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PEANUT FESTIVAL SET HERE SATURDAY

Lady Panthers Place 3rd In Lady Maverick Invitational



Audry Johnston and Kimi Seaton received All-Tournament awards at the Lady Maverick Invitational Volleyball Tournament held in Eastland on Sept. 4th and 6th. The Lady Panthers placed 3rd in the Tournament. Good Job Lady Panthers!

Eastland Co. Democrats To Host Supper

Eastland County Democrats will host a supper and Political Rally for all local Democrats at the Carbon Community Center, Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish other than pinto beans and join us for a family good time. Beans will be cooked at the Center. Too, bring canned or non-perishable food items for area food banks. Box will be placed in the foyer to receive items. For more information, you may contact June Hicks, Eastland County Democratic Chair at 639-2444; leave a message and your call will be returned.

2008 Gorman Ex Students Homecoming

Band Sweepstakes Winners of 1977-1980 to be Honored
Exes Dinner Has Limited Seating
Ex's dinner on Saturday evening will have limited seating. Classes having reunions are urged to get tickets early. To reserve or purchase tickets in advance, call Vice President Shanda Morrison at 254734-2519 or 734-4105.

The Gorman Panther Band Sweepstakes Winners of School Years - 1977-1978; 1978-1979 and 1979-1980 will be honored!

The Gorman Ex Students Homecoming will be held on Saturday, September 13 with the Peanut Festival. Events are as follows:

- Ex Student Registration Booth downtown from 8:00AM until after the parade.
- Peanut Parade begins at 10:00AM
- Program and business meeting at the Gorman High School Auditorium at 2:00PM. Registration will also be held at the business meeting.
- An Ex's dinner for all will be held at Z.J.'s Steakhouse in Gorman at 7:00PM on Saturday night. Tickets available at registration. Limited seating. Call Shanda Morrison at 734-2519 or 734-4105 for reservations or tickets in advance.

All jacket orders must be turned in by Friday, Sept 12th

ORDER ROSTER SHIRTS NOW!!

The Booster Club is Now Taking Orders for Panther Football and Lady Panther Volleyball Roster Shirts. The football shirt will be red with a football design on the front. The volleyball shirt will be white with a red and blue volleyball design. Cub Roster shirt orders will also be accepted, the shirt will be the same as the high school shirt, but with the Cub roster on the back. Choices for shirts are short sleeve - \$15, long sleeve - \$20, or hoodie - \$25. Order forms will go home with all GISD students, **ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, SEPT. 12TH.** If you would like a shirt and don't have a student in GISD, please call the high school office at 734-2614 or Becky Swanner at 734-2480.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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.

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

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 7:00 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. 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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

It is time once again for the Annual Gorman Peanut Festival.

As in the past we will start the day with the Little Goober Parade at 9:45 followed by The Peanut Parade at 10:00. Little Goober Parade Chairman is Amber Scitem and Peanut Parade Chairman is Tiffany Troutman. Booth Chairman is Amber and Kevin Scitem. We will have entertainment all day thanks to Kelly Johnson Entertainment Chairman. Martha Harrington is the Goober Gourmet Bake Off Chairman. 42 Tournament chairman is Bill Gibson. Music for this years Street Dance is being provided by Danny Bingham.

Chairpersons for the Shin Oaks BBQ Cook-off are Tacy Warren and Shawn Boles.

We still have a few "Peanuts" that have not been decorated if anyone is interested in decorating one please let one of the Peanut Festival chairman know.

Mariam Landa is chairperson of the Ads and the baby contest.

'08 Goober Gourmet Cook-Off

The Goober Gourmet Cook-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries to the Senior Citizens Building (Downtown next to the City Hall) on Saturday, September 13 from 8 a.m. To 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. Results will be available by 1 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and awards given until 2 p.m.

Categories to be judged include: Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Candy and Snacks/Appetizers.

There will be four age groups: Pre-K thru 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade thru 8th Grade, High School and Adult.

