mr. Byrd. I am just as excited about Mr. Byrd's arrival as I am sad about Mr. Panter's departure. Mr. Byrd and his family will be moving here as soon as they find housing. He has a wonderful wife that will be our new Elementary Counselor. Her name is Marlow. They also have three boys. The whole family was here this weekend for our faculty year-end picnic. Please introduce yourself and make them all feel welcome the first chance you get. Jeff is also going to act as our Athletic Director for next year.

Last week we hired Charlie Bunch from San Angelo Central as our boy's coordinator and Bobby Busby from Cisco as our girl's coordinator. Coach Bunch will have two more coaches to hire on the boy's side and Coach Busby will have one more girl's coach to hire. We are excited about all the possibilities next year. Both of these coaches have excellent reputations and understand our desire for them to build and maintain a strong boys and girls athletic program. Make them feel welcome! They are going to be wonderful additions to our faculty.

Our son had surgery last week and I was unable to submit an article. He is doing well and is at home in Wylie, Texas. He is a teacher/coach and will have the summer to heal up. Vicki and I want to thank all of you that kept him and his doctors in your prayers!

Needless to say, there have been many field trips taken the last two week of school and all of the other year end activities have kept everyone plenty busy. Everyone is getting tired. This will probably be my last weekly article for the summer. I will try to write a monthly article in June and July and resume my weekly sometime in August. I appreciate all of you that read this column and all of your positive comments.

I do not know how many students read this article, but I will take this opportunity to wish them a blessed future. Graduation closes but one chapter of a book which has many yet to come. In your future, there will be laughter and tears, joys and fears, and the experiences of a lifetime. But, you will always look back on your days at Gorman High School for as long as you live. I hope that all of you have stored up some wonderful memories on which you can dwell when you remember your high school days. Regardless of what you may think now, the entire faculty and staff has looked after your well being for all the time you have been here and they care for each of you. This is your school! Don't forget that and don't be a stranger. You are always welcome. Good luck and may God bless you all!

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.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" was held last Saturday night at the Community Center (former school building). Thanks to all the musical groups that attend each month. Several visitors from area towns attended to enjoy all the music. Thanks to the Ladies of our Community that donate food each month to our Concession Stand. Your help is appreciated. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our community going strong. Next musical will be on Saturday, June 27th. Visitors are always welcome and the admission is "FREE".

Robert and Ima Brown was in St. Louis, Missouri last week to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Lindsay Noelle Poole, who received a Master's Degree. They reporter a good trip and a wonderful surprise while there. Lindsay had a pink dogwood tree planted on the campus of George Washington University of Medicine and the three was donated in honor of her family for their love and support. The tree is identified by a plaque inscribed "In Honor of Robert and Ima Brown and David and Fran Senger".

Victor Cemetery Association will have the Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 30th. Business meeting at 11:30 a.m. Followed by pot luck lunch for everyone. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Our area received a good rain over the weekend. Get ready -- Summer is just around the corner. Summer is not my favorite time of the year.

Several from Desdemona attended the Spring Band Concert on Monday afternoon at De Leon School Building.

Joan Baker, 75 of Desdemona passed away last Saturday. Survivors include her husband, Bobby Baker of Desdemona and other family members. Burial was in the Howard Cemetery, north of Desdemona. Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to this family.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 8th at the "Old" School Building. Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends are invited to attend this Annual Event. If anyone has a change of address, please contact this reporter, P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, Tx 76445. Thanks, have a great day, "Coon".

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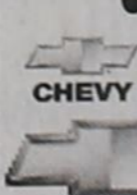
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