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products.

Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the back of the recipe (the recipe will not be returned).

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

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

Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item.

Judges' Decisions Are Final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entries left after pickup time at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Martha Harrington at (254) 734-2150.

Sweepstakes Winning Panther Bands of 1975-1976; 1977-78; 1978-79 and 1979-1980

The Sweepstakes Winning Bands of school years 1975-1980 will be honored at the Gorman Exes Homecoming this weekend on September 13. The Ex Students Association will honor the band members of these school years who brought home to Gorman the sweepstakes trophy given to those acquiring a Number 1 rating in the UIL Marching, Concert and Sight Reading contests. This award was won three years in a row. This accomplishment was a first for Gorman High School and has not been repeated. The Association plans to honor band member for their excellence in musical performance. Officers for the Exes Association this year are President-John Howard, Vice President-Shanda Morrison and Secretary Dolores Underwood.

Panthers Outgun Gators 54-8; Host Roscoe Friday Night

GAME AT A GLANCE	
Gorman	Dallas Gateway
22	First Downs 11
38/488	Carries/yds. 35/176
14	Passing Yds. 42
1 of 2/0	Completed. 4 of 17/2
0	Punts/Avg. 4/33
2/2	Fumbles/Lost 1/1
5/35	Penalties 6/60

The Gorman Panthers got an unexpected home game on Friday night as they hosted the Dallas Gateway Gators for a game that was scheduled for Dallas and showed their offensive power and defense as they scored on their first possession and get up 7-0 in the first period. They really got going in the second and scored 28 points to lead 35-0. They added 12 more points in the third and got 7 more in the fourth for a 54-8 victory.

After holding the Gators on their first possession the Big Red took the ball on their own 23 and moved the distance in just four plays with Matt Underwood getting the final 5 yards with 7:15 left. Tyson Swanner added the point after and Gorman was up 7-0. The drive featured runs of 13 and 13 by Justin Little and a 55 yard scamper by Underwood.

On their third possession the Panthers got the ball on a fumble at the Gator 33 and scored in 3 plays with Underwood again getting the honors from 5 yards out with 11:03 left in the second. Swanner added the point after and the score rose to 14-0. The drive featured runs of 16 and 11 by Underwood.

After holding the Gators on their next possession the Panthers got the ball on their own 30 and scored in 5 plays with Swanner getting the final 3 yards on a keeper play with 5:35 left in the second. Swanner added the extra point and Gorman was up 21-0. The drive featured runs of 21 by Gabe Burt and a 21 yarder by Little and 18 and 11 by Underwood. Again the Panther defense held the Gators and got the ball on the Gator 24. A pass to Little for 14 put the Big Red up at the Gator 10. Underwood then raced in for the score with 4:08 left in the half. Swanner added the point after and Gorman led 28-0.

The Panthers added another score in the second when they got the ball on the Gator 24

Peanut Queens Contest Photos To Be Published next week.

Gorman Peanut Festival - Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m. - Shelby Hagood Singing National Anthem
10:00 a.m. - PARADE
11:00 a.m. - The Kokomo Girls
11:30 a.m. - Daryl Hirst
11:45 - Grandbury Cloggers
12 - 1:00 - Gourmet Bake Off (Community Center)
12:30 - Dr. Dan and Band Aids
1:00 - New Hope Church
1:30 - 2:00 - Baby Contest (in the Community Center)
1:30 - 1:53 - Band (Stage)
2:00 - Domino Tournament (Community Center)
2:00 - Winners of Baby Contest (Stage)
2:15 - Dale Howard
3:45 - Announcement of Winners
4:30 - 6:00 - The Praise and Worship Center
Youth Groups - Rap - Rock - Praise and Worship - Dance
8:00 - 12:00 - The DANCE.

Beautiful Baby Contest

Time is getting closer and this year for the Gorman Peanut Festival there will be a Beautiful Baby Contest held again. Categories consist of: *Newborn to 12 Months / 13 to 24 Months and 25 to 36 Months.*

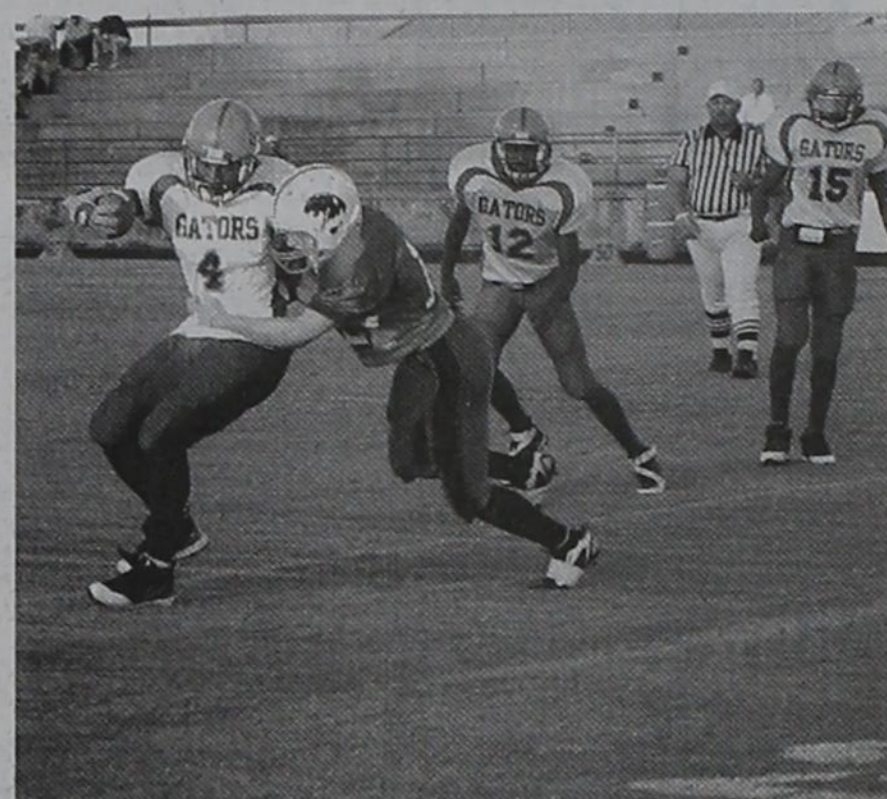
The Baby's will be judged according to their beauty, personality, and Sunday outfit. There will be a \$10 entry fee. For more information call Mila at 734-5637. Deadline is 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10th.

Hey Kids and Parents:

September 13, 2008 is approaching fast. So don't forget the Little Goober Kids Parade. The kids need to be at The Inspection Service Building at 8:45 a.m. And the Parade will start at 9:45 a.m. For more information call Amber Scitem at 734-5431.

Peanut Festival Booths Available Now

The Peanut Festival is right around the corner on September 13th. So any person wanting a Booth for this year. Please call Amber Scitem at 254-734-5431. Thanks.



OPEN FIELD TACKLE - Keifer Wilson is shown making a tackle during the game with Dallas Gateway.

and scored in 5 plays with Underwood getting the TD on a 3 yard run with just 29 seconds left in the half. The drive featured a 5 yard run by James Thomas and a 20 yarder by Underwood.

The Panther Band and the Dance Team performed for the crowd and did a very good job.

The Big Red Defense then intercepted a Gator pass by Underwood and got the ball on their own 20. They scored in 3 plays with Drew McCreless getting the honors for 8 yards out with 8:19 left in the third. The kick for point failed and Gorman led 41-0.

The Gators got their only score of the night with 1:13 left in the third when Brandon Williams ran the final 6 yards. Williams then added the 2 point play to make the score 41-8.

The Panthers came right back and took the ball on their Gator 49. It took only 1 play to score when Underwood broke loose up the middle and went the distance with 1:01 left in the third. The kick failed and Gorman was up 47-8.

The final Gorman score came on a beautiful 27 yard scamper by Justin Little with 5:57 left in the game. Swanner kicked the point after and the final score was 54-8. The drive featured runs of 13 and 14 by Little, a 4 yarder by Martin Ramirez, and 9, 4, and 9 by McCreless.

The Big Red Defense did a very good job and its' hoped that they can repeat the performance when the Panthers host the highly ranked Roscoe Plowboys at Brodgon Field on Friday night at 7:30.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!

EMMETT LASATER RESIGNS AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

We were sorry to lose Emmett. He was a great asset to our organization as well as our Community and we will miss him very much. He and Kay Lynn have moved to Shreveport, LA. This new position gives them closer driving distance to their daughters. I have been appointed as Director to fill his big shoe. I will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday each week from 10 a.m. To 3 p.m. However, please feel free to contact me at anytime at home.

Cliffa Vaughn

THANK YOU

Just want to say thank you to all of you who helped me celebrate my 60th birthday, visiting with all my friends and family was wonderful and all the cards and gifts were so thoughtful.

Sorry this thank you is so late getting out, which brings me to my next thanks to all. This community is so wonderful to live in. Everyone here is precious to me. Without the help of friends and the Gorman First Responders it would have been tough for me here while back. So my deepest thanks go out to them, and Allen and Linda Gibbs for being there. Thank you to everyone who has thought of and prayed for me. Also all the cards and well wishes. I am still here in Crowley Nursing and Rehabilitation getting better each and every day, and hopefully I will be home in a couple of weeks. God is great and He is taking care of me. Hope to see you all very soon. And again, thanks to all.

Martha Rainey

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Meeting at 8:00 a.m. On Friday, September 12, 2008 in Eastland County Commissioners Court, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. *Public Hearing On Tax Increase*

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

Pig Tales From Hogtown

As I am writing this, the rain is pouring down – isn't it wonderful! This summer, it seems, we have been blessed with rain just as we need it.

Thanks to everyone who came to 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday morning. We had a great crowd. Mark your calendars for October 4th for the next breakfast.

We are going to cancel our plans for a fish fry in November. The second Saturday is the date of the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the old schoolhouse here in Desdemona. So you can still come to Desdemona, but to eat turkey instead of fish. I don't know about you all, but turkey gets to sounding really good at this time of year!

To all you hunters or those married to hunters: The DAC will be having a raffle for a rifle this fall. This is a Ruger M77 Hawk-eye rifle – you can choose the caliber you want and choose between a composite or wood stock. The tickets will sell for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and they go on sale immediately. The drawing will be held on December 6th. That will be a busy day for us here in Desdemona as it will be December's 'Breakfast at the DAC' and will be one of the weekends of our annual Christmas Store.

If anyone has Christmas items or gift items that they would like to donate for the Christmas Store, please call me at 254-758-2420. The store started out as a garage sale – we had so many Christmas items that it turned into a Christmas Store. We have had so much fun and would like to continue but we could use some new or gently used Christmas items or items that could be used as gifts.

We would like to invite you to visit our public library located inside of the DAC building. The library is open 3:00-5:00 Monday through Thursday and 6:00-8:00 on Tuesday evenings.

Now is the time to rent the building for you holiday parties. It is hard to believe that we are talking about the holidays already!

Please watch Pig Tales for information of some other events planned in the near future.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

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

I can't believe we are already into the third week of school. Our schedule is so full that time goes by in a flash. Last week is a blur and this week with the Peanut Festival coming up next weekend is going to make this week go by even faster. Nobody should have a problem with being bored, that's for sure!

I am certainly thankful for whoever was responsible for the power being severed to the Dallas Gateway stadium last Friday. Because of their misfortune we were able to host the game here. Unfortunately, they were not much competition for our Panthers. They were a great group of athletes and coaches and even though they were not very good, I was surprised at their having only one fans show up for the game. An important part of our Panthers success is the great support they get from their fans, even at far off games. Win or lose our fans are the best! Hopefully, our success will continue this Friday night against Roscoe, but they will certainly be a test of our skills. They are a good team and I expect them to be prepared. They are exactly the sort of competition we need to get ready for district play in a couple of weeks. Come early Friday night. I expect we will have a standing room only crowd since it is Peanut Festival weekend. Remember we issue senior citizen passes at the administration office to all of our experienced supporters that have reached 65.

Our Lady Panthers came in third at the Eastland Tournament last week? It is a shame we won't have the opportunity to play Eastland again this year. Even though they are a much bigger school, we have come so close to beating them it is ridiculous. I think if we had one more opportunity we could do it! I expect our girls will fare well in district and have another exciting season. Your support is greatly appreciated!


The 2007-2008 yearbooks are here. This year they are dedicated to long time Panther fan Kenny Welch. They will be distributed this Wednesday after lunch.

Our enrollment is up to 385 and we are expecting more transfers. We are very fortunate to be increasing our enrollment during these times so many schools are shrinking. I can only give credit to the great job our faculty and staff are doing and the exceptional reputation they have!

Our regularly scheduled board meeting was Monday evening at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium. Board members present and voting were Melinda Harrington, Mark Simmons, Daryl Hirst, Beth Underwood, and Bob Powell. Bob Powell opened the meeting with a prayer and then all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The consent agenda then passed unanimously and all regular reports were received. Also present at the meeting was superintendent Perry, Principals Panter and Reeves, Counselor Hampton, Coach Hendrix, Richard Rogers, Jim Barnes, and Tim Barton. All school personnel reports reflected a smooth school start and increased enrollment. Tim Barton and our architect and CMA reported construction was pretty much on schedule with only five rain day creating delays so far. Also reported was that our first load of structural steel arrived. Soon we hope to see it go up. The board then unanimously approved the adjunct faculty agreement with Eastland County Extension Office. Melinda Harrington was appointed as our representative to the TASA/TASB Conference in Dallas later this month. Ms. Harrington is also the lone recommended candidate for the Region 14 place on TASB's board. A discussion followed regarding the roofing proposals submitted by DK Haney Roofing to make reparations to Hail damaged metal roofs. Some questions arose that could not be answered so the issue was tabled until further information could be obtained. There were no personnel issues and the board adjourned at 9:07pm. The next regular board meeting will be October 20th at 6:00pm in the high school auditorium.

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!

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2008 Peanut Festival Baby Contest



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10 Month Old Daughter
of
Brittany and Adriel Tobar



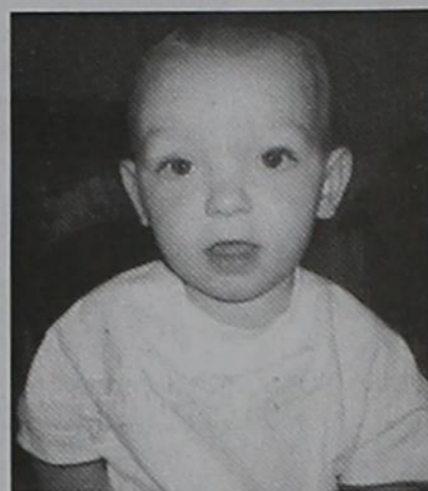
Christian Velasquez
2 Year Old Son
of Christinia Garcia



Kamryn Blakely Lewis
16 Month Old Daughter
of Sandra Lara



Mackenzie Lynn Burns
5 Month Old Daughter of
Randy and Kristy Burns



Karston Barron Young
13 Month Old Son
of Chad and Kim Young



LeeAnn Evelyn Hopkins
6 1/2 Month Old
Daughter of
Doneil Hopkins



Taylor Elizabeth Rainey
6 Month Old Daughter of
Netticia Doremus
And
Hank Rainey, Jr.



Adrian Isaiah Wright
8 Month Old Son of
Hollyann Wright
And
Pete Ramirez

City Minutes Will Be in
Next Weeks Issue of the
Progress.

Mary Powell Competes at UIW



Mary Powell competed on August 30th at The University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio with the McMurry University Cross Country team. Mary finished 24th overall, and was the second fastest McMurry competitor at the meet. The race was 5 kilometers long, and she ran a personal best time for this distance. Mary will compete on September 13th at the Texas A&M meet, and then in Abilene on September 27th at the Texas DIII Championships. Great job Mary!

Texas Star Gardeners Tour Local Homes

Bob and Brenda Hammontree opened the grounds of their home as well as the home of Christine Hammontree to the Texas Star Gardeners for their August meeting. The group saw firsthand what could be done in a rural setting of several acres. Their beautifully landscaped backyard falls to a very large sculptured pond that includes features for outdoor recreation and dining. Native grasses have been tailored in strips alongside mown grass to enhance the landscape. The couple has made use of new and existing trees and plant materials that have resulted in a setting that rivals those in the popular landscape magazines.

The group then moved to the backyard of Carolyn Gilbert where a program on herb gardening was held. Monda Oldham and Joy Rogers provided refreshments using fresh and dried herbs on the backyard pergola constructed by Dale Turner. Monda provided 30 tested recipes for everyone in attendance. Gail Clayton provided each person with yellow iris plants. Whether ideas, gifts or plants, sharing is an integral part of the Texas Star Gardeners. Remember, all interested persons are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the group will be held Thursday, September 18 at 10:00AM in the home of Elaine Pogue, 107 Hogan Drive, Proctor, Texas. Many members of the group will carpool from Gorman. More information will be published in the Gorman Progress the week before the meeting.

De Leon Theater To Present "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"

De Leon Theater Presents "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" - a Family Dinner Theater on October 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. At De Leon City Auditorium. For more information contact Carla Landreth at 254-893-4824. Sponsored by Women's Division - Chamber of Commerce.

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Daniel Keeping Wins Championship for 2nd Year

Daniel Keeping remained the Points leader in the Pro-Youth Rodeo Calf Riding event going into the finals rodeo which was held on August 16 and 17. Several of the other riders had closed the gap and the championship was up for grabs.

In the first round of the finals, which was held at the Lone Star Arena in Stephenville, Daniel was bucked-off and two other riders made qualified rides. This made the final event the one that would decide the overall Champion for the year. Daniel climbed into the shoot and steadied himself for his last ride in the Calf Riding Event. Daniel made his last ride his best and scored 69 points on a qualified ride. This placed him in a position where no other riders could catch him.

Daniel ended his calf riding career with two championship buckles, the first for the 2006-2007 season and the second for the 2007-2008 season. He will move up to the Steer Riding Event this season and intends to ride both with the Pro-Youth Rodeo Association and then join and ride with the Future Pro Bull Riding Association. Daniel is now sponsored by Glock, Inc. In Smyrna, GA. Dan will be dropping the red and blue and donning the black and silver which represents Glock Perfection.



Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly lunch with 23 in attendance at 11:30 on the 3rd of September. I believe Bro. Frank Shirley gave the blessing. I neglected to put down in my notes, so hard to remember days later. Thank you to Frank or whoever did us the honor.

The nurses from Med-way HomeHealth were here to take our BP and BS. We appreciate the ladies from De Leon coming the first Wednesday of the month. Thanks so to Charlotee Green and Robin McGinnes. I do hope the majority of you will take advantage of their service as they are good to give of their time.

Our dinner was most enjoyable with Lemon Pepper Chicken, saurkrut and wieners, a Mexican casserole by Billie Bennett, carrots, salad, pickles and beets. We also have many good cream pies, a cake, a delicious rice and cranberry pudding by Geraldene Wright. Last week she brought a rice custard that was great, must get her recipe. We had our usual cornbread and beans also.

Wynogene Smith was here to go with us, a surprise to see her. It was good she brought her delicious rolls as Betty Regian was absent. I do hope she continues to come as we have really missed her to visit with and good cooking.

A new lady was with us named Evelyn Poindexter. She recently moved into the hotel. She brought deviled eggs, so between her and Icy Munn we had plenty. We certainly enjoyed her being with us. She also came on Thursday, the 4th to play games. We taught her to play spinner. She did great, a fast learner. Hope she returns often.

We were all happy to see Billie Bennett back with us. She had been on a long vacation with son Jack. They had drove all over NM and CO and I believe WY. Had planned on riding the train that Daisy Slaton and I rode from Antonito Co. to Chama, NM. But when they arrived it wasn't traveling that day. I didn't know they had a day off, but guess all those train people do need a rest through the week.

We all signed a card for Ann Warren as she has been ailing. Shes having breathing problems and must be on oxygen. I do hope she improves and can be back with us soon. I know she missed playing games and we miss her. Get well Ann!

Jo Holdman, a lady from Desdemona who plays games with us has been having a tough time. Her husband Virgil had a severe stroke a couple weeks ago. He is coming along and doing good his condition. They are starting him walking with a cane this week, so more power to him. Daisy Slaton and I visited Jo this past weekend. She is doing OK!, had to come home and take care of business. Her grandson Trey Holdman is there with her, so that is a great help. She will be going back to Dallas to be with Virgil soon.

We had eleven folks come out for games on the 4th of Sept. We all enjoyed our new lady Evelyn Poindexter. I had'nt been there in awhile, so did enjoy playing Spinner. We had lots of good snacks.

On Sunday the 7th I did attend the Peanut Queen Contest. It was very entertaining, but way too long. It was held in the school auditorium and nearly froze us - too cold. My granddaughter Alaina Swanner was a contestant. She did good. The girls were all so beautiful, but only a few can win.

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

Happenings At FBC!!

Life! If your life is the only "Bible" a person reads will they come to know Jesus?
Bro. Barry opened our morning worship service with prayer and announcements.

Mark your calendars:

September 10th: 6:00pm - Team Kids and Mission Friends begin.

September 13th: 8:00am - Brotherhood Breakfast - please come, you will enjoy it!

September 20th: RA Boys - Ranger's Game.

September 24th: 7:30am - See You At The Pole.

September 28th: Church Dedication - make plans to be there!

We didn't get our article in the paper last week, so we wanted to share the Mauney's testimony as well as share the blessing of Cortney Shirley's special music in this weeks' article..... Gary and Sammye Mauney shared their stirring testimony of what God has done in their lives through the church and tithing. Gary told of how God never gave up on him, and how God worked to get Gary back in line with God's will for his life. The challenges they faced with Gary's health have opened new doors to strengthen their personal relationships with God, and have presented new opportunities to witness to others. Both shared that The Messengers CD's are a source of comfort and encouragement, as well as instrumental witnessing tools. It blesses their hearts to see the many young people in the congregation and to watch the crowd continue to grow. Ask God to show you how much you can give towards the Building Fund. God will supply our needs. We all realize that Gary is a walking miracle, and we thank God for it. Gary and Sammye's testimony is a wonderful witness for Jesus, and we know God will continue to use it for His glory.

Special Music: Cortney Shirley is amazing! She blessed all of us with her precious singing voice, and sang a song with a chorus of "you're not alone". We hope she will inspire other young people to use their God given talents to bring praise to Him.

James Miears is a godly man with strong character, and shared his testimony of what the church has meant to him. For those that did not know, James was the voice of the Panthers and called the games from the press box for years so he likes to hold a microphone close to his mouth. James celebrated his 82nd birthday on Sept. 7th. His parent laid a solid spiritual foundation for him and he never knew anything but going to church. James' father read the bible every morning, and James hopes to be as good a Christian as his dad was, and lay the same spiritual foundation for his kids and grandkids. James was saved in the old tabernacle of First Baptist Gorman. James and Eula had nine exchange students live in their home, and all of them attended church. James is thankful to be part of the church family, and thankful for the support during Eula's illness as they did the best that they could. James is proud of the new edition in the Church, and tries to tithe like everyone else because it is through tithes and offerings that we will pay for it so we can make more plans to grow more.

Liz Caraway's Children Sermon: Liz put several different hats on her head and asked the children what they thought about each one. If someone wears a crown then they are a king, or wears a cap then they are an athlete. Generally a uniform will tell what job a person does. However, teachers and preachers wear normal everyday clothes. Jesus looked like everybody else and it caused people to be confused about who they thought He was. Jesus asked the disciples who they thought He was and they said, "You are the Son of God". There are still people today that are lost and confused. Pray for those people that they may know Jesus is the Son of God.

Bro. Barry's message was "Goofing Off Is Spiritual" - Mark 6:31.

1. The Sabbath is to be a Day of REST. - The Sabbath was made for man to help him; man was not made for the Sabbath.

2. The Sabbath was created for our benefit. - Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to be with us all of the time always. Slow down, text someone, tell the people in your life you love them.

A. Goofing Off is a key to a Religious responsibility. - Smile, be happy, have fun, and love one another.

B. Goofing Off is a key to successful life. - Be of good cheer and be ready to overcome the world.

C. Time to fellowship with God. - When you think you cannot make it, God the Holy Spirit is closest to you. Pray and rely on your Church Family, you will overcome it!

Take time to LAUGH, it is the music of the soul.

Take time to THINK, it is the source of power.

Take time to PLAY, it is the source of perpetual youth.

Take time to READ, it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to PRAY, it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to LOVE AND BE LOVED, it is a God-given privilege.

Take time to be FRIENDLY, it is the road to happiness.

Take time to GIVE, it is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to WORK, it is the price of success.

Take time for GOD; it is the way of life. Amen.

Rest! Rest, is a commandment of God!

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Also, our Worship Service is broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday at the Desdemona Community Center ("ole school building). Several ladies attended this morning event by Carol Sue (Hall) Willis and her daughter, Pam Horn. This ladies social is always held on the second Monday morning of each month at this location. Next ladies social will be held on Monday, October 13th. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

Chris Durfey visited the ladies social for the 1st time. She is the daughter of the late Wayne Wells and Dorace Pearl (Miles). Wayne and Dorace graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1939.

A large family "Cookout" was held on Labor Day at the home of "Shorty" Fox in Desdemona. The occasion was to celebrate birthdays for three family members. They are Gay Moore of Desdemona; her daughter, Renee White and her grandson, Cory White both of Stephenville. Other family members attending were Larry Moore of Desdemona; Bruce White, Chelsea White and Jeremy Lenier all of Stephenville; Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagen and Scarlet of Lingleville. The family enjoyed a Bar-b-que meal, birthday cake and homemade ice cream. Everyone had a great day with plenty of food, playing games and family fellowship.

Angela Powledge and children, Kaley and Lane, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan Jade all of Desdemona was in Crowley last Saturday to attend Colin's soccer game.

Larry and Gay Moore attended a football game last Friday night for the grandson, Cory White. Then on Saturday they attended a soccer game for their grandson, Hagen Moore.

Visitors during the weekend with "Humpy" and Betty Duke were Ronda (Duke) James of Whitney; Risa (Duke) Ashley and daughter, Lauren of Midlothian; Russell Duke of Stephenville; Rusty Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona.

Linda (Hall) Hahn of Arlington spent the past weekend visiting her sister, Carol Sue (Hall) Willis. Other visitors with Carol was her daughter, Cindy and other local family members.

Have a great day, "Coon".

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